



NUMBER 34 CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

CHARLESTON VT SPRING 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

We survived another winter! This year just as March was showing the promise of an early spring we got hit with tons of snow! It created a winter wonderland, a snow lovers' playground--a last hurrah to winter—ugh- SO glad it is gone now!

A big THANK YOU to everyone for renewing your annual membership and for your continued generous support. In 2021, because of the Covid, the Museum was open only by appointment. Last summer it was open as usual, every Wednesday, 2 – 4 pm and anytime by appointment. Our volunteers are happy to accommodate your schedule as we are aware that Wednesday afternoons are not convenient for most working hours and vacation trips. The annual yard sale was back on, and it was well attended and profitable. However, due to a lack of adequate staffing for the upstairs and downstairs Museum rooms, those were open only by request. That worked out well, hopefully this year, there will be enough volunteers to man each room and the yard sale. It was nice to have a bake sale table along with our annual plant sale. Thank you to all who contributed!! Many came in the early morning to help carry out items to put on the outside tables and came back to help with the pick up process. We love our volunteers!

A project to work on this summer is the continuing renovation of the bathroom to make it more accessible. The plan includes adding a storage closet for items such as the Cemetery Catalogs and Newsletter books that are for sale. The cupola needs a new coat of paint as do parts of the museum itself. The Board met with a representative from the VT Historic Preservation program with information on obtaining grants. It does not appear that bathrooms are on the grant list but there is exterior and interior painting and window issues that will be discussed. The CHS Board meets at the Museum on the first Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm throughout the season. We need your input, everyone is welcome. We need volunteers- please consider joining us!

The following cemetery catalogs compiled by Richard Colburn Sr. are still available (they have not been updated) If interested contact the CHS.

Albany, Barton, Brownington/Westmore, Burke, Charleston, Concord, Coventry, Danville, Derby, Granby/Victory/Kirby, Holland, Irasburg, Island Pond, Morgan, Newark/E. Haven, Orleans Village, St. Mary's Newport, St. Theresa/St. Paul, Sutton, Troy, Waterford, and Compilations of News Clippings Vol. 1 – 4

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Looking forward to a great summer! See you all at the Museum! Grace Frizzell Pres.

2023 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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Joan Alexander
Joyce Moulton
Lynwood Crown

Mary George
Murial Gray
Ray Gardner
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(+prepaid to 2030)

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Lorri Clapper Lepage
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Marion Driver Porter
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Sharon White
Sheffield Historical Society
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Susan Warner Mills
Victoria Davis
Victoria Haselton Jadali

New Life Members

*Beulah Griffes
*Edward Mills
*Sharon Gardner
*Margaret Colburn
*Debra Conley
*Stephen F. Gardner

Membership fees

Individual: \$ 3.00
Family: \$ 7.00
Contributing: any amount
over \$ 7.00
Individual Life: \$ 100.00

Memory Plaque

\$ 25.00 for each name
Names added since 2022
Augustus Lyon
Reginald Gray

IN MEMORY PLAQUE NAMES

Thomas R. Broome
 Robert A. Hartwell
 Barbara Glover
 Calvin Hubbard
 Earl P. Bowen
 Beverly J. Bowen
 Harley A. Moulton Jr.
 Aubrey E. Stoddard
 Bernie G. Dane
 Edward A. Kolar
 Sara J. Kolar
 Hazel Morse Locke
 Mary E. Taylor
 Robert H. Taylor
 Herbert R. Taylor
 Harry J. Taylor
 Hattie Locke Wheeler
 Ernest L. Allyn
 Wayne E. Armstrong
 Edward E. Bowen
 Rodney C. Royce
 Elmore G. Davidson
 Ruth W. Morrisette
 Jean V. Taft
 Gladys Woodard Smith
 James E. Spaulding
 Jessie W. Spaulding
 F. Herbert Wood Jr.
 Irene LaCourse Wood
 Irvin A. Dane
 Raymond D. Broome
 Ivan Walter Buck
 Minnie Colburn Buck
 Perley Horace Lewis
 Charles E. Lounsbury Sr.
 Mabel E. Hosford
 Elvin A. Colburn
 Alta Jean Colburn
 Burton W. Austin
 Milton Spaulding
 Grace Broome Gaylor
 Roberta Broome Church
 Edna G. Taylor
 Thelma Allbee Hartwell
 Beatrice Broome Hughes
 Calvin K. Taylor
 Jennie Coville Taylor
 Collan K. Taylor
 Joyce M. Taylor
 Ruth Gray Gelineau
 Ella Wheeler Lewis
 Naomi Beatrice Lavo Wheeler
 Gary Ernest Wheeler

Mabel E. Hosford
 Francis M. Hosford
 Harry Ernest Wheeler
 Marion Ella Wheeler Woodcock
 Jerry Roy Woodcock
 Gary Hollis Wheeler Jr.
 Lloyd Kenneth Smith
 Burton B. Stevens
 Harley H. Stevens
 Paul C. Stevens
 Beverly Moulton Bowen
 Floyd H. Bowen Sr.
 Col. Harold W. Wheeler
 Blanche Stevens Guyer
 Roger E. Major
 Joseph Laflam
 Eleanor Laflam
 May S. Churchill
 Rheal A. Major
 Theresa M. Fontaine
 George A. Fontaine
 Angeline Y. Fontaine
 John Dudley
 Herbert Badger
 Cora Dudley Badger
 Vale Dudley Badger
 Dale Dudley Badger
 Mabel Hinton Ferrara
 Joyce Jenness
 Erema Sawyer
 Beryl Cushman Lougee
 Evelyn P. Bowen
 Gloria Sloan
 Floyd Brown
 Colleen Broome Comeau
 John Harvey
 Susannah Spaulding Harvey
 Milo Willey Harvey
 Rhoda Harvey
 Maurice M. Bourret
 Joel Whitcomb
 Ida Whitcomb
 Bertha Hudson Moulton
 Harley Moulton
 Eleanor W. Stoddard
 Nita Gardner Ames
 Thelma Smith
 Kenneth Smith
 Merton C. "Bud" Gray
 Alfred Wilson
 Ella Wheeler Lewis Grady
 Wilfred Leslie
 Arlene Buck Leslie

Esther Buck Hamilton
 Albert Tangué
 Josie Tangué
 Charles M. Clapper
 John D. Taylor
 Jean V. Taft
 Arthur Burns
 Dexter Taylor
 Ruth Cushman Brouillard
 Samuel E. Porter
 Howard E. Brooks
 Kenneth E. Frizzell Jr.
 Maurice Barney
 Dorothy Barney
 Evelyn Allyn McDonald
 Reginald Leavens
 Gertrude Willis Dane
 Thelma Gray Jennings
 Golden Taylor Burns
 Floyd "Stub" Page
 Alcide Choiniere
 Frederick C. and Dorothy Mills
 William H. and Joan R. Mills
 Helen K. Mills
 Robert L. Mills
 Gladys Nichols Ford
 Dorothy Ford Farrell
 Harriet Morse Limlaw
 Elaine Davis Pepin
 Roy Harry Lewis
 Don Griffes
 Richard A. Colburn Jr.
 Lillian Coutts
 Gerald Perkins
 Scott Perkins
 Eric Stevens
 David K. Kelley
 Larry F. Hosford
 Norman L. "Jitney" Lewis
 Evelyn "Sissie" Broome
 Robert Mills
 Richard Sawyer
 Ruth Hudson Moulthrop
 Wallace MacDonald
 Cynthia MacDonald
 Wayne G. Bowen
 Richard A. Colburn Sr.
 Bruno Studer
 Betty Mae Ellam
 George Broome
 Robert Frizzell
 Augustus W. Lyon
 Reginald C. Gray

Acquisitions May 2023 – April 2023

John Dudley Badger: Bangor Daily Newspaper article (Feb. 18, 2022) pertaining to Charleston; 2 framed photos of Ella A. Dudley Church and John Dudley

Paul Gardner: Gardener Newsletters Spring, Fall, Winter

Mary Lahar: Graduation Program Charleston Elem. Class 2018; Textbook "Holt Science" 1989; Souvenir Glass 50 years; Charleston Elementary yearbook 2022; Water Bottle Echo lake Protective Association; misc. teaching materials; Charleston Elem. Program "Songs of the Night Sky"; Photos Charleston Elementary School 2005-2013 & Charleston Volunteer Fire dept.

Audrey Frizzell: Booklet 1921 Eastman Kodak Company Rochester, New York "The Kodak City"

Gertrude Broome: Wood Craft made by Ernest Colburn in Sunday School c.1920

Grace Frizzell: Post card, "Greetings from East Charleston VT"; Receipt "Sanders-Joslyn Inc. Farm Equipment and Garage Derby VT" sold to Ernest Colburn Ford Tractor dated 4/4/1957; Photos of safes used in Charleston; Obituary of Barbara Buck Snelgrove Gridley

Grace Frizzell Items from the Richard Colburn family home: Toy Metal Car 1949; Pull Toy "Merry Mutt" from 1949; 8-wheel Pull toy 1950's; 1929 Tudor Home Budget Bank; 1934 two Early comic Books; Camp Winape advertising booklet; Keep America Beautiful comic book 1960's; 1908 Sunday School Lesson Pictures; Memo book dated 1938 belonging to Richard Colburn Sr. containing classmate names; 1932 "Funny Jungle land Pictures"; 1962 Color book; 1960 West Village School workbook; 1977 VT Geological Survey Echo Pond; W. Village School 1st grade work, early 1960's; Note from Mrs. Weymouth to Mrs. Colburn 1961; 1974 'Basic Firemanship Course by VT State Firefighters" course taken by CVFD:

Dean & Jeannine Bennett: Photos-Building the Penstock

Diane Colburn from the Colburn family home: Original Stereoscope Viewer with photo cards circa late 1800's; Tape Measure Clock from the 1930's; Large Military Photo belonging to Robert Hartwell; Emerson Tube Radio 1950's; Ice Tongs; 2 Toy Cap Pistols and Holster from 1960's; Iron Wheel Wheelbarrow

Cheryl Simino: Military Photo Ronald Bruce Willson

Town of Charleston Teri Gray Town Clerk: Charleston Annual Town Report for 2022; Charleston Elementary School Annual Report for 2022

Northwoods Stewardship Center: 9 VHS tapes & 2 CD's featuring interviews with Charleston residents 2000-2002

Many thanks to all for donating the above artifacts in helping to preserve the History of Charleston.
Audrey Frizzell, Secretary and Archivist

Charleston Historical Society
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CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TREASURER REPORT JAN 01 -DEC. 31 2022

RECEIPTS:

COD INTEREST EARNED ON LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	\$11.15
20 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2022	\$68.00
14 FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2022	\$98.00
41 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIPS-2022	\$724.00
1 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP-2023-	\$5.00
DONATIONS ABOVE MEMBERSHIPS	\$319.00
BILLS & COINS DEPOSITED FROM YARD SALE	\$185.00
JULY 23RD YARD SALE	\$831.00
JULY 23RD YARD SALE DONATIONS PLUS MAGNETS & DONATION BOWL	\$71.40
6-CEMETERY CATALOGS	\$162.00
TOWN OF CHARLESTON-APPROPRIATIONS	\$500.00
<u>REGINALD GRAY & AUGUSTUS LYON PLAQUE</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$3,024.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

VERMONT ELECTRIC-10/15/21 TO12/14/22	\$260.55
MEMPHREMAGOG PRESS -NEWSLETTER COPIES	\$178.64
MEMPHREMAGOG PRESS -CEMETERY CATOLOGS	\$116.56
GRACE FRIZZELL - POSTAGE FOR NEWSLETTER	\$191.40
MAJESTIC TROPHY-PLAQUES-ROBERT FRIZZELL-LYON & GRAY	\$17.00
TRANSFER TO LIFE ACCOUNT-BEULAH GRIFFES	\$10.00
VT, MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.	\$1,437.00
U.S.P.O. ANNUAL BOX RENT	\$62.00
BOUGHT BILLS & COINS FOR YARD SALE 7/23/22	\$185.00
DAROLD MOULTON - YARD SALE RUBBISH TO CASELLA	\$39.10
<u>NEWPORT DAILY EXPRESS-7/23/22 YARD SALE AD</u>	<u>\$58.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$2,555.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$3,024.55
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2021	<u>\$1,006.09</u>
	\$4,030.64
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$2,555.25</u>
CHECKBOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2022	\$1,475.39

LIFE MEMBERSHIP GENERAL ACCT. BALANCE DEC. 31,2021 (2219)	\$4,180.05
INTEREST	\$2.28
REVENUE: 5 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	\$500.00
BEULAH GRIFFES-EDWARD MILLS-DEBRA KEZAR VERANTH	
<u>JONATHON C. MILLS-CATHERINE WATSON</u>	
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2022 *INCLUDES LIFE MEMBERSHIP COD	\$4,682.33

MEMORIAL & HONOR FUND BALANCE DEC. 31 2021 (9118)	\$7,721.44
INTEREST	\$3.93
MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR ROBERT FRIZZELL	<u>\$100.00</u>
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2022	\$7,825.37

RICHARD COLBURN—CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2022	\$10,040.61
HARRY WHEELER—CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2022	\$11,123.55
HENRY CHURCH—CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2022	\$5,228.85
*LIFE MEMBERSHIPS-CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2022	\$2,000.00

PREPARED BY JANICE L. BOWEN, TREASURER

Janice L. Bowen
4-10-2023



A brief history of St. Benedict's Catholic Church in West Charleston
from the Charleston History book by Esther Hamilton published in 1955.

St. Benedict's Mission was officially opened on Feb. 28, 1922, under the supervision of the Rev Father Brouillet, missionary coming from Stanstead, Quebec. In March a house was purchased from Mr. Henry L. Church, at the cost of \$ 800.00 and was made over into a small chapel where services were held on Sundays. After Father Brouillet, different priests from the Newport Parish took care of the Mission Church. On July 3, 1946, St Benedict's became a Mission of St. Edward's Church of Derby Line. Rev. Armand P. Fortin served the church, saw that the old chapel had served its purpose and arranged for a new church to be erected. It was completed for the opening Mass on Christmas Eve, 1947. Over the years, the church has served the town well, not only as a place of worship but also a place where various groups held meetings and social functions.

During the summer of 2022, it became known that St. Benedict's Church would be taken down. The contents of the church were sold at sales throughout the summer and there was an air of nostalgia in town. It has been a town landmark for 77 years and I am sure it holds many memories for our members. As of now, the church still stands but its future is unknown.

Photo donated by Lorna Carty, taken by her father, Joseph Laflam (no date)



Charleston Historical Society extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following members who have passed. If we have missed anyone, our apologies and please let us know.

Rendall Nichols(2020), Craig Davis, Barbara Buck Gridley, Penny Wheeler, Marie Nielsen, Douglas Maxwell

CHS just received word that one of our founding members has passed away--

—Gerald (Mike) Sloan--- There will be memoriam to him in our 2024 newsletter.

I received an email from Brad MacGowen who has a website associated with U MASS Lowell about Lowell history. Much of his research focuses on medicine and public health. The article he directed me to was "Female Physicians in Early Lowell". It included our own Dr. Rachael Humphrey Allyn (1810-1903) daughter of Abner and Annie Allen (first settlers in Navy /Charleston) and one of the country's early female physicians. Rachel first practiced medicine as a nurse in Lowell MA for 10 years before getting her medical degree then practiced as a physician in Lowell MA for over 25 years. When she retired, she returned to Charleston and lived out her life with her niece, Mrs. Rosetta Gray. Mr. MacGowen was inquiring about Rachel Allyn's diary. The Museum has a copy of excerpts from it, and he thought we might have the original or know of its location. I contacted Allyn McDonald great great nephew of Rachel and 3rd great grandson of Abner Allyn to see if he might know more about it. It was his mother Evelyn McDonald that donated the copy to the Museum years ago. AJ remembers as a child exploring in his grandparents' barn and finding a trunk with Allyn family heirlooms, including the diaries. Always interested in history, he knew the value to the family and gave them to his mom. He does not have them now, but he may know the location of the diaries and contacted Brad. I will keep you all updated when I know the rest of the story. If you would like to read Brad MacGowen's article. Search "Female Physicians in Early Lowell/ Dr. Rachel Allyn". It is an interesting article I think you will enjoy. GF

Modern Woodman Group Picture about 1953

Left to right front row: Janet Moulton, Barry Moulton, Dwight Moulton, Judy Moulton, Jo-Ann Moulton, Sandra Colburn, Pearl Moulton, Audrey Colburn (?)

Second Row: (? Cheryl Moulton) Coralee Moulton, (? baby) Connie Moulton (? boy in hat) Elvin Colburn, Byran Moulton, Jimmy Moulton, Darald Moulton, Ronald Moulton

Ladies in the back: Madeline Moulton with baby Carolyn, Alta Colburn with baby Grace

NOTE: If you can help with identification, please let us know



Photo from CHS Military Section

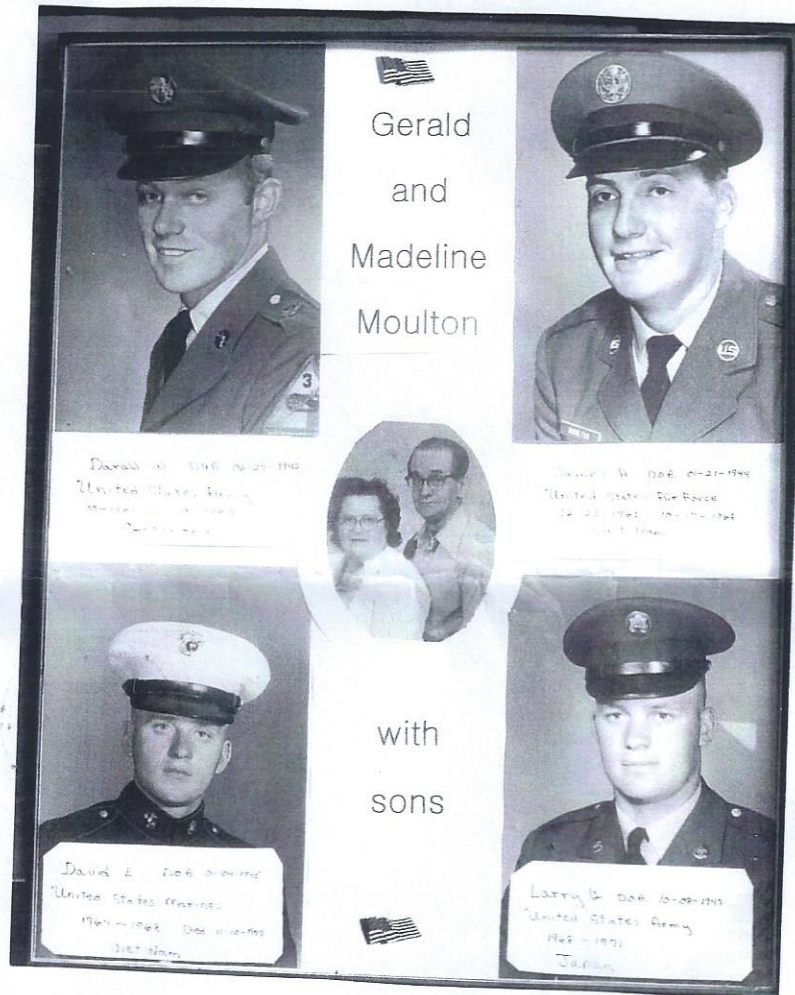
Gerald & Madeline Moulton & their 4 sons

Darald U S Army served 1961-1964 Germany

James U S Air Force served 1965-1968 Vietnam

David U S Marines served 1964-1968 Vietnam

Larry U S Army served 1968-1971 Japan



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Groundskeeper: Darald Moulton THANK YOU!