

# Under the Hump

## SOCIETY BUSINESS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 8 meeting  
at South Duxbury  
Church, noon

- Please bring a dish to share and your own lawn chair. Plates, utensils, and beverages will be supplied.

Join us at our annual potluck picnic on Sunday, August 8, at the South Duxbury Church. Lunch will begin at noon in the Sunshine Hall (next to the church) followed by a short business meeting. Please bring a dish to share and your own lawn chair. Plates, utensils, and beverages will be supplied.

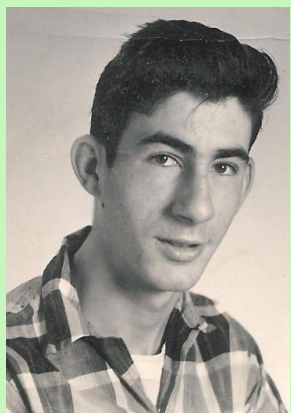
Our program will then move into the church featuring an abbreviated reenactment of the 1957 dedication service which followed the last time this church's steeple was replaced.

This 2009 photo shows the Southgate Construction Company replacing the steeple on the South Duxbury Church.

Photo courtesy of Gordon Wood.



### CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS SOCIETY MEMBER?



### Last Issue's Photo: Morse Sugarhouse

This sugarhouse was built circa 1961 by the Willis H. Morse family on Crossett Hill. It was used to provide supplemental farm income until the farm was sold in 1966. It was never used again and fell into disrepair.

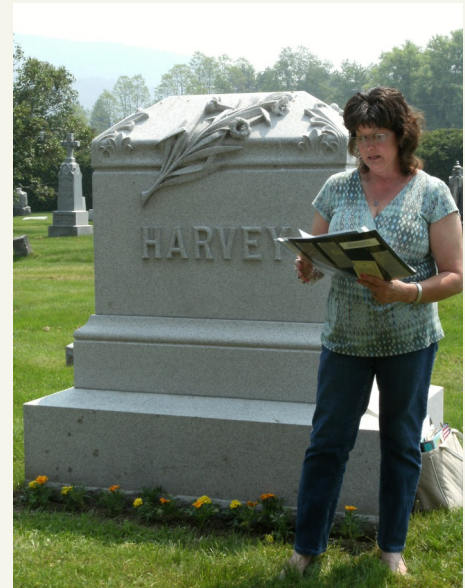


## GHOST WALK



Tom Beardsley portraying  
Father John Galligan  
(Alison Magnani photo)

Holy Cross Cemetery was the location for the Memorial Day Ghost walk organized by Jan Gendreau and led by members of the American Legion Post 59 of Waterbury and Crossett Brook Middle School students. The event was sponsored by the Waterbury Historical Society and American Legion, Post 59. The Legion members held the service which was followed by the members of five families sharing stories of their forefathers. Among them: Father Galligan, first resident pastor of the Catholic Church; the Crossett family; Luther Morse, Civil War soldier; the Harvey family; and the Izor family.



Maureen Harvey speaking  
about David T. Harvey  
(Alison Magnani photo)



Mark Morse speaking about  
Luther Morse  
(Alison Magnani photo)



At left, Bob Arkley telling  
tales from Crossett Hill  
(Skip Flanders photo)



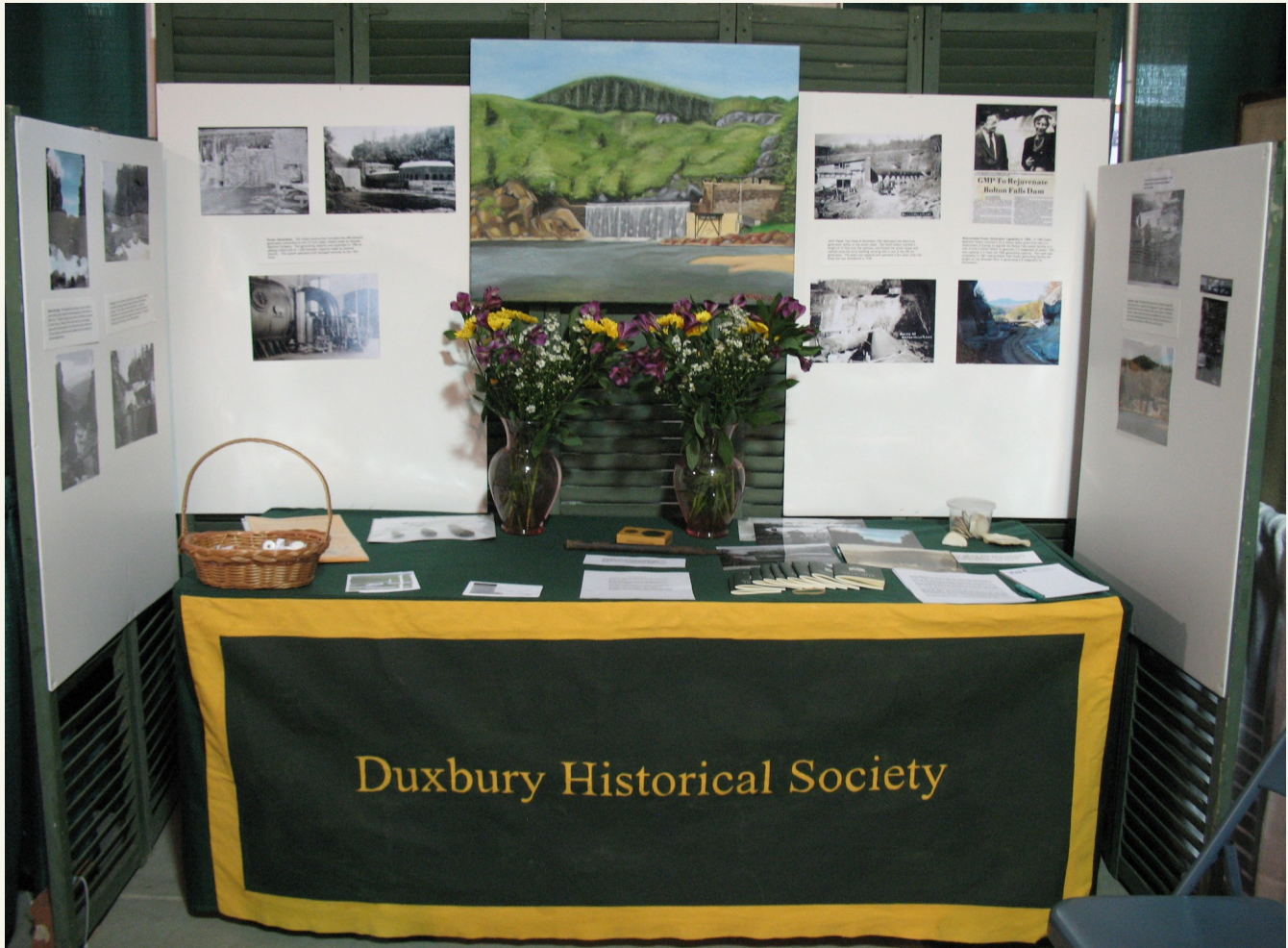
At right, Bob Coffin  
speaking about  
the Izor family  
(Alison Magnani photo)



## VERMONT HISTORY EXPO

The Vermont History Expo was held at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on June 26-27. The theme this year was "Back to the Land Again" and our exhibit was about the Bolton Falls Dam. We received a lot of positive feedback on our display. Thanks again to everyone for their time and contributions.

(Alison Magnani photos)



Myra Perry talking with a visitor



Two visitors enjoying our display



## WINOOSKI VALLEY FAIR



Photo courtesy of Skip Flanders

This photo shows some of the buildings and the race track used for the fair.

Information collected by Maureen Harvey & Skip Flanders

**H**ave you ever wondered how the Fairground apartments got their name? At the turn of the last century the land located in Moretown near the Duxbury line was the home of the Winoski Valley Fair which started in 1885. It was a three or four day event that took place in September.

Agricultural fairs existed in Vermont in the early 1800's but didn't start to flourish until after the 1850s when agricultural societies invested in permanent facilities. Fairs of the 19<sup>th</sup> century played an important part in rural life. During the 1840s, 50s and 60s farming structure was changing from a self-sufficient basis to a commercial one. Fairs provided information on new crops and machinery. They also showcased new or improved farming methods, implements and livestock breeds.

During that period Vermont changed from a predominately wool producing state that was known for their Merino sheep. Once the national protective tariff was reduced and then eliminated the price of wool dropped and farmers had to change their means of support. Dairying and sugar production increased during this period and the fair was instrumental in educating the farmers.

The fair was held in the fall to coincide with harvest time so that people could compete for premiums with the produce that they harvested. Many women would show off their sewing skills and their handiwork at the fair in the hopes of winning a premium. Competitions were also held for floral displays, and live animals in numerous categories.

The Winoski Valley Fair had horse racing and remnants of the track remained for many years after the last race was run. Racing was controversial because by its nature many believed it invited gambling and shady practices. Others felt that the competition would improve the speed of the horse and breed. Initially the speed trial was done as a horse trotted a timed loop.

These time trials quickly evolved into races. They were justified as necessary because a faster horse for transportation was considered essential.



Photo courtesy of Helen Eastman Utton &amp; Raymond Eastman

Fairgoers have a bird's-eye view when riding the Ferris wheel.

## WINOOSKI VALLEY FAIR

The Vermont Watchman published this report of the Winooski Valley Fair on September 26, 1888:

The valley was favored with one fair day and that was well improved. The society holding the fair at Waterbury can boast of having as food grounds as any other in the state in regard to beauty and other advantages of situation. The view from the grounds is always fine, whatever may be seen at the fair. That held last week was no exception to the general excellence of the Winooski Valley fairs. All departments contained good exhibits. The show of stock was the best ever made on the grounds.

### HORSES

Prominent among the equines, of which there were many fine specimens, were those exhibited by Fred Smith of Barre, headed by Mambrino Jet, descended from Mambrino Patchen through Mambrino Lance. With the jet horses were some of his colts, two fine three-year old drivers black as their sire, one from a Hambletonian and the other from a Reindeer mare. There were also three equally good five year olds from Clydesdale mares. The celebrated Auctioneer, with a number of his colts, as shown by Henry Town of Montpelier. B. Hennessey of Moretown made a good show of trotters and roadsters, among them Wild Irishman by Ward Lambert, Nellie Harvester, a brood mare with colt, and a one year old gelding. Other horses were a two year old stallion, a grandson of Auctioneer, shown by H.H. Chipman of Waitsfield; a fine three year old stallion, half Percheron and half Clydesdale, by W.G. White of Richmond; brood mares and colts by J.E. Flanagan, E.E. Foss of Duxbury and J.J. Nelson, and a two year old filly by McMillan Brothers of Duxbury. Among other registered horses in the stalls were Mountain Boy, shown by Dr. E.G. hooker,

Waterbury; Sherrywood, two years old, by L.R. Joslin, Waitsfield. Others not above noticed were Reindeer, shown by D.A. Gray, Duxbury; colts, one-year old, by Daniel Hopkins, Waterbury Center; two year old, and three year olds. L.R. Joslyn; four years old, A.J. Darling, Middlesex. In drivers and work-horses, M.O. Evans of Waterbury showed good horses.

Only two of the races were trotted, all subsequent to Wednesday being prevented by rain. On that day, in the two year old class, Dr. Hooker's stallion won in 3:29. In the 3:40 class, Ben Harrison, a promising five year old son of Wedgewood and a dam of Ethan Allen, was entered by L.D. Nute of Marshfield and driven by Henry Town of Montpelier; won in three straight heats; quickest time 2:36 1/5.

### CATTLE

Whatever may be said of the merits of Holstein cattle as a breed, the herd exhibited by H.H. Walling of Northfield and headed by the three year old bull, Lord Douglas, was a fine lot of registered stock. Dr. Walling also showed four grade Holstein heifers, a Jersey heifer registered, and three other specimens of this favorite stock. Holsteins were also shown as follows: A pair of one year old grade steers, good working oxen, by L.W. Knapp of Middlesex; a grade bull, weighing 1,105 pounds, and four grade calves, by A.J. Darling of Middlesex. Jerseys were also shown as follows: Two thoroughbred cows, and other stock by E.R. Town of Waterbury; two grade cows, A.A. Somerville of Duxbury; a one year old thoroughbred bull by Jesse Foster and a three year old by W.E. Guptil of Waterbury. Grades were shown by Allen Foster and H.E. Haseltine of Waterbury. A herd of Devons exhibited by Edwin House of Waitsfield was a leading feature of the cattle show. It consisted of two thoroughbred cows, two two-year-old heifers, two pairs of one-year-old registered Devons, and other young



A crowd visiting the midway. Note the tent at the left. The sign on the front reads: "Roving Sellar—The Old Reliable Palmist."



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stock, making in all thirteen head. Durhams and grades were well represented by the herd of Florence McCarthy of Waitsfield, who also showed two pairs of heavy three-year-old steers. A fine thoroughbred Durham bull was exhibited by David Harvey of Waterbury; grade calves by Nathaniel Somerville of Duxbury and J.E. Sheple of Waterbury; grade one-year-olds by Thomas Grandfield of Moretown. Working oxen were exhibited by Daniel Hopkins of Waterbury Center; a pair of calves, two months old, weighing 860 pounds, by Charles Carpenter of Waterbury; a pair of three-year-old steers weighing 2,800 pounds, by O.F. Watts, Waterbury; one pair of four-year-old grade Durhams, weighing 3,220 pounds and a pair of four-year-old Devons weighing 3,220 pounds and a pair of four-year-old Devons weighing 2,585 pounds by G.W. Randall, Waterbury.

bury; the Brown Leghorns by E.A. Cameron, Middlesex; a handsome pair of bronze turkeys by Thomas O'Brien, Duxbury; three fine ducks, by Birney Griffith, Moretown; two pairs of field ducks, fine specimens, by Jacob Foss of Duxbury; three pretty doves by Warren Moody, Waterbury. A live plump coon formed a peculiar annex to the poultry show.

### FLORAL HALL

In this department the show was literally choice. Clusters of C.C. Warren's grapes were tantalizing objects, protected as they were by a glass case. The exhibit of apples was extensive in variety and contained many fine specimens of fruit. O.W. Davis' exhibit of forty-five varieties made a fine display, prettily overhung with branches of crabs. Other who had creditable exhibits

were O.W. May, Joseph Atherton, Peter Bennett and John Parker. Good samples of butter were shown by E.R. Towne, Waterbury, C.T. Eddy, Waitsfield, Edwin Moody, O.W. May and Mr. Richards. Potatoes were headed by H.F. Smith's exhibit of seventeen varieties, chief among which was the prize Polaris. Fifteen of the latter mastodon potatoes filled a peck measure and weighed fifteen pounds. J.B. Hills showed a fine collection of thirteen varieties. Other exhibitors were J.A. Parker, J.E. Flanagan, Sanford Eddy and Allen Jewett. A.A. Lewis of Duxbury has a large collection of the fine vegetables. E.L. White and H.E.



Children enjoying a ride on the merry-go-round while others wait for their turn.

Photo courtesy of Helen Eastman Utton & Raymond Eastman

### SHEEP AND SWINE

In this department, a number of "sheep voted" and promised well for the wool and mutton industry of the valley-one that might perhaps be more largely followed and represented at the agricultural fairs. Noticeable exhibits were; middle wools, J.B. Hills, Middlesex, A.B. Shonio, Duxbury, W.E. Guptil; Cotswold, thoroughbred Thomas O'Brien; grade, David Harvey, W. H. Goodwin, D.C. Green. A few fine porkers were exhibited, whose appearance indicated that they would not much longer be able to save their bacon. H.E. Boyce and W.E. Guptil showed White Chester; sows and pigs, Jacob Foss, W.E. Guptil.

### POULTRY

The feathers were not so numerous as in years past, but covered some pretty good birds. The leading specimens were three Plymouth Rocks, shown by J.B. Hills of Middlesex. Other exhibits were Wyandottes, Golden Pheasants, Blue Spanish and Plymouth Rocks; and Narragansett turkeys by E.E. Foss, Dux-

bury; the Brown Leghorns by E.A. Cameron, Middlesex; a handsome pair of bronze turkeys by Thomas O'Brien, Duxbury; three fine ducks, by Birney Griffith, Moretown; two pairs of field ducks, fine specimens, by Jacob Foss of Duxbury; three pretty doves by Warren Moody, Waterbury. A live plump coon formed a peculiar annex to the poultry show.

Hazeltine were exhibitors of mammoth pumpkins. With the exception of the large, rich looking cheeses shown by W.E. Guptil and the specimens of butter, before mentioned; dairy products were noticeably lacking, when the extent to which dairying is carried on in the region is considered. Maple sugar was shown by J.B. Hills and O.W. May; syrup by Edwin Moody and R.A. Watts. Grains were represented by the exhibits of Edwin Moody, J.E. Flanagan, J.B. Hills, J.A. Parker, Nathan Somerville and Sanford Eddy.

In the center of the hall, at the entrance, was an exhibit of organs or Bailey's music rooms at Burlington. Charles W. Howe of Richmond had three sleighs on exhibition. L.J. Eldridge of Morrisville, agent for the Progressive Manufacturing Company of Trenton, N.J., showed a pretty lot of decorative china, Haviland and other ware. The Vermont Farm Machine Company of Bel-lows Falls had an exhibit comprising sap evaporators, butter-workers, a Cooley creamer, a butter press, the Davis swing

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churn and miscellaneous articles. Batchelder & Robinson of Waterbury showed a collection of fourteen stoves and ranges. The Waters butter-worker from Johnson was also on exhibition; also Dutcher's Golden Liquid butter color, the good effect of which was seen in Mr. May's exhibit of butter. M.L. Dillingham of Waterbury Center has credit for an ingeniously-made scrubbing-brush.

The department of ladies handiwork contained much to admire, including both the useful and ornamental. The enumeration of articles worthy of mention was prevented by rain. Our special reporter was "hung up" to keep dry in the bridge on the way to the fair, which was completely demoralized after the first day. The rain descended, and as the historian Bancroft expressed it, "Heaven sent down on the assembled throng the nastiest shower of the season." A wet, bedraggled, disconsolate, crowd all down at the heels, had its fun spoiled and those who did not find perches in floral hall were literally washed off from the grounds. A migrating feature of the business was the fact that the management cleared itself financially.

### THE WRESTLING AND THE TEMPEST

Thursday, the last day of the fair opened inauspiciously. Dame Nature seemed to resent it that an exhibition ostensibly gotten up to display the products of her bounty, should be partially given over to "catch-as-catch-can," the "Virginia reel," "paralyzing the coon," and "bucking the tiger." In the morning she frowned; later on she wept in her mortification, and as afternoon came on she fairly bawled out her resentment, drenching the track and putting an end to all the sports of the day. No attempt to trot was made in the forenoon, owing to the condition of the track. The band played at intervals and the rest of the time the various hawkers and gamesters on the grounds had full string. It was announced that the wrestling would commence at one o'clock in the afternoon. Before that hour the grand stand was packed; the judge's and band's stands were filled, and large crowds pressed the ropes that were strung across the course to secure ample space for the wrestlers. George W. Flagg was introduced as referee. Though Mr. Flagg is champion of Vermont at collar and elbow, he did not feel competent to wrestle the barbarian name of the celestial athlete champion Japanese wrestler from China. At Mr. Dufar's suggestions he made the correction that \_\_\_\_\_ was a gentleman from Japan and after further presenting the Marlboro champion the fun began. The first bout was catch-as-catch-can. As the two faced each other Dufur was a number of inches taller. The Jap was short, thick set, apparently very muscular, and if, the term can be applied to a man with so much ochre in his complexion, was in the pink of conditions. The contest lasted for some time with varying advantage and judging from the interjections of approval or disappointment that came from the crowd with the changing fortune of the contestants, was watched with a great deal of interest. The fall was finally given to the Jap. Rain began to fall before the commencement of the second bout, and possibly may have shortened it. At any rate the gentleman from Massachusetts seemed more at home at collar and elbow, and in short metre downed the celestial in the most approved fashion. The heavy storm that followed drove the spectators to cover, and closed the day's programme. Many took refuge in floral hall, and whiled away an hour in the attempt to avoid the streams of water that came in under the sills

and flooded the floor. The clerk of the Association announced then, that the trotting would take place on the afternoon of the following day, Friday, and also that Messers Flagg and Dufur would wrestle. The rainy weather made that impossible, so the fair was practically closed at the afternoon session of Friday. With plenty of sunshine the show would have been the most successful ever given on the grounds. The entries in all departments were superior in quality as well as quantity, and this year's fair, if not a success, certainly establishes the fact that first-class fairs can be held here when the elements are more favorable.

### THE PREMIUM LIST

We should have been glad to gratify our local readers by publishing the premium list. With the exception of the list for floral hall, the copy came to hand at an hour so late as to render it utterly impossible to print it. Secretaries of fairs should understand that time is required to handle these reports; that they can not be used when they are delayed almost to the hour of publication and our columns are filled with other matter.



Photo courtesy of Helen Eastman Utton & Raymond Eastman

Fairgoers lining up to take the next ride.



## WINOOSKI VALLEY FAIR

The Vermont Watchman published this report of the Winooski Valley Fair in September, 1890:

The Winooski Valley Fair, held in Waterbury, opened on Tuesday, September 16, and continued three days. Tuesday and Wednesday were very damp and rainy, and no doubt kept many who would have been exhibitors and a large number of visitors away. The management deserves credit for the push and enterprise it showed in carrying out the programme, and the townspeople for braving the weather.

The show of horses was large and valuable, the best seen on the grounds for some years, many coming from outside the valley. C. Holmes of Charlotte was present with his stallion "Nero", the sire of "Maggie H", the winner of the four-year-old and two-forty class races. The stallion from Waitsfield owned by George Hastings made a fine appearance, followed by several of his colts. The stallion "Van Franklin," followed by at matched pair of his colts fifteen months old, attracted attention. He is owned by C.O. Kent of Calais. Fred Campbell of Stowe showed a stallion by Ward's "Lambert." Charles Keen of Waterbury was handling a spirited stallion. Dr. E.G. Hooker's "Daniel Lambert" attracted a good deal of attention and awarded first premium offered for standard bred five-year old stallions. Other stallions were noticed which were shown and owned by A. Murray of Moretown, Samuel Sommerville of Duxbury and H. Steele of Middlesex. C. Lyon of Waterbury had a two-years-old Percheron. A good number of brood mares with colts of promising blood were shown. Geldings and fillies were well represented. M.O. Evans' matched pair of gentleman's drivers were awarded first premium, and C. Lyons's pair for all for all work was equally successful.

The show of stock was smaller than ever. F. McCarthy of Waitsfield had the only large herd of thoroughbred and grade Shorthorns. Holstein and native bulls were well represented. A few Jersey and native cows were seen, but were in poor condition. There were only four yoke of oxen seen, two of which were entered for fat cattle. The absence of the long town team proved the tendency towards horse teams for farming purposes. C. Magoon of Orange had a herd of thirty-five thoroughbred and grade Cotswold sheep, securing first premium on flock. D.F. Harvey of Waterbury had some good grade Cotswolds. There was but a small exhibit of swine. Two good White Chester sows with pigs and a Yorkshire and White Chester boar comprised the stock. C.E. Quimby of Gouldsville and S.W. Corse of Montpelier, the largest exhibitors of poultry, were awarded prizes. The exhibit was very good, comprising many different kinds.

There was a small show of fruit and vegetables, but of very good quality. O.W. Davis of Waterbury made a good showing of apples and pears, and H.F. Smith of Waterbury had forty-five different varieties of potatoes displayed, many of them entirely new. He is the originator of the famous Polaris potato. There was a small exhibit of butter, cheese, sugar, syrup, etc.

Floral hall was quite well filled by the ladies, the tasteful trimmings of bunting adding to the effect and beauty of the articles shown. Fancy quilts, rugs and mats, etc., had many exhibits, while ornamental work was in great abundance for a town like Waterbury. Miss May Shaw's embroidered morning robe and the toilet and fancy articles shown by Mrs. C.E. Richardson and Mrs. A.E. Atherton drew much attention. Sofa pillows and afghan looked inviting, as did the cut flowers shown by Mrs. W.B. McElroy of Middlesex. Miss Edith Rogers showed

some fine paintings in oil, and Mrs. J.H. Wheeler's specimen of crayoning deserves mention. G.H. Dale, Waterbury's photographer, had specimen work on exhibition, and Mrs. J.H. Cameron's display of millinery attracted attention.

The second day, by way of diversion, prizes were offered for the benefit of the babies, to be awarded to those possessing the most of the necessary attributes. The successful little ones were, first, Frankier Pero, second, Mary Merriam; third, Charlie Kennedy.

On Tuesday afternoon, notwithstanding the rain, the race for four-year-olds and under was called. There are four starters: "Doctor L." owned by H.S. Town, Montpelier; "Lambertus, Jr.," owned by J.F. Barnes, Waterbury, "Robert T.," owned by George O. Boyce, Montpelier; "Maggie H" owned by Fletcher and Winch, Middlebury. The track was in a heavy condition, and the race was not very interesting. "Maggie H" won the three heats quite easily, taking first money, with "Doctor L" second, "Robert T" third, Lambertus, Jr. fourth. Time, 2:30. The rain Wednesday made the track so heavy and wet that only the race for the three-minute class was trotted. It had seven starters, and would have been very interesting but for the rain. "Jumbo" owned by C. M. winch of Barre, took the three heats and race while second honors were divided between "Fred R.," br. g., and "Denver," "Clara S." being set back for pacing. Thursday, at two o'clock p.m. the postponed two-forty class was called, with four starters. "Prince Arthur," "Denver," "Maggie H." and "Henry C." "Prince Arthur" drew the pole, with "Maggie H." fourth, but "Prince Arthur's driver was unable to hold him down, and "Maggie H." took the lead, and held it, taking the race, "Henry C" second, "Denver" third, "Prince Arthur" fourth. Time 2:44 3/5. The free-for-all race had four starters. "Jumbo" "Fred R" gr. G., "Rockett Jr." (formerly, "Robert") and "Fred R. " br. g. "Rocket Jr." proved too speedy for the others, taking three heats successively, with "Jumbo" second, "Fred" R. br. g. third, "Fred R." gr. g., fourth. Time 2:47 2/5.

Below is an excerpt from the Waterbury news section of the Vermont Watchman, September, 1892.

On Sunday morning, Rev. A.J. Covell spoke on the theme, "If Christ Came to Winooski Valley Fair," and gave what seemed to him would be Christ's words and acts when he saw the gambling machines upon the ground, and the boys and young men of the community taking their first lessons in gambling. He charged the Winooski Valley Agricultural Association with having robbed the community of the money taken by these gamblers, for the sake of a license: with having defied the moral sentiment of the community and broken the laws of the state, having regard neither to the kingdom of heaven nor the state of Vermont. Finally he deplored the fact that this thing had gone on for years with no rebuke from the community, and declared that in neither New York, Chicago, or any of the great metropolitan centers could such open gambling be practiced without rebuke. In conclusion, the preacher declared his belief that better things were coming to the community, and his conviction that he was but voicing the inner protest of the best people. Already there was an expression from many individual sources of a moral indignation which would, he trusted, put down this evil in our midst.



## CROSSETT HILL ASSOCIATION

Information and photos from the Duxbury Historical Society archives

### History of the Crossett Hill Association

The first gathering of Crossett Hill friends and neighbors was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Shonio in 1933. The following year the Association was formed and David Manning was elected its first President. Over 150 friends and neighbors enjoyed the day in what some believed was the first "block party" on record. It was then decided the first Sunday in August they would gather to celebrate glad tidings and grieve a little for those who didn't return.

In 1936 everyone gathered at the picnic area prepared by Crossett and Lillian Shonio. In 1937 a grove near the brook on Jim Breen's farm was cleared and established as the permanent place for the reunions. When Jim sold his farm in 1943, the area was "excepted and reserved from the premises for the benefit and use of the Crossett Hill Association..." (words taken from a deed that is dated 07/06/1943).

The first pavilion was erected in 1939 and provided shelter for both people and their favorite dish which they shared with everyone. A large snowfall in 1970 caused the roof to collapse prompting a major fundraising campaign and many volunteer hours of labor and meetings with the Zoning Board. The current structure was erected in 1973 (located just before the turn to Hayes Road).



Photos taken in 1935



Crossett Hill Reunion '35



## CROSSETT HILL ASSOCIATION

*Sept. 11 Duxbury 1938*

The Crossett Hill association met at the picnic ground on Crossett hill Sunday for their annual corn and weenie roast. This was enjoyed with a picnic dinner by about 35 people. Those from away attending were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shonio of Elmore, Miss Maude McMullen of New York City, Crossett Shonio and family of Jericho, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carver and daughter, Ilene, of Berlin, Mrs. James Collins and three children, Bertram, Glines and Earle Cameron of Riverton, Mrs. McCaffrey of Providence, R. I.

*Sept. 10 Duxbury 1939*

About 50 attended the annual corn and weenie roast of the Crossett Hill association Sunday at the picnic ground on Crossett hill. Tables and seats had been installed in the building recently and a new fireplace built near the rear of the building for convenience. Those present from away were Mr. and Mrs. Asa Davis and daughter, Francelia, of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shonio, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and two children of Elmore, Will Marshall of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Crossett Shonio and four children of Jericho, Miss Muriel Densmore of Burlington, Miss Mary Doheny of Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn and son, Richard, were visitors in Stowe Sunday evening.

The Duxbury Corner home demonstration group will meet with Mrs. Rose Grout Sept. 21. It is expected that Mrs. Mae Bond will be present to give a talk on her trip to the London conference. Members are requested to give in their canning reports and other project reports at this meeting.

# Duxbury Reunion Adopts An Official Crossett Hill Song

*17th. annual reunion*

Two 33rd Wedding Dates  
Observed; Dan Corse  
Named Ass'n President

## History Of Association Given During Program

*Aug. 7 1949*

Duxbury, Aug. 11—Nearly 50 people enjoyed the reunion of the Crossett Hill Association held at the picnic pavilion and grounds on Crossett Hill Sunday, Aug. 7.

After the family groups were gathered at long tables spread with delicious eatables the company broke into song with "Happy Anniversary," sung to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ravlin, whose 33rd wedding anniversary would occur Aug. 9. It was immediately repeated for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grout whose 33rd wedding anniversary was Aug. 5, and a little later "Happy Birthday" was sung to Mrs. Frank Dunn whose birthday also occurred on Aug. 5. Mr. and Mrs. Ravlin were presented a lovely anniversary cake by Mrs. Dunn.

## Vote To Put New Roof On Picnic Pavilion

At the business meeting held after dinner, the question of re-roofing the building, for which money has been contributed, was discussed and it was decided this work was to be done very soon, with Charles Canerdy and Fred Grout in charge.

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It was voted to make the "Crossett Hill Song," written by Mrs. Eurette Shonio Smith for the reunion last year, the official song of the Association, to be used each year. Mrs. Ravlin read a letter from Mrs. Julia Wood Reynolds who lived in Duxbury and Waterbury many years ago. This lady who is 91 years of age, would love to hear from anyone who may remember her. A letter enclosing a contribution of money from Mrs. Asa Davis of Milton, was also read.

## New Officials Chosen

Officers elected were: President, Dan Corse; vice-president, Fred Ravlin; secretary, Mrs. Frank Dunn; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Ravlin; flower committee, Miss Ruth Phillips, Mrs. Evalena Breen, Mrs. Frank Dunn; entertainment committee, Mrs. Frank Dunn, Mrs. Harold Grout, Mrs. Fred Grout. The families of Fred Grout, Harold Grout, Gurden Merchant and Luther Morse, were enrolled as new members.

## The Crossett Hill Reunion Song

#1

May the sun shine bright, on old Crossett Hill  
The first Sunday in August each year  
For that is a day we all look forward to  
When old friends come from far and near  
There'll be Carver and Breen and Ravlin and Dunn  
And Hayes and Phillips and Corse  
And Davis and Cormier and Shonio and Miller  
And Collins and Henry and Morse

Chorus

At the Crossett Hill Reunion  
We gather once each year  
To meet old friends of long ago  
Whom we will always hold most dear

#2

Many of us who have lived on Crossett Hill  
Like to return once again  
Though many changes we note from year to year  
The friendships and memories remain  
The winding roads we have traveled many times  
The hills, the valleys, and trees  
The woods we liked to hunt and the brooks we used to fish  
The school where we learned our ABCs

\*This song was written in 1948 by Mrs. Eurette Shonio and adopted the next year as the Crossett Hill Reunion Song\*

Photos taken in the 1970s



D U X B U R Y   H I S T O R I C A L   S O C I E T Y  
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