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From the Secretary

The 2001 Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Glover Municipal Building on Wednesday, July 11. As usual, the principal agenda item was the election of directors and officers.

The Society's board of directors consists of 12 members with staggered terms of office. Four directors are elected each year, to serve for a three-year term. In 2001, the terms of Gisele Clark, Harriet King, Elaine Magalis and Ulo Sinberg expired; all four were nominated for reelection by the nominating committee; all four agreed to serve and were duly elected to serve until the date of the 2004 Annual Meeting.

An additional Board vacancy had been created by the untimely death of past president Wayne Alexander. Joan Alexander was nominated at the meeting to fill this vacancy and was elected by the unanimous vote of all members present. Joan's term will run through the date of the 2003 Annual Meeting.

Also elected at the 2001 Annual Meeting was a slate of directors to serve as officers of the Society until the 2002 annual meeting: Bob Clark as President, Betsy Day as Vice President, Martha Alexander as Treasurer, and Ulo Sinberg as Secretary. A full listing of directors can be found elsewhere in this issue of *Glover History*.

- Ulo Sinberg

President's Report

This issue marks the first in which I report as your Society president. On behalf of the Society, I wish to thank all who so generously donated in Wayne's memory. We were all overwhelmed by the amount (at last count \$6,273.00!) It shows what a great job he did for the Society during the ten years since it was originated and the tremendous amount of time and energy that he put in, especially since he became president.

This year we hope to publish Westlook Cemetery inscriptions and a history of Andersonville. The *Runaway Pond* book turned out to be our "best seller" with a third printing having just been made.

Glover Day was a success for all concerned. The Society raised \$270 from the sale of publications and four new memberships. As of now, our 2001 membership stands at 158, including complimentary and life memberships.

Glover school students have written papers about Glover (*See inside!*), and the best papers in each age group are being awarded cash prizes from the Society.

- Bob Clark



Jasmyn Carpentier
grade 3

Inside: Writing and artwork from Glover Community School students about their town, yesterday and today!

Glover History Writing Contest

Glover Community School students from grades 1-3 and 6-8 eagerly took on the assignment of competing for prizes in the first annual Glover History Writing Contest. First prizes of \$5 were offered to winners in grades 1-3. Students in grades 6-8 were awarded \$5 for a third place entry; \$10 for second place, and \$25 for first. All entrants were awarded junior membership in the Historical Society.

Aimed at getting young people involved in history, the contest challenged them to write about Glover from a personal point of view (especially the youngest students) and from an historical perspective (the higher grades). The younger children were also asked to draw pictures about their town, even though they would not be placed in competition.

Judges for the contest commented: "We were very impressed with the entries...." and "had a hard time choosing!" The judges tried to balance several

factors in choosing winners: "... writing craft, uses of sources and interviews, historical accuracy and the writer's passion and voice." The Glover Historical Society regrets that it can't print all the entries—they're all fascinating, and frequently informative. Readers who would like to read more will welcome a book of all the writings from Glover School to be published by this March!!

Thanks to the many adults who helped make this project possible:

- judges Joan Alexander, Susan Guilmette and Rachel Sherman;*
- mentors Betty Putney, Jean Borland, Joan Alexander, Betsy Day, Randy Williams and Gail Sangree;*
- the Glover Community School, its teachers and its students.*

Winner, Grade 1 - Dustin Bodetto

I like Glover because I like to ride my bike. I like to go fishing in Parker Pond. I like to shoot my bow and arrow. I like to go swimming at Shadow Lake. There are a lot of places to go in Glover.

Winner, Grade 2 - Tony Stuart

This is my community.

I like my community because I like hunting and soccer and deer and I love four-wheeling with my mom. I live on Dr. Buck Hill in the second house on the right. My grammy, my mom and my sister Sammy live there too. Sometimes I go hunting with my dad and one reason I like that is because we get to stay up late. Another reason I like it is because we walk quietly through the woods and deer think we are deer too.

When I go four-wheeling with my mom we go on this really really long trail. Sometimes we go by this place where a dog chases us and we have to go fast. I love where I live because I get to play soccer with my friends and go hunting with my dad and four-wheeling with my mom.

Winner, Grade 3 - Dylan Bodette

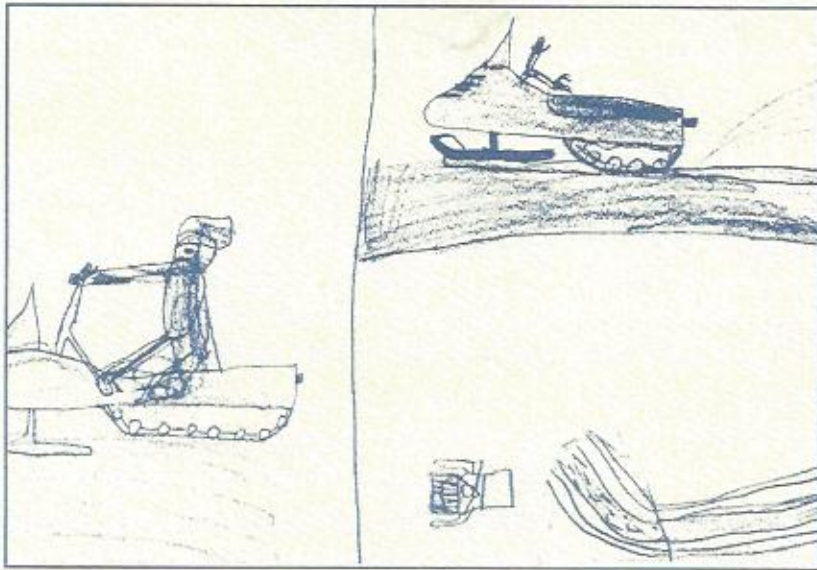
I love Glover because of the wildlife.

Why I love Glover is because you can hunt and fish. I like it when you are walking through the woods and a partridge flies up. They scare me. I jump. I love all of the birds that sing and looking at the squirrels playing on our compost. When deer are out in the fields eating the grass and flapping their tail at the mosquitoes. I like the little field mice when they run by my feet. I sometimes jump because they startle me. Glover is a great place to live because of all the wildlife around.

Winner, Grade 3 - Joshua Currier

What Glover means to me

I like Glover because there is lots of land in Glover. There are very nice people because if you fall down and skin your knee all these people would come out and help you. There is a lot of people in the town of Glover that want to be your friend and want to help you. There are schools that have very nice teachers like Mrs. Tester for instance. She's a real nice teacher and Mrs. Bailey too. That is why I like Glover.



*John Rodgers
grade 3*

*Anselm Graham
grade 2*



*Darcey Burke
grade 2*

Grade 6-8 Winners

First Prize Winner - Shaun Campbell (grade 8) *Murder at 1044 Still Hill*

My address is 1044 Still Hill. Before today I thought that it was just an address, and that nothing ever happened on this property, but I was wrong! My house is an important piece of Glover history because it is one of the oldest houses in Glover. My house is a Vermont cape built in 1790 on 54+ acres of land. It has a dirt floor basement with a granite block foundation. Many people would also have never guessed that my house would have a morbid tale to tell.

In 1903, the silence of the town was suddenly shattered on a late night that year, when one Ray Coomer was suddenly and brutally murdered. Ray had been going over to Levi Partridge's house to help as a farmhand. Little did Levi know, but Ray had been very interested in Levi's wife Mary. Ray eventually was caught flirting with Mary, and was banished from Levi's land never to come back. If he came back, Levi threatened to "blow his head off."

Then one day, when Levi was out hunting, Ray came for a visit. He was sitting on the wood box talking to Mary who was frying her famous donuts, when Levi returned. He had a loaded shotgun in his hand when he walked into the house and saw Ray. He lifted his shotgun and took aim at Ray's head. There was a piercing

gunshot, and blood was splattered everywhere. A gaping hole was left in the wall behind where Ray's head had been. The police came and took Levi away. Mary, full of guilt for triggering Ray's death, decided that as long as Levi was in jail, she would be a jail cook and continue making meals for him.

All of this happened in my house nearly 100 years ago. However, you can still see where the hole in the wall had been. I think that the fact that there was a murder in my house is very unique and scary at the same time. Every house has a history, mine has a unique one. There have been many happy memories in my house, like my mom and dad's wedding, and the birth of our animals. Long before these happy memories, however, there were dark and frightening events that are buried deep within the wood that is the heart of my house.

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Joanne Campbell. Personal Interview 17 November 2001.

Lakes and Mountains Realty company. Property description Listing #1487. Glover, VT. Listed as 1984.

2nd Prize Winner - Ayla Bickford (grade 7) *Good Old Times*

Did you ever wonder what schools were like in the 1940s? Well I did, and I asked my grandfather, Paul Bickford, who attended the Wright School for his eighth grade year in 1947. What's interesting is that the Wright School used to be where my house is now! I also think it's interesting that I found a picture of my *great grandfather* standing in front of the Wright School. I will not only write about the school, but what children did for entertainment out of school.

"Oh, we had a lot of fun!" he remarked. My grandfather recalled that there were only four eighth graders out of 25 students in the entire school. The Wright School was a one room schoolhouse that housed grades 1-8,

ages 6-16. Back then most kids had to walk to school, but there was a bus that picked up some kids.

There were some good points and bad points in school back then. Children who attended the school were taught subjects that aren't very different from subjects now: geography, arithmetic, spelling, history, and other things by Marion Taylor. According to my grampa, a good point of this school was that they didn't have homework! They had time to finish it in school. A bad point was discipline. If they weren't well-behaved in class, they had to stay in recesses or their hands were smacked with a ruler!

For lunch, my grampa said that two eighth graders

would go to Beverly Cox (the cook's) house with a sled which had a big box built into it, and they would get food that she made that morning. They would have baked beans, ham, potatoes, and homemade bread. They would pull the food back to school and have lunch on a big table. "We always had full meals," he said.

For fun in the winter, they went sledding a lot. They had a travis that would hold 8-10 people. They would start up at the hill by Pete Auger's and would fly down all the way to Russ Blower's house!

There were even dances held at the school! They were different from dances today. Instead of a DJ playing music, there was a record player or someone playing the violin! They also had Box parties. Box parties were

when girls made a lunch and put it in a box that would be auctioned off to the boys. The boy would have lunch with the girl who made the box that he bought. Another thing they did for fun was they had card parties. Every Friday night, one could choose to pay 50 cents to play Hearts. The money from the box and card parties went to support the school.

Since you have read my essay, you can tell my grampa was right. They did have a lot of fun back then! I enjoyed learning about what the Wright School was like and what kids did in the 1940s and I hope you did too.

Bibliography

Paul Bickford. Personal Interview. 17 November, 2001.

3rd Prize Winner - Sadie Campbell-Wolk (grade 7)

The Mullin Hill Commune

How would you like to live in a place where everyone shared what they had, and everyone helped with the work? This is what the Mullin Hill Commune was all about.

The Mullin Hill Commune was first established in 1971 during the Vietnam War, when Craig Neil, one of the founders, bought a large piece of land on Mullin Hill past Borland Road. People from New York, California, and many other places, including many from Vermont, came to the commune during "The Back to the Land Movement" of the 1960s and early 70s. This was a time when many "baby-boomers" left their urban lifestyles in search of a life more consistent with natural values.

A commune is a place where a small group of people who have the same ideas or beliefs live together. This particular commune held monthly meetings to discuss certain needs or agreements such as the driveway needing gravel, or which field to grow a certain vegetable. They all had a say in what was to be done.

In the first summer, there were about ten to fifteen people living there. They built a house, grew all their own organic food, had chickens for eggs, and cows for milk. When they first came to the commune, they didn't know how to do these things very well. Loraine Janowski, a commune member resident, said, "This was a time when my Girl Scout training came in handy."

To earn their money, they had a candle business. They took their dipped candles to craft fairs and sold them. When some of the people started to get affected

by the petroleum in the wax during the production, they had to stop. After, they looked for other jobs, and some became a big part of the natural foods co-op, or the public "cannery," both established in Barton.

The other residents in Glover had mixed feelings about Mullin Hill. Some, like Nick Ecker-Racz, were helpful, and would come by and show them how to do things. Others were at times less tolerant, and made them feel unwelcome. They thought that they were "crazies," as Loraine stated.

The commune started to fade when people didn't really want to deal with the hard work, and some, especially from California, just got cold in the winter. The remaining people began to want their own home, but they all wanted a piece of the land. They ended up having to go to court, and get the land legally divided. "It was like a divorce between 20 people," Loraine explained.

Although some people had frowned upon the small community, I believe that they seemed like very interesting people. The commune has brought more people to Glover who are still here today. They also brought their ideas of community spirit and working together.

Bibliography

Janowski, Loraine. Telephone interview. 17 November, 2001.

Update on Publications in Progress:

Glover's cemeteries

What started out as a publication based solely on Jean Borland's work up to 1984 has been expanded to include an update through 2001, and will include data from burial and vital records and other information, as well as gravestone inscriptions.

It was Wayne Alexander's desire to print all of Glover's cemetery inscriptions—Westlook Cemetery first and separate from the others as it is much larger than the others. In 2000 Wayne contacted Dick Brown, formerly from Glover and now living in Maryland, for his assistance in proofing the typed copy of Jean's handwritten list. Dick has spent an impressive amount of effort and time since then, checking his data against Jean's, adding new information, working on a list of problems that require reverification of gravestones or vital records, and actually spending time in Westlook cemetery. At this time Dick is adding sources for all the data entries. When his extensive work has been incorporated with Jean's and typed in a final draft by The Little House Desktop Publishing, he has volunteered to do a final proofing. GHS President Bob Clark (and probably others) will also want to proof at least parts of the book before it is published.

Because of the work of Jean, Wayne and Dick, it is felt that Glover Historical Society will be publishing a very credible document and a very useful one for genealogists and others interested in Glover history and its families.

Publication of Glover Map Delayed

We regret to advise that publication of the geographically accurate Town Road Map to Glover which was originally announced in the Summer 2001 issue of *Glover History* has been delayed due to unforeseen technical difficulties. The Society is continuing to work on the project, but unfortunately we are not in a position at this time to project an actual publication date.

Andersonville book

The idea for this project was also initiated by Wayne Alexander. There has been a lot of discussion about the boundaries of Andersonville; some feel we should include not only this corner of West Glover but adjoining towns of East Craftsbury, Greensboro and South Albany as there were Anderson families in all these places. For the purposes of this Glover publication, we will give an overview of the larger area but limit our main coverage of Andersonville to the former Andersonville School District #7.

There has been a lot of interest from former Andersonville residents, or descendants of former residents, some still living in West Glover and Glover, some living in other parts of Vermont, some out of state. We are grateful to those who have, this past year, sent genealogies, photos, news clippings, diaries, and memories as well as financial support.

We are still looking for additional material—photos of buildings, people or activities; letters, diaries or diary excerpts; anecdotes and memories of life in Andersonville; Andersonville School memorabilia; invoices, ledgers, and building contracts. We will be contacting some of you for specific photos and especially hope that we receive memories from many more of you.

We will transcribe or scan and return all original materials. If you have questions or anything to contribute, please contact the editors who happen to live in Andersonville: The Little House Desktop Publishing, 1548 Daniels Pond Road, West Glover, Vermont 05875, telephone (802) 525-6949, or e-mail LHDTP@sover.net.

Come Join Us!

The next Glover Historical Society meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Glover library. Anyone who is interested in Glover's history is invited to join us!!!

**Glover Historical Society
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001**

Opening Balances 1/01/01

Checking	1246.97
CD #1741752	1833.27
CD #1820435	1074.54
CD #1789773	1216.09

\$ 5,370.87

Income

Membership Dues	1012.00
Donations	629.90
Special Donation - Andersonville Pub. (future)	25.00
Library Refund (Thorp)	50.00
Accrued Interest on CDs	240.33

Publications:

Runaway Pond	2780.50
Glover History Books	317.00
Memories of Glover (Rev. Brunning)	132.50
1800-1840 Census	40.00
Union House Booklets	38.50
Maps	30.00
Clark Genealogy	20.00
1850 Census	20.00
Runaway Pond Poems	11.00

Videotapes	10.00
Memorial Donations for Wayne Alexander	6273.00

\$ 11,629.73

Expenses

Runaway Pond Book Printing/Typesetting, etc.	1932.32
Newsletter - June	795.00
Newsletter - January	531.00
Postage (Newsletters, Pubs, etc.)	409.47
Insurance	290.00
Westlook Cemetery Publication Expenses	136.00
Supplies	123.09
Mowing for Runaway Pond Park	100.00
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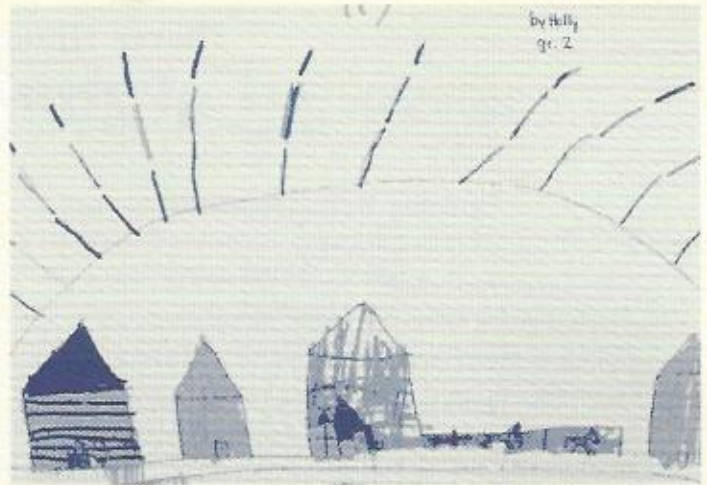
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- Martha Alexander, Treasurer



Holly Loukes, Grade 2

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