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President's Report

How nice it is to see summer starting again after a very cold winter—or so I hear, as my wife and I spent the winter in sunny Florida.

We have now published the Andersonville book and the new E-911 map of the Town of Glover. More information on both may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Also available is the second edition of the Westlook Cemetery book.

The remains of four veterans of the American Revolutionary War are buried in unmarked graves in Westlook. The Society is planning to erect for them a monument inscribed with names as well as birth and death dates, but we are lacking information as to the dates. Listed below are the names:

Nehemiah Abbott (also in the War of 1812)

Gideon Grigg

Paul Hardy

Jesse Thomas

If any readers should have additional information, please let us know. We are also planning on putting up a Revolutionary War flagholder set so the Stars and Stripes can be flown as is done with all other veterans' grave sites.

Our membership remains stable at 170 plus. As of this writing, more than 90 are paid up for 2004. As always, we welcome both new members and dues payments from existing members. See our separate insert for rates and other information.

The Museum of the Society (at the Glover Municipal Building) is open by appointment—call (802) 525-8855. Our regular meetings take place during the summer at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, with the last meeting in September.

- Bob Clark

Warning

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the Glover Historical Society, Inc. will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at the Glover Municipal Building.

The Society has a "staggered" 12-member Board of Directors, with the terms of office of four directors expiring every year. The terms of Gisele Clark, Harriet King, Ulo Sinberg and Jeannine Young will expire on the date of the 2004 Annual Meeting. Jeannine Young has indicated to the Nominating Committee that she does not wish to stand for reelection; Directors Clark, King and Sinberg are willing to serve for three additional years, if elected. Accordingly, the Nominating Committee has nominated these three incumbents for reelection to serve as Directors until the 2007 Annual Meeting. Michael Ladd has been nominated, and is willing to serve, to replace Jeannine Young. In addition to these four candidates, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the time of the meeting.

The votes of all members are important and members are urged to attend the meeting in person. If unable to do so, please vote by proxy by designating another Society member to act on your behalf. Proxies, in writing, should be mailed to the Glover Historical Society, Inc., PO Box 208, Glover, VT 05839, to arrive no later than July 13, 2004.

Also on the meeting agenda will be reports by the President and by the Treasurer on Society activities during the preceding year, our financial condition, and a review of plans for future events.

- Ulo Sinberg, Secretary

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Everett Griffin, a Barton hero

by Brian Lindner

Almost exactly 59 years after World War II ended in Europe, the Vermont Ski Museum in Stowe held a ceremony to honor six native sons who were killed in action as members of the ski troops.

On Thursday, May 6, 2004, the museum unveiled a new bronze plaque with the names of six young men from Vermont who lost their lives while fighting enemy forces in the mountains of Italy.

One of the honorees was PFC Everett "Ev" Griffin of Barton who was killed at age 20 as a member of the famous 10th Mountain Division. Griffin was born and brought up in Barton with a life-long love of skiing and being in the mountains.

As a young boy, Griffin began skiing on the hills behind the family home in Barton. In school he was a member of the ski team and made the trip to ski on Mt. Mansfield as often as possible. He was an expert skier and it was both his expertise in that sport and desire to be in the mountains that led him to enlist in the elite and all-volunteer 10th Mountain Division.

Prior to enlistment, Griffin had served honorably in the Vermont State Guard which had been formed to fill a void left by the federalization of the National Guard. As a result of intensive training in the mountains of Colorado, the 10th eventually became one of the world's leading military forces capable of fighting and winning combat in extreme mountainous terrain. The 10th was the only American division during World War II that was created by civilians. In order to volunteer, every applicant had to provide proof that he was qualified in some aspect of skiing and/or mountaineering. Griffin brought his skiing expertise.



Governor Jim Douglas presents his opening remarks at a ceremony at the Vermont Ski Museum in Stowe, honoring six Vermont men from the 10th Mountain Division who lost their lives during WWII. Present at the ceremony were members of Everett Griffin's family, including his brother, Ray Griffin of West Glover, and sister, Ruth Babcock of Barton.

Ev became a Radio Operator and served with the 86th Regiment, Company A of the 10th Mountain Division. On March 3, 1945, he was in the front lines as the 10th began its epic assault on the Germans who were heavily entrenched on Mt. Belvedere, Italy.

Griffin lost his life that day and the circumstances were outlined in the citation for his posthumous award of the Silver Star for heroism:

"EVERETT R. GRIFFIN, 31340246, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in Action near Monte della Torraccia, Italy, on 3 March 1945. When an assault company had captured the summit of a mountain, and was consolidating its position and making preparations for defense,

heavy enemy artillery fire began falling among the men, causing many casualties. A forward artillery observer with the company located the source of the fire, but was unable to call for counterbattery shelling because of lack of communications with supporting artillery, until Private First Class GRIFFIN, a radio operator, willingly went into an extremely exposed position to transmit the messages. With shells falling all around him, he doggedly remained in the open to relay directions, and soon effective supporting fire silenced the enemy guns and allowed the company to complete their defensive preparations. During the action, an artillery shell burst nearby, and instantly killed him. His heroism in remaining at his post under fire at a time when the lives of his comrades depended on his getting his message through have earned for Private First Class GRIFFIN the undying gratitude of his fellows. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army."

Other honorees on the plaque which will be on permanent display at the Vermont Ski Museum were:

PFC David H.C. Dennis (21) of Bennington,
PFC Delmas J. Devenger (22) of Danville,
2nd Lt Edwin A. Johnson (23) of Proctor,
PFC Robert J. LaBombard (22) of Vergennes,

T/5 Herbert W. A. Spaulding (30) of Cavendish

At the beginning of Thursday's ceremony, a short high school essay that had been written by Griffin in 1943 was read by Kaitlin Lewis of Berlin, granddaughter of a 10th Mountain Division veteran. Griffin's essay provided a very moving moment:

SKIER'S PARADISE

There's a grand youth-like feeling in that early morning ski, when far below in the morning light lies the rest of man and the madness of the modern age. But, high above there's peace and a white paradise, a dream land of skiers where soft gentle breezes gaily dance over the soft new fallen snow. There is a brisk, strange feeling. A float in the air, a feeling inviting adventure wherever it may come, it's grand and the world is yours!

The sun is slowly sinking far beyond the stately evergreens and a calm, peaceful stillness invades this snowland of dreams. Gazing into the beautiful glow of the sunset skies, I really wonder why man must fight. What a peaceful world this would be if only everyone lived in "my skier's paradise."

Everett Griffin

January 6, 1943

English (Barton High School)

New Society mailing address

To facilitate the receipt and distribution of Society mail, we have opened a Post Office box in Glover. Effective immediately, the mailing address for all Society business is PO Box 208, Glover, VT 05839. This address should be used for payment of membership dues as well as orders for Society publications.

Correction Notice

There was a regrettable error in the Treasurer's Report for the year 2003 as printed in our Winter 2004 newsletter. On the income side, the \$500 item for "Restoration of Town Hall Curtains" should read "Town Reimbursement for Restoration of Town Hall Curtains," and on the expense side the \$325 item for "Reimbursement Town Insurance" should read "Insurance." Totals and cash balances are not affected.

From the Sheffield Historical Society

We have been requested by the Sheffield Historical Society to remind our members that the Sheffield society is continually looking for old photographs of people and places in Sheffield. They think some Glover residents might have connections in Sheffield and might be willing to share. They will either make copies for their use and return the originals or else reimburse the owners if they make a copy for the Sheffield Society.

The Sheffield Historical Society may be contacted at PO Box 52, Sheffield, VT 05866.

In Memoriam

Charlotte Locke
January 10, 2004
Barton

Glover Historical Society plans for Vermont History EXPO 2004

by Betsy Day

The Fifth Annual Vermont History EXPO is coming up on June 26 and 27 at the Tunbridge World's Fair Grounds in Tunbridge, Vermont. This year the topic of the Glover Historical Society exhibit is: "The Parker Settlement and Pioneer Day Camp—Cultivating the Next Generation of Glover Historians." Following is an edited version of the publicity article that we submitted to the Vermont Historical Society.

The town of Glover was chartered in 1783 by General John Glover of Marblehead, Massachusetts.

The first settlement began in 1798 and its remains lie undisturbed on an old piece of farmland on a ridge above Lake Parker, named after Ralph Parker, one of the first settlers and the agent for the sale of the land. The settlement, situated on the Hinman Settler Road, is one of the last remaining settlements in New England that has been untouched by development.

It consisted of a tavern and store, a brick kiln, a one room schoolhouse, a church and the oldest cemetery in town, in addition to a variety of houses, ranging from simple pitches to log houses to wooden frame houses. By 1850, everyone had spread out onto farms or into the new village in the hollow, and the only remaining signs of the settlement were foundation holes in a meadow turned pasture. In the subsequent 150 years, farmers have filled the holes with field stone, thus preserving the artifacts that lie hidden in the foundations.

Eight years ago, the Glover Public Library and the Glover Historical Society began a summer Pioneer Day Camp for the children of Glover, in an effort to educate them about the history of their town and to "cultivate the next generation of local historians." The camp runs for a week at the end of June. The children play old games, learn crafts, record oral histories of local residents, take field trips, and work on hands-on projects. Every summer brings new

topics, new areas of town to explore, new discoveries, and new skills to learn. Always included is an archaeological dig around one of the old foundations.

Our exhibit at Vermont History EXPO will include scrapbooks from the last eight years, displays of our major historical hands-on projects, a power point presentation of slides and pictures from the kids' activities, hikes, and presentations over the summers, and the history of the original settlement.

We will also make available our lesson plans, and the coordinators of the day camp will talk with people about our experiences and ideas. We hope that people who need in-depth information will sit with us and chat for a while. The others can pass by and look at our projects and pictures and scrapbooks. We are hoping to bring with us some of the



Glover, from an early 20th century postcard.

campers who have been attending Pioneer Day Camp for a number of years, to talk about their experiences and what they have gained from the camp.

For the last few years, the children have been making a big map of the town, putting together the lots by school districts, documenting the history of the buildings and the land over the last two hundred years on each lot. The information comes from Jean Borland's extensive research and documentation of each lot in the town. We are assembling it for the first time in its entirety for EXPO.

We will also have for sale the Historical Society's collection of publications.

We look forward to a fascinating weekend of Vermont History and lots of conversation with old friends and new. Please come see us at EXPO! For more information about EXPO, go to www.vermonthistory.org/expo or look for promotional materials in town at local stores and the Town Clerk's office.

2004 Glover Pioneer Day Camp

by Peggy Day Gibson

Glover Pioneer Day Camp will be held this year from Monday, June 28, through Friday, July 2. We will hold our potluck cookout on Saturday, July 3, from 11 to 2, at the Parker Settlement, with presentations by campers, demonstrations of traditional skills, games, and tours of the settlement. We invite interested community members to join us for the cookout.

Our theme this year is the Hinman Settler Road. From 1791 to 1793 Timothy Hinman built his 30 mile road through the wilderness from Greensboro to Derby. He had been a member of the group surveying the new territory of Vermont after the Revolutionary War, and had found a choice piece of land to purchase in Derby on the shore of Derby Pond. He brought his young family from Connecticut north along the Bailey Hazen Road as far as Greensboro, where he built a log cabin. Over the next three years Timothy Hinman built his road to Derby. He followed the ridges, felling trees along his path. He laid pole across small streams, and built log bridges across rivers. The early pioneers followed his road to settle the towns of Glover, Barton, Brownington and Derby.

In Glover the road runs from the Greensboro town line through Skunk Hollow in the Black Hills. It crosses Shadow Lake Road, continues over Swamp Road, and along the end of Perron Hill Road, and proceeds over Young Road through Loudon Young's dooryard. The trail then goes to the right through the woods above the Parker Road, past the old West Glover Cemetery, through the Parker Settlement, and continues along the base of Lone Tree Hill. Then it crosses Bean Hill Road and goes through Bob and Gisele Clark's daffodils to the Barton town line, and beyond.

Glover Pioneer Day Camp will work this year on establishing the Hinman Road as a historical hiking trail. The Glover Historical Society has been awarded a grant to pay for trail signs and trail improvements, which the camp's junior counselors will work on during the week before camp. Next year in school campers will produce a map/brochure of the trail in collaboration with the Glover Community School

language arts program.

During the week of Pioneer Camp each day will start at the West Glover Church at 9 a.m. with games, activities and stories. Then we will head out with picnic lunches to hike the Hinman Road in sections. Our speakers and oral history presenters will meet us on our hikes to tell us about wildlife, Timothy Hinman, old cemeteries and the old road. We will return to the Parker Settlement in the afternoons to work in focus groups, and end the day with a swim in Lake Parker.

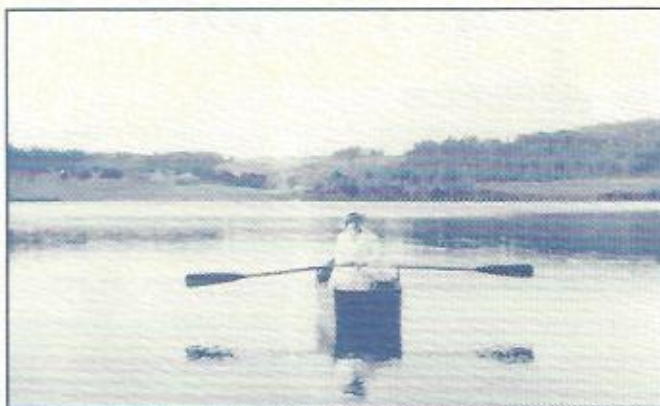
The campers have a choice of four focus groups. The Log Cabin Group will continue work on a primitive log cabin that was started two years ago with the felling of trees at the settlement. The Archaeological Dig will continue the archaeological excavation of the cellar hole of the tiny school where the pioneer children were first educated. In Pioneer Needlecraft, campers will learn to knit, crochet, and embroider. The Theater Group will create a play about Timothy Hinman and his road, which will be presented to parents and community members at our Saturday cookout.

Children going into first through eighth grades in the Orleans Central Supervisory Union, as well as Glover summer residents, are eligible to attend Glover Pioneer Day Camp. This year we expect to have 35 to 40 campers, mostly Glover children, as well as about ten high school age junior counselors.

We are looking forward to another fun and interesting year learning about this town where we live, getting to know the land and the history, so that we will treasure and preserve it for future generations.



Recent Society publications



Unidentified boater on Daniels Pond. Background shows old buildings on north side of Daniels Pond Road near intersection with Bear Call Road. Lakeview Farm is shown center top background. From *Andersonville: The First 100 Years*.

Andersonville: The First 100 Years

The history of Andersonville is finally available from the Glover Historical Society: *Andersonville: The First 100 Years*. Compiled and edited by Jeannine B. Young, the book includes over 200 photos, charts and maps, as well as diaries, genealogies, letters from Scotland, a history of Andersonville School, histories of the lots and some of the people, and Andersonville Cemetery gravestone inscriptions and genealogical information. The book 202 pages, and is 8½" x 11," soft-covered with spiral binding. It may be ordered by sending a check for \$28, plus \$5 for postage and handling to the Glover Historical Society, PO Box 208, Glover, VT 05839. Local residents may pick up a copy for \$28, without payment of the postage and handling charge, at the Glover Town Clerk's Office. The Society will also have the book available for sale during the Glover Day festivities (July 31).

Town of Glover E-911 Map

The long-delayed and long-awaited E-911 map of the town of Glover was also published this spring. The geographically accurate map, printed in color, shows all roads with road names, and every residence with the house number indicated. The map features enlarged sections of the Daniels Pond, Parker Pond, and Shadow Lake areas where the density of buildings would otherwise make the house numbers

difficult to read. The map is available in two versions: the list price of the 18" x 24" map is \$10 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling; the price of the 24" x 36" map is \$15 plus \$2.50 postage and handling. As in the case of the Andersonville book, copies may be picked up without payment of the postage and handling charge at the Glover Town Clerk's Office, and will also be available on Glover Day. Mail orders (including postage and handling charge) addressed to the Society at PO Box 208, Glover, VT 05839 will be carefully filled.

Progress report: Museum catalog update

As a project for the 2004 winter season, we undertook the task of cataloging the GHS Museum collection in an Excel format. The project, along with re-inventorying all museum items, is progressing well, albeit at a somewhat slower pace than originally anticipated. An inordinate amount of time is required to decipher many of the handwritten entities in the "Book of Accession"—and we do believe that accuracy is desired over expediency. To date, all items that have been re-inventoried are in fact in the museum, or else otherwise accounted for. We shall complete these tasks just as soon as is practicable.

- Skip and Judy Borrell

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An historical note: Lone Tree Hill and the tree for which it is named



On May 5, 1990, two members of the local Modern Woodman Club, Scott Stone and Nelson Perron, along with John Urie, a member of the Orleans County Natural Resources Board, set out a new tree on Lone Tree Hill. The new tree was a disease-free elm to replace the one for which the 1,711 foot hill was named. History has it that this is where the Statue of Liberty was almost located. The Hinman Road passes at the foot of the west slope. Views from atop Lone Tree Hill are hard to beat.

- John Urie

Diary book coming!

For many months, one of the Glover Historical Society's directors, Joan Alexander, has been gathering photos, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia to annotate two historical diaries. Old diaries are often fascinating and engaging to read, and these two are no exception. Both were written



Edith Francena Aldrich

by Glover girls, one in 1894, and one in 1922. Each was written when the diarist was 14 years old, and to make them even more special, the diarists are mother and daughter.

Edith Francena Aldrich (known as Francena) is the first diarist, living in West Glover with her parents and brother Fred. Twenty-eight years

later, the diarist is Francena's own daughter, Edith Alexander, who lives in Glover with her parents and boards during the week in Barton so she can attend Barton Academy. The two girls' personalities couldn't be more different, and each offers a wonderful glimpse into life in Glover in days gone by.

Because the publication is not yet ready for printing, we are not sure of the price, but we are expecting it to be ready for readers on Glover Day, July 31, 2004. We are sure you will enjoy these two girls' chronicles of Glover life near the turn of the 20th century and during the Roaring Twenties.



Edith Alexander

Lest We Forget – Updated *compiled by Bernard Urie*

Names of Farms - Present Day Owners Past & Present

Anderson Homestead	Stephen Slosek
Beaumspek	Bernard & Elaine Urie
Breezy Hill	Rosalyn Gittleman
Cedar Vale Farm	(Dr.) Roy Coleman
Clark Homestead Farm	Caroline Perron
Cloverdale	Merle Young
Cozy Bend	Edward & Millie O'Neil
East View Stock Farm	Robert & Michael Bean
Edgewood	Ellen Braithwaite
Exile Farm	Hastings & Smith
Fair View	Gerald Lewis
Fairview/Ledgenear	Elizabeth Nelson & Jeff Kinsey
Hill Brook	David & Terri Hendrik
Hill Crest	Father John Kinney
Hillsdale	Dorothy Perron

Names of Farms - Present Day Owners Past & Present

Lakeview	E. & M. Sparrow
Maple View	Ken & Carol Borland
Maple Wood/Twin Hill	Gary Lyman
Maplehurst/Andersonville	Ted & Rebecca Young
Morning Star Meadow	Herluf Johnson
Rock Hill	Owen Young
Shadow Lake Farm	Eddie & Carole Perron
Slopey Hill	Ed & Ellen Urie
Springdale	Loudon Young
Stony Acres/Spruce Knoll	C. Nicholson
Sunny Side	Margaret Pratt
Valley View Farm	Evan Perron
Waltzing Bear	Michael Gulick
Westview	Lowell Urie
White Rose Farm	Sloan Armstrong

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