

Under the Hump

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 10th Picnic Meeting—Noon
South Duxbury Church
- Bring your recipes and photos for the Cookbook to the August Meeting
- November 11th Meeting—Crossett Brook School



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER?



Last Issue
Wade Morse

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

PLANT SALE

The plant sale was held again this year and we had many return customers that were pleased with their plants. We added a few new customers as well and are in hopes of building the fund raiser by adding new customers each year. We raised about \$850 to add to the general fund. We just missed the next quantity level price break so hopefully we will add to our sales and meet it next year for an even larger profit.

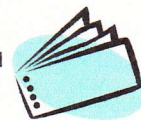
Many thanks to all the folks that came to sort plants and make deliveries. All the plants were quickly dispatched to the customers is less than twelve hours after they arrived in Duxbury in plenty of time for the Memorial Day weekend. Please forward any ideas or suggestions to make the sale next year more successful to Don Welch or Maureen Harvey.

COOKBOOK

It is time to get working on the next fundraiser which is the cookbook. Kelly Welch is organizing this project and is looking for recipes and photos. Once the recipes and photos are collected she will be pulling it together so that we will have a nice stocking stuffer to sell in the fall. Please bring your contributions to the picnic meeting or contact her directly at 244-5627.

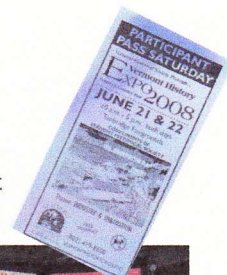
TICKET RAFFLE

The raffle ticket sale is still going on and will be continuing until November. The lucky winner will receive \$400 cash with the second prize of a Thanksgiving basket and a third prize of \$75 cash. Please bring any sold tickets to Mark Morse at the August meeting and if you need additional tickets to sell he will provide you with them there.



VERMONT HISTORY EXPO

Once again the Duxbury display at the History Expo at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds was well done and well received. The theme of the expo was **Industry and Innovation: Vermont Ingenuity**. Duxbury selected logging and lumber processing as our representative industry and titled the exhibit **Stump to Mill**. Christian Magnani graciously provided a painting depicting a sawmill at the turn of the century as the centerpiece of the display. The exhibit included a descriptions, maps and photos of the mills that were previously in operation. Photos from the Welch and Liberty sawmills and the Perry wood processing operation were compiled in a desktop book and were joined on the display table with log measures, ax head and wood product packaging. The complete exhibit will be on display at the picnic meeting for members to enjoy.



SUMMER PICNIC

The time has come for the summer picnic meeting. The meeting will be held at the South Duxbury Church on Sunday, August 10th at Noon. It will be a potluck lunch so members will need to bring a food item to share and a lawn chair if they would like to sit outside. The beverages and paper products will be provided.

There will be several displays set up in the church for the members to view during the picnic as the program for the day. The History Expo display will be set up as well as other displays from the Historical Society Archives. See you there—Rain or Shine.



MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS USED IN THIS ISSUE HAVE TYPOGRAPHIC ERRORS AND HAVE BEEN LEFT THAT WAY TO BE TRUE TO THE ORIGINAL

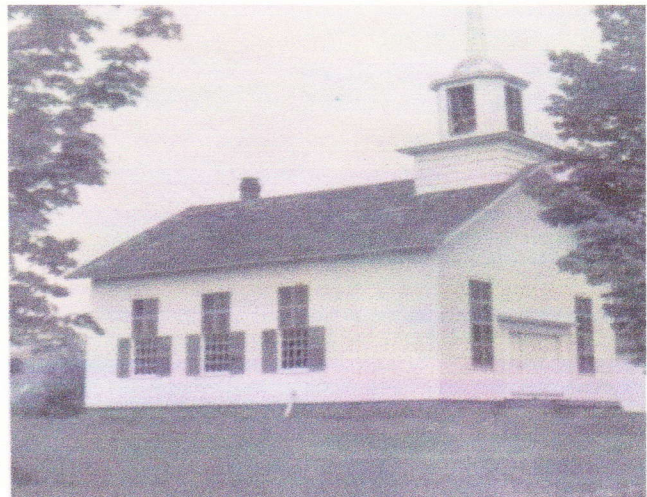
SOUTH DUXBURY CHURCH

The South Duxbury Church has long been a very important part of the Duxbury community and since we hold a meeting there every year it seemed only fitting to devote an issue to the church. Once again, the Alice DeLong archives prove to be a treasure trove of information. The following content is just a small portion of the information collected by Alice. Her material on the church from her archive will be on display at the picnic meeting. The following is a history written by Alice that was being placed in the newspapers as they embarked on fundraising efforts to repair the steeple in 1957.

Its history is interesting. Dating back to 1806, 14 years after Duxbury was organized as a town, are records of religious services held in the South Duxbury school house. As the community grew the schoolhouse became inadequate as a place of worship. Dec. 28, 1854, at 6 p.m., the people met and formed an association called "The First Union Society of the Town of Duxbury." At this meeting the third item on their agenda was "to elect a building committee to build a meeting house and to contract for the same." It was to be called a Union House, which was "to be occupied by each Denomination according to the amount by them paid." Six denominations are listed with the amount each member was to pay. Two paid in land, one paid in shingles (\$3.00), and one paid in lumber. Seven men gave money to be for benefit of all denominations.

At the meeting of October 16 the following report was made: "Your committee elected to suppretend and contract for building a Meeting House in Said Town, have examined Said House built by in Samuel C. Turner and Say Said House is built according to contract and we the Committee Respectfully ask the Society accept our report." Committees were chosen for dedication arrangements (one man for each denomination), "to divide House," and "to appraise Pews."

The slavery question came up. March 1, 1855 we find this entry made in the records; "Philemon Ashley, moderator, resolved not to have fellowship with slavery nor to invite slaveholding ministers to preach nor those who apologize for slavery nor sustain them nor to fellowship proslavery churches nor those ministers who are connected with proslavery associations."



THE CHURCH AS IT APPEARED IN
1957

PHOTO BY GURDON MERCHANT

But this resolution brought on unforeseen problems for the new church. September, 1866 a meeting was held to rescind the resolution above. It seems "no minister was freenough from Slavery" and that the members had "closed the dore Sotite" that "we could not enjoy a communion Season."

Money came hard then, too, for we find about a year later they met to decide how to pay the \$171.00 still due Samuel Turner, the builder. Six members took unsold slips and paid the amount.

OLD HOME DAYS

Old Home Days were a part of early Duxbury History for many years. They were usually held over a two day period and included fun events for young and old. Old Home Days were suspended in 1933 and were resurrected in 1957 as a fund raiser for the church repairs. The article was submitted by Alice to the local newspapers and one account actually ran with an additional incorrect subheading of NEWLYWEDS ARE HONORED AT SOUTH DUXBURY HALL and proceeded to elaborate on the Lamery-Hastings wedding. The version that Alice submitted was published in the Barre Times Argus as follows:

Old Home Days To Be Revived At So, Duxbury

Two-Day Celebration Slated Aug. 17-18;
Last Held In 1933

Proceeds To Benefit Old Church Program

SOUTH DUXBURY — Final plans have been made for the two-day celebration that has been planned to help repair and restore the old South Duxbury I church. The chairmen of the various committees met with the standing committee of that church to iron out all the details.

Old Home Days, last held in 1933, is to be revived, with fun for young and old. The dates were set for Aug. 17 and 18. The fun is to take place Saturday: pony rides, play area for the younger children, doll contest, pie contest, music, majorettes, horse shoe tournament, ball game for the younger boys, supper, and a what-have-you auction. On Sunday there will be special commemorative services which will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The play space for the children is to be set up on the north end of the church grounds where there will be sand to play in, seesaw's, balls, and other toys. Ponies will be the main attraction there, and rides will be available all day. Mrs. Myrtle Cameron, Mrs. Florence Sherman, and Eldon DeLong are co-chairmen of the playground committee.

Mrs. Francis Wilder is chairman of the playground committee. Three classes of entries were decided upon. The tots through grade four will be classified as class one; those in grade five through grade eight, class two; and those in high school, class three. Any boy or girl anywhere who wishes to enter may do so, but doll must be in a setting, having some kind of costume of any material that the contestant desires to use. A person may make as many entries as he or she wishes and have as many dolls in each entry scene as desired, but contestants must get their dolls there early in the day as the public is to act as the judges.

The pie contest is to have three classes, too: two-crust, soft, and fancy pies, with three prizes for each class. The judges are to be three men who will be announced at a later date. This contest is open to anyone anywhere who cares to enter, and pies are to be judged by taste test only! It was decided to close this contest at 4 p.m., as the pies will be

needed for the supper at 5:30. Mrs. Donald Merchant is chairman of the pie contest committee.

Francis Wilder is chairman of the boys' ball game committee. For the old-fashioned horseshoe tournament two players will constitute a team and it was decided to invite these organizations to participate: Masons of Waitsfield and Waterbury, and the Odd Fellows and American Legionnaires of the same towns; and the Dillingham and Mad River Grange of Duxbury and Moretown respectively. These teams are to play off for the final winning team. Each winning lodge will receive a trophy and the final winners are to receive a trophy for which they must compete next year. The chairman of this committee is Donald Merchant, who will organize, and setup the games.

David Patterson volunteered his services as auctioneer. Kenneth Griffith is the chairman of the What-Have-You auction committee, and it is hoped that enough 1 second-hand things can be collected to make an auction worthwhile.

Mrs. Marion Wallis is to act as hostess of the antique show, which is to be comprised of small items such as would have been in use about the time that the church was built or has some story that connects them with the history of South Duxbury. Again anyone who has such is invited to participate if the items are clearly marked with name and pertinent information.

An assortment of articles is to be on display all day at a so-called handwork table. There will be the Duxbury quilt which is the work of the women of that town, hand-made things, candy, honey, stationery, and other articles. Mrs. Phyllis Dunn, Mrs. Greta Berno, and Mrs. Gladys Sherman are on this committee and will have these items for sale.

Harold Grout will act as master of ceremonies. He was a native of Duxbury before moving to Waterbury, his present home, and he is still very much interested in Duxbury. Mr. Grout is better known perhaps as "Cousin Harold, the Hired Hand" on WDEV radio station, where he does the early morning program.

George Griffith has given the church committee the use of a large field in back of the church and hall, so there will be ample space for the games and to park cars.

Mrs. Arlene Sherman has charge of the majorettes and the music. Guest book hostess will be Mrs. Grace Bruce. Mrs. Maud Griffin is organizing a women's horseshoe game. Clifford Carlson is to sell cold drinks.

Others who are taking part: Sylvester Vigilante who will be umpire of the boys' ball game; Mr. Degen who is to be one of the scorers for the horseshoe tournament; Jack MacGee who will direct car parking; and Mrs. Joyce Holder who is to be hostess of the scrapbooks table.

The second scorer of the tournament and a collector of auction items will be announced later.



FOUNDING FATHERS

IDAY, AUGUST 16, 1957

Records Reveal Names Of Those Who Help Build 102-Year-Old South Duxbury Church

SOUTH DUXBURY — The old records of the South Duxbury church have revealed such names as: John C. Towle, Philo Towle, Edward and Aaron Strong, Joseph P. Davis, David Griffith, Sam B. Atherton, S. D. Thompson, Park Avery, John Belding, E. W. Andrews, Peter Drew, C. H. Marshall, Hiram S. Cummings, B. M. Munson (also Miller Munson) and Rueben Munson, Earl Ward, William Miner, Alford Shonio, Charles W. Kellogg, George, Samuel, and Harriet Turner, Welthe Marshall (and C. H. Marshall), Abel Gillet, Benjamin Adams, Rufus Class, and Ira Ashley.

They were residents in South Duxbury in the 1850's and all had

a part in building the 102-year old church in that place. An old map that has been donated to the standing committee of the church shows where each person lived at that time. A good number of the places and farms have long since become forest area leaving no trace of human habitation.

As part of the Old Home Days celebration, Aug. 17 and 18, special commemorative services are to be held in the church at South Duxbury at 10:30 a.m. Any descendants of the founders of the church are invited by the committee to sit in a body that day.

The Samuel Turner in the list was the one who contracted to build the present church which he

did in 1855. By an odd twist of fate, it has been found that the man, Cecil Percy, hired to do the present repairing and restoring of the church is a great-great grandson of the original builder.

Arnold and Alan Turner, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turner of Middlesex, are to take part in the Sunday service. They will take a wreath to the so-called Old Cemetery in South Duxbury and place it on the grave of Samuel Turner who is buried there, as are several of the others who are in the above list. Arnold and Alan are great-great grandsons of Samuel Turner.

FROM THE SCRAPBOOK CREATED TO COMMEMORATE THE 1957 RENOVATION COMPLETE WITH WALLPAPER EMBELLISHMENTS TO DECORATE THE PAGE

NE 4-2641
LY INSURED

SMOKE STACKS
FLAG POLES

Cecil Percy, Jr.

STEEPLE BUILDER

Box 125 — WATERBURY, VERMONT

July 15 1957

Agreement to rebuild steeple on South Duxbury Church.

I Cecil Percy Jr. do agree to rebuild the steeple on the South Duxbury Church from the top of the belfrey up in the same design as the present structure for the sum of \$1200.00 Twelve hundred dollars.

REPAIR CONTRACT
FOR RENOVATING THE
STEEPLE

Contractor

Signed

Church

Signed

Cecil Percy Jr.
A. A. Merchant
F. M. Dunn
M. H. Berns
Alice B. DeLong

ANNUAL REPORTS

The archive has mentions from several sources that are transcribed to a notebook and categorized year by year. These are the passages from the period where it was decided to merge the Moretown and Duxbury congregations.

1835

Duxbury: The Rev. L.S. French has preached in this place one-fourth of the time during the year embraced in this report. The church is very small and feeble. The year has passed without any essential change in the state or prospects of the church. Appropriation, \$25.00

From reports of "Vt. Domestic Missionary Society"

The year ended Aug. 1st

L.S. French (Stated Supplies) was the minister list as serving Warren, Fayston, Moretown and Duxbury

It was reported that -

3 were admitted to the church in Duxbury by profession

0 had been dismissed from the church in Duxbury

0 death had occurred in the Duxbury "church"

And that there were 13 "at present" who were the whole number of members in the town who were Congregationalist

The increase in members was reported as 3.

From reports of "Vt. Domestic Missionary Society"

Moretown, Dec. 29

The congregational churches of Duxbury and Moretown met on that date at the home of Deacon Benton in Moretown.

Purpose was to disorganize the two churches (Duxbury & Moretown) and unite in a newly organized church.

Rev, Samuel G. Tenny of Waitsfield was moderator:

Rev. Lyndon S. French, a missionary commissioned by the Vt. Domestic Missionary Society to labor in Moretown and Fayston was scribe.

Voted:

Moretown church seemed not to be prepared for the new organization.

Each church was to separately vote on the proposition. To meet at the same place on the 18th of January 1836.

South Duxbury Church Records, Page 1

1836

Moretown, January 18th

The Congregational Churches of Moretown and Duxbury met at the home of Deacon Benton.

Voted to disorganize the two churches and form the new church.

Moderator called on those present from the two old churches to come forward to unite with the new church.

These came forward:

From Moretown

Nathan Benton & his wife Eunice

Abram Spafford & his wife Sarah

Harvey Spaulding & his wife Mary

From Duxbury

Rueben Munson & his wife Mary

Earl Ward

Mrs. Fanny Avery

Articles of Faith & Covenant were given; also Temperance rule.

Officers of the new church:

Harvey Spaulding of Moretown, Deacon & Clerk

Earl Ward of Duxbury, another Deacon (He felt himself unqualified for such duties; voted to delay his appointment in hopes that we would accept the office.)

South Duxbury Church Records

June 10, 1836

A communion season

These joined the church:

Anna Carpenter

Nancy Freeman

Lucy Spaulding

From Old Moretown Church

Elizabeth Ward—From Old Duxbury Church

Selinda Wells—From Fayston Church

Harvey Spaulding, Clerk

South Duxbury Church Records

June 24th

Harvey Spaulding & wife Mary transferred to the free Church in Montpelier.

Ruben Munson, Clerk

August 4th

Joined the Church:

Deborah Griffith—Old Duxbury Church

Rhoda Carpenter & Rachel Freeman—by Letter

A TOUCH OF SCANDAL

FROM THE CHURCH
JOURNAL OF
NOVEMBER 5TH, 1844

Orlana Johnson was separated from the church, having attended balls, nightly assemblies, and practiced unchristian conduct.

Brother Earl Ward "labored" with her at the meeting, as did Brother Philemon Ashley and the pastor.

Then matter was laid before the church and after adjourning from time to time to give space for repentance, it was passed unanimously.

TOWN FOLKLORE

Dr. Gould, an uncle of the Butler children, came to visit them often at their home on Turner Hill. He made his own medicine and went about peddling it. Those mothers not in the full confidence of their husbands would say to their ailing youngsters, "What you need is some of Dr. Gould's medicine." The innocents made the same statements to their ailing loved ones. The worldly neighbors and more regular patrons said the same thing—but with a decided glint in the eye! Dr. Gould's medicine was at least 90% whiskey.

Now the Butlers were pious, quiet, soft spoken family. They were meek, kindly and straight laced. When the elder of the Butler sons, Arthur, caught onto the secret of his uncle's elixir, he related his find to his sister Mary. She threw her hands in the air and exclaimed in disbelieving horror, "Oh no! Not our Uncle!

From Mrs. Glencora Kellogg & Harry Backus
(Mrs. Kellogg didn't know of the whiskey content)

LIGHTNING STRIKES

July 16, 1962

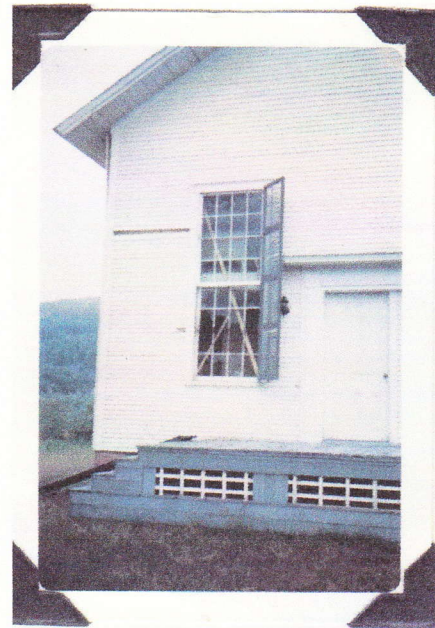
S.Duxbury Church Hit By Lightning,
Being Repaired

SOUTH DUXBURY—The standing committee of the South Duxbury Church and the church clerk met recently to determine its course of action following the lightning damage done to that church early Monday morning.

The insurance adjuster, a carpenter, a plasterer and electrician had met earlier in the day with the clerk and the chairman of the committee. A figure of \$466.50 was arrived at. It included labor, materials and damage.

It was decided to let Arnold Clark, a carpenter who is working on a nearby house, do the job of repairing and cleaning up. Already the plasterer has completed the plaster work, and the repapering part can be done in a few days. As much of the original papering as possible will be kept, and if that paper can't be matched, a paper as nearly like it as possible will be used.

The electrical fixtures are being replaced. The meter box which was "frozen" by the lightning has been replaced by the company.



L I G H T N I N G S T R I K E S

July 13, 1962

Just One Bolt!

Thunder Showers Visit Duxbury; Lightning Affects Church, Homes

DUXBURY — Monday's thunder showers left their marks here.

The South Duxbury Church was struck about 8 p.m., damaging the south east corner of the church.

The window in that area was ruined, electrical fixtures were burnt and blown out, lath and plaster torn off, and clapboards and boards loosened.

The steeple, restored in 1957, was unaffected as was the roof.

The adjoining church hall had only a fuse box blown to pieces and a light bulb burnt.

It was estimated it would cost nearly \$500 to repair the lightning damage.

Last year the church was reactivated for the summer.

Church services were tried on alternating evenings. This proved satisfactory, and the same set-up was resumed this year.



The old kerosene lamps were electrified, the project being started last summer and finished in time to be used at the last church service two weeks ago. Quite extensive damage was done to this new wiring and fixtures.

It is expected that the service planned for Sunday evening, July 15, at 7 p.m. will be held as usual.

Several nearby houses were

affected by the same bolt of lightning that hit the South Duxbury Church. The Tallman residence had damage done to the bathroom. The medicine cabinet was emptied of its contents and a small fire started.



The Raymond Connors, who had carpenters working on a new wing to their home, had a blue ball of fire roll through that part of the house.



It rolled along the carpenter's arms, leaving him with tingling fingers.

The Connors' house is across the Dowsville Road from the church. Others who live near the church reported ringing phones, kitchen appliances that snapped, and other such phenomena.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Refrigerator Donated
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Connors
donated a refrigerator to the
South Duxbury Church and it has
been moved to the church hall.
The gas stove donated by Mrs.
Dorothy Bisbee has been set up
and made ready for use. Cliff
Carlson, James Dalley Sr., Al-
bert Lavanway Jr. and Eldon De-
Long did the work.

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Nov. 14, 1961

Graniteville Vt

June 21-61

Mrs Alice De Long

Marctown

My Dear Mrs DeLong

Last week over W.D. & V. Station

I heard you were enquiring
for a stove for your Church.

I have a Brown Circulating Heater
(no blower) with a double A.B.C.-oil
Burner in. we heated four rooms
with in extreme cold weather it used
2 gallon oil for 10 hours. Now if this
is anything you can use you can
have it free only to come after it.

I live in Lower Graniteville four
miles from Barre on the road going up
to Rock of Ages quarry. The 1st street
Cassie St after you come by the
School House 2nd House on the right
my Tele is 6-5365 Barre

Very Sincerely

Christy B. Smith

AUGUST 11, 1963

Mrs. Harry Backus, the former Beth Bisbee, lived all her active married life in South Duxbury. The local church became very dear to her heart. In her later life, she wondered if, in her words, "...instead of flowers at my funeral, would it help the church any if money went for something for the church?" Recalling her words, the children of Mrs. Backus used the money given in the community at the time of her death for the following.

A Sterling Silver bowl to be used for baptisms

A hymn board and letters and numbers for same

A matching board with small shelf and cross for same.



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Silverware Box Made For Church In South Duxbury

SOUTH DUXBURY—A wooden box to hold the silverware at the church hall has been made and donated by Roy Russell of Montpelier. It has a lid and partitions for the various kinds of silver. Previously, the silver had been stored in a large cardboard box.

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Clipping date
Sept. 7, 1967

June 22, 1961

Waterbury Church Gives Organ To Duxbury Parish

SOUTH DUXBURY—A pump organ, the reed parlor type, was given the local church by the Waterbury Congregational Church. It was moved Thursday evening by Cliff Carlson, Eldon DeLong, Muri Berno and Albert Lavanway Jr.

The went for th
organ. June 22
1961

South Duxbury Church Given Swiss Cabinet

SOUTH DUXBURY — A corner cabinet from Geneva, Switzerland has been dedicated for use in the South Duxbury Church.

It was made by Werner Hofmann in memory of his son, Peter, who is buried in the nearby cemetery, and is designed to hold the baptismal bowl, communion set, and linens, all formerly kept in the home of one of the church members.

The two doors have identical inlaid work of lighter wood with the design suggestive of a cathedral window outline.

Mrs. Alice DeLong represented the family donating the article, while Clifford Carlson, clerk of the church, accepted it as a memorial gift. Miss Marquita Pebbles conducted the dedication service in conjunction with her regular service.

The Hofmann family owned a summer home in Dowsville, the former Freeman home, for several years. They now reside in Geneva, Switzerland.

clipping date -
July 17, 1967

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						Alice DeLong	

MINISTERS SERVING THE CHURCH

DUXBURY

Town
Organized Mar. 26, 1792.

Population, 1800, 153; 1850, 845; 1910, 648; 1940, 554.

A church organization as early as 1806 appears in the Minutes until organization of present church, Dec. 29, 1835.

Lyndon S. French	Sept. 1834	Sept. 1837
Louis D. Pomeroy	Sept. 1843	Sept. 1845
(C.S. Buswell, M.E.)	Apr. 1876	Apr. 1878
(Charles A. Smith, M.E.)	Apr. 1878	Apr. 1880
(Selden B. Currier, M.E.)	Apr. 1880	Apr. 1883
(Ephraim H. Bartlett, M.E.)	Apr. 1883	Apr. 1886
(William H. Dean, M.E.)	Apr. 1886	Apr. 1889
(Harvey Webster, M.E.)	Apr. 1889	Apr. 1893
(Seymour C. Vail, M.E.)	May 1893	Apr. 1896
(Chauncey S. Hulbert, M.E.)	Apr. 1896	Apr. 1900
(David C. Thatcher, M.E.)	Apr. 1900	Apr. 1901
(George A. Emery, M.E.)	Apr. 1901	Apr. 1902
(Oscar B. Wells, M.E.)	Apr. 1902	Apr. 1905
(William N. Roberts, M.E.)	Apr. 1905	Apr. 1908
William A. Remele	Jan. 1910	Jan. 1913
(Arthur A. Mandige, M.E.)	Apr. 1913	Apr. 1917
(Albert Abbott, M.E.)	Apr. 1917	Apr. 1920
(Josiah H. Hall, M.E.)	Apr. 1920	Oct. 1920
(J. Cross Gray, M.E.)	Oct. 1920	Apr. 1921
(Fred M. Sellers, M.E.)	Apr. 1921	Apr. 1924
(Joel M. Manning, M.E.)	May 1924	Apr. 1925
Roy F. Gamble, M.E.	May 1925	Feb. 1927
(Richard D. Leonard, M.E.)	Feb. 1927	Apr. 1929
Henry J. Chandler	May 1929	Dec. 1933
(Arthur W. Hewitt, M.E.)	Dec. 1933	June 1936
(Harold W. Hewitt, M.E.)	June 1936	Nov. 1937
(Oliver C. Northcott, Meth.)	Dec. 1937	Nov. 1940
(Charles I. Latimer, Meth.)	Nov. 1940	About '45
Herbert R. Campbell, Meth	About '45 ---	
* Daniel Strickland (Cong'l)	About '48 ---	
Melville C. Mays (Cong'l)	1951	

~~Not many were served in Duxbury~~
Some calling and perhaps
very occasional services.

Repairs (of wiring) under Mr. Strickland's leadership)

*This list supplied by Vt.
Congregational Conference.
(Doesn't agree with our record.)*

MINISTERS SERVING THE CHURCH

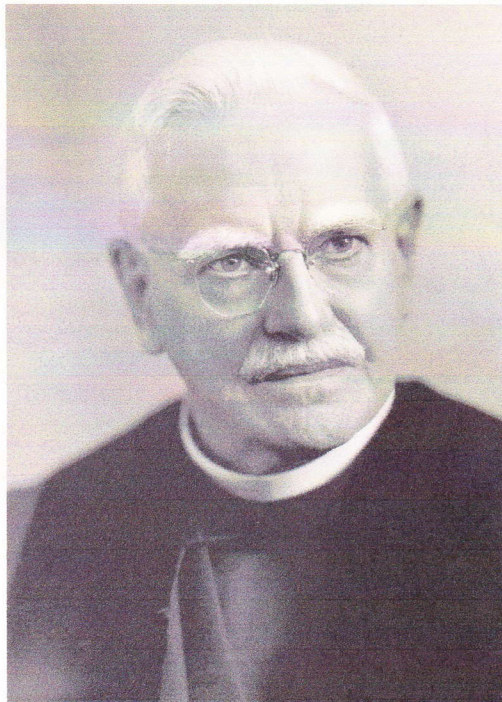
Rev. Henry Chandler

SOUTH DUXBURY — The Rev. Henry J. Chandler died about three weeks ago in Falmouth, Mass. He was over 50 when he started to preach in rural Vermont areas.

Born in London, England, he wanted to enter church work, but was influenced to become a mechanical engineer. In 1903 he went to Lynn, Mass., where he was, for many years, with the General Electric Co. In 1929 he came to the Moretown-South Duxbury parish where he served as a licensed preacher. At the age of 59 in November, 1933 he was ordained in an unusual ceremony in the little South Duxbury Church with two of his sons participating in the ceremony, the Rev. Edgar H. S. Chandler and the Rev. Alex Chandler.

From here he went to Candia, N. H. As long as his health allowed he visited the parish in Vermont. **6-12-1964**

(Date of clipping)



**REV. HENRY J. CHANDLER
SERVED THE CHURCH FROM
MAY 1929-DEC 1933**

MORETOWN

STRICKLAND, The Rev. Daniel Walter, died Dec. 18 in Fort Myers, Fla. The son of Silas and Eliza Steele Strickland, he was born in Haverstraw, N.Y., July 11, 1891.

Mr. Strickland graduated from Yale Divinity School and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Northland College, Ashland, Wis. He was a Connecticut state senator in 1927-1928. He served as pastor of the Congregational Church, New Haven, Conn., the Congregational Church, Shelton, Conn., Foxon Congregational Church, East Haven, Conn., Waitsfield Federated Church, Waitsfield, Franklin Federated Church, Franklin, and the Community Congregational Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Strickland received the Croix de Guerre Divinity from John J. Pershing, personally, two citations of the Distinguished Service Cross, and the Purple Heart. He was a German prisoner of war for six months and was also a veteran of the Mexican Border dispute in 1916. He retired from the U.S. Army as a captain.

He was national chaplain of the Yankee Division Veterans Association of Boston, Mass., a member of Mad River Post 75 of the American Legion, Waitsfield, and a member and chaplain of Rabe O. Wilkison Post 38 of the American Legion, Fort Myers, Fla. He was author of the book "Connecticut Fight"—Story of the 102nd Regiment.

He is survived by his wife; Mrs. Olive Strickland, three daughters, Mrs. Wilmer (Audrey) White, Fort Myers, Fla., Mrs. Robert (Flora) Fulton, Schenectady, N.Y., and Mrs. Barry (Elizabeth) Bins, Sarasota, Fla.; three brothers, Silas, of Detroit, Mich.; Thomas, of Moline, Ill.; and Royce, of New Haven, Conn.; three sisters, Mrs. Emil Strauff, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Omer Shalton, New Haven, Conn.; and Mrs. William Hertz, Stratford, Conn.; also by 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 20 at the Community Congregational Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

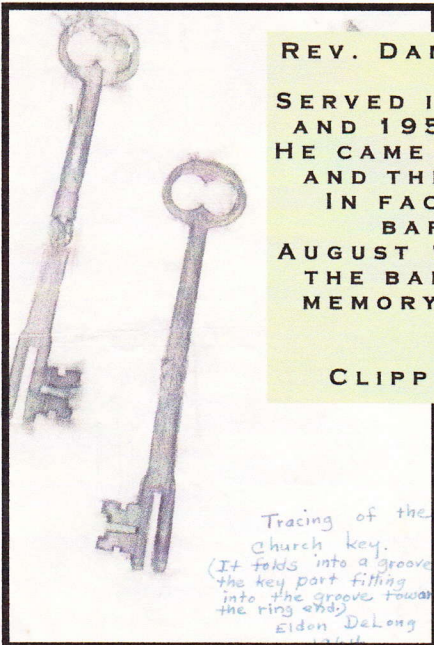
Burial will be in the spring in the family lot in Moretown.

REV. DANIEL WALTER STRICKLAND

SERVED IN CHURCH IN 1948, 1949 AND 1950 BUT NOT CONTINUALLY. HE CAME FOR BAPTISMS, FUNERALS AND THE LIKE UNTIL HIS DEATH.

IN FACT, HE OFFICIATED AT A BAPTISMAL SERVICE ON AUGUST 11, 1963, THE FIRST TIME THE BAPTISMAL BOWL, GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MRS. BETH BACKUS, WAS USED.

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HISTORY OF THE CHURCH BY ABIGAIL BUTLER

The following is a transcription of a document originally written by Mrs. Abigail Butler sometime between 1915 and 1922 relating to the history of the South Duxbury Congregational Church.

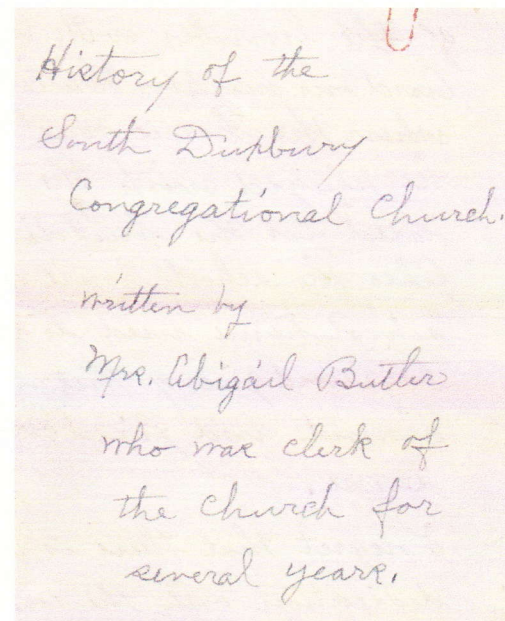
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Mrs. Abigail Butler was the clerk for the church for several years. She died in 1922.

Attached to Mrs. Butler's document was a short note with some background information regarding the formation of the South Duxbury Church. I believe Alice Delong was the author of this document. It reads:

A Congregational church was the first religious society organized in Moretown. The meeting for its organization was held in the first log schoolhouse. The schoolhouse + afterwards the town house at the village were used as places of worship. This church continued a separate organization until some time between 1836 + 1840, when the membership was so small that the church was dissolved and merged in the Congregational church in Duxbury. The Congre-

gational church is located in So. Duxbury. It was organized by Samuel G. Tenney, Jan. 18, 1836 with only nine members. The first pastor was Lyndon S. French. They erected their first meeting-house, of wood, in 1855 at a cost of \$1000.



*History of the
South Duxbury
Congregational Church.
written by
Mrs. Abigail Butler
who was clerk of
the church for
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History of the So. Duxbury Congregational Church

I wish I might present to you a vivid account of the trials and sacrifices of the early sellers [settlers] of these beautiful hills and valleys. How they left their homes and loved ones in other states to find new homes in a strange country.

Traveling on horseback - not much like the mode of travel to day [today] - for days before they would reach any settlement.

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When we climb these hills and all their beauty we feel like thanking our God it was our forfathers [forefathers] that settled here.

Then the building of homes and preparing for the loved ones.

The dangers they had to encounter from wild beasts.

All this in the founding of this little community.

Then the coming of the loved ones; the long travel and the anxiety.

But, you say what had all this to do with the early history of this church.

I think, every thing [everything]: it is the trials, saccrifacis, [sacrifices] work and prayer that is the foundation of every worth while [worthwhile] organization.

School houses were built, and in them were held religious meetings. (As the community grew the school house was inadequate as a place to worship.) [Mrs. Butler wished to remove the previous sentence from her document and had written the word "omit" over it.]

I find in, The Congregational churches of Vt. and their ministry, this item Duxbury Organized 1792.

A church organization, as early as 1806 appears in the minutes until the organization of the present church Dec 29, 1835.

The pastor Lyndon S. French serving from Sept 1834 to Sept 1837. The meetings were

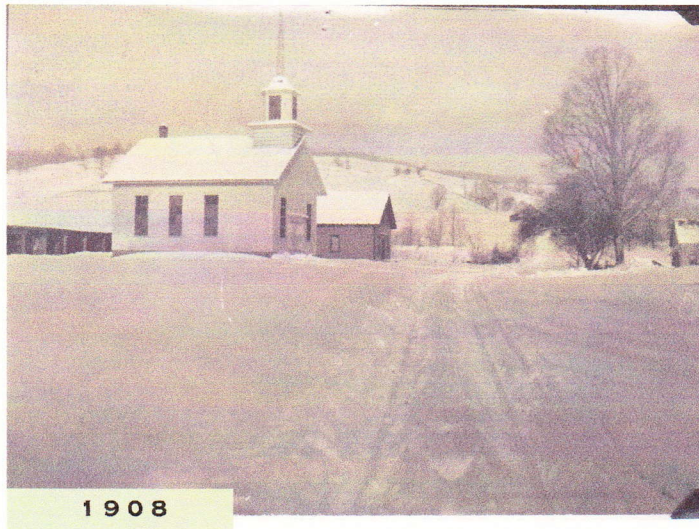
contiued to be held in the school house untill [until] becoming in-ade-quate in 1854 Dec 28 the people met and formed an association called the first Union so-ciety of the Town of Dux-bury.

After the meeting of Dec 28 1854 we find the fol-lowing notice: -Duxbury

Feb. 23^d 1855. The members of The first Un-ion Society in the town of Duxbury are here by notified to meet at the school house in dis-trict no. three in Said town on Thursday March 1st 1855 a1 6 o'clock PM for the fol-lowing purposes to wit: 1st to chose [choose] a moderator 2nd to elect a clerk as need be and all other officers required in this society.

3^d to elect nessary [necessary] officers for a building committee to build a meeting hous< and to contract for building the same. Signed Park Avery, Hiram Comings, Bethuel Munson. March 1st the society met chose officers and instructed committee to get but-ternut for pews.

The next meeting was called for Oct 6 at which meeting they voted to accept the



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TAKEN DURING THE 1913-1914
SCHOOL
NOTE THE HALL:
FRONT DOOR IS IN THE MIDDLE
AND TWO WINDOWS IN THE FRONT

house. The full report as written by the committee might be interesting to note here:

Duxbury Vt Oct 6 1855

Your committee elected to Superintend and contract for building a Meeting House in

Said town, have exaimed [examined] Said House built by Samuel L. Turner and say,

Said House is built according to contract and we your committee Respectfully ask the

Society to accept our report. Committee Hiram S. Comings, Charles W. Kellogg.

Voted to accept the report.

Committee of arraignment [arrangement] for Dedication - Earl Ward Con.

[Congregationalist], S C Turner P.M. [Protestant Methodist], Sam Turner E.M.

[Episcopal Methodist], Abel Gillet Baptist, J E Towle Adv.[Adventist], John Belding Universalist.

A committee was appointed to appraise the pews, also to divide the house.

Each seperate [separate] denomination to occupy the meeting house according to what the denomination had paid.

Jan 12 1856 they met and chose a committee to examine the finances of the society.

Here we find the following parties taking the unsold slips and paying the following sums

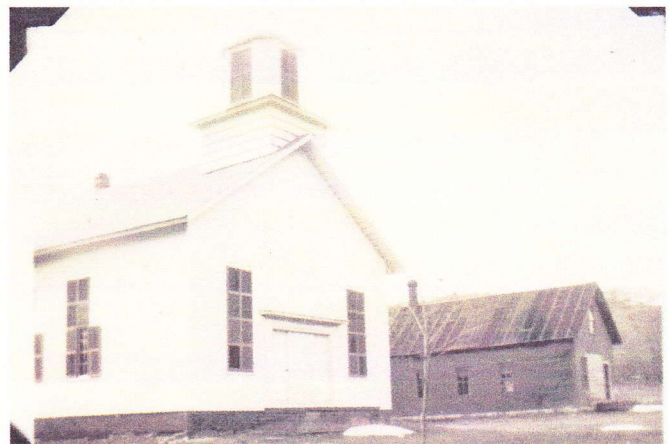
respectfully G. W. Turner \$30, C.W. Kellogg \$20, Hiram Comings \$12, Earl Ward \$30,

Miller Munson \$12.83, S. C. Turner \$26.27.

Jan. 29th 1859 Met and voted to exclude all meetings and assemblies except those of a moral or religious character.

Voted to chose [choose] Elnathan Andrews to superend [superintend] the meeting house.

There is no record of any more meetings again until 1872 when on Mar 26 a meeting is



TAKEN IN THE EARLY 1930'S IN
THE SPRING

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noted and Charles Kellogg is elected Moderator, Park Avery Clerk, H O Ward Col. [Collector], William E Ward Treas.

May 15 1872 a meeting was held and voted to raise 37 cents on the dollar of the appraisal of the pews For repairs.

This is the last record in the old Clerks book.

The [church] took on a new lease of life in 1904 when Rev. O.B. Wells and Mrs. C A Lasher held meetings and adopted by laws [bylaws].

Special meeting were held in Nov. 1909 by Rev. J.B. Sargent of Northfield, on Nov. 16,

4 persons united with the church as a result of those meetings. Nov. 30 1897 the Ladies of the church organized a Society call [called] the Dorca Union the object to meet and sew for the poor and through them much good has been accomplished.

In June 1911 The County association of Congregational churches met here.

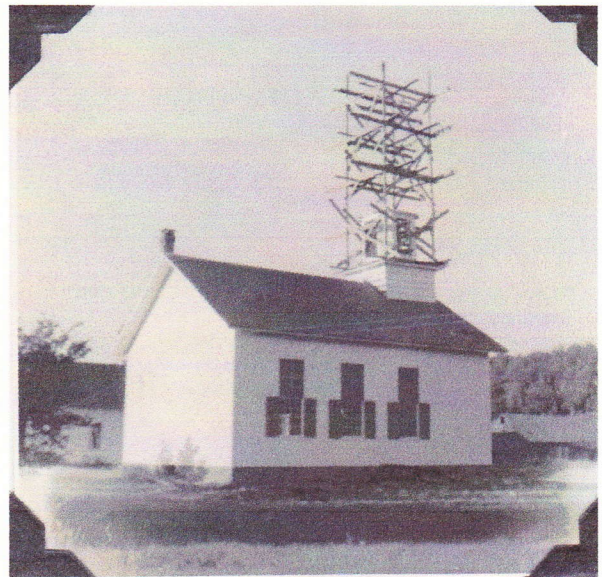
Four years ago a missionary society was organized to work for Missions both Home and Foreign.

A few years ago the steeple was repaired, the weathervane straightened and gilded.

This brings us to the present time and I will leave it to you to see for your selves the wonderful work done by our present, and we hope our future pastor, in repairing the church this summer.

Just a few of the old day reminiscences [reminiscences] when the church was being

built. Our brother Asa Corliss and by the way the oldest member in the church, tells us his father saved some of the lumber with which this house was built. And our neighbor Harley Turner remembers well when the house was built for as a boy of 10 he played with the brick which was to be used for the building.



Also the school house mentioned is the same school house used to day [today] and attended by the boys and girls of this district it has been turned around and fixed over somewhat but still the same.

I regret that there is no mention of the first dedication only the committee on arraigmem [arrangement] of it.

We hope and trust and pray that God will bless us in the future as He has our forefathers in the past. No [Not] in dollars and cents but it is the spiritual blessing we need.

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