

# GL VER HISTORY

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS**

How wonderful to be able to report that the Glover Historical Society, now two years old, is thriving. We'd like to thank all who've made this happen: the town of Glover, you whose dues and donations have made possible proper storage and display materials, with special thanks to Modern Woodmen, you who have donated artifacts and memorabilia without which there could be no museum, and you who have given of your time, energy and expertise to create the GHS and make it function.

The Board is sending this newsletter to tell of some of the things happening in the Society so that you who are members will know what you're making possible and so that, hopefully, you who are not members will want to join and/or donate artifacts. Of course we welcome your participation in events and the donations of artifacts (either as gifts or loans) even if you choose not to become a member at this time. And we welcome inactive members as well as active!

We feel it is exciting, rewarding work and extend to all a cordial invitation to join us at our meetings the second Tuesday of each month or in the following activities planned for this summer.

### ***Museum Hours and Exhibits***

The GHS museum, housed in the Municipal Building, is open Wednesdays, Memorial Day through the month of September from 1:30 -4:30 and upon request to Betty Putney (525-6226) or Ruth Evans (525-3195). On exhibit this summer are all the artifacts so far donated as well as table exhibits of Glover's cultural, economic, geneological, religious and educational past. New exhibits include current cellar hole research, local historians (past and present), friendship books and calling cards, and the history of the Union House. Come in some Wednesday when you have time to browse and enjoy.

### ***Open House***

Open House, which has been a real homecoming, old-timer/new-timer fun day, will be on Saturday, July 25th, from 1:00 - 5:00. In addition to the museum exhibits there will be refreshments, an attic sale (donations appreciated--leave them at the Town Clerk's office), a video of interviews with longtime Glover residents and library book sale. Also, on Saturday, August 1st, we will sponsor "Union House Day" with a tour of the nursing home.

### ***Second Printing of Glover History***

Now that the society and museum are underway, our next priority is to raise pre-publication money to reprint *History of the Town of Glover, Vermont*. Watch for more information about our first big fundraiser, a REAL BARN DANCE! On the membership form included in this newsletter you will see a place to indicate the number of history books you would like and whether you would be willing to pay in advance. Even if you don't wish to join the GHS but would be interested in a book(s), please send the form to us (Glover Historical Society, Municipal Building, Glover, VT 05839) so we can get an idea of numbers and interest in the project.

Thank you....and please join or rejoin us. We need you.

-Ruth Evans & Betty Putney

## GLOVER'S ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

### *Saving the Memories of Glover Citizens*

The video taping project is an attempt to preserve for posterity the recollections of some of the "older" Glover sons and daughters. Of special interest are stories about the days without electricity, radios, automobiles, telephones, flush toilets and tables of plenty.

To date, 32 individuals have been "recorded", each on about a two hour tape (VHS), which includes some copies of still photographs of special interest to the family. These tapes are quite popular with family and friends and are available for \$10 each *for personal use only*.

### GLOVER'S MANY CELLAR HOLES - SIGNS OF TIMES PAST

Our very ambitious goal in this project is to locate every homesite, past and present, in Glover and name everyone who lived here! The final result will be a book(s) including maps, names, lot numbers, dates, etc.

In 1878 the *Beers Atlas* indicated 11 school districts in Glover and named all the residents. We are using old maps, topo maps, aerial photos, town history, land records, etc. to supplement the field work of locating all those old homesites. Often the only evidence that remains are the cellar holes and other foundations and perhaps some "wild" roses.

Modern logging equipment methods, new home construction and road improvements are some

We have a list of 50 more "Gloverites" yet to be interviewed. If you or someone you know would like to be included, please let us know.

The final goal of this fun job is to edit all of the tapes and compose a video(s) by the various subjects, such as one-room schools, Dr. Buck, oatmeal, haying, and so on. This last task will mean a lot of work and expense and we need your support. To be included in the interviews or for further information about this project, contact Wayne Alexander, Elijah's Place, RR2, Box 24, Glover, VT 05839, Tel. 525-4419.

- Wayne Alexander



Cellar Hole Sleuths Making Plans of the reasons these cellar holes are being obliterated along with the stone walls that our pioneer ancestors labored so strenuously to construct.

The cellar hole "sleuths" commenced this project during our

### AND WHAT ABOUT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSES?

The oral history and cellar hole projects have inspired a strong interest in the old one-room schools. And some of them--like the teachers who taught in them--are still standing!

A number of old photos (school pictures) have surfaced and surely many of you have others hidden away in the attic. The Historical Society collects such photos or we would copy yours and return it if you wish.

Please identify place, people and dates whenever possible. *Do not write on the photo.*

An additional task will be to combine these photos with a history for each school district.

Contact the Glover Historical Society, Municipal Building, Glover, VT 05839 if you have information or photos, or are interested in working on this project.

- Wayne Alexander

bicentennial year of 1991 and chose to start in the Skunk Hollow area. This was also on the old "Hinman Settler Road", constructed just 200 years before and the first roadway cut out in Glover. It was built by Timothy Hinman and connected his property in Derby with the Bayley-Hazen Road in Greensboro. Stage coaches used this route on their way from Wells River to Quebec for many years before a route was established through St. Johnsbury.

Early inns, taverns, meeting houses, schools, and cemeteries were all located along this historic route through Glover and many are "lost" in the woods today.

Photos of old homesites, now long gone, would add greatly to this book. If you have any such photos and would loan them to the society, please contact Jean (Urie) Borland, RR3, Box 119, Barton, VT 05822. Mrs. Borland is responsible for searching all the old town records, etc.

If you would like to join the cellar hole sleuths in their search or have information about locations, please contact Wayne Alexander, RR2, Box 24, Glover, VT 05839, tel. 525-4419.



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# FROM THE JOURNALS OF DAN MASON, CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

*Dan Mason was the grandson of Rev. Reuben Mason, the first pastor of the Congregational Church of Glover and grew up on a farm on the northeast side of Glover village. On Sept. 28, 1861 he enlisted in the army and went to fight in the Civil War. In the spring of 1865 he married Harriet Clark, also of Glover. A few months later, on Nov. 20, 1865, Dan Mason died in Brownsville, Texas at the age of 25. Harriet later married John Borland, and their great grandchildren included Alden G. Borland. Jean Borland, Alden's wife, has written about Dan, collected his letters and other surviving artifacts, and transcribed his diary. Here are a few excerpts.*



## **On the Battlefield, 1863**

**Nov. 22, Sunday.** Cold and pleasant, very muddy. No Sunday morning inspection. Made preparations to go to Vermont recruiting. Divine services at 3 o'clock. Had a very good sing at Captain Davis tent. In the evening dress parade as usual.

**Nov. 23.** Cool and pleasant, washed clothes, received express box containing boots, shirts and feetings. Division paraded at 2 o'clock pm to see two deserters branded with letters D on palm of hand. Ordered to be ready to march at an early hour in morn.

**Nov. 24.** Cold and rainy. Army of the Potomac did not march on account of the rains. Detail from the Vermont Brigade started to Vermont. Carlos Drew died about 3 o'clock pm. I took charge of the body to Washington.

**Nov. 25.** Cold and cloudy. Took boat for Washington. Obtained coffin for Drew at Furgersons. Arrived at Washington about 10 o'clock a.m. Placed body of Drew in care of Adams CX. Bell through to Barton, \$135.00.

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## **OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 75 AND GROWING!!**

Joan Alexander  
Martha & Wayne Alexander  
Holly Hughes Barnes  
Lois & Charles Barrows  
Nash Basom & Mariel Hess  
Marguerite Bean-Fiske  
Carol Borland  
Jean Borland  
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Becky & Craig Buchanan  
Robert Canosa  
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Peggy Day & Dennis Gibson  
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Avis Harper  
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George "Hut" Hughes  
Bonnie & Michael Ladd  
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Elizabeth Nelson  
Carolyn Perron  
Linda & Evan Perron  
Frances & Alonzo Phillips  
Betty Putney  
Mazel Rogers  
Janet Shields Small  
Donna, Ray, Raymond Sweeney  
Peter & Elka Schumann  
Gerry & Kristina Trevits  
Ellen & Edwin Urie  
Rachel & Harold Vincent  
Marilyn & Alden Walcott  
Will Wernitgen & Barbara Delzio  
Betsy Day & Randy Williams  
Jeannine Young

### **Glover Historical Society Municipal Building Glover, VT 05839**

#### **MEMBERSHIP FOR 1992**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TEL# \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$8.00 (SPOUSES, CHILDREN UNDER 18)

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - \$5.00

ADDITIONAL DONATION OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS (connection with Glover, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ copies of *The History of Glover* (approximately \$15.00 each).

I would/would not be willing to pay for these in advance.

## NAMING GLOVER'S ROADS

A major project of the Glover Historical Society over the winter was the naming of all 81 roads in town. The purpose of this is for the safety and convenience of the townspeople. If all roads are officially named then it will be easier for the post office, ambulance, fire department, police, UPS, deliveries, phone and utility companies to locate people.

The first working meeting was held last November and by Town Meeting day a preliminary map was ready and distributed to everyone present. Several suggestions were made that day and were later incorporated into the map. The procedure that was used to name roads was to first choose the road names which were already commonly agreed upon, such as Perron Hill. For others, the names of early settlers who lived on or near the road were used. Finally, names were chosen which stressed the rural nature of Glover, such as Bear Lane and Maple Place.

At the April meeting a Post Office representative reported on a state plan called locatable addresses, in which houses are numbered every 50 (or 100) feet so that when 911 emergency phone service is instituted in Vermont it will be easy for emergency vehicles to find any address quickly.

The "final" map will be posted at the town clerk's office for your comments and suggestions. The Society is hopeful that the map will be officially adopted at next year's Town Meeting. Final goals are a published map and perhaps street signs. Another step is to make a map with each house identified by name.

If you have suggestions or questions, contact any member of the board or come to a meeting.

-Brendan Hadash

Dan Mason, cont'd. from pg. 3

### *In Glover*

**Dec. 12.** Cold and pleasant- cloudy in afternoon. H. McClellan and I went ... to get recruits. Did not succeed in getting any. Arrived at village about 7 o'clock. Took supper. Hiram's band met.

**Dec. 13.** Sunday. Rain and bleak. Was at Father's. I went to church communion day. Few present, very rainy.... Had a good sing in evening. River very high. Men had to loosen ice and flood wood to prevent bridges from being carried off.

**Dec. 14.** Cloudy and foggy. Some sun in forenoon. Father and I went hunting. Game very scarce. ...

**Dec. 19.** Cold and pleasant. Went down to the village and brought up Aunt Mary and Cynthia's father. Carried off his beef. Bought some velvet ribbon to put on pants. Cracked some butternuts. Went to band school in the evening.

**Dec. 20.** Sunday. Father, Will and I went to meeting to hear Mr. Severance in forenoon and Mr. Scott in afternoon....

**Dec. 23.** Cold and very pleasant. Went over to West Glover and got HBC (Harriet), brought her over to Father's. Done Father's chores. Trees very frosty. Expecting some of the boys home on furlough.

**Dec. 24.** Cold and cloudy. Staid home all day and visited and had a fine time doing chores. Received letters from Capt. Davis and L.P. Clark. Mr. S.S. Blanchard had the old mare to draw wood.

**Dec. 25.** Very pleasant, quite cold. Done chores and visited. Emily [his sister] and I went to Mr. Perkin's donation. Had a good time sliding on the ice by moonlight with the fair ones.

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