

GL VER HISTORY

*Providing for the Future, Remembering the Past
1783-2005*

Vol. 14, No. 2

Glover Historical Society, Inc.

Summer 2005

President's Report

Spring has arrived and another season of activity of your Historical Society is being planned.

We are continuing our publications program with the second cemetery book now being compiled by Jeannine B. Young. This volume will cover the West Glover, Andersonville and French (or Dexter Mountain) cemeteries. Dick Brown has done extensive research for this project. No definite publication has been set as yet. You will find a complete list of available Society publications on page 4 of this newsletter.

As mentioned in our winter newsletter, a granite memorial marker is being prepared for the Westlook cemetery, honoring our four veterans of the American Revolution—two of whom were also veterans of the War of 1812. The marker, inscribed with the names of the veterans, will be erected by the Garon St. Sauveur Granite Co. of Newport and will be up this summer.

The Society will again be participating in the Vermont History EXPO at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on June 25th and 26th, and of course at the Glover Day festivities on July 30th.

Our membership has dropped slightly due to our having to purge members who have not paid their dues for some time. We still have 164 paid (or complimentary) members on our roster, and as always, we welcome anyone with an interest in Glover history.

For the summer season (June through August) we have reestablished open hours for the Society Museum—1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Other times may be arranged by appointment. (Between April 1 and December 1, call 802-525-8855 to schedule an appointment.) The Museum is located at the Glover Municipal Building on the second floor.

Have a wonderful summer and come and visit us!

- Bob Clark



Bernard and John Urie relax at the top of Lone Tree Hill after hiking up with day campers last summer. Shown in the upper right, is a register for climbers who reach the top to sign.

Warning

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the Glover Historical Society, Inc. will take place on Wednesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. at the Glover Municipal Building.

The principal agenda item at the meeting will be election of four Directors. The terms of office of four members of the Society's "staggered" 12-member Board of Directors will expire as of the 2005 Meeting: Martha Alexander, Eleanor Bailey, Betsy Day and Betty Putney. The Nominating Committee has nominated all four for reelection to serve a three-year term ending with the Annual Meeting in 2008. All four incumbents have agreed to serve if elected. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the time of the meeting.

Members are urged to attend the meeting in person, but should this not be possible, votes may be cast by proxy by designating another Society member to act on your behalf. Written proxies should be mailed to the Glover Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 208, Glover, VT 05839, to arrive no later than July 12.

The meeting agenda will also include reports on Society activities during the preceding year, and a review of plans for future events.

- Ulo Sinberg

Glover Pioneer Day Camp



Devon Colburn and Dustin Bodette put up a Hinman Road sign at the Shadow Lake side of the Swamp Road last summer. Junior counselors made trail signs, which were put up during Pioneer Camp to mark the route of the Hinman Road, the first road built through northeastern Vermont.

The ninth annual Glover Pioneer Day Camp will be held this year from June 27 to July 1. Mornings will be spent at the West Glover Church, followed by a hike and picnic lunch in the middle of the day, and afternoons at the Parker Settlement in West Glover for focus groups, fort building and swimming. The camp is sponsored by the Glover Public Library with support and consultation from the Glover Historical Society. Funding will again be provided by a grant from the 21st Century project through the U.S. Department of Education, as well as minimal tuition fees.

The group of close to 40 campers, children going into grades 1 through 8, will learn about history and nature with hands-on activities that make learning so much fun they won't even recognize it as education. In addition to our regular instructors, five graduating eighth graders who have been regular campers will be hired as junior counselors.

This year campers will hike the hilltops of Glover, and try to imagine the time around 12,000 years ago when those hilltops were mere islands in Glacial Lake Memphremagog, a body of water that stretched from northern Vermont through much of southern Quebec. As the last glacial period came to an end, the ice began to melt from the south, while the natural outlets for our rivers and streams toward the north were still plugged with ice. The water rose up until it found

a spot where it could drain off toward the south. For Glacial Lake Memphremagog, that spot was very close to where the real Glover pioneers dug a trench on that fateful day of June 6, 1810, when Long Pond was let out. The diggers hit quicksand, which quickly deepened their ditch to drain the entire pond in an hour and a half.

Campers will study topographical maps to locate the elevation which was the surface of the prehistoric lake, and follow it around to discover where the shoreline was. They will be able to see the elevation during their hikes on a Global Positioning System (GPS) to find out at what point 12,000 years ago they would be climbing out of the water and onto the shore. Best of all they will continue the camp tradition of exploring our town and appreciating this place where we live.

We continue to be thankful to the landowners, who graciously allow us to walk on their property, and to the older residents of town who serve as guides to the old roads, and pass on their memories of Glover's past.

After our hikes, we will return to the Parker Settlement, just above Parker Road on the east side of Lake Parker, where the first settlement in Glover was established around 1800. Betsy Day and Randy Williams, active members of the Glover Historical Society, own the land and have been involved in planning and teaching at the camp since it began. Campers



Proud campers stand in front of the fort they built. From left to right are Denver Bodette, Lauren Colburn, Meg Andrews, Logan Perron, and Carly Perron.

join with groups of friends to build forts in the woods, using baling twine to lash branches to trees, and thatching their structures with softwood brush.

In the afternoons the children divide into their focus groups for the week. This year we will offer five topics, which will enable us to have smaller and more involved groups. The always popular Log Cabin Building group will continue to cut, strip and notch logs to raise the walls on our small cabin. Archaeology will be offered again, with guest archaeologists invited to present more scientific information and hands-on activities. Children in the Fiber Arts group will learn about wool, as well as other animal and plant fibers, and how they can be made into fabric. They will learn to spin, and they will get to try weaving on a variety of looms. The Fishing group will learn about fish, pond habitat, and fishing

techniques, including fly tying. In *Working with Clay*, the children will learn about the geological process that forms clay, and what types of places it can be found. They will press clay into molds for bricks, and will learn simple hand-building techniques, as well as see a potter's wheel work.

At the end of the day we go down to Parker Pond, to Gary and Gail Lyman's lot, for a swim. The parents arrive to pick up their tired but happy campers, and many wish that Pioneer Camp would last longer than one week. We have been able to draw counselors with busy lives who can only commit that one week to camp, but look forward to it every year. Glover Pioneer Day Camp has become a town tradition, and it is truly a community-building experience.

For more information, or a registration form, call Peggy at 525-3034.

- Peggy Day Gibson

Accessions Log Update

The conversion of our Accessions Log from a handwritten log to computer disk has been completed.

Information is now kept in both a printed notebook and on several disks. This will ensure that if something should happen to the original accessions log, we will still have a record of the donated items. The new log is set up with an accession number for each item, followed by a description and comments, as well as the name of the donor. There is also a column to indicate where the item is located.

We now need to take the next step. A committee is being formed to verify each line item on the log to make sure the item is actually located at the GHS museum. Some of the items on display have lost their accession number tags, so as the inventory is being verified, we will also attach correct accession numbers.

If you have an interest in working on this project, please contact Skip or Judy Borrell at 525-6920 so that we can set up a work schedule. This summer, the GHS Museum will be open on Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m.; this might be a good time to work on the verification project.

- Judy Borrell

Genealogy Resources

The Glover Historical Society Museum has many interesting items and documents available for viewing. It is also a ready resource for those involved in tracing genealogies. The Museum offers many sources of ancestral information ranging from bound volumes of area families, annual lists, various school attendance records, letters, newspaper articles, photo albums and more. The Glover Town Clerk's office on the first floor has property records that extend back to the 1700s.

If you are not able to come to the Museum to do your research, a member of the Glover Historical Society will perform the search for you for a fee of \$25 per hour. Send e-mail inquiries to gloverhistory@yahoo.com. Or write to Robert Clark, P.O. Box 208, Glover, VT 05839.

- Skip Borrell



Glover to Exhibit with Bread & Puppet at the Vermont History EXPO

The Vermont Historical Society is again hosting Vermont History EXPO on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, 2005. This year is the fifth annual event and it has become one of the most popular and well attended summer extravaganzas in Vermont. It is always held on the grounds of the Tunbridge World's Fair in one of the loveliest and lushest valleys in Vermont, easily accessible from both interstates 89 and 91 or a beautiful drive along Vermont's backroads from the Northeast Kingdom.

This will be the third year that the Glover Historical Society has had an exhibit at the fair. Our first exhibit four years ago was the Story of Runaway Pond. We used the backdrop and the props from Bread & Puppet's Runaway Pond Show. We were a big hit at EXPO that year and the bold, brightly painted curtains from Bread & Puppet attracted a lot of people into our booth to hear the great storytelling and to buy Wayne Alexander's just published *Runaway Pond: The Complete Story*.

Last year, we told the story of the Parker Settlement and Pioneer Day Camp: Grooming the Next Generation of Glover Historians. This time we drew people into the booth with a wall of photographs of kids hiking, learning pioneer skills, working in focus groups, digging in archeological sites at the settlement, building log cabins, and more. A lot of visitors related to Glover through Bread & Puppet. They asked when we were going to do an exhibit on the theater. It just so happens that this year the Bread & Puppet Museum is celebrating their thirtieth anniversary in the old barn on the Dopp farm in Glover. It seemed like a perfect opportunity to please the crowd and to honor the hard work of the Bread & Puppet Press, and also to remember nineteenth century life on the farm in the Northeast Kingdom. So, this year's exhibit at EXPO is Bread & Puppet Museum: Thirty Years in Glover.

Last fall, the Orleans County Historical Society and the Old Stone House sponsored a tour of the painted curtains in the Northeast Kingdom. In addition

to showing the Robert Naves curtains hanging on the stage of the Glover Town Hall, the Glover Historical Society took the opportunity to exhibit a collection of Peter Schumann's painted curtains. One of the pieces in that collection was the backdrop of a parlor scene from the Washerwoman Show. It is a beautiful bright pink curtain, just perfect for our exhibit at Tunbridge.

Since the first History EXPO five years ago, the Vermont Historical Society has been trying to get Bread & Puppet to perform at the grandstand show and to be in the parade. This year, because of our exhibit celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the Bread and Puppet Museum in Glover, the theater troupe will participate in the parade at 1 p.m. on Saturday and will then perform on the grandstand at 4 p.m.

The Glover Historical Society exhibit will celebrate the occasion by presenting a retrospective showing of posters and banners from the Annual Domestic Resurrection Circuses of summers past, as well as a display of artwork, publications, and postcards from the Bread & Puppet Press and a photographic tour of the Bread & Puppet Museum and its collection of giant puppets, housed in the huge old dairy barn on Jim and Daisy Dopp's old farm on Route 122 in Glover. During the weekend, there will be some guest appearances from puppeteers, readings from *Daisy Dopp's Vermont*, book signings, and Peter Schumann's sourdough rye bread, of course. Peter has offered to build a bread oven on the fairgrounds and to bake his wonderful bread on site. The sponsors of EXPO are so grateful to have the Bread & Puppet Theater participating this year that they have given the Glover Historical Society two exhibit spaces to accommodate the plethora of posters, banners, and books from the museum, as well as all of our own society publications. We are certain to attract a lot of attention and to draw a big crowd into our booth. Please come and visit us at EXPO!

- Betsy Day

Glover Historical Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 208
Glover, VT 05839

Membership Dues

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. The label indicates the date through which your dues have been paid. In most cases, membership has been paid through December 2004 and payment for 2005 is now due. If your prepaid membership expired in December 2003, then please include the appropriate amount for 2004 dues. Please use the coupon on page 4 of this newsletter to remit your payment. Thank you for your continued interest and support!

Glover History

An occasional publication of the
Glover Historical Society, Inc.
Municipal Building, Glover, VT 05839

President Bob Clark
Vice President Betsy Day
Secretary Ulo Sinberg
Treasurer Michael Ladd

Additional Board Members: Joan Alexander,
Martha Alexander, Eleanor Bailey, Jean Borland,
Gisele Clark, Harriet King, Betty Putney,
Randy Williams

Mother and Daughter Reviewed in Vermont History

Joan Alexander's book, *Mother and Daughter: Two Diaries of Glover, Vermont Girls*, published by GHS in 2004, was the subject of a favorable essay-review by Lynn A. Bonfield in the Winter/Spring issue of *Vermont History*, the magazine of the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier.

The book has enjoyed brisk sales since it was first introduced last Glover Day in 2004. For further information see page 4 of this newsletter.

In Memoriam

Arlene A. (Ticehurst) Page
March 19, 1939 - March 21, 2005