

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:
Aug. 20, noon, CBMS

- Please bring a lawn chair, if possible, and a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Last Issue's
Mystery Photo:
remains a mystery



GUESS WHO?



Our next meeting will be our annual picnic on Sunday, August 20, noon, at Crossett Brook Middle School. Please bring a lawn chair, if possible, and either a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share. Beverages and paper products will be furnished. After the business meeting, our program will feature poems written by the students of the first one-room schoolhouse on Crossett Hill. Bring a friend! Hope to see you there!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Let's Make a Deal Yard Sale and Food Sale

WHEN: Saturday, September 9th, 7 am-4 pm

WHERE: the Town Garage

We are seeking donations for the yard sale and food sale.

Please, no large furniture or appliances.

More details to follow at the Aug. meeting!

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Archival/Preservation Committee Report

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

We do not meet during July and August unless we are requested for research purposes.

Myra Perry, Kelly Welch, and Donnie Welch interviewed Ralph Ainsworth last month. Interviewing folks in town provides valuable information for our archives. Thank you to all four of them for their time.

Monetary Donations

Jim & Wendy Welch

Call for Submissions!

The newsletter committee is welcome to submissions and eager to hear from you!

We would love for you to submit a story, poem, historical piece, photos, etc,
that we could place in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy.

This is your newsletter—what would you like to see in it?

Do you have a story or poem about living in Duxbury or about a Duxbury resident who is special to you?

Did you write a poem or take photos when you made it to the top of Camel's Hump?

Do you have any historic photos of people, buildings, machinery, etc,
that you would like to share?

These are just a few ideas—we welcome any and all submissions.

Please share your materials with a newsletter member (see names on back page)
and we will place it in the next available issue.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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 Bonnie Morse.



Nacho Dip

- 1 package Velveeta (large)
- 1 small can chopped or sliced black olives
- 1 small can green chilies
- 2 tomatoes (chopped)
- 1 medium chopped onion (optional)
- 1 jar hot taco sauce

Melt cheese over low heat, add remaining ingredients.
Let stand 10-15 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes.
Serve with tortilla chips (Scoops are best).

1902 TRAIN WRECK

Montpelier Daily Journal.

MONTPELIER, VT., MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1902.

FATAL WRECK NEAR WATERBURY

Way Freight of 40 Cars
Plunges into Washout
150 Feet in Extent.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

Several Thousands of Dollars Dam-
age by Flood in Vicinity
of the Wreck.

(Special to the Journal.)

Middlesex, June 16.—The worst washout on the Central Vermont railroad for many years and one of the worst in its history occurred a little after ten o'clock on Sunday night three miles north of Middlesex and directly opposite Palisade farm.

An extra freight train, engine 344, with about 40 cars in charge of Conductor Francis Clark, engineer Gary and brakemen Rounds and Larry, ran onto a piece of track about 150 feet in extent, which had been undermined and washed out.

The engine was ditched and seven cars piled upon it. All the trainmen were killed except Larry, who was on the rear end of the train and escaped with a bad shaking up. Larry with great presence of mind made his way back to Middlesex from where the news was sent to Waterbury and St. Albans.

The train was running from White River Junction to St. Albans but by the time the news of the accident had reached these places small streams swollen by the heavy rain had carried away culverts, bridges, and abutments so the running of a wrecking train to the scene was delayed for a time.

The wrecking train from White River Junction is unable to get within four miles of the wreck owing to the dry bridge near Eagan's steam mill at Middlesex, having been carried away. The mill was also wrecked and carried away. The washing out of a small railway bridge crossing near Bolton delayed the wrecking train from St. Albans for

a few hours but this damage is now repaired and the men are at work clearing up the wreckage, which work it is estimated, will consume the better part of Tuesday.

As soon as the news reached Waterbury a relief party started for the scene on hand cars and after much difficulty the dead men were removed in a badly mangled condition. Their watches showed at what time the wreck occurred outside of the testimony of the survivors, for they were found to have stopped a little after ten o'clock. Sheriff C.C. Graves assisted in removing the dead to Waterbury which was done by means of the handcars. The remains were laid out in the Waterbury station and were taken to homes in St. Albans on a special train, which arrived at Waterbury about one o'clock. Engineer Gary, one of the dead, is well known in Montpelier. Gary, Ferguson and Rounds are married.

Brakeman Larry said the train was running at the rate of about ten miles an hour, when the accident occurred. This section includes Slip Hill, which is a hoodoo to railroad men, especially during the rainy season and for that reason the train was cautiously feeling its way along. Without the slightest warning the train plunged into the washout and in a few seconds was a broken and twisted mass with four human bodies crushed beneath it. It was thought today that this wreck would prevent many delegates from getting to the Republican State convention but it is now believed the tracks will be cleared and in shape so as not to cause serious delay.

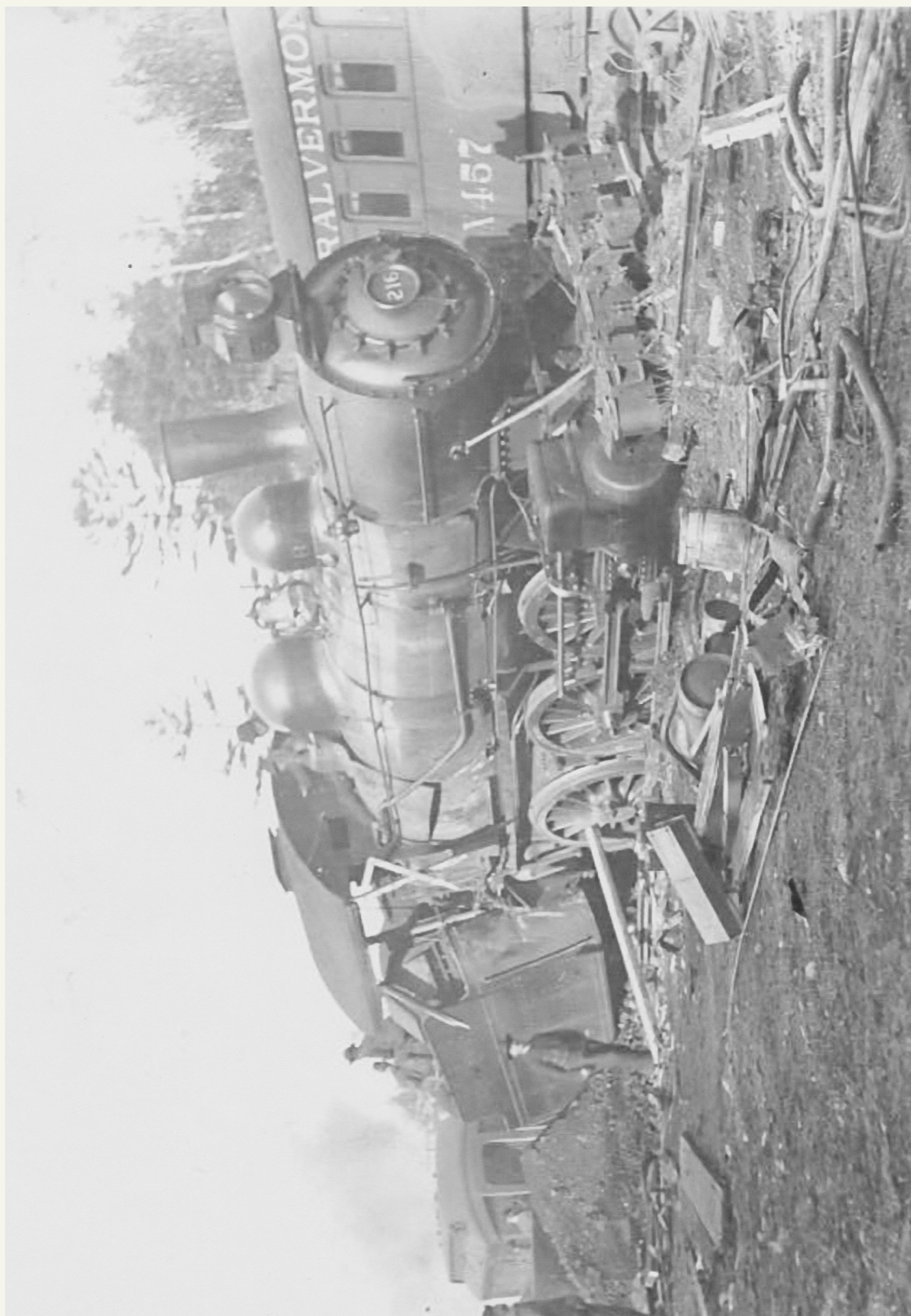
There are also two washouts sixty feet long and forty feet deep between Middlesex and Waterbury. Over fifty bridges of one sort and another are down in Middlesex and Moretown. The highways are impassable for miles around. The damage will run up into the thousands as the crops have suffered greatly, especially the hay crop in the lowlands. The road from Waterbury to Roxbury is damaged over \$1,000 while the main road in the former village is damaged to nearly an equal extent.

1902 TRAIN WRECK



Photo of the train wreck that occurred on Sunday, June 15, 1902.
~Information and photo donated to the DHS by Brian Lindner.

1906 TRAIN WRECK



North Duxbury train wreck, January 26, 1906

The New England States Limited was traveling near the North Duxbury Station (Ridley) at 60 mph when the engine took one track and the following took the other track.

Later, Bolton station agent, Patrick F. McCabe, was arrested for purposely opening a track switch that caused the derailment. There were no serious injuries.

~Information and photo donated to the DHS by Brian Lindner.

1924 TRAIN WRECK



March 11, 1924

The Boston-Montreal Express derailed on Bolton Flats sending passenger cars over an embankment and onto the ice of the Winooski River. Initially, it was reported that one passenger had died and 25 were injured. It was later revised upward when two more passengers died of their injuries and it was realized that at least 60 people had been hurt. The cause was apparently a broken rail.

Deceased:

Alexander Dominic of Portland, Maine

George W. Gaines (53) of Burlington

Baby Lamothe (3 months) of Upton, Massachusetts.

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TRAIN ANECDOTES

New Train

On December 31, 1849, the hills of Duxbury echoed to a sound new to them. The first train to go through the town puffed its smoky spark-showering way towards Waterbury from Burlington. After Mrs. Montgomery walked from Scrabble Hill to the home of Mrs. Russell Davis, who flagged the train with her red tablecloth, Mrs. Montgomery climbed aboard the train and rode all the way from No. Duxbury to Waterbury. History doesn't tell us how she got back to her home. However, in the diary belonging to Janus Crossett it is noted that the weather was cold and windy all day.

Mrs. Russell Davis was Mrs. Alice Kennedy's grandmother.

Fred Davis, Night Watchman, as told by Mrs. Alice Kennedy (1962)

Fred Davis was night watchman for the Frank Elliot Mill across from the North Duxbury Depot. He had a faithful collie dog named Fannie that always went along with him. On one particular night Fannie growled and finally "told" her master that something was amiss. Upon further investigation, Mr. Davis found a tramp in the mill, his intention was to spend the night here. When Mr. Davis finally made the tramp realize he was definitely not going to be allowed to stay in the mill any longer, he left with these words: "You'll be sorry for this!"

Later in the night, a box car, left at the mill to be loaded, was found afire. The tramp had snuck back and set it.

P O T P O U R R I

John Boyden died on June 19, 1862 of typhoid fever, in the Union Army in Virginia.
This poem was composed by his 16-year-old sister, Esther, on her birthday, after he died.

Dear Bro., thou hast left us,
Death hath bid thy spirit go,
From this earthy form so beauteous,
To the land where there is no woe.

When upon the field of battle,
Thou did to thy bro.say,
I am prepared to meet my Jesus,
If they take my life away.

When thy friends did fall around thee,
And among them thou did stand,
Then with cool determination,
Did thou lend a helping hand.

And then when strife was over,
And to camp thou did return,
Then did sickness fall upon thee,
And with fever thou did burn.

Oh, how patient with the anguish,
That did rend thy bosom dear,
That did take thy young life from thee,
In a land so vile and drear.

Thou wast patient "Angel Bro.",
When from friends thou went to war,
Then, oh, did sickness enter,
Thy frail form, was hard to bear.

When we got a letter from thee,
And we read in words so clear,
That your brain did rack in fever,
And typhoid you did bear.

Oh! 'Twas then with deepest anguish,
That we knelt with grief & care,
And to him who ever pities,
Poured our earnest heartfelt prayer.

And 'twas then we did endeavor,
With an honest upright heart,
To say unto our Lord and Savior,
"Thy will be done", for it is right.

And we think 'twas not regretted,
Since, 'tis for the flag thou went,
For thou loved that glorious banner,
And sustained it as thou went.

And now farewell to you, Dear Bro,
Quietly in old Virginia sleep.
Thou wast tired and now thou'rt rested,
Where good, watch the angels keep.

A remedy found in the archives

Cough Syrup — Doctor Kent of Waitsfield

4 Tablespoons vinegar
4 Tablespoons molasses
4 Tablespoons maple syrup

Mix together and heat. Put in bottle and keep warm. Take 1 teaspoon every hour or half hour.
Also, heat vinegar in covered dish and breathe the steam.

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