

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:
Nov. 21, 7 pm, CBMS

- Memberships expire Dec. 31. Dues for 2018 will be accepted at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, 7 pm, in the library at Crossett Brook Middle School. Following a short business meeting, the program will feature Tom Slayton talking about his family—the Kennedy family from North Duxbury. Skip Flanders will assist with the PowerPoint presentation. Please bring a friend and join us for an enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be furnished, so we hope to see you there. Questions: 244-7558.

*Reminder: Memberships expire December 31, 2017. Dues for 2018 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.

Last Issue's
Mystery Photo:
remains a mystery



GUESS WHO?



November Food Sale

Our annual fall food sale will be held on
November 18, 8:30-10:30 am,
in front of Kinney Drugs in Waterbury.

This popular sale will have baked beans,
cookies, pies, cakes and brownies—all perfect for
deer hunters heading to camp!

We would appreciate any donors with baked goods to
assist our historical society sale. Please stop by and
see what we have that morning.

Any questions: 244-7558.



Summer Picnic 2017

Our annual summer picnic and meeting was held on Sunday, August 20, at Crossett Brook Middle School. Under the canopies, we enjoyed various foods and conversations with friends and neighbors. The door prize was won by George Welch.

"Let's Make a Deal" Yard Sale and Food Sale

Our Duxbury Historical Society wishes to thank all members who worked on or in any way contributed to its success for our recent "Let's Make a Deal" sale that was held at the town garage. It was attended by a large crowd and this made for a very nice day.

The food sale total was \$232.31, and the overall total was \$723.31. We would like to thank all involved that helped to make it a success, and particularly the select board for the use of town property.

Thank you very much,
Mary Welch, Duxbury Historical Society

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Archival/Preservation Committee Report

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

We continue to catalog donations, scan photos, and review/update existing documents to ensure they are properly identified and stored.

Donation Artifacts/Documents

- ◇ Land Trust calendars & Duxbury Historical Society calendars—**Diane Monguer**
- ◇ Newspaper articles submitted by Helen Davis for publication in the Times Argus as a reporter for Duxbury News—**Maureen Harvey**
- ◇ Beers Atlas-Washington County; Walton Registers; Green Mountain Boys book; History of Waterbury 1915-1991; various Town Reports; Washington County Gazetteer; small child's bike—**Ed Patterson**
- ◇ Photos and news items relating to Frank & Maude Griffin—**Ramona Godfrey**
- ◇ Johnson College Normal School Diploma; Vermont State Nursing Certificate; 1944 Waterbury High School diploma; 1946 Johnson College BS diploma; photo from the Masonic "Ladies of the Table" ceremony depicting Mariana Towne with son and granddaughter—**Towne Family**

Monetary Donations Given in Memory of Mariana Towne

Bonnie & Mark Morse * Brian Lindner * Breta & Steve Grace * Kathryn Hallock
 Mary Ethel & Donald Welch * Cynthia McDaniel & Betty Bowman * James Lovely
 Josette Metayer & David White * Harry N. Cutting Post 59 Auxiliary

A Recipe to Share

Our Society members are great cooks and we'd like to feature some of your recipes in the newsletter. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please submit it to the newsletter committee. The recipe in this issue is courtesy of Breta Grace.



Zucchini/Sausage Casserole

1 package Italian sausage (break into small pieces and fry)
 Add: 1 chopped onion, 1 chopped pepper, 3 small zucchini sliced thin. Saute until tender.
 Add 2 cups stewed tomatoes and simmer about 10 minutes.
 Place in 9x13 inch pan. Place 8 oz mozzarella cheese on top and cover with aluminum foil.
 Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until cheese melts.

W I L D L I F E

BRUIN PAYS A VISIT.

With Cub, Animal Appears Suddenly at
Waterbury Farm.

(Special to the Free Press.)

Waterbury, July 31.—Charles Cushman, who has been looking after the haying on the Schofield place at Crossett hill, after working late with another man was resting on the porch at Lunter Farms when a noise attracted his attention. A bear with a cub was setting up not far from the porch.

As he did not have any fire-arms he did not dare to anger the beast, so called to Mr. Clifton, who at once started for the Crossett farm for a gun.

By the time he had returned and people were armed no trace of bruin could be seen.

Lunter Farms is about five miles from the village and sounds at night around the farm of Mr. Wilde where Ernest Clifton resides are not thought to be the steps of these animals.

The Burlington Free Press
August 1, 1917

WATERBURY

**Duxbury Becomes Happy Hunting
Ground—Items of Village News**

Duxbury still remains an exciting hunting ground. Saturday afternoon Clark Young shot the mother bear, weighing about 200 pounds and a cub of 60 pounds, and George Leighton, who was with him another cub. Walter Irish has a fine red fox which he captured on the Marble farm in Duxbury and the first deer to be reported was a 20-pound buck shot Monday morning by Rufus Preston right back of his house.

The Burlington Free Press
November 3, 1925

Bruin Slipped Collar.

A petting party may be all right, but Paul Kelty, of Waterbury, agrees that a black bear is not a suitable partner for the recreation, however, he is recovering from the hugging which the bear gave him the other day while he was trying to replace its collar on its neck.

Bruin is owned by the management of the **Waterbury Inn** and kept at the farm where Mr. Kelty is employed. Bruin broke away from the moorings, slipped its collar, and gave the other men about the place quite a time of it for a while. They had been unsuccessful in their efforts to catch Bruin, but when Mr. Kelty, to whom the bear has been very friendly and for whom Bruin would do almost anything arrived, he thought he could catch the beast. He did, but he got more than he anticipated with the result that his physician told him not to work for a few days.

He got hold of the bear's neck with his right hand and was slipping the collar over its head when Bruin turned and bit through the muscles of the right arm. Leaving that arm the beast then bit the left one, all the while having one fore leg hooked around a leg of Mr. Kelty with the result that the man received some wounds on that part of his anatomy. However, he is congratulating himself that Bruin was in a friendly mood rather than angry.

The Burlington Free Press
April 9, 1925

From the archives

"Hiram Lewis can boast of having killed 40 bears. Uncle Hiram is 75 years old, a good citizen, and a veteran Democrat."

~From *Argus & Patriot*, Sept. 7, 1881—under "North Duxbury Notings"

F.T. Wallace knew "Honest John" Kennedy. Kennedy had another nickname as well, "Bear John." He was a great hunter, having killed upwards of 80 bears. "Bear meat," wrote Wallace, "was an early pioneer treat."

Too, Wallace reported, there were several John Kennedy's and these designations identified him from his relatives.

~From "Wash. County Gaz" and "Rural Vermonter", Aug. 6 & 13, 1886.

W I L D L I F E

DUXBURY**Finds Bears in Tree—Mother Bear Gets Away But Cub Is Shot**

Homer Kennedy who lives north from the North Duxbury station about one and one-fourth miles, had an exciting experience Thursday evening. He had been milking his cows in the yard back of the barn and one cow was missing which was discovered about 20 rods from the barn under an apple tree. He took the milkpail and lantern there to milk her and as he was in the process he heard something overhead and saw a black bear looking down. Calling to Thomas Pierson to bring the gun he held the lantern where it would shine in the bear's face but just as Pierson reached the place, she slid out of the tree and was away. Then they discovered a small one in the top of the tree and shots brought her down. This one weighed about 60 pounds. Mr. Kennedy lost his pure blood ram this summer and it looked as though a powerful bear must have carried him off bodily as there was no trace even of wool and the bear with him was thought to be seen disappearing in the woods. Evidently there is a good hunt on near civilization for a father and mother bear and probably another small one beside other bear families.

The Burlington Free Press
October 3, 1925

WATERBURY**Rex Callahan Kills Bear Which Has Been Killing Sheep and Yearlings**

Rex Callahan of North Duxbury shot and killed one of the bears which have been killing sheep and yearlings in and about this section. A short time ago a bear was seen carrying off a buck belonging to Homer Kennedy. Both Ray Davis and Rufus Preston have lost yearlings. The bear was shot with a 32-40 Marlin rifle while he was crossing the road at a point some distance above the Sam Morse place. Occasionally a bear has been seen by a hiker, but usually Bruno will avoid human beings.

The Burlington Free Press
September 11, 1926

Duxbury Foxes Seem Unafraid Of Human Hands

Special to the Free Press

DUXBURY, May 30. — The increasing fox population of Vermont seems to be increasingly bold—finding safety in numbers possibly. A mother fox and brood of eight has been living in **Ray Davis**, pasture, and the animals are so unafraid of visitors that Don Flanders, his son-in-law, picked up one pup and caressed it, first with gloves on, then with bare hands. The only sign of disapproval of her offsprings' unusual boldness, of foolhardiness, was that the vixen moved her family to another den a short distance away. This vixen (or another) rears a brood of pups in this particular corner of Davis' pasture each year.

The Burlington Free Press
May 31, 1948

Black Bear Comes Out of Hibernation, Visits Duxbury Farm
DUXBURY—All of Vermont's bears apparently aren't in hibernation.

Lynn Lewis, coming out of his shed one night last week was much surprised when a large black animal rushed between his house and a nearby fence down to the highway.

As the animal paused to look back, Lewis caught its large red eyes in his flashlight beam and noted that the animal was much larger than a dog.

The next morning, Lewis traced the tracks which were the size of his palm, from the road by the house, to an ashpile where a can containing a small amount of spoiled salmon had been buried. The bear found and ate the fish, but had left hurriedly when surprised by Lewis.

The Burlington Free Press
January 24, 1952

FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES

Christmas Party at the Church in South Duxbury, December 1890
As written by Mrs. Glencora Freeman Kellogg, 1959

One Christmas it was decided to have a community Christmas tree at the church. It was a gala affair and there was a large tree with everything on it from bags made of window-screen cloth filled with popcorn and candy to long underwear.

In those days things were not done up in packages wrapped with fancy paper and tied with ribbons, but had the name written on a piece of paper and either pinned or sewed to the article. Many of the unbreakable things were thrown out into the audience for the recipient to catch.

Charles Corliss was married there that night to his third wife.*

It as a bitter cold night and our old mare got so lame from standing in the horse shed that we had a hard time getting back to Dowsville.

*Editor's Note: research reveals that it was his second marriage.

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*As Mrs. Alice Turner Bisbee told her daughter:*

That Mr. Corliss came with his coonskin leggings and old clothes to the Christmas party. He got overcome by the sense of giving that prevailed the air, and with tears in his eyes and voice he arose, saying, "Everyone has something to give someone else tonight. I haven't anything, but I'd like to do something to make someone happy."

Turning to Mrs. Fanny Hill in the audience, he said without preamble, "Will you marry me?" (Implying, no doubt, that he'd make her happy.)

And Mrs. Hill consented, catching the minister who was present, without his copy of the marriage ceremony. He had to ad lib, which must have been effective, for town records reveal them duly married on Dec. 25, 1890.\*

\*Editor's Note: research reveals the date was Dec. 23, 1890.

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As copied from a news clipping in the Electa Louizell scrapbook:

"Christmas exercises were held at the Congregational house in South Duxbury and passed off very pleasantly. After the literary exercises and remarks by Rev. Harvey Webster, the pastor, before the distribution of the presents, Charles Corliss and Mrs. Fanny Hill were married, the ceremony being witnessed by a large audience."

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*Charles B. Corliss:*

Charles B. Corliss was born in June of 1846 in Fayston, VT, to Benjamin & Luana (Marble) Corliss. He died September 17, 1931 in Fayston, VT. He is buried in the South Duxbury, VT cemetery. Occupation: Farmer.

Marriages:

February 22, 1875: Eliza "Lizzie" Hoffman of Duxbury VT

December 23, 1890: Fanny E. (Ladd) Hill in South Duxbury, VT, at the church

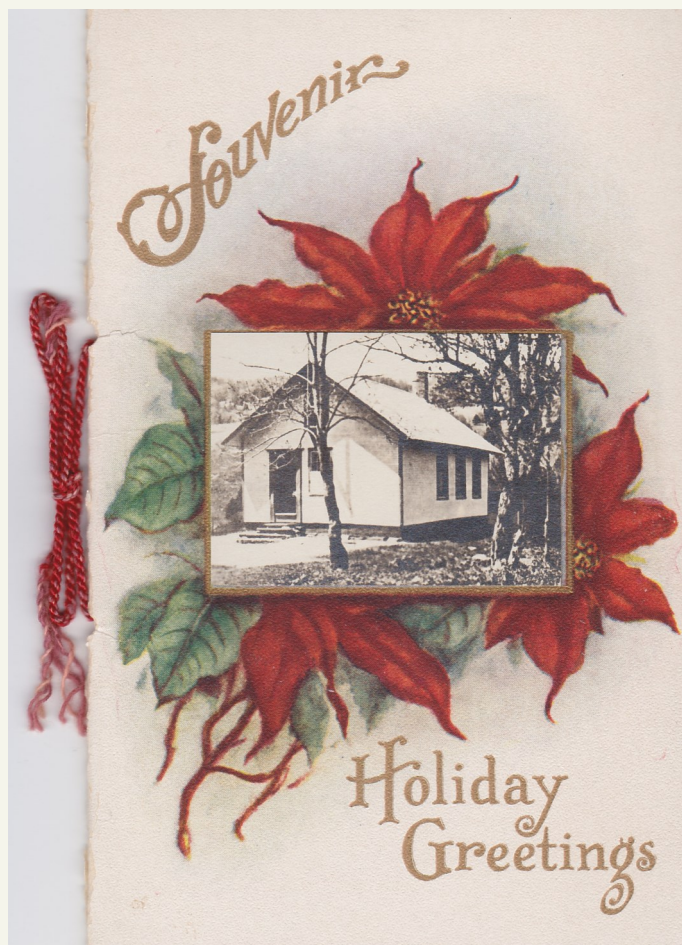
May 7, 1896: Annice "Annie" Marble

Notes:

- Wife Eliza was born in Ireland, the daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Sanders) Hoffman. She died July 12, 1937 and is buried in the South Duxbury, VT cemetery.
- Wife Fanny had been previously married (Hill being her married name).
- Civil War Veteran—Enlisted December 3, 1863 credited to Fayston, VT in Co. 'G' 6th Vermont Infantry. Discharged June 23, 1865 due to wounds received on September 19, 1864. He was rendered deaf by his injury.
- At one time he had a serious altercation with his son Walter which left him bruised about his head.



## FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES

A Christmas Wish

WHAT blessing can I wish you, O my  
friends,  
Save that the joyful calm of Christmastide  
Should wrap your hearts so close that never  
jar  
Of the world's care or grief can enter it,  
But only love to keep you pitiful,  
And faith and hope to keep you strong and  
true.

"A Merry Christmas" and "A Glad New  
Year"

I wish you all, and may God's exceeding  
love  
Enfold you close, until His tender hand  
Shall lead you safely home to love's own  
land!

## So. Duxbury School

Duxbury, Vermont  
December 25, 1917



Gladys Palmer,  
Teacher

Martin Chaffee

Superintendent

## PUPILS

## FIRST GRADE

Irene Baker                      Earl Currier  
Minard Brown                  Joyce Freeman

## SECOND GRADE

Gladys Borry                  Mark Phillips  
Bernard McLane              Adelaide Turner

## THIRD GRADE

Roy Baker

## FOURTH GRADE

Elmer Baker                  Arthur Borry  
Mildred Freeman

## SIXTH GRADE

Louise Allen                  Helen Phillips  
Pearly Allen                  Blanche Sherman  
Margaret Turner

## EIGHTH GRADE

Lena Louizell                  Clara Phillips  
Freda Sherman

P O T P O U R R I

Vermont Homespun ~ As broadcast by "Old Squier" WDEV ~ Copyright Lloyd Squier

The Winter Wind—At Night

A winter wind that works at night  
Can build more fantasies in white—  
Can work more wonders with the snow  
Than any sculpture that we know.  
It sweeps the fields, and piles the drifts,  
As from the East to West it shifts  
And every place the wind will go  
It leaves new carvings in the snow.

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When I was just a little lad  
I saw them all, on trips I had.  
From Shaggy Dog and Hercules  
To mansions, back among the trees—  
We drove to town in our red sleigh,  
All tucked in warm, and many a day  
We had a contest, Dad and me,  
Just naming all the things we'd see.

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We never found it twice the same,  
So often we would play the game—  
To me much like a movie screen  
With shifting winds to change the scene  
And set the stage, new, every night  
To make a more engaging sight.  
This generation's missed the things  
A winter wind so often brings.

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The curl atop a drifted bank  
Had wind, quite frolicsome, to thank  
For line and curve, in perfect form  
Created by ingenious storm.  
The overhang above a ledge,  
Where sharply cut serrated edge  
Was pendant, floating, as in space.  
Was windborn, just to fit the place.

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Right in our yard, one night, was born  
A small, but perfect Matterhorn.  
Across the road, high on the crest  
(A view we saw in morning, best)  
Were overhanging tons of snow—  
Mysterious tunnels down below—  
Crevasses, windswept like a flume  
And off the top an Everest plume.

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At other times the art we'd see  
Was wind-carved less dramatically.  
The rockstrewn, narrow, winding lane  
Was filled and smooth, as if the bane  
Of wind was roughness, where  
An undulating surface there  
Appeared more pleasing to the eye—  
Because an artful wind passed by.

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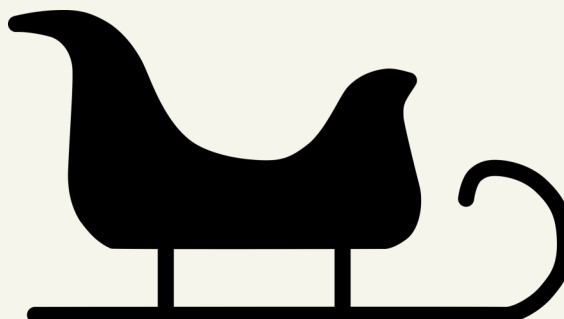
Along the brook where water purls  
Configurations 'mid the swirls  
Appear each morn, to make you pause,  
Exclaim, admire, and all because  
Just yesterday another scene  
Was sculpted beside the gurgling stream—  
That now erased, like changing mind,  
Leaves memory confused—behind.

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There's so much beauty missed today  
Because the sleigh is put away!  
We don't have time to find the things  
Which good imagination brings  
To prominence, if you go slow,  
Fantastic art work in the snow—  
Miles long, the galleries of white  
All wrought by winter winds, at night.

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Each whimsy of a winter storm  
Creates an image, softly born,  
And shaped as with a Master's Touch.  
Can vagaries, we know as such,  
So transiently upon the land  
Be placed there by a Master Hand—  
Reminding, as they come and go,  
We, too, are temporal—like the snow?



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CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7 PM**

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