

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:
Feb. 11, CBMS, 7 pm

- The annual elections will be held at the Feb. meeting.
- Town Meeting is right around the corner. Please see information on the next page.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS SOCIETY MEMBER?



Last Issue's Photo:
Larry Frasier



The next scheduled meeting of the DHS will be on Tuesday, February 11th, at the CBMS cafeteria. The business meeting will include the annual election of officers and the scheduled election of trustees.

The program will feature several photos of the Dillingham Grange #281 during the 1940s & 1950s up to and including the fire on December 20th, 1958. These are of group photos that include juvenile grange and degree work (when the grange was very popular and well attended); so time will be spent on each photo to identify as many as YOU can! Bring your neighbor or a friend and we'll turn the clock back a few years, relive the grange for an evening, and have a little time for refreshments and fellowship. See you there!

Food Sale—A Success Again!



Alison Magnani photo.

Outside of Kinney Drugs in Waterbury, we held a food sale on the morning of November 23, 2013.

Thanks to everyone, we had a nice variety of baked goods, jams, baked beans, and chili. We made a total of \$181 in baked goods and cookbook sales. Thank you to everyone who contributed their goods and time to make this another successful fundraiser!!

~Mary Welch,
Food Committee

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Town Meeting 2014

The Historical Society will sell coffee and refreshments during the morning meeting per usual. For the potluck luncheon, please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share (please, no nuts of any kind or foods made with peanut oil, per school kitchen rules). As a way for the Duxbury Historical Society to thank the community for supporting the 250th Celebration, the lunch will be free of charge this year.

Donation Artifacts/Documents

- ⇒ Anonymous: Waterbury bicentennial coin and bicentennial hat
- ⇒ Skip Flanders: History of the Waterbury Winooski Lodge #49 (includes Duxbury residents)
- ⇒ Jill Smith: Two large framed pictures that hung in the Duxbury Corner School. One picture is of George Washington and the other is of Abraham Lincoln

Monetary Donations

Richard Lindsley * John Senning * Alan Quackenbush * Kim Greenwood * Kelley Taft * Bill Doyle

MEAL OF REMEMBRANCE

2013 MEAL OF REMEMBRANCE
 Honoring Duxbury and Waterbury Founding Families
 November 9, 2013
 St. Leo Hall
 By Skip Flanders, Donnie Welch, and Jan Gendreau

The 2013 Meal of Remembrance, sponsored by the historical societies, honored some of the Founding Families of Waterbury and Duxbury and recognized their descendants living in the area today. There were 54 curious folks, young and old, who came to enjoy a pot luck supper followed by a fun evening of learning who some of their cousins are. The event was a fitting end to the yearlong celebration of the 250th anniversary of both towns being established on June 7, 1763.

The idea of honoring our founding families and their descendants has been a project that I, Skip Flanders, thought would be fun. Not only might we discover some of the descendants, but also honor those early settlers who braved the wilderness and sacrificed much to settle in these communities that we all love to call home. As we grow older, some become interested in family history and genealogy. From my research I was surprised at how many families live in the area today that are directly related to the original inhabitants. Just think how the decision of our ancestors to leave homes in southern New England and settle in the wilds of Duxbury and Waterbury 200 years ago determined where many of us live today. Numerous marriages between founding families have created a fabric of human connectedness in our communities.

We honored 11 founding families, presenting certificates to the youngest descendants of each family.

Waterbury families remembered were: Asaph Allen; David Austin; Joseph Fisk; Nathaniel Gubtail; John Gregg; Lemuel Lyon; Asa Poland; Asa Towne; Cephas Wells. Duxbury families were: Walter Avery; Edward Crossett; Daniel Corse; Amos and Benjamin Davis; Luther Graves; Daniel Morse, Sr; John Morse; Eleazer Wells.

MEAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Deacon Asaph Allen was born in 1752 in the old fort in Deerfield, MA. He served in the revolution, being called to service April 20, 1775 in Concord and Lexington under Capt. Agrippa Wells. Asaph was a long time deacon in the church, having been appointed in Bernardston, MA, at 19 years of age.

In Feb. 1796 he and his wife, Persis, settled in Waterbury Center on the first farm after crossing Thatcher Brook traveling up Loomis Hill. This farm was later referred to as the Mark Moody farm or the Hymen Meyers farm. The Allen family consisted of nine children, with the youngest two born in Waterbury. Asaph died in 1841 and he and Persis are buried in the old Waterbury Cemetery on Route 100.

Grace Sweet is descended from Asaph's son, Elakim. She attended the Meal of Remembrance. Grace's grandchildren, Phoebe and Finn Sweet, are 9th generation descendants of Asaph Allen.



Jan Gendreau photo.

Descendant of Deacon Asaph Allen: Grace Sweet, receiving her certificate from presenter Skip Flanders.

David Austin, Sr., living in Winchester, CT, may have been 62 when he and his wife, Mary Harmon, left Connecticut and settled in Waterbury in 1796. And he probably followed his son, David, Jr., who had come to Waterbury to build a saw and grist mill on property owned by J. Carpenter. He planned to purchase it once it was up and running. Carpenter lost the land, so the Austins had to purchase it all from the new owners. The mills were in Colbyville/Mill Village.

Records show that David, Sr., was active in community affairs. Often town meetings were held at his house. He and Mary were early members of the Waterbury Congregational Church.

David, Sr., was born in Mansfield, CT, in 1734 and Mary in Suffield, CT, in 1734. He served in the Revolutionary War and was chosen first deacon of the Congregational Church in 1785 in Winchester, CT. He owned and ran a mill in Winchester before coming to Vermont. Mary is buried in Hope Cemetery next to David, Jr., and his wife, Sarah, and others of the Austin family. David, Sr., died in 1814 and was buried in Springfield, NY, where his daughter, Ruth, lived.

Ryan and Zachary Fisher, 10th generation descendants of David Austin, attended the Meal of Remembrance with their mother, Nicole Fisher, and grandmother, Jan Gendreau.



Jan Gendreau photo.

Descendants of David Austin, Sr: Nicole Gendreau Fisher, Zachary Fisher, Grandmother Jan Dutton Gendreau, and Ryan Fisher receive their certificates from presenter Skip Flanders.

Walter Avery. Walter and Stephen Tilden were the first two settlers in Duxbury arriving about 1786. Walter and his family were the first of the settlers to the Duxbury-Waterbury area from Deerfield and Greenfield, MA. Walter bought 116 acres of the governor's right in the most northeastern section of that parcel. This family built their first home site near the banks of the tributary to the Winooski that later became as Crossett Brook. Walter Avery's mother was Sarah Corse, the sister of Dan Corse and grandmother of Ebenezer W. Corse who was also an earlier settler of Duxbury from Greenfield, MA.

Walter's wife was Hannah Johnson who died while visiting relatives in Greenfield, MA, on March 26 or 27, 1795. Walter was elected the town's first moderator at his residence on March 26, 1792. In following years he held many elected town offices.

Kenly D. Squire is a descendant of Walter Avery but could not attend the dinner.

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Edward Crossett, Sr. Edward was born in Shaftesbury, MA, on July 25, 1749. He married Elizabeth Cady, who was born in Killingly, CT, July 25, 1774. (Note that this is no mistake—they shared the same birth date.) This family lived in Northfield, MA, prior to settling in Duxbury between 1800 and 1805.

Their children, Edward, Jr. and Roswell, were the first to settle what is now referred to as Crossett Hill. Some of the younger siblings and the next Crossett generation continued in the development of the “Hill.” Headstone inscriptions indicate that Edward, Sr. was the first to be buried at the Phillips Cemetery in 1820. Elizabeth and some of the family are buried here, while Roswell’s family is in the Crossett Hill Cemetery and Edward, Jr.’s family is buried in the Duxbury Corner Cemetery. Through marriage the Crossett descendants have maintained a continuous presence in the Waterbury-Duxbury community.

Descendants Ralph C. Davis, Ethel Davis Montuori, Jennifer Davis Bombard, Jordan Bombard, P. Howard Flanders, and Karen Flanders attended the dinner. Descendant Marc Metayer was unable to attend.



Descendants of Amos and Benjamin Davis, Edward Crossett, and Eleazer Wells: Karen Flanders, Ralph C. Davis, Jennifer Davis Bombard, Marsha Davis, Helen Davis, Dominick Montuori, Ethel Davis Montuori, Jordan Bombard and Skip Flanders as they receive their certificates.

Dan Corse/Corss. Dan Corse was born in Greenfield, MA, in 1739. Dan’s sister Hannah was the mother of Walter Avery, Duxbury’s first settler. Dan likely followed his nephew Walter to settle in Duxbury in the late 1790s and was on the 1800 census. Two sons of Dan and Chloe were lifelong residents of Duxbury: Dan Corse and Ebenezer Corse. Dan died in 1813 and is buried in the Duxbury Corner Cemetery. The Corse family has maintained a continuous presence in the Waterbury-Duxbury area.

Willsie Williams is a descendant of Dan Corse and was unable to attend the dinner.

Amos Davis and his son, Benjamin, moved to Duxbury in 1792. Benjamin was born in 1753 in Newton, NH. Amos moved his family to Bradford, VT, in 1773. Benjamin married Betsy Jenkins in Bradford and they had eight children. The last child, Andrew, was born in Duxbury in 1794. In 1793 Amos and Benjamin settled on land in North Duxbury near the mouth of Ridley Brook. Davis descendants resided continuously on the original homestead until the recent death of Donald Chapman. Benjamin Davis served in the revolution going on a number of scouting missions from Bradford and traveled to Saratoga for the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne in 1777.

Benjamin served the local government in Duxbury in many capacities. He was the town representative in 1794 and 1795. Benjamin and his direct line of descendants from Benjamin to Ralph P. Davis and Doris Davis Flanders are buried in the Graves Cemetery in North Duxbury.

The Davis family has maintained a continuous presence in Duxbury since Amos and Benjamin arrived in 1793. The families of Ralph C. Davis, his son, Charles, and daughter, Jennifer Bombard, are current residents. This makes 10 Davis generations that have lived in Duxbury.

Descendants Ethel Davis Montuori, Ralph C. Davis, Jennifer Davis Bombard, Jordan Bombard, P. Howard Flanders, and Karen Flanders attended the dinner.

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Joseph Fisk, according to land records, made his first purchase Sept. 4, 1794, and he was listed as being from Waterbury, so he was probably living here with someone else. None of the children are listed as being born in town. They ranged in age from 2-7 years when they came to Waterbury. His family belonged to the early Methodist Church in town. By 1812 Joseph and his wife, Sally Knight, were living in Canada. All but one of the children remained in town.

Descendant Elizabeth Graves Woodmansee was unable to attend the dinner.

Luther Graves, Sr. and wife, Ruth Judd, settled in Duxbury in 1829. Luther was born in Greenfield, MA, in 1782. Most of the Graves' seem to have been farmers. Luther's son, Levi Judd Graves, settled on the Guptil Road in Waterbury and was married to Martha Howe. It is through her line that Levi's descendants have three grandfathers that lived in Vermont before it became a state in 1791: Captain Samson Howe, Perley Howe, and Perley Howe, Jr.

Descendant Elizabeth Woodmansee was unable to attend the dinner.

Thomas Guptil was born in York, ME, in 1739 and moved to Waterbury in the late 1790 with sons Humphrey and Isaac Guptil. Thomas enlisted three times in Berwick, ME, to serve in the Revolutionary War. Thomas married Lydia Garish in 1783. His son Isaac married Sarah Sally Jones, daughter of Stephen Jones, who had settled in Waterbury before 1787. Thomas Guptil settled on Guptil Hill now known as Blush Hill and is reported to be buried in a family plot on the farm. The Guptil's participated in the Battle of Plattsburgh in the War of 1812. Members of the Guptil family were involved with the founding of the Methodist Church in Waterbury. The Guptil name has been spelled a number of ways including Gubtail. The Guptil family has maintained a continuous presence in Waterbury community that continues today.

Descendants Mark Guptil and Kyle Emerson Guptil were unable to attend the dinner.

John Gregg of Windsor, VT, purchased land in Waterbury's Little River area for \$500 in 1801. That land had been purchased by the seller just 12 days earlier for \$200-\$300! John served as a private in New Hampshire troops during the Revolutionary War. He died in 1805, having lived only 4 years in Waterbury. Gregg Hill was named for Leslie Gregg, son of John. Leslie was 18 when his father died and was responsible for the family. He volunteered along with other Waterbury men to go to the Battle of Plattsburgh in 1814. Leslie married Sally Austin, daughter of David Austin, the beginning of the "human connectedness in our communities!"

Descendant Elizabeth Graves Woodmansee was unable to attend the dinner.



Jan Gendreau photo.

Descendants of Lemuel Lyon: Robert Jones and Joan Duffy receiving their certificates.

Lemuel Lyon was born in 1765 in Whately, MA, and married Jarusha Daniels in 1797 in Royalton, VT. They settled in Waterbury around 1798 and purchased 160-acre farm which had been in a continuous family ownership since its original settlement. Lemuel and Jarusha were involved with the beginnings of the Methodist Church in Waterbury and church meetings were often held in their barn. The timbers for the current Waterbury Center Community Church came from their original barn and Lemuel is credited with driving a team of horses to Boston to pick up the bell for the Church in 1836. The Lyon family were breeders of fine horses. The Lyon family has maintained a continuous presence in the Waterbury community.

Descendants Joan Gibbs Duffy and Robert Jones attended the dinner.

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Daniel Morse, brother of John Morse, was also born in Southborough, MA, in 1755 and moved first to Washington, VT, and then to Duxbury. Daniel had served in the Revolutionary War. Daniel married Eunice Hobbs and was listed in the 1860 census as a farmer. Daniel and Eunice are buried in the Graves cemetery on the River Road to North Duxbury. The descendants of Daniel Morse have maintained a continuous presence in the Duxbury area.

Descendants attending the dinner were Mary Morse Dunster, Mark Morse, Willis Morse, Gina Bordeaux, and Cheyanne Martin-Evans.



Jan Gendreau photo.

Descendants of Daniel Morse: Cheyanne Martin-Evans, Gina Bordeaux, Mary Morse Dunster, Mark Morse, Willis Morse, and presenter Donnie Welch

John Morse was born in Southborough, MA, in 1752 and settled first in Washington, VT, and moved to Duxbury around 1786 and was elected as a lister at the town meeting on March 26, 1792. He was later elected Selectman. John was listed in the 1790 census for Duxbury but did not show as a resident in the 1800 census. In the Duxbury Land Records, Book 1, page 100, it is recorded that at the proprietors meeting held on June 27, 1796, John Morse be entitled to his settlement of 100 acres of the right of Abraham Goodwin in lieu of his draft.

Descendant Marc Metayer was unable to attend the dinner.

Asa Poland, son of Abner and Dorothy (Burnham) Poland was christened on October 23, 1763, in Ipswich, MA.

In 1790 he was listed as living in Shapleigh, ME, with four others, which would be his wife, Abigail Nale/Neale, and three oldest children. His family was one of the 277 families in that town. By 1800 he was living in Waterbury. Asa was in the Revolutionary War, joining in Massachusetts. According to his records he was a small man, standing only 5'2". He applied for his pension in 1818 while living in Waterbury. He received \$8.00 per month. In the 1830 census he was listed in Waterbury, in the Little River area near Joshua Hill's tavern. He moved to Moira, NY, in 1844 and there he died in 1851.

Descendant Wesley Kaiser attended the Meal of Remembrance.

Asa Towne, son of Silas and Susanna (Locke) Towne, was born April 13, 1749, in Oxford, MA, and died in 1827 in Stowe, VT. He married Abigail Morey in 1769 in Charlton, MA.

Asa and Abigail came to Vermont in 1776-1780. In the 1790 Census they were in Vershire, VT, but must have moved north that same year as one of his children was born in Waterbury in 1790. Another child had been born in Waterbury in 1784, so they apparently moved to Waterbury and left for a few years before returning.

Asa served in the Revolutionary War as a Private in Capt. Samuel Smith's Company in Orange, VT. He was also a Sergeant in Capt. Jacob Marston's Company. He served from August 1780 to August 1781. The Towne family has maintained a continuous presence in the Waterbury area.

Asa Towne descendants, Wesley Kaiser, Peggy White Gates, and Josh Utton attended the Meal of Remembrance.

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Jan Gendreau photo.

Descendants of Asa Towne: Josh Utton, Caleb Myette, Peggy White Gates, and Wesley Kaiser receiving their certificates from presenter Skip Flanders.

Cephas Wells was born in Greenfield, MA, in 1778 and moved to Waterbury in 1805 with his brother Roswell Wells. Roswell and Cephas's sister, Thankful, was married to Ebenezer Corse, son of Dan Corse who settled in Duxbury. Cephas married Cynthia Corse, related to the family of Dan Corse. Cephas was a businessman, owning a Tanning shop and a large amount of farm land including much of the land where Hope Cemetery is located. The number of family members of the Wells and Corse families settling in Waterbury-Duxbury indicates the influence family members can have on the settlement of an area. Cephas and his brother Roswell were among the early members of the Congregational Church. Descendants of Cephas Wells have maintained a continuous presence in Waterbury that continues today.

Descendants Cathy Wells Flanders and Karen Flanders attended the dinner.



Jan Gendreau photo.

Descendants of Cephas Wells: Cathy Wells Flanders and Karen Flanders receive their certificates from presenter Skip Flanders.

Eleazer Wells was born in Greenfield, MA, in 1762. Eleazer was cousin of Walter Avery and mother was Hannah Corse, sister of Sarah Corse. Eleazer married Anna Wells in Greenfield, MA, and moved to Duxbury around 1797. Their daughter Eunice was born in Duxbury in 1798. Anna's brothers, Roswell and Cephas Wells, also settled in Waterbury. Eleazer and Anna are buried at Duxbury Corner cemetery and Eunice and Roswell Crossett are buried in the Crossett Hill Cemetery. This family is related to the numerous families of Corse and Wells from Greenfield who settled in the Duxbury-Waterbury area.

Descendants of Eleazer Wells have maintained presence in Duxbury that continues today. Descendants attending the dinner include Ralph C. Davis, Ethel D. Montuori, Jennifer Davis Bombard, Jordan Bombard, P. Howard Flanders, and Karen Flanders.

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CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7 PM

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