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Current Events

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Thanks to Ruth Painter and Mary Tuthill, who completed the nomination of Dick Allen for the Ethan Allen award. This award goes to a teacher who has special interest in history. Good luck, Dick!

Saturday & Sunday, June 25th and 26th Vermont History Expo 2005 at the fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT-Williston Historical Society/Williston Central School Community History Project.

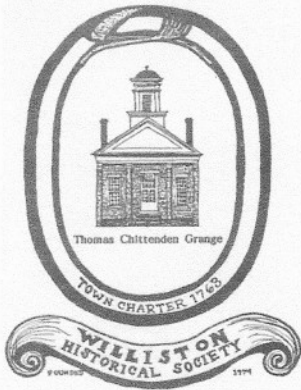
See how 90 middle school students researched and wrote their own play on Williston's history. Title of the play: "Hands on the Land, Williston Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Check the Vermont Historical Society web site for more details of Expo 2005 or call 878-4875.

At a time when Vermonters, especially our youth, need a sense of place, we have to find a way to tell the stories of our local community's history so they can be preserved and passed on to the next generation. The Vermont Historical Society developed the Community History Project as a model to meet this need. It began in 2001. Ten pilot sites were chosen to form teams made up of people from local historical societies and local schools. Each team began the two year project by choosing a community story to tell using historical resources to develop their stories and then by using current methods and technologies to tell them and present them to the communities. There were ten original teams. IBM and Verizon were major contributors to the project. The Williston Historical Society and Phoenix Team students of the Williston Central School were a part of the sec-

ond two year project, which began in the fall of 2003. It has been an exciting experience bringing together several generations in the study of our town's history.

Sunday, July 3, 2005 at 7 pm The Annual Ice Cream Social is to be held on the town green in Williston Village. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and listen to the town band while enjoying your ice cream. At this event this year the Dorothy Ailing Memorial Library will be serving birthday cake in celebration of their 100th year. Their book sale will be open to the public from 4pm—6pm at the school this evening, as well as on July 4th beginning at 9am. Proceeds will go to the Chittenden County Emergency Food Shelf and to support our local Cemetery Commission (from Ice Cream Social).

Sunday, August 7, 2005 at 1pm Williston Historical Society will have a salad picnic on Sunday, August 7, 2005 at 1 PM at Mary and Art Tuthill's historic home on Route 2 in Williston. Members are asked to bring some kind of salad dish to share and rest of meal will be provided. As in years past friends and families gathered on a Sunday afternoon to visit. Bring family and friends!



Volunteers needed for picking and slicing strawberries for ice cream social. We will pick 60 pounds of strawberries on Saturday , July 2, 2005 at 7am . All those picking meet at 6:45 am at Williston Federated Church parking lot on No. Williston Road. Questions call Terry Macaig at 878-3872 or John Joachim at 434-2618.

August 13, 2005 Ethan Allen Tower is 100 years old-the Williston Marching Band will participate in activities at the park off North Avenue. Since Williston's Thomas Chittenden was close friends with Ethan Allen it seems fitting and proper that we participate in the celebration, as we were once neighbors and the Williston town line bordered with Burlington before there was a South Burlington.

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Recently Rickie Emerson announced that she is stepping down as Director of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library. Personally, I have to say that she has been very welcoming to me during the time I have been working for the WHS in the Vermont Room. Many times she has given me the "inside track" to historical books we may be interested in, as well as offering books from her collection that were from Dorothy Parker Alling's collection. She has been very kind in letting me know when groups would be meeting in the

Vermont Room, so that I wouldn't be disturbed.

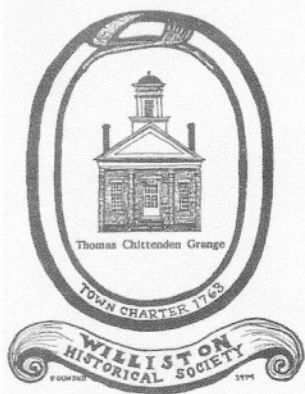
She has always been thoughtful in getting donations to us, such as a donation from Larry and Dot Bliss several weeks ago. She received the Norman Brownell discharge paper, as well as a certificate to Brownell for his service in the Civil War. We are grateful for the day-to-day support we have had as well as the big help she has been in the big things. She has been a great ally and we will miss her. Thank you, Rickie, for everything you've done throughout the years. ~S.R.

The Williston Historical Society

Volunteers are needed to cover the Williston Historical Society and Phoenix House booth at the Vermont History Expo 2005 in Tunbridge. Call Ginger Isham at 878-4875.

New Book for Collection

Recently we purchased "Eleven Awesome Vermont Women" written by Cynthia Parsons and Kathleen Whalen, and illustrated by Elaine Dixon. It is published by The Vermont Schoolhouse Press. Featured in this book is Caroline Ardelia Yale (1848-1933): The first woman in the United States to train teachers of the deaf to teach lip-reading.



New Additions to the Collection

Recently we received a number of Family items from Martha Marvin Kelly, niece of Dorothy Parker Alling. The collection of items consisted of:

- Parasols (belonged to the Miller ladies). A green parasol goes with the wedding dress we have displayed in the Vermont Room.
- Photo album (belonged to Laura

Parker) Some local and WWI photos from France.

- Dorothy Parker Alling's personal Bible.
- Photos from Laura and Marion Parker.
- Baby shoes of Laura and Dorothy.
- Barber Family Bible.
- Meredith Family's Longfellow book.
- Antlers from a deer killed on Maple Hill.



An image Laura Parker is among the pictures donated. Laura can be seen on the far left.

