



NUMBER 35 CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc CHARLESTON VT SPRING 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for your membership renewals and generous donations. It was another historic winter in the NEK, alternating between cold, snow, wind, rain, and topped off with a perfect solar eclipse!! It was definitely not our typical winter—especially when we were teased with multiple mud seasons, but spring is here, and Museum season starts next month!

We are pleased to announce that the bathroom renovation is complete. A job well done by Isaac's Excavating and Construction. It is now more accessible to everyone, and we have an added storage closet. He also removed the flooring on the downstairs hall and refinished the original wood floor underneath.

In 2023 the CHS working with the Preservation Trust of Vermont, applied and qualified for a Freeman Foundation Grant. A proposal was submitted, and we are waiting for the outcome.

"The Preservation Grants, made possible by the Freeman Foundation, are available to non-profit organizations and municipalities for rehabilitating historic buildings in the Northeast Kingdom. To be eligible, projects must demonstrate strong community support through volunteer efforts and fundraising. Grant amounts typically range from \$25,000 to \$45,000 and are awarded once a year, usually in the spring." These funds will be used for both exterior and interior restoration, painting, and window repair. The goal is to keep the building as original as possible.

The annual yard and plant sale was well attended and profitable. We are grateful for the help from members and friends! Your labor and contributions made it a success!

Volunteers Jason Zvyr and Isaac Jensen relocated the monument style bridge sign from the back yard to where it could be seen beside the cupola. The 1929 marker was removed when the Mad Brook Bridge was rebuilt several years ago.

We had hoped to have the cupola repainted in the fall, but the weather proved to be too rainy to get that done. It is on this summer to-do list.

It was suggested that along with our "Life Member" category that we add "Contributing Life Member." We are truly fortunate that our Life Members continue to send donations and it would be a way to acknowledge their contributions. It will be discussed at our first meeting on May 7.

Hope to see you all this summer! The Museum is open every Wed. 2-4 and anytime by appt. June to Oct. Meetings are at 6:00 pm on the 1st Tues. of each month at the Museum throughout the season. Everyone welcome!

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IN MEMORY

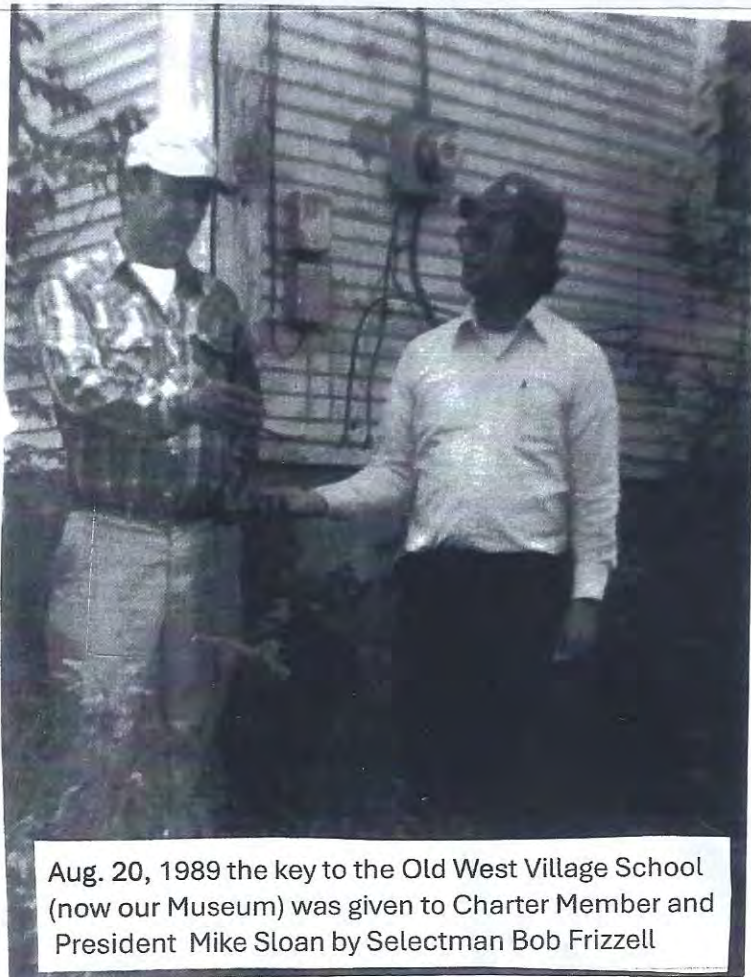
The CHS mourns the passing of Carlotta Moulton, beloved wife of Darald Moulton, mother to Tammy and Julie and loving grandmother and great grandmother. She married her High School sweetheart in 1966 and made Charleston her home. She served as the Charleston Elementary School librarian and secretary from 1976- 2005. She was a Lifetime Member, Vice President, researcher and museum guide. She was an active board member and contributed to all events. She was a willing volunteer and a big part of making our yard sales successful. Even through her 14-month battle of glioblastoma she maintained her lovely smile, friendly greeting and help to Museum visitors. She is deeply missed by her CHS family.

Carlotta M. Moulton
Sept. 23, 1945 -- June 7, 2023



LOVE LIVES ON

Gerald Sloan (Mike)
Nov. 28, 1947 - April 21, 2023



Aug. 20, 1989 the key to the Old West Village School (now our Museum) was given to Charter Member and President Mike Sloan by Selectman Bob Frizzell

In May 1989 a group of nine people met to organize a Historical Society for Charleston. Mike Sloan was one of them. He became the CHS first President. He grew up in East Charleston, the son of Jack and Gloria Sloan, who many of you may fondly remember. He served on the Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. and was an active member and officer of the Freemasons Lodge # 44 Island Pond. He was a jack of all trades lending his talent to both family and friends. If you visit the Plymouth Congregational Church in East Charleston, at the entrance to the sanctuary, there is a repository that holds the "Book of Remembrance." It was crafted by Mike in 1981 and is an excellent example of his woodworking skills. Unfortunately for Charleston, when his job moved to North Carolina, he relocated there but remained a Lifetime Charter Member.

CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TREASURER REPORT JAN 01 -DEC. 31 2023

| | | |
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| RECEIPTS: | | |
| | COD INTEREST EARNED ON LIFE MEMBERSHIPS | \$16.45 |
| 20 | INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2023 | \$64.00 |
| 16 | FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2023 | \$112.00 |
| 41 | CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIPS-2023 | \$800.00 |
| | BILLS & COINS DEPOSITED FROM YARD SALE | \$144.00 |
| | JULY 8TH YARD SALE | \$528.34 |
| | JULY 8TH YARD SALE DONATIONS & DONATION BOWL | \$206.70 |
| | DONATIONS-HAMILTON & BUCK | \$160.00 |
| | 3 CHARLESTON & 1 BURKE CEMETERY CATALOGS | \$120.00 |
| | 2 ESTHER HAMILTON BOOKS | \$40.00 |
| | TOWN OF CHARLESTON-2023 APPROPRIATION | \$500.00 |
| | PLAQUE-JONATHON MILLS | \$25.00 |
| | REIMB POSTAGE FOR CATALOG-J.MILLS | \$10.00 |
| | TRANSFER FROM MEMORIAL FUNDS | \$6,150.00 |
| | <u>PERSERVATION OF VT ASSESSMENT</u> | <u>\$250.00</u> |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS: | \$9,126.49 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| | VERMONT ELECTRIC-11/14/22 TO 12/14/23 | \$325.36 |
| | MEMPHREMAGOG PRESS -NEWSLETTER & MEMBERSHIP LETTERS | \$202.00 |
| | MEMPHREMAGOG PRESS-3 CHARLESTON CEMETERY CATOLOGS | \$41.50 |
| | GRACE FRIZZELL - POSTAGE & MAILING LABELS | \$140.62 |
| | GRACE FRIZZELL-PRINTER PAPER,SHEET PROTECTORS & KEY TO MUSEUM | \$38.79 |
| | MAJESTIC TROPHY-PLAQUES-CARLOTTA MOULTON & ELISE MILLS | \$13.00 |
| | VT, MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. | \$1,661.00 |
| | U.S.P.O. ANNUAL BOX RENT | \$68.00 |
| | BOUGHT BILLS & COINS FOR YARD SALE 7/08/23 | \$144.00 |
| | JAN LEWANDOSKI-GRANT ASSM'T CO-ORDINATOR | \$500.00 |
| | ISAAC JENSEN-BATHROOM & HALL | \$6,150.00 |
| | <u>AL'S ELECTRIC INSIDE & OUTSIDE LIGHTS</u> | <u>\$696.00</u> |
| | TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: | \$9,980.27 |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS: | \$9,126.49 |
| | BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2022 | <u>\$1,475.39</u> |
| | | \$10,601.88 |
| | TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | <u>\$9,980.27</u> |
| | CHECKBOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 | \$621.61 |
| | LIFE MEMBERSHIP GENERAL ACCT. BALANCE DEC. 31,2022 (2219) | \$4,682.33 |
| | INTEREST | \$2.60 |
| | <u>REVENUE:10 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS</u> | <u>\$1,000.00</u> |
| | BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2023 | \$5,684.93 |
| | CARLOTTA MOULTON-JEFF WILSON-DIANA HAMILTON DUTKIEWICZ | |
| | RYAN BUCK-SHARON&STEVE GARDNER-MARGARET COLBURN- | |
| | DEBRA CONLEY-JOHN & CAROLYN SIMSARIAN | |
| | MEMORIAL & HONOR FUND BALANCE DEC. 31 2022 (9118) | \$7,825.37 |
| | INTEREST | \$3.59 |
| | MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR CARLOTTA MOULTON | \$280.00 |
| | MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR RICHARD COLBURN | \$250.00 |
| | <u>TRANSF. TO GENERAL ACCOUNT-ISAAC JENSEN BATHROOM & HALL</u> | <u>\$1,150.00</u> |
| | BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 | \$2,208.96 |
| | RICHARD COLBURN-----CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2023 | \$10,315.78 |
| | HARRY WHEELER-----CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2023 | \$11,463.47 |
| | HENRY CHURCH-----CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2023 | \$5,393.34 |
| | LIFE MEMBERSHIPS-----CD BALANCE DEC.31, 2023 | \$2,000.00 |
| | BARBARA BUCK GRIDLEY- CD BALANCE DEC 31 ,2023 | \$3,844.77 |

1929 Mad Brook
Bridge Stone Marker



Janice L. Bowen, Treasurer

2024 LIFE MEMBERS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alan Kolar | Janice Church Terry | Sandra McKenny |
| *Angel Graves | Jayson Benoit | Sarah Colburn |
| Arline Dahm | Jean Childers | Scott Haselton |
| Audrey Frizzell | *Jeffrey Wilson | Sharon Gardner |
| Barbara Choiniere | Joel Howes | Sharon Manchester |
| Becky Beaudoin | *Joan Alexander | Sharon Porter |
| Beryl Keegan | John Dudley Badger | Sharon White |
| Beth Page Griffin | * John H. Simsarian | Sheffield Historical Society |
| Betty Bourret | Jolene Chesley | Stephen F. Gardner |
| Beulah Griffes | Jonathan C. Mills | Steven Royce |
| Beverly Barry Spaulding | Judy Germaine Moulton | Stuart McHenry |
| Bonnie Clapper Hopkins | Julie Choiniere Speer | Susan Warner Mills |
| Brian Gray | Justin Taft | Victoria Davis |
| Bruce MacDonald | Karen Andermills | Victoria Haselton Jadali |
| Candy Huseman | Kevin Frizzell | |
| Capitola Pray | Laurinda Maxwell | New Life Members |
| *Carlotta Moulton | Linda Gray | Angel Graves |
| Carolyn Dane White | Linda Studer | Carlotta Moulton |
| * Carolyn W. Simsarian | Lorraine Stoddard Tice | Carolyn W. Simsarian |
| Catherine Barney Watson | Lorri Clapper Lepage | Diana Hamilton Dutkiewicz |
| Cathryn Palmer | Lynn Ruitter White | Duane Spaulding |
| Cindy Jensen Julian | Madeline Driver Gonyaw | Faye Stocker |
| Claudia Wheeler Goad | Margaret Colburn | Francine Canton Bailey |
| Dale Meehan | Margaret (Peggy) Gray | Jeffrey Wilson |
| Daniel Frizzell | Margaret (Peggy) Stevens | Joan Alexander |
| David Colburn | Marilyn Wood Maxwell | John H. Simsarian |
| Debra Conley | Marion Driver Porter | Ryan Buck |
| Debra Kezar Veranth | Marion Robillard | |
| * Diana Hamilton Dutkiewicz | Marjorie Driver Welch | Membership fees |
| Dianne Aldrich Marceau | Maryanne Edwards | Individual: \$ 3.00 |
| Donna Limlaw Gray | Melvin Bowen | Family: \$ 7.00 |
| Dorothy Andermills | Michael Clarke | Contributing: any amount over |
| Dorothy Rice McHenry | Michael Conley | \$ 7.00 |
| *Duane Spaulding | Michael D. Gilbert | Individual Life: \$ 100.00 |
| Ed Carr | Michael Jensen II | |
| Edith Hinton Miller | Myrna Ruitter Setien | Address |
| Edward Mills | Nancy Kolar Bowen | Charleston Historical Society |
| Ellie Gray Tyler | Nancy Whitney | PO Box 46 |
| Elmo Jensen | Paul E. Gardner | East Charleston, VT 05833 |
| *Faye Stocker | Paul Sawyer | |
| *Francine Canton Bailey | Paula Manzi | Memory Plaque |
| Jean Gardner Gonzalo | * Ryan Buck | \$ 25.00 for each name |
| Glen and Jean Brown | Raymond C. Helenek | Names added since 2023 |
| Henry J. Church | Raymond Moulthrop | |
| Homer Frizzell | Richard Lewis | Robert L & Elise A Mills |
| Howard Gray | Robert S. Cleverdon | (new plate with both names to |
| Jackie Bowen | Ronald A. Kolar | replace the Robert L Mills |
| | Ronald Moulton | plate) |
| | | Carlotta Moulton |
| | | Evelyn M. Bowen |

2024 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Blaine Perkins
Diane Colburn
Jean Morris
Joyce Moulton
Judy Graves
Loren Laflam
Lynwood Crown

Mary George
Murial Gray
Norma Perkins
Ray Gardner
Robert Allen
(+prepaid to 2030)

Rod Davis
Rodney Young
Ron Willson
Stephen Moulton
Wendell George

2024 FAMILY MEMBERS

Amy Frizzell Sherlaw
Barbara and Harvey Levin
Bonnie, Brad & Jonathan
Shattuck
Jean Davis and family

Glen Peterson
John and Susan Glodgett
Keith Jacobs & Karen
Robitaille family
Owen and Carol Reilly and family

Sandra & Robert Brown
Virginia Nichols

2024 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

A J. MacDonald
Betty and Raymond Sweeney
Beverly May
Brenda Mannino
Carolyn Clapper
Cheryl Demers and family
Colleen and John Kellogg
Darlene Young & Ned Andrews
Dean and Jeannine Bennett
Diana Marckwardt
Edyth Pope Langenheim

Eleanor Bailey
Gertrude Broome
Grace Frizzell
Barbara Malloy
Janice Bowen
Janice Sawyer
Joe and Katherine Anderson
John M. (Jack) Kinney
John & Nancy Salesky
Lorna and Tom Carty
Lynn Spensley

Michael and Jeanine Morelli and
family
Ned & Sandra Kershner ---
(In memory of Stokes family)
Northwoods Stewardship Center
Patricia Davis
Philip Tuohey
Walt and Marcia Driscoll
William Jenney

2023 FRIENDS

Annie Hinton
Bob & Marie Stalling
Carol Westinghouse
Clair and Charlotte Dane
Darald Moulton family
Dylan Holmes
Gloria Gardner Parsons
Isaac Jensen
Jason Zvyr
Jean Bailey

Joan Craig
Judy Fortin
Kevin and Judy Foster
Kimberly Bailey
Larry Young
Margaret Maxwell
Martha Judd
Mary & Dave Lahar
Murray & Dawn Duke
Norbert Fournier

Rose Labarron
Sandra and Robert Porter
Scott Wheeler
Sharon Carr
Sonya Henricksen & Jason
Tankersley
William Manning &
Patricia Moyer

2022 Friends

Aldis Hill Jr
Arlene Colburn
Clive & Nancy Durose

Mark & Linda Martin
Maurice & Gertrude Cerutti

Sharon Biron
Sue Dwelle

2021 Friends: Irene Holoway
Rod Ames

Phil Bystry

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Lorna Laflam Carty: Family Toys including a doll, tractor, trucks, games, Sewing basket, Photos by Joe Laflam-1957 8th grade Graduation 1954 Echo School and many other items.

Marion Driver Porter: Child's ironing Board, small Flat irons, Rocking chair

Richard and Dianne Marceau: Mannequin with wedding dress which was worn by Mamie Gray's mother Marietta Uttin, Family Ancestry Chart, Photos and misc. info pertaining to family.

June Buck Edward: Cookbooks "Tried Receipts" Plunkett School 1933-1934 "The Vermont Cookbook

Freewill Baptist Church: framed photo of Stephen Cole

Carlotta Moulton: Framed clippings of Bird Houses "Skyline Homes of Realty serving the winged community of Orleans County" These houses were built by Henry Ashman and seen on his residence in West Charleston

Glover Historical Society/Grace Frizzell: The Biography of Dr. Rachel Allyn

Ruiter Family: Photos Corporal Derk Ruiter Korean Conflict US Army and Urban Ruiter WW2 US Army, Post card Congregational Church West Charleston; Report cards 1939 - 1944 Charleston School

Audrey Frizzell: Fire Dept Pager used by Robert Frizzell while serving on the Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept., misc.

Grace Frizzell: 8 Track Tapes, Camp Winape Clothing Patch, Newspaper Clippings, Commemorative License Plate "State of Vermont 14th State 1791 -1991 Vermont Bicentennial, CVFD Pager used by Kenneth Frizzell Jr, Raffle Tickets, Camera

Mary Lahar: Notebook "Charleston Elementary School Celebrates 50 Years", Advertisement "Vermont Reindeer Farm"

Ron Willson: Quilt Rack made by Bruce L. Willson former resident, Given in memory of Ron's wife Lisa

Paul Gardner: Gardner Newsletters

Carla Chadburn, Gail Cook, Raymond Durgin: High School Graduation Card Class of 1935, Charleston High School Commencement Exercises Dean Bullock

Brenda Mannino: Photo Prints East Charleston Village, and Fire of 1921

Sheila Reilly Worth: Family Bible

Owen and Carol Reilly: US Department of Agriculture AG Farmer's Bulletin

Patricia Davis: Family Ancestry Chart, Family Photos, Post Card Moulton's Store and Mill and Carriage Shop in East Charleston, Family Tea Set, Microscope, Misc. data and items pertaining to family members

Jason Zver: Copy of survey Map for West Charleston property

Joan Alexander: Echo Lake Road Race T-Shirt Patchwork tablecloth

Annie Hinton: Photos of Mable Carr

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Danielle Austin: Military Photo of Peter R. Quirion and Gilles N. Quirion, Photo of large group one of whom is Burton W. Austin, American Legion Certificate

Allyn McDonald: Photo of Family home with info re Allyn family

Members of O.E.S. North Star Chapter No.25 which is now consolidated with Concord VT, Memorabilia used or on display

Many thanks to all for the above donations to the Charleston Historical Society. It is through these items the Society is able to portray the past for future generations. We are grateful for all volunteers and donors who have assisted us to achieve our mission, to preserve the history of Charleston.

Audrey Frizzell Secretary and Voluntary Archivist

Officers for 2024

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|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Pres. | Grace Frizzell | Board of Directors | Auditors |
| Vice Pres. | Sandra Porter | Norbert Fournier | Darald Moulton |
| Sec. | Audrey Frizzell | Laurinda Maxwell | Michael Morelli |
| Treas. | Janice Bowen | Rod Davis | |

Groundskeeper: Darald Moulton THANK YOU!!

Members that have passed away.

Gerald Sloan, Carlotta Moulton, James Malloy, William Bailey, Evelyn Taylor Bowen

The CHS extends our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our departed members.

If anyone has been omitted, I apologize and please let us know.

The following letters were returned for wrong addresses: Let us know if you can help us stay in touch!

Richard Lewis Marion Robillard Victoria Davis Tom Watson

Note: Due to the continued costs of printing and postage, Friends who choose not to renew their memberships after 3 years will no longer receive Newsletters. Please consider renewing your membership.



Hubert & Marietta Uttin's wedding photo and her wedding dress on display



Errol Driver, Weldon J. Driver, Hilda M. Driver Madeline D. Gonyaw, Marjorie C. Welch, Muriel D. Gray, Marion D. Porter

In the summer of 2023 areas in Vermont had historic flooding. These photos show the 1927 flood in Charleston.
 1927 "Perkins Flat" Rte. 105 near Plunkett/Pensioners Pond Clyde River West Charleston



Echo School 1925
 Teacher Pearl Piper
 Back: Gerald Moulton
 ?
 Ruth Pierce
 Ruth Bowen,
 Betty Chamberlin
 Front: Ira Moulton
 Gordon Swett
 Carlton Piper,
 Earl Moulton
 Maurice Barney



Clara Buck's Sunday School C. 1910
 Taken at Eugene Buck's cottage Echo Lake
 Seated L-R Mrs. Buck, Nettie Colburn,
 Jennie Campbell, Edith Nichols, Ellen
 Gibson
 Standing L-R Geneva Piper, Gladys Piper,
 Orpha Wilson, Edith lang, Elva Findley
 Muriel Bushaw, Mildred Nichols
 Grace Barney, Beatrice Buck, Arvilla Lewis



Nov. 11, 1989 President Gerald Sloan standing beside the Bake Sale sign. This was one of the first fundraisers and was held at the Plymouth Congregational Church in East Charleston.

Note the house on the hill behind him. For many years, this was the lovely home of CHS member Joyce Moulton, her husband Harley Moulton Jr. and their two children. Sadly, Harley (Junior) Moulton, died suddenly in 1983. The house was sold in the early 1990's and the new owner tore down the former town landmark. The property was again sold.

Richard Colburn Sr. (1927 – 2019) wrote the following article several years ago, about his memory of the house:

“There was a house on the bank and it was torn down in recent years to make room for a new and better one which never has occurred. It was in earlier days the home of a village doctor. When my parents lived here in 1934-37 it housed two apartments, and we lived in the one facing the church. This is where we lived when the two houses above burned in 1934 or 35. The first house was located about where there is a house and was built as a truck garage by Harley Moulton Jr. The other house sat where the Nazarene Parsonage stands. At the time of this fire, I remember that my mother carried dishes out on the lawn in washtubs because she was sure that our house was going to burn. My dad (Ernest Colburn) was on the roof with water buckets. My mother (Eunice Taylor Colburn) sent me to my cousin's house which was on what we now call Twin Bridges road. I had to go through the twin bridges and the roof of one had caught fire. Men were up there with water buckets and they saved the bridge. My mother didn't realize the danger that I was in. I was seven years old. I vividly remember my four-wheeled cart. It was parked on the back porch and I worried that it would burn. I worried more about it then I did our house!”

