

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:
Tues., Nov. 20, 7 pm,
CBMS

- Memberships expire Dec. 31. Dues for 2019 will be accepted at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 7 pm, at the Crossett Brook Middle School library. The evening program is to be announced. Refreshments will follow the program. Please bring a friend. We hope to see you all there!

*Reminder: Memberships expire December 31, 2018. Dues for 2019 are being accepted. Those who can renew at the meeting are urged to do so. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail your dues to Mark Morse, Treasurer (see back of newsletter), which will help defray postage costs of reminders.

GUESS WHO?



Last Issue's
Mystery Photo:
James Gingras



November Food Sale

Our annual fall food sale will be held on November 10, 10 am-noon, in front of Kinney Drugs in Waterbury. We would appreciate any donated baked goods to assist our historical society sale. In the past, our sale has featured baked beans, breads, cookies, cakes, and more. A perfect place for hunters to stop by on their way to camp! Please help us make this another successful fundraiser for the society. Any questions: 244-7558.

Wreath Sale



'Tis the season for wreaths! We will be selling 12-inch decorated wreaths again this year! The wreaths are \$20 each. If you would like a shipping box, it is an additional \$3. All wreaths will be distributed prior to Thanksgiving. To place an order, call or email Mark Morse or Don Welch (see back of newsletter for phone numbers and email addresses).

If you are not already, please consider receiving the newsletter via the website only instead of USPS. Each mailed hardcopy of the newsletter costs approximately \$2.50 per member. A good portion of our membership dues are used to publish and mail the newsletters. One perk of receiving the newsletter via the website is that you can print it yourself at any time in color. Please contact Mark Morse if you are willing to switch to receiving the newsletter via the website only.

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Archival/Preservation Committee Report

Members: Eulie Costello, Lori Morse, Bonnie Morse, Mark Morse

Mark has provided approximately 20 hours of research and materials for two individual requests: one in California regarding the Pape family, and one in Michigan regarding the Sherman family.

Donation Artifacts/Documents/Ephemera

Anne Wilson:

- * Burlington Free Press newspaper - dated Feb. 25, 1887
- * Vermont Watchman newspaper - dated Feb. 23, 1887
- * Antique Cider Press

Robert Merchant family:

- * Circa 1912 photo of students at the Red School

Don Welch:

- * Photos taken of the cast & filming of a scene at the South Duxbury Church for George Woodard's latest movie.
- * Copy of a newspaper clipping regarding the Crossett Hill Association.

Monetary Donations

George Woodard * Two Anonymous

A Recipe to Share

Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Of course you do! Please submit it to the newsletter committee and we will feature it in the next available issue. The recipe in this issue is courtesy of Jill Smith.

Sweet Potato Pie

Filling:

2 large sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled, and puree until smooth (set aside 1 1/2 cups for filling)
1/2 cup sugar
6 Tbs butter melted and cooled
2 large eggs
1/4 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 tsp kosher salt
1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp peeled grated fresh ginger
2/3 cup whole milk

Whisk together first 8 ingredients until smooth – Add milk and stir well until combined. Pour into favorite pie shell (bottom pricked and prebaked at 325 degrees 15 minutes or so and cool). Bake 300 degrees 45-60 minutes until filling is set – rotate halfway through. Cool completely and top with whipped cream:

Whip together with beater 1 pt. heavy cream:

1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp vanilla extract

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Temperance Conventions.

THE Washington county temperance convention assembled in the court-house at Montpelier last Saturday, in accordance with the call issued by the county committee. The meeting was called to order at half-past ten A. M. by Joseph Fisher of Montpelier, chairman of the county committee, who read the call for the convention. Mr. Fisher was elected president of the convention and an adjournment was taken at one o'clock P. M. At one o'clock the convention reassembled and W. E. Barney of Montpelier was chosen secretary. Hon. Joseph Poland of Montpelier and Albert Dwinell of Calais were appointed a committee on resolutions. General Stephen Thomas was unanimously nominated for county commissioner to be voted for at the coming March meetings. The following county committee was then elected: Joseph Fisher, Montpelier; C. D. Edgerton, Northfield; O. B. Boyce, Esq., Barre; A. Martin, Calais; George W. Morse, Waterbury. The following town committees were elected: Barre, Dr. O. H. Reed and Dr. H. O. Worthen; Berlin, E. E. Andrews and A. L. Hewitt; Cabot, B. P. Elmer and Henry Hills; Calais, Elbridge Stickney and Levi G. Dwinell; Duxbury, E. W. Huntley and E. J. Gray; East Montpelier, George Sanders and Charles Hollister; Fayston, Timothy Chase and Rev. J. S. Buzzell; Marshfield, C. C. Bent and E. B. Dwinell; Middlesex, J. H. Holden and William Chapin; Montpelier, Charles H. Heath, Esq., and J. D. Clark; Moretown, J. P. Fassett and F. E. Donahue; Northfield, Frank Plumley, Esq., and O. D. Edgerton; Plainfield, O. L. Hoyt, Esq., and A. G. Fay, Esq.; Roxbury, Hon. Z. S. Stanton and Dr. J. H. Fisk; Warren, Dr. E. W. Slayton and E. A. Eldredge; Waitsfield, Z. S. McAllister and William Palmer; Waterbury, C. D. Robinson and E. L. Perry; Woodbury, Frank Angell and Z. B. Wheeler; Worcester, I. E. Wheeler and Marshall Bailey. The committee on resolutions reported the following, which were adopted: "Resolved, That we, as citizens of Washington county and solicitous for its good name, rejoice in the late successful efforts to enforce the prohibitory law in Montpelier, and in the conclusive evidence there furnished that our sheriff department can be relied upon to do its whole duty, and that prohibition, when fairly and honestly tested, does prohibit. Resolved, That every day's development tends more and more to convince us that the liquor traffic is the great national question to be grappled with, and we call upon every man, woman and child, who love their country and their race, to bury all minor differences and join shoulder to shoulder to free our land from this unmitigated curse. Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the nominee of this convention for county commissioner, and we call upon the friends of the law all over the county to see that he has their support at the polls." After the adoption of the resolutions the convention adjourned without date. W. E. BARNEY, Secretary.

Vermont Watchman &
State Journal
February 23, 1887

Why did the Women

of this country use over *thirteen million* cakes of Procter & Gamble's Lenox Soap in 1886?

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T. HILL MANSFIELD, Agent, 59 Murray Street, New York.

Vermont Watchman &
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Burlington Free Press
February 25, 1887

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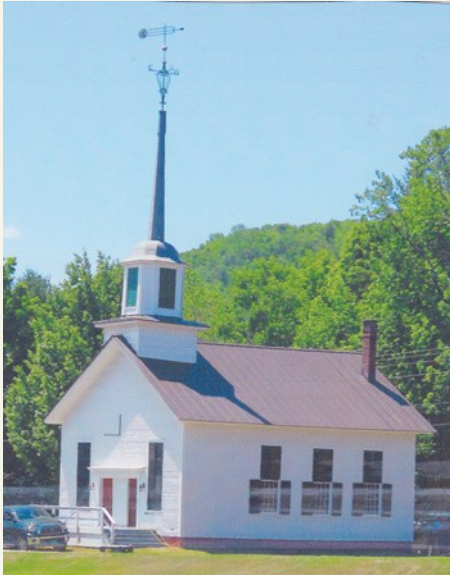


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A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

By Donnie Welch



The South Duxbury Church

As is often the case when George Woodard and my path crosses: we end up discussing either history or his next public format of entertaining, which I asked him about. He responded that he has been filming scenes to produce "The Farm Boy" and he was searching for an old church for his next scene. Immediately I brought up the possibility of the South Duxbury Church. He said he had been in that church and it should be just fine, so we planned on a date of July 11, 2018.

On the day before the filming, we met at the church to go over the details. He also asked Mary Ethel to be in the filming as one of the parishioners. This particular scene was based on WWII.

According to plans, the next morning Mary Ethel and I drove up to the farm to meet with George, Ramona Godfrey, his producer Joan O'Neal, and some of the cast. Ramona outfitted my wife in the appropriate attire for the film while the remaining crew loaded up George's truck and all of the vehicles going with enough equipment, lighting, props, costumes, and food to last the week!

At the church we met up with Shawn Perry (photography), Mark Morse (opened both buildings and rearranged detailed items), Grace Woodruff, Ginger Pierce, Laura Bruckner, Henry Woodard (all cast members), and Eric Reynolds as an assistant director.

After setting up the equipment as George, Joan, Eric, and Ramona supervised, the filming began. The rest of the day our D.H.S. members were in complete reverence by the methodical and meticulous events that took place during that filming!! George and his crew were relentless to obtain the perfect movement, sound, timing, lighting, and speech to bring it all together. We later remarked what preparation, patience, practice, and passion it takes to obtain perfection—and we can't wait to see the final product!!

So, George and your entire crew, we say "thank you" from our entire community and our local society to allow us to open the doors of the South Duxbury Church for producing this scene, and of course, good luck with "The Farm Boy."



Folks preparing the scene and reviewing their lines.

Photos on both pages by
Shawn Perry.

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



Joan O'Neal helping set up a scene.



Mary Ethel Welch getting ready to walk into the church for her scene.



Grace Woodruff with Mary Ethel Welch in the background.



Henry Woodard and Grace Woodruff.

D U X B U R Y ' S P A S T

South Duxbury Man Dead
May 12, 1907

Benjamin B. Johnson, a prominent citizen of South Duxbury, died at his home last Sunday evening. He left home in the early part of the evening to take William, his son, and wife to their home in Moretown, after they had spent the day at his home. While returning and very near his home he suffered a shock and fell forward in his carriage. He would probably have fallen out had not Roy Hutchins and Walter Brown, who were just ahead of him, seen him out of his natural position and went to his aid. They assisted him out of the carriage, taking him to his home. He was about 60 years of age.

Upon his arrival home, he knew all of his immediate family and brothers and sister who were there, but soon lapsed into unconsciousness dying at 10 o'clock. During the day he had been feeling as usual.

The deceased has made his home in Duxbury the greater part of his life, where he has held many town offices, and always took an interested part in everything pertaining to the welfare of the place.

He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served most of the time the war was in progress. He was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness and never fully recovered from the effects of the injury, but was able to do considerable work and carry on with his small farm. He is survived by a wife, two sons, William of Moretown and George of Duxbury, and one daughter, Mrs. Ila Palmer of Waitsfield, also by two brothers, Frank of Moretown, and Stephen of Fayston, and four sisters, Emma who is in Alaska, Mrs. Walter Hutchins and Mrs. Anna Turner of Duxbury, and Mrs. Walter H. Sterling of Montpelier.

The funeral was held from his late home at 2 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Janus Crossett officiated.

- Benjamin B. Johnson was born in Fayston, VT on March 25, 1843. He died on May 12, 1907 and is buried in South Duxbury Cemetery.
- His wife Jenette S. (Wilkins) Johnson died on July 6, 1922 and is buried next to her husband.

Copied from a clipping in a scrapbook owned by Waterbury Historical Society

Hannah (Johnson) Turner

- Hannah (Johnson) Turner was born in Fayston, VT on November 3, 1848; died on June 8, 1917 and is buried in South Duxbury cemetery.
- She married Lyman C. Turner of Duxbury on June 28, 1873 in Duxbury, VT. This was the first marriage for both and Hannah was 24 years old. Rev. J. F. Buzzell married them.

Source from Duxbury Historical Society Archives, as told by Harry C. Backus dated August 1964.

Hannah was a Spiritualist, as was her husband. She claimed to have clairvoyant powers. Abe Lewis, who lived in the present Chas. Sherman house, had lost his mother. Hannah told Abe of the midnight meeting when she would talk with the dead. She persuaded Abe that she could talk with his mother so Abe went, but with reservations.

It was pitch black in the room where they assembled that night. A voice, supposed to be Abe's mother, was heard to speak. Now Abe wasn't one to assume anything; he wanted proof that he wasn't getting his leg pulled. He reached out in the dark and grabbed at the voice's location. A loud, piercing scream broke the quiet, for Abe had grabbed Hannah, who was "impersonating" Abe's mother. It was a real ungentlemanly grab, too.

There was a great to-do over the episode. Hannah claimed her reputation was weakened because of Abe's exposure of her. She and her husband threatened to have him arrested. Abe just rode out the storm and couldn't care less. This episode stopped to a great degree Hannah's career as a clairvoyant.

REMEMBER WHEN?

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES ON CERTAIN WINTER-MAINTAINED TOWN HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWN OF DUXBURY

Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of 31 VSA 806 (b) (2), 31 VSA 810, and Chapter 50A, Title 24, VSA, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Duxbury hereby enact the following ordinance:

1. Snowmobiles may be operated along the following designated portions of Town Highways:
 - (a) All of the following highways in their entirety: TH 4 (Crossett Hill Road), TH 6 (Scrabble Hill), TH 12 (Hump Road), TH 13 (Smith Road), TH 22 (Clyde Morse Road), TH 18 (Pollander Road), TH 20 (Rocky Vermont Road), TH 27 (Stevens Road), TH 31 (Turner Hill), TH 30 (Connally Road), TH 35 (Dowsville), TH 29 (Wilder Road), TH 26 (Champney Road), TH 25 (Atwood Road), TH 23 (Grout Road) to the end of the winter-maintained segment of these highways.
 - (b) On the Town of Duxbury portion of the so-called "Winooski Street Bridge" spanning the Winooski River.
 - (c) Etc., for the remaining portions of winter-maintained Town Highways open for snowmobile operation.
2. Snowmobiles may NOT be operated:
 - (a) At a speed greater than 10 miles per hour, nor from the hours 12 midnight to 6:00 A.M.
 - (b) Other than on the extreme right-hand side of the plowed portion of the Town Highway, and in single file.
 - (c) ONLY on those portions of the Town Highways as described in paragraph 1 above where snowmobiles cannot safely and reasonably be operated along the Town Highway and not closer than five feet from the plowed portions of the Town Highway.
3. No part of this ordinance shall be construed to allow operation of a snowmobile in violation of acts or regulations of the State of Vermont.
4. Enacted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Duxbury, December /8, 1972.
This ordinance shall take effect February /8, 1973.

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CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7 PM**

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