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Glover Historical Society 2009 Town Report

It's has been a busy year! We started off in the spring by buying an old ledger. Thanks to the generosity of Pat Russell at the Union House and several other donors—Henry Atherton, Jean Borland, Bob & Gisele Clark, Theresa Meyer, Pauline Morrill and Harold Vincent—we acquired the original account book (1823-1850) of Glover Village's first tavern and inn; today it is the home of the Union House. The book is a gem, filled with names of

Glover's early settlers, listing the things they bought and the prices paid, and more.

The inventory of all the many items in our museum is complete, and now we begin the next step of checking the inventory list against the accession book. After that, we will begin entering each item on the museum software, making it a cinch to search on the computer for any subject or name. We thank all who donated items to the museum in 2009: Martha Alexander, the estate of Pearl Whalen Alexander, Shelia Atherton, Eleanor Bailey, Alan Blakeman, Charlie & Lois Barrows, Skip & Judy Borrell, Bob & Gisele Clark, the Harriet Fisher estate, Mike &

Bonnie Ladd, Michael Lalancette, Julie Currier McKay, D.J. Miles, Almy Perron, Pat Russell, John & Susie Roberts, and Victoria Singer. Our heaviest donation had to have been the 1882 marble gravestone of Hattie E. Leonard, a young Glover girl who

died of consumption. (Read the story of how we came to have her gravestone in this newsletter.) We were sorry to learn that the "free summer museum intern" part of the Building Accomplished Museum grant we had been awarded through the Ver-



Stereopticon "Runaway Pond, Glover", Green Mountain Scenery, No. 39, published by A F Styles, Burlington, Vt. (courtesy Charlie Barrows)

mont Museum and Gallery Alliance did not happen—their funding was severely impacted by the downturn in the economy, but we did learn much at the two trainings connected to the grant, and will carry on without the intern!

Over the year we completed several community projects: a booth at Glover Day and at Old Stone House Day, both featuring a new Runaway Pond exhibit; updating and printing 911 maps, donating prize money to the Orleans County Historical Society Student History Fair, and supplying American flags that line the streets in Glover and West Glover village

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(thanks to the fire department for getting them up and down!). In person and by email, we helped several researchers hunting their Glover family roots and happenings. And we again organized the 2009 Quilt Show at Town Meeting. Thanks to all who donated! Besides adding color and beauty, the quilts improve the acoustics in the Town Hall.

The GHS is committed to preserving Glover history. Established in 1990, we operate with a 12-member board, and currently have 155 members. Dues are \$10 a year, which brings you two newsletters a year. We invite all to join! You are also welcome at any board meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month, April through September, at 7 PM in the library at the Municipal Building. We are thankful to all who made donations to GHS and especially want to mention memorial gifts that were made in honor of Eleanor Alexander Jacobson.

At the annual GHS meeting in August, the following officers were elected: President Bob Clark, Vice-President Betsy Day, Treasurer Mike Ladd and Secretary Joan Alexander. Other board members are: Darlene Andrews, Eleanor Bailey, Judy Borrell, Jean Borland, Gisele Clark, Harriet King, Randy Williams, and John Urie.

If you visit our website gloverhistoricalsociety.org, you'll notice it still says "under construction", as it has been for several years. If you have expertise in website construction and could lend a hand, please let us know!

We know what we'll be concentrating on for the next months: Runaway Pond! We are looking forward to a Runaway Pond Bicentennial, and, since last fall, have been busy planning fun and spirited festivities for June 4-6, 2010, with members of the Sheffield Historical Society and the Orleans County Historical Society. We have spruced up the Park site by weeding and planting bulbs (our thanks to Kate Butler!) and will be adding more blooms just before the celebration. We have worked hard to prepare a new edition of *Runaway Pond: The Complete Story*, adding lots of new articles and an index. Our thanks to Jeannine Young and several board members for volunteering many hours on that project! This year we also are soliciting money to help fund the 3 day Runaway Pond Bicentennial celebration in June. If you would like to donate, please send donations earmarked for the celebration to our treasurer, Mike Ladd, at Glover Historical Society, P.O. Box 208, Glover, VT, 05839.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Alexander, Secretary

Hot off the press: *Runaway Pond: The Complete Story*, third edition

By the time you are reading this, we hope to have the shipment of the third edition of Wayne Alexander's *Runaway Pond: The Complete Story* in hand! This past summer, Jeannine Young and Joan Alexander worked on adding over 25 more pages of material, all discovered or created since the last edition was printed, including an index. Randy Williams was hard at work getting the revised edition ready to download to our internet publisher when we decided to "stop the presses!" so we could include ten more pages of Jack Sumberg's very interesting look and ponderings about all the Runaway Pond research he

has been digging into lately. We expect to have the new books here sometime in early March. We are sold out of the earlier editions, and to everyone who has a book on order, or has been inquiring about them, we appreciate your patience.

The new edition will sell for \$25 postpaid, or \$20 if you pick a copy up in town at the Town Clerk's office, or by calling Joan Alexander at 525-6212.

We also have ordered more of Dan Cumming's children's book *Run, Chamberlain, Run*, so we will have plenty of both of our Runaway Pond titles ready for the Bicentennial.

Runaway Pond Bicentennial plans: *things are hopping!*

The Runaway Pond Bicentennial Planning Committee has been meeting monthly since last July, and plans are shaping up! We have put together a three day celebration, and included the tentative



“Dry Pond, Glover, near Barton, Vt. Also known as Runaway Pond”, color postcard, undated (courtesy Mike Lalancette)

schedule in this newsletter for you—save the dates! We have lots of different activities planned, with something for everyone. Randy Williams has been updating our website (gloverhistoricalsociety.org) so that you can check there for any revisions to the schedule, with more information to be posted about events as the weekend draws closer. We think the events will mark the occasion in fine style! We are thankful for the many community organizations and members who are participating and lending energy, ideas and support.

We have had two weeding/planting workbees at the Runaway Pond Park, along with Kate Butler and her crew, and have more “perking up” plans for spring. We are pulling together lesson plan ideas to share with Glover Community School staff as they gear up for a 2-week puppeteer artists-in-residence learning experience in April that will be centered on Runaway Pond. We are excited to have some of Spencer Chamberlain’s descendants coming from as far as Utah and California for the

celebration. We have just begun to reach out to the community asking for financial support for this celebration, with great advertising and publicity offered in exchange. If you would like to help sponsor



“The Dry Bed of Runaway Pond,” color postcard, undated, Scenic Vermont series #3108 (courtesy Delores Chamberlain)

any of the events, please contact Randy or Betsy Day Williams at 525-4051.

Jack Sumberg has started a fascinating blog about Runaway Pond and he invites anyone to share “information, drawings, stories, songs, lies, poems...” Check it out: <http://runawayponders.blogspot.com>

We have quite a collection of Runaway Pond articles and information in our museum, but we know we have not seen all there is to see yet! Just in the past year, folks have shared three old postcards with us that we did not have in our collection. One was sent to us by Mike Lalancette of Essex Jct, who has a camp on Shadow Lake; Charlie Barrows had the old stereopticon, and just last month Delores Chamberlain of Barton brought another previously unknown postcard to our planning meeting. As archival newspaper websites upload more scans, we find more articles that were written about Runaway Pond in newspapers across the nation over the past 200 years. Perhaps someday more firsthand accounts will surface!

We hope to see you at the festivities!!

Gravestone discovered: Hattie E. Leonard

Born June 30, 1866 Died August 31, 1882

Hattie Leonard's thick marble gravestone, with a decorative triangle top, was found outside the Leonard House in Glover when it was being renovated this fall. The Leonard home was recently bought by Pat Russell, administrator and owner of the Union House in Glover, and lies just a few steps to the south of the Union House, right on the village green. The



These two pictures of Hattie's stone (above, showing top back, and bottom, showing top front) were taken before it was cleaned up; you will notice years of dirt embedded in the carving. But in spite of all the dirt, this intricate harp and flowers design is beautiful.



house was quite run down when Ms. Russell bought it, and Hattie's stone was discovered face down in the grass near the front porch.

Ms. Russell learned that the gravestone was found a few years ago near the Barton River that runs behind the house, and moved over to the house to make a good step for the side of the porch. Ms. Russell believes that it may have originally been part of a small family graveyard that she remembers seeing

when she first bought part of the Leonard Homestead at the foot of Bean Hill, about a quarter mile north. When Ms. Russell checked with the Town Clerk she learned that others who have lived at the Leonard House through the years have asked her about Hattie Leonard's stone. Though no one is sure where this gravestone may have first been erected, it is known that Hattie's name is on another tombstone at Westlook Cemetery in Glover that is still standing today. It is a big, gray granite Leonard family stone, with her parents' names, Chapin Leonard and Harriet Bean Leonard, on one side and Hattie's and the name of one of her brothers, E. Almon Leonard, on the other side. Is she really buried under this large family stone at Westlook, or in a family plot somewhere else? We are not sure. Burial permit records were not kept in Glover until 1902.



Leonard family stone, Westlook Cemetery, Old North section

The Leonards were very early settlers in Glover. In Glover's very early years as a town, three Leonard sisters came to Glover from Keene, NH. Sarah Leonard, age 45, came to Glover in 1800 with her husband, John. They had eight children. That same year, Lucy Leonard Partridge, age 23, came to join her husband, Levi, who had come a year earlier. In 1803, a third sister, Abigail Leonard, 22 years old, moved to Glover and married Joseph Gray, who had come to Glover in 1799. Sixteen years later, in 1819, the sisters' parents, Noah Leonard, a shoemaker, and

his wife, Bertha (also written as Bethia) Wetherell Leonard, followed their daughters and moved to Glover with Willard, age 20, the youngest son in their family of at least ten children. “Grandsur” Leonard, then 69, bought land and built a frame house on land where the Leonard Homestead (Glover’s Municipal Building) is today, and opened up a shoemaking shop. Two more sons migrated from Keene to Glover: Calvin, a shoemaker, and his wife, Octavia Dwinell Leonard, with their six children, and finally George, a painter, with his wife, Mary Russell Leonard of Keene. The neighbors all helped build George and Mary’s house, organizing a Fourth of July Bee and “from trees that were standing in the morning had hewn timbers and built a house ready to cover by the same evening.” (Where this home was is not known at this time. George and Mary were the parents of C.S. Leonard, who was the original owner of what today is the Union House’s Leonard House.) Grandsur Leonard lived until the age of 98, dying in 1848, with 28 of his grandchildren living in Glover.

Hattie Leonard was part of the third generation of Leonards living in Glover. Her mother’s Bean roots in Glover went back just as far as the Leonards. The Bean family also had arrived by 1800, and also had large families. Hattie would have had oodles of aunts, uncles, cousins, great aunts and uncles, second cousins, third cousins and cousins once removed all living right in Glover.

Willard W. Leonard, that boy of 20 who had had come with his parents, Noah and Bethia, married Amy Lary of Wolfboro, NH; together they had four children: Freelove, Mary, Frederick, and Noah Chapin. The youngest, who became known just as Chapin, would become Hattie’s dad. Chapin was born April 14, 1837.

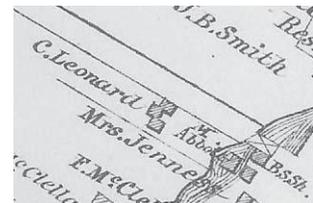


The Wallings Atlas map of Glover Village (1859) shows “W. Leonard” at Grandsur’s homestead; his father Noah died in 1858 and now Willard is head of the household.

Chapin Leonard married Harriet Sartwell Bean on September 3, 1861. Harriet came from a very early Glover family herself: Samuel Bean family came to Glover in 1799, and he and his wife, Charlotte Phelps Bean, had 10 children. One of the ten, Amos Phelps Bean, was born in Glover in 1806. Amos married Phila E. Sartwell in 1834. They had nine children. Tucked right in the middle was a daughter, Harriet Sartwell Bean, born July 3, 1842, who grew up to be Hattie’s mom. Chapin and Harriet were neighbors; Harriet lived just up the road, at the farm at the top of the first hill, on what today is named Bean Hill; perhaps then it was called Bean Hill also.

By the time the Beer’s Atlas map of Glover was made (1878), C. Leonard was head of the household at the homestead.

BEERS- 1878



From the *Child’s Gazetteer* (1882):

Leonard Chapin, (Glover) postmaster, town clerk and town treasurer, sugar orchard 500 trees, and farmer 100.



Chapin Leonard



Harriet Bean Leonard

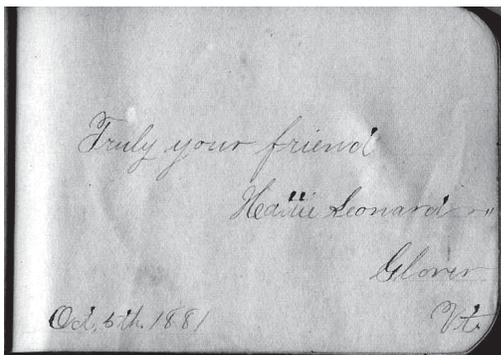
Chapin and Harriet’s first child, Hattie, was born six years after their marriage, on June 30, 1866. Two boys followed, Willard in 1870 and E. Almon in 1873.

We know so little about Hattie. We don’t even know what her middle initial E stands for. We know her brothers both attended the grammar school in Glover, and then the Orleans Liberal Institute, also

in Glover, so it is a good guess that she did, too. The Glover Historical Society does have photos of her parents, and her brother Willard as a young man, and it seems quite likely that a photo of Hattie exists somewhere.



We do have her hand-penned message to a classmate, recorded in a tiny (4"x2 3/4") autograph book on October 5th, 1881, almost a year before she died: "Truly your friend Hattie Leonard, Glover, Vt."



The handwriting is quite faded, but it is a perfect, flowing script. The "Keepsake" autograph book belonged to Mary Norton of Glover, and is signed by schoolmates from Glover and surrounding towns, suggesting they were students at the Orleans Liberal Institute, which was right on Glover's Main Street in the same spot where the Town Hall is today. Students came from towns all around northern Vermont and boarded in town in order to attend the Institute, but Hattie would only have needed to walk around the corner to get to school.

Ms. Russell has researched the census records, and found that the occupation of Hattie's dad, Chapin Leonard, was listed as a store clerk in 1880. Genealogy records at the GHS museum record that Chapin was a farmer and postmaster as well.

August 28, 1882, *The Orleans County Monitor*, under Glover news column:

Chapin Leonard, wife and daughter have gone to Saratoga Springs.

September 11, 1882, *The Orleans County Monitor*, under Glover news column:

Hattie Leonard, daughter of Chapin Leonard, who has been ill since last winter with consumption, and who went to Saratoga recently with her parents, ran down rapidly after reaching there and died on Wednesday night; the remains reached home on Friday night.

Hattie, only daughter of Chapin and Harriet Leonard, died at Saratoga Springs, Thursday evening, August 31. She had been an invalid during the entire summer, and her condition had been a source of great anxiety to her parents and friends. A short time before her death she expressed a desire to visit Saratoga, and her wish was gratified, she seemed to rally for a few days, and enjoyed the exciting sceneries of her new home. All was done for her that fond friends could do. She recognized her father on his arrival, about two hours before she died and tenderly embraced him; her only regret was that she could not see her little brothers. Her remains are brought here for burial. A large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors attended her funeral the Sabbath following her death. The afflicted family have the heartfelt sympathy of a sorrowing community.

A Card- *We tender our most heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy, during the long illness and death of our beloved and only daughter, and that you many ever find as true and sympathetic friends is the earnest prayer of Chapin Leonard & Harriet Leonard*

September 11, 1882, *The Orleans County Monitor*, Death Notices:

At Saratoga Springs, NY, August 31, of consumption, Hattie E. Leonard, only daughter of Chapin and Harriet Leonard, aged 16 years.

Though the light and love of our home has gone from us forever, we feel that the twilight of its radiance is still shining here, and an angel is waiting and watching, just inside the pearly gate ready to open its portals for us, whenever our Heavenly Father may call us to our home.

Why did Hattie pick Saratoga Springs as her destination? Maybe she had relatives there? Hattie's father was only 45 and her mother 40 when Hattie died. Willard was nearly 12 years old and Almon nine. In *Your Guide to Cemetery Research* (Carmack, 2002), consumption is described as "a wasting away of the body, formerly applied especially to pulmonary tuberculosis. The disorder is now known to be an infectious disease caused by ...bacteria..." Ms. Russell has found out that there was a TB Sanitarium in Saratoga; perhaps that is why Hattie went, but then felt so well at first that she did some sightseeing?

The year after Hattie's death, Chapin became Glover's town clerk, a position he kept for 32 years, from 1883–1915. He resigned in August 1915, presumably just days before his death on August 8. The Town Clerk's office was in his home on the old Leonard Homestead, where it still is today, although now it is in the new home that Chapin built in 1890.

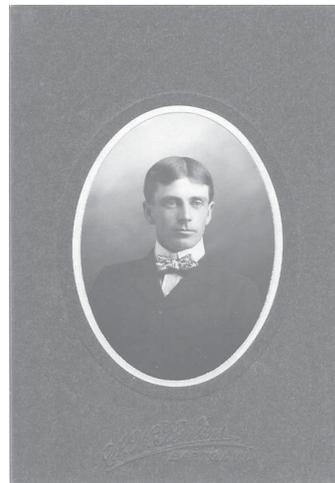


An early photo of the Leonard Homestead, looking east, built in 1919, now the Glover Municipal Building. The original homestead on this 500 acre farm, where Hattie lived all her life, burned in the late 1800s.

The old homestead burned in the late 1800s (unfortunately, the GHS does not have a photo of the original Leonard homestead), and Chapin built the present Leonard Homestead (now Glover's Municipal Building) in 1890, using wood cut from the farm for the house as well as all the woodwork. Chapin's obituary states that he lived all his life on the Leonard home farm, and so it would be safe to assume Hattie lived all her life there also, though not in the house that stands there now, as that was built in 1890, after her death. However, Ms. Russell's census research found Chapin and his family in Orleans in 1880, and the GHS books of Glover Census records agree: Chapin is not listed in the 1880 Glover census. Perhaps it was during the census gathering that the

Leonard homestead had burned and the family had relocated for a short time.

Hattie's parents, Chapin and Harriet, lived to see another of their children die before them when Hattie's brother Evans Almon, passed away in 1913. Chapin died in 1915, and Harriet in 1918. Chapin's death was marked with a short obituary in the Glover news column in *The Orleans County Monitor*, August 11, 1915, which called him was "a man of strict integrity, charitable, genial and kind." His burial permit states the cause of death as "acute nephritis" (inflammation of the kidneys); he was 78 years old. One sentence noted Harriet's passing in *The Monitor*, May 8, 1918; "Mrs. Chapin Leonard died at her home her Friday and was buried in the Riverside cemetery." Glover's Burial Permit records show that both Harriet and Chapin were buried at what is now called Westlook Cemetery ("Glover Village Cemetery" for Chapin, and "Glover Cemetery" for Harriet), so why the newspaper referenced "Riverside Cemetery" is unknown. Perhaps Riverside was how Westlook was referred to in those days. The burial permit also lists Harriet's cause of death as cerebral hemorrhage. She was 75 years old.



Willard Chapin

Hattie's youngest brother, Willard Chapin Leonard, did not die an early death. Will was born March 29, 1870. In an interview about his later life, he said he would have stayed on to help his father run the farm, but determined that there was not enough for two brothers to do, so decided to go into pharmacy, and moved with his wife to NH. After several successful business ventures, he founded the Leonard Watch Company in Chicago, which was very successful. He always returned to Glover in summers, building a state-of-the-art dairy barn at the Leonard Homestead in 1920 after a barn fire. In 1923 Will retired to Glover, and served as selectman, state rep and senator. In the 1940s, he wrote a 25-page manuscript about the *History of Glover*, which was used extensively in the

1983 Glover history book. In an interview done in 1939, his brother Almon is mentioned, but Hattie is not, and Will's obituary in 1943 (he had Parkinson's disease in his last years) mentions neither of his siblings. And yet, he and his wife, Kate Owen, named their only child Harriet, and called her Hattie. Hattie (Harriet Leonard Bickford) carried on her grandfather Chapin's legacy as Town Clerk from 1945–1948.

Finding Hattie's stone was a surprise for Ms. Russell, and she wanted to either see it erected in its rightful place, or buried in an appropriate spot. But after learning that there was already a new stone for Hattie, the GHS asked Ms. Russell if they could take the stone and use it in the museum to tell Hattie's story, use as an example of stone carving, and tell the story of what happens to stones that are replaced with newer stones.

Often one hears stories of people who find grave-stones that have been repurposed or recycled, reused in practical ways, such as hearth stones, as flooring in the cellar, or, as in Hattie's case, as a step. There are several other stories of Glover residents finding

old cemetery stones in places they didn't expect to find them. Often stones that were replaced with newer, often fancier stones, were discarded in a pile in some back corner of a cemetery, and later sometimes buried. But they are works of art, with a story to tell, part of our culture and history, and the GHS is glad to have Hattie's stone.

Discovering Hattie's stone created a lot of curiosity about who this young girl was. We have found out a few things about her life, but we hope others may add to what we know.

And what about the relationship between Hattie Leonard and C.S. Leonard? C.S. Leonard and Hattie's dad, Chapin Leonard, were first cousins, so Hattie and C.S. were first cousins, once removed. Why would Hattie's stone end up at the home of C.S. Leonard? It's likely the big granite family stone was erected after Chapin and Harriet's death, which would have been after C.S. Leonard had died, and his home was owned or rented by others outside the Leonard family. Who knows? There are always more questions to wonder about.

— Joan Alexander

A call for quilts!!

Just before the 2008 town meeting, moderator Nick Eceratz wondered if hanging blankets or material around the town hall would improve the acoustics. Betsy and Randy Williams thought it was worth a try, but their idea was to have a quilt show. They would gather quilts from Glover folks and hang them on the walls and on rods suspended from the ceiling. It worked! The quilts not only improved acoustics, but they added charming beauty and interest to the hall. Last year, the GHS began documenting each displayed quilt by photographing it with its owner, and taking down some history about the quilt. There is space enough to display about 16 quilts each year, and we know there are enough quilts in town to display at countless town meetings to come.

Now, with Runaway Pond's 200th anniversary

approaching, Lois Barrows had an idea to expand the show into a Runaway Pond Quilt Show. Lois's idea is to gather as many Glover quilts as we can to display at the Town Hall during the whole weekend of the Runaway Pond Celebration, June 4-6, 2010, filling not only the walls and ceiling, but floor space as well.

Do you have a quilt that we could borrow for the weekend? We are looking for all sizes, all materials, all patterns, old and new. All

contributors will receive a special Runaway Pond Bicentennial participant ribbon, and there will be a "People's Choice" award. We would like to feature quilts made by Gloverites, or quilts with a history for Gloverites.

Please contact Lois Barrows at 525-3405 if you have a quilt to contribute to the show!



"Glover Quilting Party" photo: front, l-r; Beulah Dunn, Nellie Clark Hubbard, _____, Minnie Ella Phillips, _____ Dexter from CN, Sadie Leland. Holding the flag: unknown. We would love to know the identification of the unknown women, and the location of this photo, and the date!

Do these names ring a bell?

Andersonville, Beach, Center, Village, Maples, Mud Island, Orleans Liberal Institute, Parish, Slab City, West Glover, Wright???

Last fall, the GHS received a letter from Charles Farrell of South Hero, VT. He is a middle school teacher who has embarked on a ten-year project to compile a “comprehensive, illustrated, historical listing of all the public school buildings that have served Vermont students.” Mr. Farrell had already scrutinized books and records on file at Special Collections at the UVM Library, and was asking our help in supplying some missing data about when different schools operated, their names, and photos. So I began looking through all our school collection at the Museum, thinking it would take about 3 days to search through everything.

Of course, nothing is ever as easy as you imagine it will be! I decided that if I was be looking for certain things like dates of operation, I might as well take the time to record other interesting info at the same time. I have spent probably 6 days on the project now, with miles to go! We have over 85 photos of schools and school groups, and those are now all

scanned, along with a few examples of report cards and “souvenir” booklets. I went through all the school registers that are in the vault at the town clerk’s office, recording teacher’s names, and any other particularly interesting notes the teachers made. I have begun going through the annual school district reports. I hope to finish well before Mr. Farrell’s ten year deadline! All our school info used to be in one bulging notebook, but we now have a notebook set up for each of the schools.

If anyone has mementoes of Glover schools that would be of interest, please give me a call

at 525-6212 or email at joanalex_05839. If you have photos, it would be easy to see if they are already in our collection. I would love to scan and return any school photos you might have that are not already in our collection. (If you have any of Slab City School, also called City School, please do contact me, as we have only one photo and it is not very clear.) Now is the time to gather all info!

- Joan Alexander



Center School, 1915-16. The Center School on Perron Hill is now the home of Darlene Young and Ned Andrews. Girl in checked dress is Mary Stone, boy with tie may be Floyd Clark, girl 5th from left in front may be Ada Drew, all other, including teacher are unidentified. Can you help with names?

In Memoriam

Urban Wakefield, Lyndonville

Richard Evans, Glover, editor of *History of the town of Glover, Vermont* and one of the founding members of the GHS



