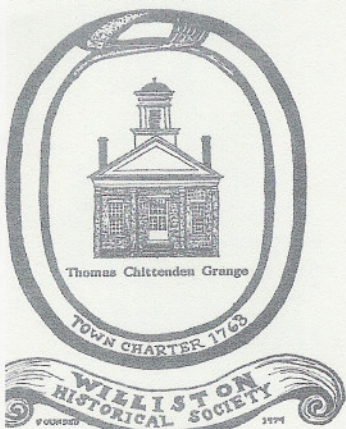


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"Every Individual is an Historical Figure"
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Ice Cream Social
Many thanks to all who picked, sliced and helped with set up and serving for the social. We had a larger turnout this year than last! Our donations came to \$1150.00. We contributed \$500 to the town's Cemetery Commission and the remainder to the Burlington Emergency Food Shelf.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, October 14, 2005

at the Vermont State House and the Vermont Historical Society Museum
Montpelier, Vermont.

The League of Local Historical Societies and Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance present:

ARTIFACTS & AUDIENCE:

Balancing, Preserving and Promoting Your Mission

Featuring:

- * Speaker, Judy Livingston from Manchester, former Board President of Hildene.
- * Showcase of best new ideas in Vermont museums and galleries.
- * Eight practical workshops
- * Presentation of League of Local Historical Society Achievement Award

NOTE - Williston Central School and Williston Historical Society will be part of the program and will present how the partnership between the school and society was organized and the involvement of students and society members for the Community History Project.

The Williston Historical Society will host a general meeting on **Monday, September 26, 2005** at the Old Brick Church. Richard Allen, well-known local historian and faculty member at Williston Central School will present a slide show, "Images and Stories from Williston's Past." The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served. The public are invited. Call 878-4135 for information.

Congratulations to Ruth Painter on being recognized for her work as a community volunteer in her town and meeting with Governor Douglas and other recipients!

Thank You! Mary and Art!

The society picnic on August 7th was a success and enjoyed by 19 members. The salads were delicious as well as the ice cream for dessert with Mary's blueberry sauce in the shade of apple trees on the back lawn. Art was kind to display artifacts they found after moving into their Chittenden home. An artifact of great interest was a wooden water pipe several feet long. Everyone enjoyed the display on large signs of the chronological order of the owners of their home beginning with a Chittenden son. Mary kindly gave us all a tour of the house. I especially remember her showing us a chest in the living room and her comment was, "It is not very valuable, it is not very old, but it is very interesting." We had a view of the steep stairs to the attic. It was interesting to see that Art had used foam insulation on the inside of the door to keep out the cold. Yankee ingenuity!

Thank you again for a wonderful summer picnic where we could all just visit and enjoy one another's company.

~Pres. Ginger Isham

In July we received 56 Lucia Darling diaries. They range from 1855-1915. Many of the original diary entries have been annotated and is book-form in the Vermont Room. However, many of the diaries donated to us have not yet been transcribed and are not in these three Lucia Darling volumes. Here are some diary entries, as well as a scanned entry.

Monday April 10, 1865

I went over to tell Mary the news was that Gen Lee's army had surrendered - she made me stay to dinner - we went down shut (?) this afternoon. She & the children were here to supper.

Saturday April 15, 1865

Dear little Angie would have been two years old to-day [died March 5th, 1865]. O precious child, how well we loved her. The sad the awful news came to-day by telegraph that our President was shot last night & died at four o'clock this morning also the Seward's (?) son stabbed & killed /letter from Charlie.

~100 years ago this month

AUG. 31, 1865

THURSDAY 31

We finished the novel today
it is very warm & sunny
now a day - The news of the day
is Mrs Griswold of Williston
was shockingly murdered last
Sunday night

As you can see, some entries are fairly difficult to decipher, but are quite interesting, nonetheless. ~S. Robinson

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TO THE
Williston Central School
Phoenix House
AND THE
Williston Historical Society

for their Williston history project and play,
"Our Hands on the Land: Williston Yesterday,
Today and Tomorrow."

PRESENTED JULY 17, 2005