

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:
Sun., Aug. 14, noon

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

Last Issue's
Mystery Photo:
Helen (Burbank) Davis



CAN YOU
IDENTIFY
THIS
SOCIETY
MEMBER?



Our next meeting will be our annual picnic on Sunday, August 14, noon, at Crossett Brook Middle School. Please bring a lawn chair, if possible, and either a hot dish or a salad to share. Beverages and paper products will be furnished. For dessert, we will have a make your own ice cream sundae. After the business meeting, our program will be a recital of very early chronological poems written by Alice DeLong in 1975. These entertaining poems will bring back Alice's personality, as she told it like it was. Don't forget to bring a friend, as all are welcome. Hope to see you there!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Let's Make a Deal Yard Sale and Food Sale
at the Town Garage
Saturday, September 10th
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Archival/Preservation Committee Report

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

We continue reviewing all of our non-family file folders, transcribing of family genealogical files, and cataloging artifact donations. Our last meeting was dedicated to preparing for the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge. We do not meet during July and August unless we are requested for research purposes.

Donation Artifacts/Documents

Richard Lindsley –

- Framed Photo of Jesse T. & Angeline (Crossett) Perry
- Framed Photo of Jesse & Angeline Perry's younger children

Don Welch –

- Sheet Music: Duxbury Days of Yore by Dorothy Deane (Catchapaw)
- Photocopy print of 'Don Fields and the Pony Boys.'
- Photo of Rena Mae (Corse) Phillips.
- Newspaper announcements regarding the estate of Van D. Hills.
- Photo of Frank & Anna (Messier) Grow commemorating their 40th anniversary.

Skip Flanders –

- Two circa 1885 newspaper articles relating to the demise of the Winooski St. Covered Bridge.
- 1917 South Duxbury School Teachers Christmas Booklet.

Duxbury Cemetery Assoc. –

- Granite cemetery marker base to be used to hold Dillingham Grange Plaque.

Jill Smith –

- 1974 Duxbury Planning Commission newsletter
- 1968 Property Tax Receipt
- 1974 News articles (2) relating to Rocky Vermont

Town of Duxbury –

- Crossett Hill Association building sign.

Bob Wimble –

- Poem titled March Weather authored by Bob Wimble.

Julio Antunes –

- Genealogy & Photos relating to the Corse family.

Carol Perry –

- Newspaper Articles (22) relating to the 1927 flood.

Helen Davis –

- DVD entitled Sugarwoods featuring Ray & Ralph Davis.
- DVD produced by the Washington County Farm Bureau featuring a quilt created by Helen Davis.
- An advertisement promoting a Waterbury Center #237 Grange Program featuring "Vermont Humor" by Keith Wallace and Helen Davis's quilt exhibition in 1995.

Ramona Godfrey –

- Photos (2) of the newly built Crossett Hill Association building.
- Biographical booklet of members of the General Assembly of the House of Representatives in 1965 (Frank Griffin representing Duxbury).
- Frank Griffin's National Grange membership certificate.
- Newspaper clipping of Dillingham Grange #281 program which honored the 25th wedding anniversary of Gurden & Stella (Hills) Merchant.

SOCIETY BUSINESS



Waterbury High School Alumni Reunion

On June 18, 2016, the Duxbury Historical Society provided appetizers and dinner for the bi-annual Waterbury High School Alumni Reunion. It was held at the Crossett Brook Middle School. We served 175 people.

The proceeds from this dinner totaled \$1,766.33, making this evening quite a success. We couldn't have done it without the many Duxbury Historical Society members and friends who worked tirelessly to make this evening so much fun and successful.

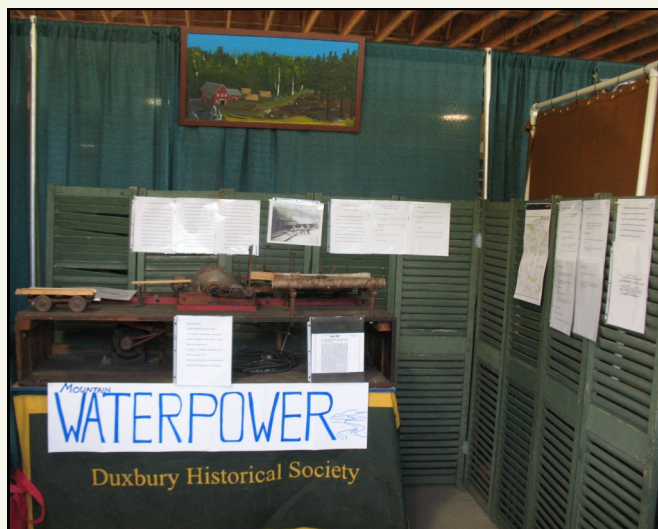
Sincerest thank you,
Mary Ethel Welch, Food Committee Chair



Photos by Shawn Perry.

2016 Vermont History Exposition

The 2016 Vermont History Expo was held on June 18 & 19 at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. This year's theme was H2O: The Power of Water in Vermont History. Our historical society presented an exhibit on mountain waterpower. We showed a model of a Lane circular saw mill and presented information on its significance to Duxbury. The model was loaned to our historical society for display at the 2016 expo by Lamell Lumber Corporation of Essex Center, VT.



Photos by Alison Magnani.

RUTH HUDON

Ruth Hudon celebrated her 100th birthday on May 28, 2016!

Moments, Memories, and Milestones



Ruth as a child.



Ruth's parents, Theresa and Ivan Ainsworth, with Lucille at the farm in Woodbury, VT.

Ruth (Ainsworth) Hudon was born on the family farm on May 28, 1916 in Woodbury, Vermont. Her parents were Ivan and Theresa Ainsworth. She immediately surpassed her first milestone by surviving birth at only three pounds. Ruth had only one sibling, her younger brother, Gerald who later operated the family farm.

One of her most enjoyable pleasures was riding her horse, Topsey, after walking home from school. Topsey was one of the farm's draft horses that worked daily on the farm and usually took Ruth on long rides throughout the trails and woods.

Ruth attended Woodbury Elementary School and graduated from Woodbury Center High School. She met

her future husband Franklyn Hudon while they both attended the same schools in Woodbury. He later worked on the Ainsworth farm. The couple married in June of 1934, had two daughters, Lucille and Barbara, while living in Woodbury.

After living a stint in Connecticut, they moved to Waterbury, Vermont. Frank worked for the Eldridge Mill and Ruth found employment at Demeritt's Canning and Clothespin Factory. She also worked at VSH in the sewing room for 12 years.

During WWII Franklyn served his country proudly in the US Navy while Ruth cared for Lucille and Barbara plus took care of their home on Hill Street.

RUTH HUDON



Frank, Ruth, Lucille, and Barbara in Woodbury, VT.



Gerald Ainsworth at the farm in Woodbury, VT.

In later years, Frank and Ruth purchased property in Duxbury Corner, now 318 Main St.. At first this was their garden space and in 1961, Frank built a new ranch style home for the family. He had at this stage in his life earned a well-known and respected talent as a carpenter; a trade he learned while rebuilding parts of damaged ships during the war. Frank continued in his trade as a high-quality finish carpenter who was always in great demand for his talent.

Ruth's love for her beautiful flower gardens was a true passion and it was so evident when driving through Duxbury Corner. Their home was such a remarkable and beautiful setting. She also loved to keep her cookie jar filled for her grandchildren's daily visits. Ruth's family and her church were very important to her especially after Frank's death.

She continued on for several years in her beloved little home, as she called it, with much of her family

close by. The weekly bible studies were held at her home which she just loved! She eventually moved into an assisted living local home where she remains quite comfortable and convenient for visits from her family, friends, and neighbors.

On May 28, 2016, Ruth passed the century mark with a family party and many visitors before and after her 100th birthday! With Lucille and Barbara's families that consisted of 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great grandchildren—and still growing—she considers herself lucky, and with good reason.

Ruth has reached a milestone—one that she deserves with her passion for her town, state, country, and even more her love for her family, friends, neighbors, church, and mankind alike. Our hearts go out to a wonderful loving lady that Duxbury and the community is proud to say they know her and “thanks” for being a grand lady, friend, and neighbor.

RUTH HUDON



Frank and Ruth on Hill St. in Waterbury, 1940s.



Photo provided by Skip Flanders.

Lynn and Lucille Lewis with Ruth on her 100th birthday.



Frank and Ruth cutting an anniversary cake.



Photo provided by Skip Flanders.

Ruth with her family on her 100th birthday.

The Duxbury Historical Society thanks the Hudon family for providing information and photos for this publication.

SHIRLEY MARSHALL

On April 23, 2016, at a Ladies at the Table dinner, the masonic brothers of Winooski Lodge #49 of Waterbury and Mad River Lodge #77 of Waitsfield recognized the contribution of Shirley Marshall for her caring service and betterment of her community and fellow humans. It was a privilege and honor for the Masonic Brothers to recognize Shirley Marshall for a life dedicated to caring for her family, and providing assistance and service to her fellow human beings.

Shirley Marshall was born in Barre, Vermont on March 4, 1956. She was the daughter of Ramona (Coffin) Garcia and Manuel Garcia. She was one of 5 children with 2 brothers, Greg and Michael, and graduated from Harwood Union High School.

Shirley had 4 children, Nikki, Sonni, Raini, and Donni but sadly Nikki and Raini have passed away. She has 10 grandchildren. Shirley and Michael are raising her grandson David after the death of his mother.

In 1984 Shirley married Mike Marshall of Duxbury. In early years Shirley stayed at home to raise her children and take care of her family. In 1998 Shirley started work at the Depot Beverage in Waterbury and also worked at the Feed Bag in Moretown. In 2004 Shirley and Mike purchased the Depot Beverage business. They operated it for 12 years before selling it in January 2016. At Depot Beverage Shirley worked at almost every job in both the store and the recycle center. She counted and sorted cans and bottles, worked the cash registers, ordered items, stocked shelves, cleaned, cooked, was involved in job interviews and hiring, administrative duties, and many other duties.

Shirley has been very active in the support group Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren. Shirley is a very caring and compassionate person. Over the years donation jars were always visible on the counter in the store to support local charities, for families suffering from tragedies such as a fire, flooding, death, or serious health problems. When gas prices were so high Shirley refused to raise the price above \$3.99 per gallon despite pressure from the distributor to do so. Shirley was always helping those less fortunate in many ways be it a kind word, money, food, or moral support. During various construction seasons Shirley would deliver coffee and other goodies free to flag persons and other workers. Shirley once ran for the Schoolboard out of concern for high education costs for those on fixed incomes.

During her leisure time Shirley enjoys working with her flowers and feeding the turkeys and other birds.



Front: Shirley Marshall. Left to right: Randy Ricker, Winooski Lodge; Mike Marshall; Bruce Humphrey, Winooski Lodge.

**D U X B U R Y H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y , I N C .
C O N T A C T I N F O R M A T I O N**

President: Don Welch
Vice President: Christian Magnani
Treasurer: Mark Morse
Secretary: Eulie Costello

Phone: 802-244-7558
Phone: 802-244-1915
Phone: 802-244-7080
Phone: 802-244-1742

E-mail: dmwelch136@yahoo.com
E-mail: c.magnani@outlook.com
E-mail: markmorsevt@myfairpoint.net
E-mail: euliej@gmail.com

General Questions

Don Welch, President
318 Main St.
Duxbury, VT 05676

Membership

Mark Morse, Treasurer
804 VT Route 100
South Duxbury, VT 05660

Newsletter

Kelly Welch
Alison Magnani
Justin Blackman
Skip Flanders

Phone: 802-244-5627
Phone: 802-244-1915

Phone: 802-244-5529

E-mail: welchkelly2014@yahoo.com
E-mail: a.magnani@outlook.com
E-mail: mail@ju5tin.com
E-mail: wtbskip@comcast.net

If you have any comments or contributions for the newsletter we would love to hear from you.

www.DuxburyVT.com

**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING - AUG. 14
CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - NOON**

**D U X B U R Y H I S T O R I C A L
S O C I E T Y , I N C .
8 0 4 V T R O U T E 1 0 0
S O U T H D U X B U R Y , V T
0 5 6 6 0**