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Each year the Glover Historical Society is asked by the auditors to submit a report of our work to include in the Town Report. For those of you who do not see the Town Report, we include our report here for a good summary of the year just ended.

Glover Historical Society 2012 report

A year goes by so quickly; sometimes it's not until you take the time to reflect on all that's happened that you realize what made time fly by! Here's what kept us busy:

We've been busy in the museum:

Last winter we outfitted a closet in the museum to hold our quilt collection. Now they are rolled, not folded, and properly protected. Only one problem—since then, six more quilts were donated, so we need to convert another closet! We brought two of our most unique quilts to the VT Quilt Search project for documentation; they wowed the staff and volunteers! We continue to work on entering our entire museum inventory into Past Perfect museum database software—a huge project, but fun and interesting. We would love to have help, or chances are the project will outlive the volunteers! For a museum that began collecting only in 1991, we have a lot of items!

Thanks to all who donated artifacts, photographs, and documents to the museum this year: Connie Ashe, Shelia Atherton, Eleanor Bailey, Ed Barber, Ken Barber, Lois & Charlie Barrows, Paul Daniels, Alverton & Barbara Elliot, Spencer Hill, Donald & Harriet King, Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, Ethelyn Martin, Jon



Richard Cleveland of the VT Quilt Search photographs the Clark Genealogy Quilt from the GHS collection.

Ojala, Ronald Pashee, Elizabeth Redington, Rachel Cree Sherman for the Cree-Sherman family, Sam Silverman, Sarah Stevens, and Bev Young.

We've been busy working with kids:

One of our ongoing goals is to nurture an interest in Glover's history in our young people. As Betsy likes to say, "We are grooming the next generation of Glover historians." This was the 16th year of the week-long Pioneer Day Camp, now officially sponsored by GHS. In spite of rainy weather, 40 campers had a

wonderful time at the Parker Settlement for a week in June learning about Shadow Lake and the Slab City industrial area that was at the outlet for about 100 years.

We also connect with students at Glover Community School. Each month, we bring a different artifact from the museum to a corner of the display case by the gymnasium and students try to guess what it is. A winner is randomly chosen from all correct answers, and that student picks one of our publications or a Runaway Pond Bicentennial souvenir as a prize. Each staff member has a booklet listing all our museum resources that might tie into



When Elizabeth Redington's parents acquired their camp on Shadow Lake in 1929, this ram pump came with it. Elizabeth donated it last fall to the museum, and it made a perfect "What is it?" contest item. But it did not stump these kids! Left to right: Dayna Knights, Jillian Stevens, Kaytlin Brown, Paige Carrier, and Zepher Hill-Barnes. Villy Trevits, not in the photo, was also a winner.

their curriculum units, and they know we are willing to help with special research projects. Last year 4th grade students researched Glover's Civil War nurse as part of Natalie Kinsey-Warnock's family history "Keepers" project. Natalie volunteered again this year in Mrs. Baker's class; this year students researched Hiram and Belle Davis after Glover Public Library learned they are to receive a bequeath in their memory. You would be amazed at their research skills and interest!

We've been busy helping people trace their Glover roots:

We have compiled indexes to all the GHS newsletters (1992-present), *The History of the town of Glover, Vermont* (1983), and the Glover sections of *Child's Gazetteer and Business Directory of Lamoille and Orleans Counties* (1883) and Hemenway's *Vermont Historical Gazetteer Vol. III* (1877). Having these indexes makes it much easier for us to look for particular names, places, and events. The indexes are now available for anyone to download from our GHS website.

We helped visitors from all over the country who came to Glover in person or via the internet searching these old Glover families: Abbott, Allard, Blanchard, Clark, Cook, Garfield, King, McCellan, Lisotte, Thomas, and Vance.

We've been busy bringing our stories of Glover's history to the community:

With last year's 4th grade help, we researched, created, and exhibited "Amanda Colburn Farnham Felch: Glover's Civil War Nurse" at Vermont History Expo, Glover Day, Orleans County Fair, and Old Stone House Day. The exhibit will be at the Glover Room at the Old Stone House this coming summer. We were part of a team that presented her story to the Northeast Kingdom Civil War Round Table last fall.

Our display box showcasing items from the museum is now on the counter at the Town Clerk's office. People really enjoyed the "1927 Flood" and "Found in the Walls" displays. Don't miss the current "Babies" exhibit.

Town Meeting 2012 was beautified and improved acoustically with the 5th annual Quilt Show. Each year each quilt is photographed and documented. Thanks to all who donated their treasured



Volunteers at the VT Quilt Search documentation day at the Colby Library in Lyndonville pose before Mrs. Gilman's postage stamp quilt from the GHS collection.

quilts in 2012: Connie Ashe, Shelia Atherton, Jane Bachert, Eleanor Bailey, Lois Barrows, Judy Borrell, Hope Colburn, Betsy Day, Gwen Manyard and Marilyn Perron. If you have a quilt to show at this year's town meeting, let us know.

We helped sponsor the Glover Day T-shirts with a financial gift, and donated some of our publications for prizes at the Jones Memorial Library Golf Tournament and at the Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Echo Lake Road Race. We brought over several items

and displays to the Union House for their National Nursing Home Week activities, and helped coordinate the U.S. Flag display along the street in our two villages. We do our best to keep Run-away Pond Park spruced up and looking good!



This lovely chair that belonged to May Borland found a home in the museum next to the old Union House pie safe.

We've been busy researching special projects:

We are continuing to work on gathering info about Glover's Slab City, an industrial area that was at the outlet of Shadow Lake for about 100 years. We plan to publish the story of Slab City this year. If you have memories or photos, please let us know!

We continued to work on our website. In addition to adding the indexes we compiled, we have also added many of our past newsletters, and made other updates. The website is how most people from away find us.

In the 1990s, GHS made over 40 video recordings of interviews with Glover residents, most who are no longer living. One of our goals is to continue this project. Other goals: finish compiling the history of Glover schools, and documenting all of Glover's mill sites. On our dream list: museum space on the ground floor, more easily accessible to all, with lots of vault storage!

We invite you to join us!

Dues are \$10 a year per household. We'll keep you informed with stories about Glover's past with two newsletters each year that are mailed to members. Please visit our table at Town Meeting! There are also membership forms available at the Town Clerk's office, where you can also purchase any of our 13 GHS publications. You can schedule a visit to the museum most Monday afternoons, or by appointment. Our GHS board meets every third Wednesday evening, April through October, at the Glover Public Library at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

A special thank you:

After 22 years serving on the board, Jean Borland retired in August. We cannot thank Jean enough for all she has done recording Glover history: lot deed research, grand list transcriptions, cemetery inscriptions, photographing all the homes in Glover (twice!), genealogy research, working on accessions—these are just some of her gifts to Glover's historical record. Jean's official board member days may be over, but we will continue to use her as an invaluable resource and inspiration. We are happy to have Mimi Smythe as our new board member.

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Bequests and gifts help support the Glover Historical Society

The Glover Historical Society relies on the work of volunteers and the generosity of its members and benefactors to fulfill its mission of advancing the study and understanding of the history of Glover. If you have an interest in discovering and preserving the history of Glover and wish to support the work of the Society, please consider making a gift or bequest to the Glover Historical Society. We thank you.

Concealment shoes



Our last mini-exhibit in the display box at the Town Clerk's Office, "Found in the Walls," featured items donated to the museum that were discovered in the walls of Glover homes during renovations. Most of the finds were paper—old newspapers, letters, receipts; things you might expect. Among the unusual were old leather children's shoes. At one of our board meetings, we started discussing how curious this was, especially when someone recalled that she had heard of children's shoes found in walls where she used to live in CT. We speculated that maybe it was a good luck charm, like nailing a horse-shoe over a door. We did a little googling and discovered there is quite a story behind finding children's shoes in walls. There is even a name for them: concealment shoes. The following is from the Wayland (MA) Historical Society's website, used with permission:

Why would shoes be deliberately built into a home or public building? Some have speculated that the tradition stems from the prehistoric custom of killing a person and placing the body in the foundation to insure that the building holds together. Later shoes were used as a substitute for a human sacrifice. Shoes may have been chosen, because over time they take on and keep the shape of the wearer's foot. Shoes were hidden near openings in the home—doors, windows, chimneys—the perceived weak places in the building that were thus protected from evil by the shoe owner's spirit.

About half the shoes registered in the concealment index are children's shoes. Women's shoes are more common than men's. Shoes are almost invariably well worn, perhaps because the donor didn't want to waste an expensive new shoe on the project, or perhaps because a well-worn shoe is more likely to retain the shape of the wearer's foot and hence his spirit. Though shoes are the common denominator, more than two hundred different personal possessions—coins, spoons, pots, goblets, food, knives, toys, gloves, pipes, even chicken and cat bones—have been found hidden with them.

Considering how widespread and long lasting this folk belief has been, it is curious that nowhere was it

described in writing until references began to appear in mid-twentieth century archaeology literature in scholarly journals. Some speculate the tradition of hiding shoes was a male superstition, kept secret almost out of fear that telling about it would reduce its effectiveness. Others feel contemporary writers did not describe it since superstition ran counter to prevailing religious beliefs and the Puritans' punishment of witchcraft and magic was well-known.

When removing walls especially around windows and doors, under roof rafters and behind old chimneys, homeowners should be aware of the possibility of turning up concealment shoes. While most are found in eighteenth and nineteenth century homes, a find hidden as late as 1935 has been reported. If shoes are found, they should be left exactly as they were discovered and photographed. Items found with the shoes are as important as the shoes themselves and should also be saved.

Sources include: *Displayed Shoes and Concealed Ones*, Early American Homes, April 1999; *Hidden Shoes and Concealed Beliefs*, Archaeological Leather Group Newsletter; *Shoes Concealed in Buildings*, Northampton Museums Journal 6, December 1969; Ralph Merrifield, The Archaeology of Ritual and Magic, B.T. Batsford Ltd., London, 1987.

In Memoriam

Bonnie Ladd
Jan 23, 1945 - March 4, 2012

Raymond Cloutier
Dec 22, 1931 - Aug 5, 2012

Louis Perron
April 29, 1929 - July 30, 2012

Will Werntgen
March 11, 1941-April 6, 2012

Searching for information on Slab City located in South Glover from c.1820 to 1930

The Glover Historical Society is looking for any information or photos pertaining to the small hamlet that was located near Shadow Lake, then known as Stone Pond. This settlement was called Slab City mainly because of the logging on and around the Black Hills and the sawmills that were located at the outlet and further down the brook from the pond. For over 100 years from the 1820s to the 1930s there were many industries, businesses and farms scattered around the outlet, on the Black Hills and on the road that led from Stone Pond down to what is today Rte. 16.

According to the 1859 Wallings map, the 1878 Beer's map, the 1883 Child's *Gazetteer*, and early newspaper accounts, there was a starch factory, lime kiln, butter tub factory made from spruce lumber, Bodwell Saw Mill, Lawrence & Fuller Saw Mill, Drew Saw Mill, Carter wood working shop, blacksmith shop, Chester



Allen Wheelwright Shop, cider mill, District #13 City School, South Glover Post Office, Geo. McGaffey's store, and a Wesleyan Methodist congregation, all in the Slab City area.

Some of the families that lived in Slab City were Isaac and Luke Drew, Frank Fuller, Willard and Charles Lawrence, Hiram Clark, Walter and Ira Gray, Ezra Howe, John Leonard, Joseph, Stephan and Thomas King, Thomas Fayer, Edwin Bodwell, John and

William Holloway, Joel Christie, Rueben Niles, John Smith, Albert Vancour, and George Jerome.

Do you have any photos, letters, diaries, or business invoices of the sawmills and shops which were located around the outlet, or the houses, barns etc. that were once a part of this settlement? If you have something to share, please contact Connie Ashe at cashe293@myfairpoint.net, or write to GHS at PO Box 208, Glover, VT 05839.

- Connie Ashe

GHS Member writes

Searching for rifle carried in the Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War

Recently I came across an old *Glover History* newsletter from 2007, with the history of Glover's Civil War veterans. My eyes fell on one soldier in particular, Ezra Leonard Clark.

The story explained that during the Civil War, Ezra Clark carried a family rifle that had also been used in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and that it was one of only three rifles that could boast of such a history.

This article caught my attention because I am of a descendant of Ezra Clark. I am in possession of my grandfather's (Maurice E. Clark) 1901 Winchester. A 1926 Clark family genealogy states that the last family member who had possession of Ezra's rifle

was Hattie (Hannah) Melissa Leavitt, Ezra's daughter. She passed away in 1931 and had no surviving children.

I am interested in locating this fine piece of history. Not only is this rifle a priceless piece of Clark family history but a national treasure attesting to the resolve of the people of this nation. I would be grateful for any insights on the whereabouts of the rifle. Its ownership is claimed by its possessor. Its heritage can be claimed by all.

If you can help, please contact me, Mark Ryan, at casaryanz@sbcglobal.net or at 1123 NE Clubhouse Lane, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

Who were Hiram and Belle Davis?



Hiram Davis (left) with his wife Belle Norton Davis (right), with their oldest granddaughter, Jacqueline Belle Davis, at the Davis family camp at Shadow Lake, Glover, VT, c. 1950.

This was the question Toni Eubanks, librarian at the Glover Public Library, asked me a few weeks ago. The library had just received a letter from a law firm in CA saying that the Glover Public Library had been left \$15,000 in the will of Jacqueline Belle Davis Roemer and her husband Carl Roemer. The letter said the generous gift was made in honor of Hiram and Belle Davis. But who were they, and who was Ms. Roemer? Toni wondered if the Glover Historical Society could help answer the question.

The names Hiram and Belle Davis sounded vaguely familiar, but I couldn't even tell Toni for sure if they had lived in Glover. I knew that the 4th grade at Glover Community School had recently started working on the "Keepers" program with children's book author Natalie Kinsey, a project she had piloted with last year's 4th grade class, where students learned research tools and then researched a story from their own family history. To learn to use the research tools, the class worked together researching a historical person from Glover. I knew the class research person hadn't been chosen yet. Would Natalie and the class like to use Hiram and Belle Davis as their class research project? They said yes!

With help from the Glover Historical Society, the Town Clerk's office, townspeople, and relatives of Hiram and Belle we found, the 4th grade students answered Toni's question.

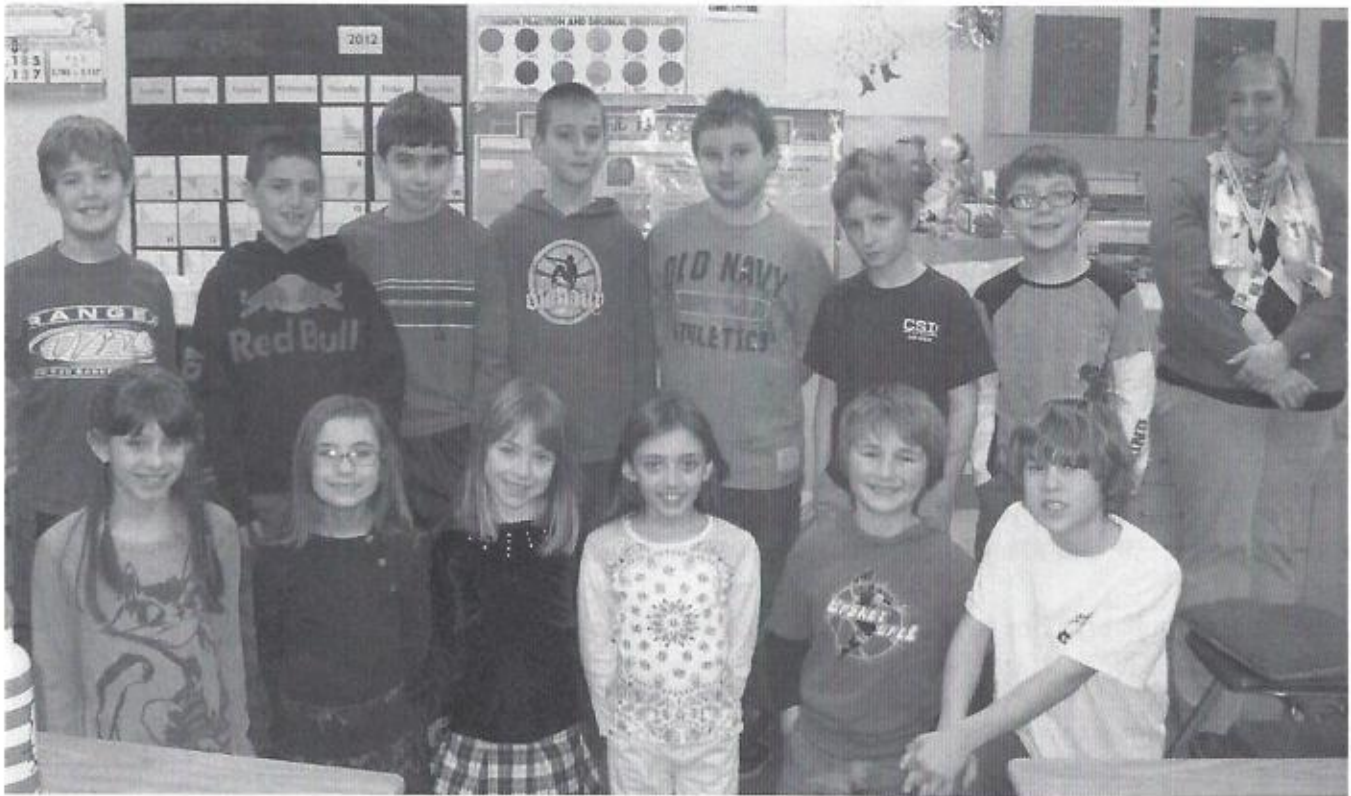
Here is what we discovered about Hiram and Belle Davis.

- Joan Alexander, secretary, Glover Historical Society, Jan., 2013

The 4th grade class at Glover Community School would like to thank all the following people who helped us find out about Belle and Hiram Davis:

John Whitworth and his sister Patricia
Natalie Pion
Margaret Morrill
Natalie Kinsey
Glover Historical Society
Donna Sweeney, Glover Town Clerk
Jessica Sweeney, Assistant Town Clerk
Ken Barber

Toni Eubanks
Charlie and Lois Barrows
Connie Ashe
Toni Eubanks
Joan Alexander
Stuart Alexander
Jodi Baker
Jeannine Young



The 2012-2013 4th Grade Class at Glover Community School, Glover, Vermont

Back row, left to right: Connor Thompson; Brock Young; Caleb Thaler; Tucker Baker; Dominick Brown; Zackery Aulis; Cameron Hoadley; Mrs. Jodi Baker, teacher

Front row, left to right: Robin Nelson; Darwin Smyth; Emily Rogers; Zoë Young; Ryan Taylor; Reese Borland

Mitchell Poirier was absent the day the photo was taken.

Photo taken Dec. 21, 2012

All photos courtesy of the Glover Historical Society Museum unless otherwise noted

Belle Norton

(Emily Rogers was the main writer of this section)



Belle Norton

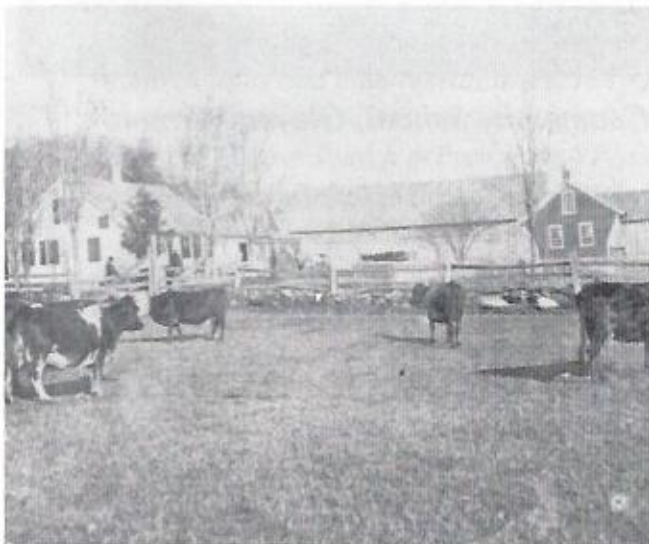
Belle Norton was born on February 7, 1870 in Glover, VT. Belle lived on what we call Peron Hill now. Back then, it was called Cook Hill. Belle lived where Wanda Webster lives today, but in a house that used to be there in the same spot. The original house burned in 1917, and the house that Wanda lives in was built.



The Norton farm barns photographed from behind. The house on the left today is the home of Simone Mason.

Belle lived on a farm with her parents Elijah Atwood Norton and Dolly Abbott Norton. Belle had two sisters named Jessie and Mary (they called Mary “May”) and one brother, Nathan. They were the Norton family.

Belle was probably born right at home because back then people didn’t go to the hospitals to be born. Belle lived on the Norton farm from the time she was born until she married at age 21.

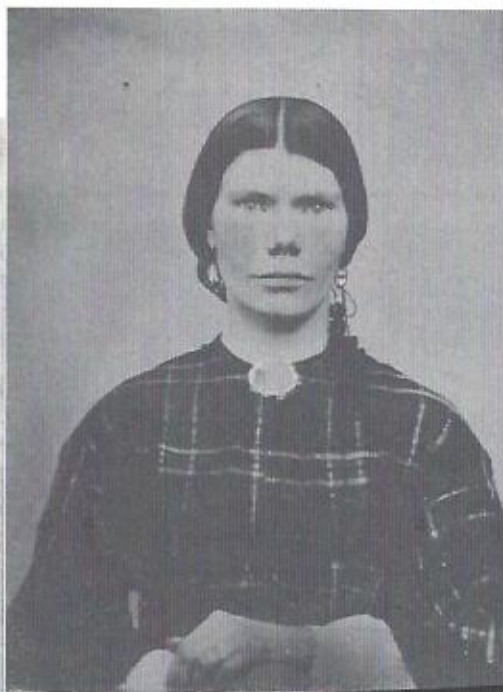


Sometime after the photo of the house was taken, the house was made bigger by adding on another story, and also they added on another story to the barn, too. (We enjoyed noticing the building on the right that looks like it was once a corn crib—but why would it have windows?) And we noticed the high drive to the barn in the photo.

In the 1883 *Child’s Gazetteer*, Elijah Norton is listed as a breeder of Jersey cattle (but the cows in the picture aren’t Jerseys!), had 20 milking cows, tapped 350 trees to make maple sugar (not syrup, like we do today), and owned 386 acres in Glover and 20 in Sheffield. We also know he was a bailiff, which means he did the work of a sheriff and a judge.

Both Belle's parents had been born in Glover. One of Belle's grandfathers, Nathan Norton, had moved from Strafford, VT to Glover in 1803, when Glover was a very new town. He had built the second frame house in town; before that most of the homes were log cabins. He had built a hotel, somewhere near where Harvey Dunbar lives now on the Hinman Settler Road.

In 1886, the Norton home became the first house in Glover to have a telephone!



Dolly Abbott Norton



Elijah Atwood Norton

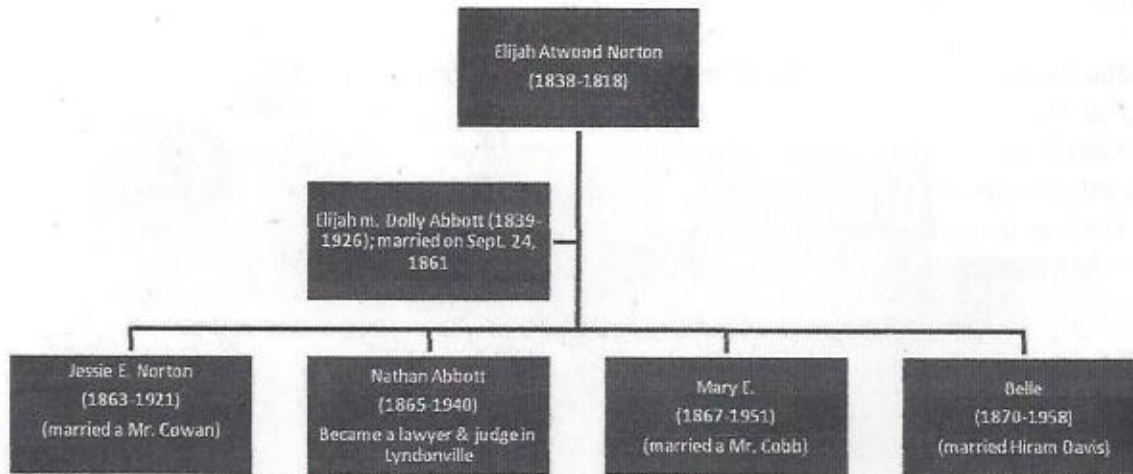


Dolly and Elijah

In the photo on the left, we see them as a young couple. The dress she is wearing is the dress she wore for her wedding. Dolly and Elijah were married on Sept. 24, 1838. The picture on the right was taken in 1916, when Dolly and Elijah had been married 55 years. Notice that Dolly is wearing a blouse she made from her wedding dress! In this photo, Elijah is about 78 years old and Dolly is 77. On Jan. 2, 1918, about two years after this photo was taken, Elijah died. Dolly lived another eight years after Elijah's death, dying on April 12, 1926.

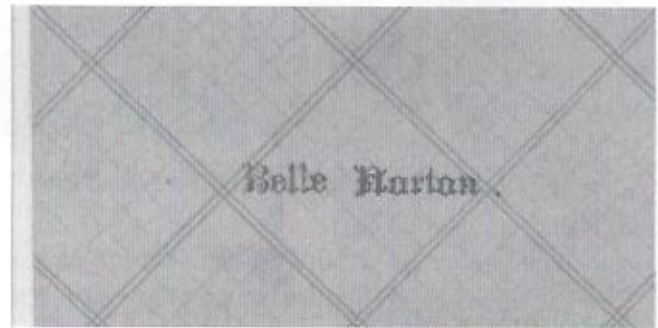
Belle's Family Tree

(Ryan Taylor was the main writer and designer of this section)



Elijah Norton married Dolly Abbott on Sept. 24, 1861. As we said earlier, Elijah and Dolly had four children named Jessie, Nathan, Mary (nicknamed “May”) and Belle. In French “Belle” means pretty. Belle was born on Feb 7, 1870. She died Feb 18, 1958.

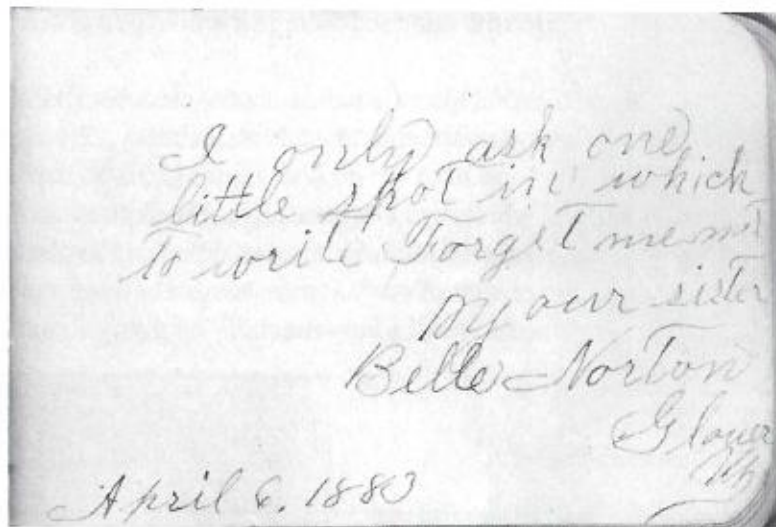
Back in the days that Belle was growing up, people left “calling cards” when they went visiting. Here are some of Belle’s calling cards that we found at the Glover Museum. At the museum there were also calling cards and photos of Belle’s siblings Nathan, Jessie, and Mary, but we did not include them in this report. When we looked at birth records at the Town Clerk’s, we noticed that one of her siblings was still not named when the birth was recorded. We wondered if it was because the infant was sickly and they were afraid she might not live, or maybe Elijah and Dolly were having a hard time deciding what to name her. The record just says “No name.” We were glad when later we were able to match that date of birth with a birthdate recorded in some Norton family genealogy at the museum...we found out “No name” was really Mary. We also found pictures of Jessie’s daughter Ida, who was adopted by Elijah and Dolly, but Ida died when she was only four.



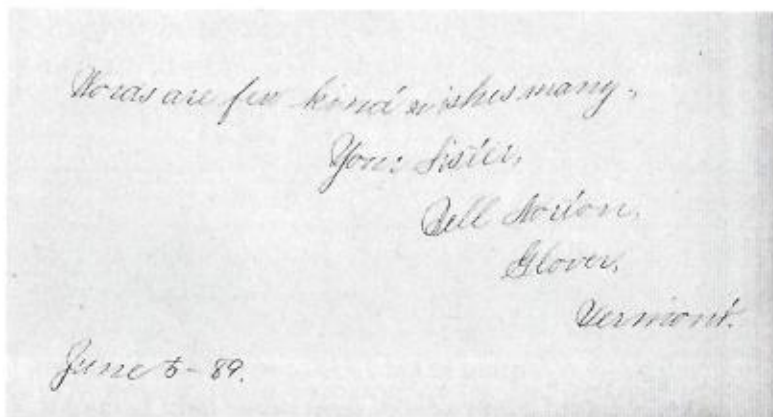
As photographs became popular, small “carte de visite” (“which is French for “visiting card”) photographs replaced calling cards...they were about the same size. The picture of Belle as a young girl is a carte de visite.

We wondered if the plaid background of Belle’s calling card might have reminded her of her mother’s wedding dress.

We also looked through autograph albums at the museum, and found two times that Belle had written her autograph. In those days, you often added a little poem or verse along with your signature, and you gathered signatures from your classmates, relatives, neighbors and townspeople. The first autograph of Belle's we found was written when she was 10 years old, in her sister Mary's autograph book with a padded red velvet cover. It reads: "I only ask one little spot in which to write Forget me not! Your sister, Belle Norton, Glover, VT, April 6, 1880." Her "Y" was so fancy, at first we thought it was an "M."



This next autograph was from nine years later, when Belle was 19, also written to her sister Mary. It reads: "Words are few, kind wishes many. Your Sister Bell Norton, Glover, Vermont." We thought it was interesting that when she was 10, she put an "e" on the end of Belle, but she left it off when she was 19. We noticed that throughout her life, sometimes it was spelled with an e and sometimes not. Notice her handwriting is much neater now that she is older.



We did not have time to look in the old school registers in the vault at the Town Clerk's. But if we did, we could have tried to find out which of Glover's one room schools Belle attended. Because we know she lived at the foot of Perron Hill, we know she probably went to the Parish School on what today is the Parish Schoolhouse Road, or to the Center School, which is up on Perron Hill. Both these schoolhouses are still standing today and are homes. Ned Andrews and Darlene Young live in the old Center School and the Masons live in

the old Parish school. We think because Hiram lived over by Westlook Cemetery and was so close to Parish School, he might have gone to the Parish schoolhouse, even though his house was in the Village School district. Maybe that is where Hiram and Belle met.

Hiram Napoleon Davis

(Zackery Aulis and Brock Young were the main writers of this section.)

Hiram Napoleon Davis (1865-1952) was born on a farm in Glover, Vermont. I bet it was hard work to live on a farm, too. I bet it was good hard work to milk cows all day and throw the hay bales into the pasture for the cows to eat.

We know from looking at the census records that Hiram's father, Napoleon Bonaparte Davis (1840-1886), was born in Wheelock, VT. There was a famous general and ruler in France named Napoleon Bonaparte, and that is who Hiram's father must have been named after. Hiram's father Napoleon was born about 20 years after the French ruler died; his parents must have admired the ruler and thought it would be a good name for a boy to grow up with.

Napoleon's father, Samuel Davis, Jr., and his wife, Mary Catherine (Tuttle), were both born in Hardwick, VT. In the 1850 census, they were living on a farm in Wheelock with six children: Eliza, 16; Lucy, 12; Napoleon, 10; Alexander, 8; Alma, 5; and Amelia, 1.

Records of the Orleans Liberal Institute, which was a private high school that was right where the Glover Town Hall is today, show that Napoleon traveled from his farm home in Wheelock to come to school in Glover at the Institute, boarding during the week in Glover with a family. It must have been quite a sacrifice for the family to send him to high school—they must have valued education very much.

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NAME.	RESIDENCE.	ROOM.
*Royal Cummings,	Wheelock,	D. S. Wright's
Frederick W. Davis,	Glover,	H. Davis'
Napoleon B. Davis,	Wheelock,	S. D. Gray's

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Leonard Leonard,	Glover,	W. E. Leonard's
Emily Mason,	Glover,	M. H. Mason's
David E. McNeal,	Glover,	J. Hoffman's
Chas. A. Merrill,	Glover,	W. Merrill's
Horatia Merrill,	Glover,	W. Merrill's
Stephen D. Merrill,	Glover,	J. Merrill's
Orpha F. Merrill,	Glover,	J. Merrill's
Ellis L. Nye,	Glover,	S. H. Nye's
Simon T. Nye,	Glover,	S. H. Nye's
Miss C. Phillips,	Glover,	J. Merrill's
Margaret Phillips,	Glover,	J. Merrill's

The above are partial lists of the lists of "Gentlemen" and "Ladies" students, from the Orleans Liberal Institute Catalogue for 1857-1858. You can see that Mary boarded during the week, even though her home was not that far from school. All students studied Reading, Spelling, Grammar, History, Arithmetic, Philosophy, Algebra, Geometry, Astronomy, Physiology, Geology, Chemistry, Book-keeping, Rhetoric, Debate, Composition, and Dictionary. For an extra fee, you could take classes in Latin, Greek, French, Music, or Drawing (which included making Hair Flowers! (We saw some intricate examples of the hair flowers the students made at the museum!) The symbol in front of Mary's indicated that she was enrolled in Drawing or Music.



Left: Orleans Liberal Institute, which opened in 1852. The upstairs was a hall used for Town Meeting, suppers and dances. When the Institute closed in 1886, this building became the Glover Village School for grades 1-8. It burned in the 1938, a new Town Hall was built in its old place, and a new school built in the field behind it, across the Barton River. A brick house in the left of the photo still stands today (the Barrows' home). If you look closely, you will see there are 3 students in the open window of the top floor, and many gathered on the porch. Maybe Napoleon and Mary are in this photo!

Right: an old undated postcard of the Institute, taken later than the photograph on the last page.. We noticed the pole coming out of the tower on the top is different in the photos, and there is a boardwalk in the postcard photo. We noticed shocks of wheat or hay or corn drying on the hillside behind the Institute (where the Glover school is today.) The trees in front are different and the fences are different.

The Orleans Liberal Institute is most probably where N.B. Davis met his wife-to-be, Mary C. Phillips, a Glover girl who was also a student there.

By the time of the 1860 census, Napoleon and his family had moved from Wheelock to Glover. Land records at the Glover Town Clerk's in the vault show that he first bought land on the road between West Glover and "East Glover," we are not sure where. In Feb 1870, NB Davis and Hiram Phillips, both already living in Glover, bought a farm from the Nye family that was right across the road from what they called the "burying ground." Today we call it Westlook Cemetery.



John Whitworth, a grandson of Roy Davis (Hiram's brother) had not ever seen this photo of the Davis farm, which was in the Glover museum. John used the census listing of all the children to try to identify exactly who these people are:

"It appears to me the woman is Mary Catherine (Tuttle) Davis, the wife of Samuel Davis Jr., and all of her 7 children. My thought at the moment is the photo was taken in summer 1858, because baby Samuel R. Davis was born 30 Jan 1858 and Samuel Jr. [his father] died 16 Sept 1858. When you magnify the picture, the picture of the man seems to be older

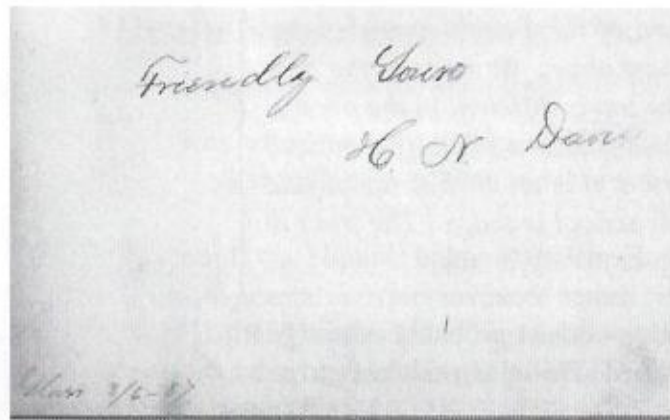
than Napoleon would have been at 18. So I believe the man is Samuel Jr. and Napoleon is missing. If the photo was taken about 1867, then the baby could be Hiram with Mary C. Phillips, the man Napoleon, and the oldest other female would be Mary Catharine Tuttle Davis, and the other people her children. I tend to think 1858, but why would they be at the farm that early?"

1850 census (Wheelock): Samuel, 47; Mary 37; Eliza 16; Lucy, 12; Napoleon, 10; Alexander, 8; Alma, 5; Amelia, 1

1860 census (Glover): Mary 48; Napoleon, 20; Alexander, 18; Alma, 16; Amelia, 11; Samuel, 2.

In the 1860 census, Napoleon was 20 and the oldest male worker on the farm; and only his mother and his siblings Alexander, Alma, Amelia and a new brother, Samuel, age 2, were living on the farm. Napoleon's father, Samuel, was not listed in the 1860 census because he had died in 1858 in Glover "of a fever."

We do not have any photos of Hiram when he was a teenager or a young man, but we did find his autograph in Mary Norton's autograph album. He was 21 when he wrote this. At first we thought it said "Friendly Lover" and we had a good laugh about that, but then



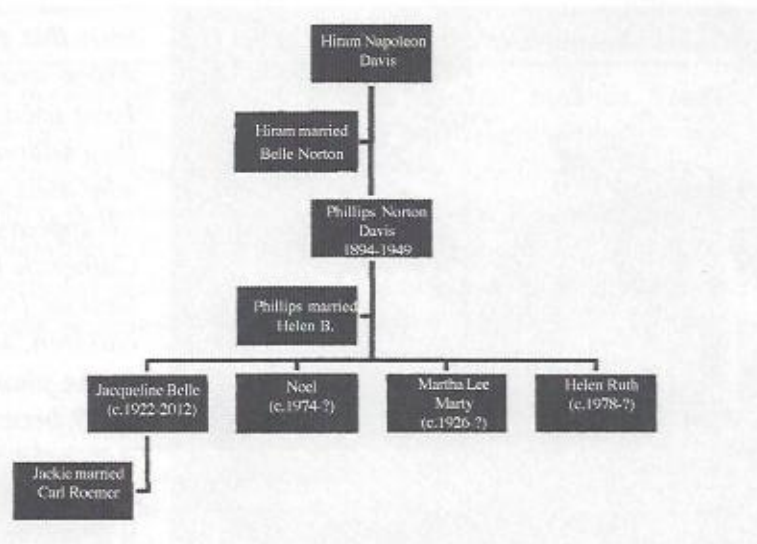
we realized it probably really said "Friendly Yours"—sometimes it is hard to read that old fancy handwriting!

And here is a very interesting little fact we learned from John Whitworth of Hollis, NH, who is a grandson of Hiram Davis' brother, Roy E. Davis: Hiram's ancestors

were descended from John and Priscilla Alden, one of the Pilgrim couples who came to America on the Mayflower in 1620. So at least one set of Hiram's great-great-great (we are not sure how many greats) grandparents landed on Plymouth Rock and were at the first Thanksgiving!

Hiram's Family Tree

(Reese Borland, Tucker Baker, and Cameron Hoadley were the main writers and designers of this section)



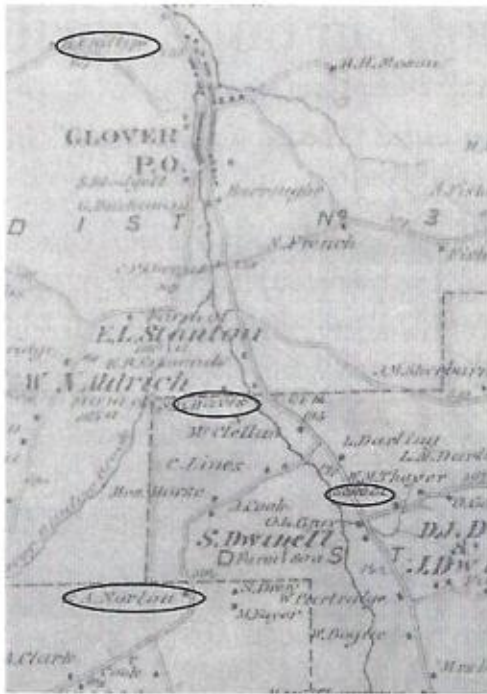
Hiram Napoleon Davis, b. 11 August 1865, Glover, VT., d. 26 January, 1952, St. Johnsbury, VT, Caledonia County, of hypertension.

Father was Napoleon Bonaparte Davis, (both a farmer and teacher, as we read in Glover vital records)

Mother was Mary C. Phillips

Brothers: Royden (called "Roy") b.1878 and Carroll, b. 1874;

Hiram's wife, Belle Norton Davis, b. 7 Feb. 1870 in Glover, VT, d. 18 Feb. 1958 St. Johnsbury, VT



1878 Beers Atlas Map shows the farm of Hiram Phillips, where Hiram Davis' mother Mary Phillips grew up (Bean Hill Rd today), the NB Davis farm where Hiram grew up (Rt. 16 today) and where Hiram and Belle first lived and farmed after their marriage, and the EA Norton farm (Perron Hill today) where Belle grew up. The school that is highlighted is the Parish School, the Center school was further up the road past the Norton house, and, of course the other schoolhouse close by was in the Glover Village.

Belle and Hiram's Marriage

Belle and Hiram married on Christmas Eve, 1891. After Belle was married, she left her home on what we call Perron Hill, and moved in with her husband's family on their farm, which was right across from Westlook Cemetery, just about half a mile from her old home. By the time of the 1900 census, also living on the farm with Belle and Hiram was their little son, Phillips, age four. (We know why Hiram and Belle named their son Phillips—it was because Phillips was Hiram's mother's maiden name.) Also living with Hiram, Belle and Phillips at the time of the 1900 census were Hiram's two brothers, Roy and Carroll. Roy worked on the farm, and Carroll was a border custom house agent.

But Hiram did not continue to farm all his life. At some point, they must have sold the farm, for by the 1910 census, Hiram, Belle and Phillips were living in Glover Village in the house just north of the brick house near the Town Hall, and Hiram's occupation was a "merchant" at a general store. We think he must have been working at his brother Roy's store, called the "Roy E. Davis Store"

or the "Roy E. Davis Brown Egg Store." Why they decided to get out of farming really made us wonder. Were they just sick of it, or was it too hard on their muscles and bones, or did someone offer them lots of money to buy the farm? We do not know. Maybe if we searched old newspapers we would find the answer, because the move off the farm might have been written about in the Glover social news column in the local papers.



In a scrapbook at the museum, we found two articles about their wedding anniversaries. One talked about their 50th anniversary, and one about their 60th anniversary. Their 50th anniversary party, which would have been in 1941, was at the Tavern Hotel in Montpelier. Phillips, Helen and two of their daughters came from St.

Louis, MO to the party.

This photo was taken from their 60th anniversary party. The caption says that "a host of friends" helped them celebrate, but does not say where the party was.

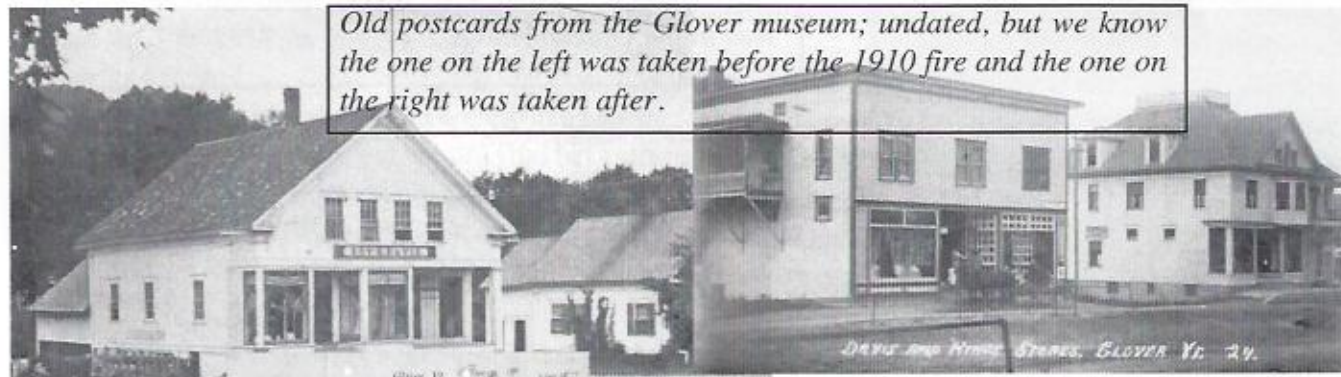
The Roy E. Davis Store in Glover, VT

(Tucker Baker and Dominick Brown were the main writers of this section)

The Davis Store in Glover was owned by Roy E. Davis and it was called "The Brown Egg Store." In the 1910 census, Hiram's occupation was "store merchant." In the article about their 50th wedding anniversary, they refer to working in the store as being in the "mercantile business."

Probably this is where Hiram learned about his next job, checking the scales and measures.

In 1910, the Davis store and the King store next to it burned on the same day. Within a year the owners had rebuilt, but, for some reason, they switched lots. So the Davis store was the same store that Currier's Market is today, and the King store rebuilt next to it, heading north. Today the King Store is an apartment house.



Old postcards from the Glover museum; undated, but we know the one on the left was taken before the 1910 fire and the one on the right was taken after.



Here is an interesting old 1905 sales slip from the Brown Egg Store, signed by Roy Davis. It looks like Roy was trying to remind someone to pay up their bill for eggs they had bought on June 6, and the bill was paid on Aug. 3.

Hiram and Belle Davis's House in Glover Village

(Darwin Smyth and Robin Nelson were the main writers of this section)



Hiram and Belle got married in 1891. Hiram and Belle first lived on the Davis farm in Glover. Hiram was a farmer at the time, and Belle worked at home (The census recorded her as "keeping house.") Hiram's farm isn't there anymore; even the old cellar hole has been filled in. [Readers may recall the Davis farm as the farm of the Stanley Gaboriault family in the 1930s-1960s, before it burned.]

But later they lived in Glover village. The year Hiram and Belle moved to the village was sometime between the 1900 census and the 1910 census. It was two houses from the Town hall. Their house was near Currier's Market.

Their house was the Ladd's. Today it is white, and probably it was when they lived there, too. Ken and Melba Barber bought it from the Hiram and Belle Davis estate after Hiram and Belle died, and later Mike and Bonnie Ladd moved in. A new family just moved into the house this year, when this photo was taken.

Hiram's job in Montpelier

(Brock Young was the main writer of this section)

In 1913, Hiram stopped working in the store and started working for the Department of Weights and Measures. That means he goes around to stores and gas stations in Vermont and makes sure that the gas pumps and scales are calibrated right for measuring so customers pay the right money. He would bring little measures to the store with him and put them on the scales at the store to make sure they are calibrated correctly.

At some point, Hiram and Belle moved to Burlington, VT and then later, in 1919, Montpelier, VT to be closer to his job. At the time of their 50th anniversary, they were living at 23 Bailey Ave. in Montpelier.

He was the deputy commissioner. That meant he was the second in charge for the whole state, but then, for several years before he retired in 1944, he was the Commissioner, we think.

When Ken Barber and his wife bought Hiram and Belle's house in Glover Village in the 1960s, after both Hiram and Belle had died, one thing they found still in the house were the weights that Hiram used to check scales.

John Whitworth also emailed us a pamphlet published in 1916 about the history of the banks in Irasburgh, Orleans, and Barton written by Frederick W. Baldwin. In it was a short biography of each of the bank directors, and Hiram was one of them. It had his photo in it (see in the next section), and some more information about his life. It said that he also went to St. Johnsbury Academy, and that he served as a Glover Selectman, a School Director, and a Justice of the Peace. Hiram also elected to be Glover's Representative to the Vt. State Legislature in Montpelier in 1894. In 1912, he was elected as the Orleans County Senator to the Vt. State Legislature. He was one of the first Board of Directors of the "Barton Savings Bank and Trust Company, resigning in 1916, his "work calling him away from the County."



A 1952 newspaper article about Hiram's death that was in a scrapbook in the Museum.

About Belle and Hiram's son, Phillips Norton Davis

(Mitchell Poirier, Connor Thompson and Zoë Young were the main writers of this section)



Hiram's photo (c. 1916) from the bank history booklet.

The Glover Nine—circa 1916: Orin Miles, Wes Drew, Clarence Phillips, Adair [unclear], Jerry Johnson, Milton Lyman, Elery Dunn, Perly Drew, Jennings, George Johnson, Clyde (Kid) Heath, Harold Jenness, Philip Davis.

Phillips played baseball for the Glover Nine team and from pictures we think he looked like his father. Don't you agree?

The only child of Belle Norton and Hiram Davis was Phillips Norton Davis. They named him Phillips because that was Hiram's mom's maiden name. Phillips was born in 1895, and he was called "Phil." He grew up on the Davis farm, and graduated from Barton Academy, and then went on to the University of Vermont, where he studied to be a doctor.

Phillips married three times. On New Year's Eve, 1915, Phillips married Hazel Sarah Cook in Burlington,

VT. He was 21 and Hazel was 22. Hazel was a Glover girl and school teacher who had grown up in the house that Dorothy Perron now lives in on Perron Hill. Phillips was a medical student at UVM in Burlington, VT. Hazel and Phillips lived at 268 Main St. They had no children.

They got divorced a couple of years later and by the time of the 1920 census, Phillips had moved to Maplewood, St. Louis County, Missouri, where he was a doctor and a surgeon. There, around 1921, Phillips married his second wife, Helen B. Dugdale, who had been born in MO. At the time of their marriage, Phillips was 26, and Helen 22. They had 4 girls, all born in St. Louis, MO. They were all living at 2425A Belleview Ave., Maplewood, St. Louis County, MO at both the 1930 and 1940 census.

The four girls, oldest to youngest, are named: Jacqueline Belle, called Jackie (b. circa 1922); then next is Noel (we think she must have been born on Christmas Day or near it; b. circa 1924); next is Martha, called Marty (b. circa 1936); and last is Helen Ruth (b. circa 1928.)

At some point, Helen B. and Phillips divorced. Then Phillips married for the last time to Verda Woods in 1947. They both lived in Texas, but they came to Orleans, VT to get married. A Justice of the Peace, M. G. Redfield, married them.

They lived in Weatherford, TX. Verda was an interior decorator who had been born in Magnolia, AK. They had no children. Phillips died two years later in FL in 1949.

Phillips job was a doctor and surgeon, and had worked as a doctor in the service. He was a Lieutenant Colonel. M.D. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. On his parents' gravestone at Westlook, his name is inscribed beneath their names, and it states that he is buried at Arlington.

Phillips Davis's daughter Jackie

(Zoë Young was the main writer of this section)

The eldest daughter was named Jacqueline Belle Davis. She was the one who left the \$15,000 to the Glover Public Library. Jackie's name at the time she bought the Shadow Lake cottage was Jacqueline Davis Pohrman. In her will she is Jacqueline Belle Roemer, married to Carl Roemer. John Whitworth did some research for us and found that Jackie's first husband was David Pohrman, who had been born in Seattle, Washington, and was in the Navy during WWII. After the war, he went to the University of Missouri, which might be where he met Jackie. He, John, believes the man with Jackie (in this picture taken at the Davis camp at Shadow Lake) is her husband David. David died in 1969. Jackie married to Robert J. Lang in 1972, and sometime after that, sometime before 1993, she married Carl Roemer.



We think that Jacqueline died in 2012, this year. She left the money to the Glover Library in honor of the memory of her grandparents, Hiram and Belle Davis. She also left money to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the University of Missouri, the Keiley School of Business in Indiana, Texas A & M University, Indiana University and to eight individuals who must be relatives or friends. Some of the bequeaths are for a certain amount of money, which altogether adds up to about \$100,000; the remainder is to be divided up in stated proportions among specified places or people. Most of the stated amounts are for \$5000 or \$10000; the Glover Public Library is the only group to get \$15000, and only one gift is for more than that, which is a \$20,000 gift to a person. Jackie made this will out in June, 2000, when she would have been about 78 years old.

We think she must have really had wonderful memories of Hiram and Belle and her time with them in Glover to remember, 50 years after their death, that she wanted to leave a memorial gift in their memory to

the town of Glover. We think she must have liked reading books, and maybe she knew that Hiram and Belle did, too. We did not have time to research if Hiram or Belle had ever been on the library's board of directors, but we do know that for a while the Glover Town Library was located at the Roy E. Davis' Brown Egg Store.

The Shadow Lake Cottage

Charlie and Lois Barrows told us that they remembered that a couple named Hiram and Belle Davis had a camp on Shadow Lake, so we looked in Marilyn Walcott's book about Shadow Lake, called *Reflections on Shadow Lake* (1998). The book has lots of history about Shadow Lake, and, sure enough, it told about the Davis camp. Connie Ashe remembered that John Whitworth, of Hollis, NH, had sent her pictures of the Davis Camp, so we emailed John to see what he remembered about Hiram and Belle. He emailed us back photos and memories that he and his sister Patricia had of the camp. John and Patricia were children of John and Dorothy Davis Whitworth; Dorothy was the daughter of Roy Davis, Hiram's brother.

The camp was built in 1899 by Hiram and Belle, Belle's brother Nathan Norton, and their cousin Edwin A. Cook. Later they added a 2-car garage across the road; both the camp and garage are still standing. There is a still a board hanging in the cottage that reads "Davis, 8/13/1899." The garage wasn't just made for automobiles—it had a stall for a horse and a loft overhead to store hay for the horse.



In front of the Shadow Lake camp, left to right: Dorothy Davis Whitworth, holding her son John "Buzz" Whitworth; Dorothy's father, Roy E. Davis; Roy's brother, Hiram Davis; Jacqueline Belle Davis, granddau. of Hiram and Belle, holding Patricia Whitworth, sister of John; Belle Norton Davis, wife of Hiram, c. 1947.

some old notes and letters that Belle had written, including a recipe for making candles. John Whitworth wrote us that before the camp was sold, he found Hiram's fishing jacket, fishing pole and basket hanging up in the camp. He wanted to return them to one of the granddaughters, but they had lost touch.

The Norton, Davis and Cook families shared the cottage for many years, but in 1925, Hiram and Belle became the sole owners. Phillips Davis' four daughters spent many summer days visiting their grandparents, Hiram and Belle, at the cottage. We think those happy memories of Hiram and Belle and being in Glover must be why Jackie decided to leave money to the Glover Public Library in the memory of Hiram and Belle.

After Hiram and Belle died, in 1959 the camp was passed on in their will to Jackie and two of her sisters (the fourth sister had died), and later Jackie bought out her two sisters, so the camp was hers alone. The will stated that Roy Davis could use the camp for as long as he lived.

In 1969, the camp was sold to Robert and Margery Miles. The Miles added an addition and improvements to the camp, and painted the dark green shingles light gray. But they kept the old claw foot tin bathtub and some of the old furniture, including a trundle bed, and

Hiram and Belle's gravestone at Westlook Cemetery

Westlook Cemetery overlooks the site of the old Davis farm where Hiram grew up and where Hiram and Belle first lived and farmed after their marriage.



The front of the Davis gravestone. Just to the right of the Davis stone is a stone for the Norton family.

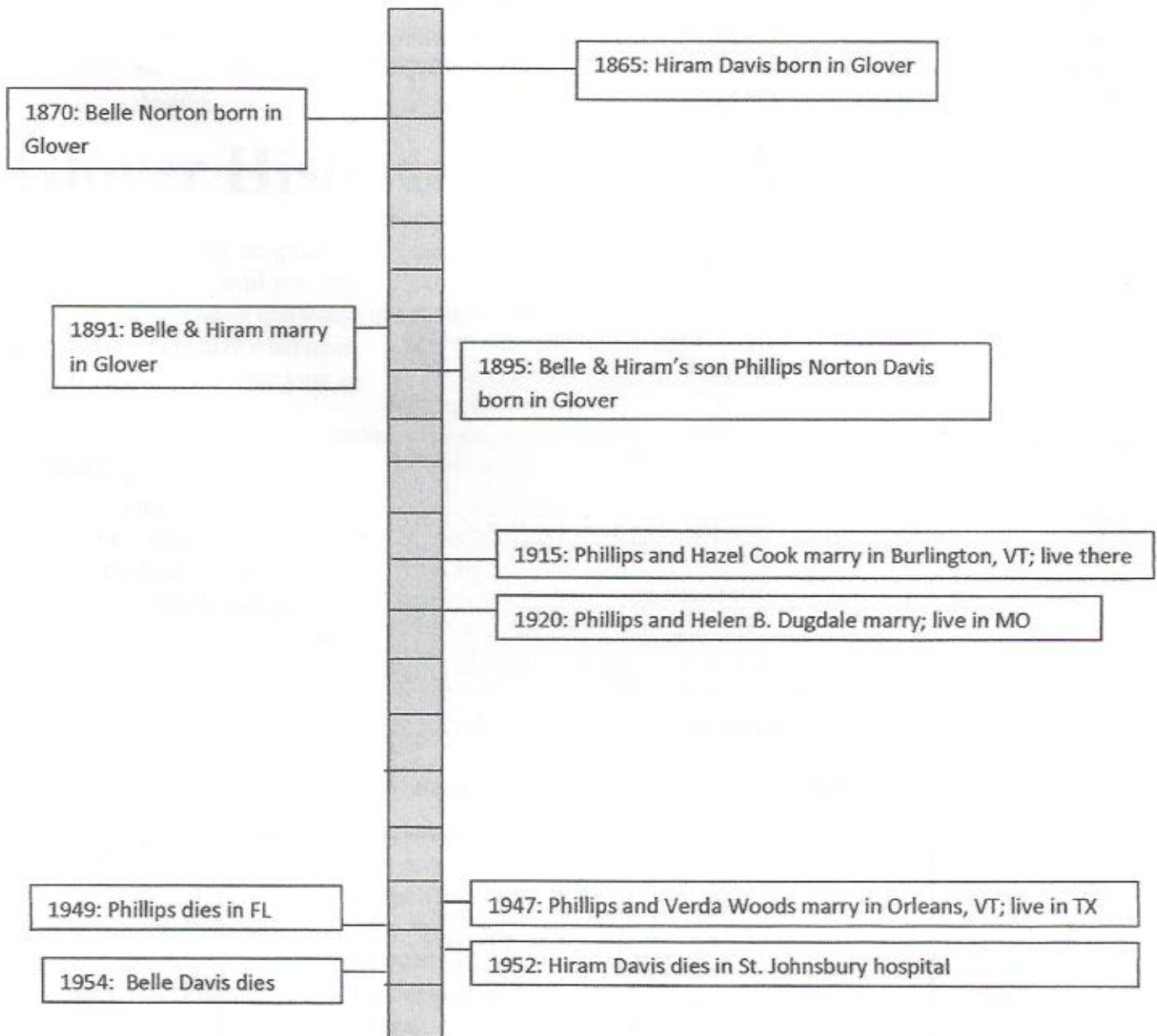


Back of stone. You will notice that Phillips' name also is inscribed below Hiram and Belle's, even though he is actually buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

John [Whitworth] was just a little boy when he spent days at Shadow Lake with Hiram and Belle. This is what he wrote: "I only remember how loving, kind and gentle folk Hiram and Belle were; always interested in the goings on...."

Timeline of Belle and Hiram's Vital Statistics

(Caleb Thaler was the main writer and designer of this section.)



Treasurer's Report

Opening Balances 1/1/2012

Checking Account	\$753.51
CD	<u>\$5,144.63</u>
Total	\$5,898.14

INCOME:

Dues	\$1,083.00
Donations	\$400.00
Publication & Souvenir Sales	\$714.00
insurance refund	<u>\$2.00</u>
Income	\$2,199.00
CD interest	<u>\$157.61</u>
Total Income	\$2,356.61

EXPENSES:

Newsletter - winter	\$696.50
Newsletter - summer	\$670.40
Insurance	\$552.00
Glover Day donation	\$50.00
Archival supplies	\$147.95
VT History Expo	\$50.00
Vt Sec. Of State, registration	\$5.00
Web Site hosting	\$59.88
PO Box rent	\$44.00
VT Hist. Soc. Dues	\$50.00
postage,copies,supplies	<u>\$142.86</u>
Total Expense	\$2,468.59

Checking Acct opening balance	\$753.51
deposits - 2011 income	\$102.00
deposits - 2012 income	\$2,199.00
transfer from CD acct	\$1,000.00
2012 expenses	<u>-\$2,468.59</u>
Checking - ending balance	\$1,585.92
CD - ending balance	<u>\$4,302.24</u>
 Total	 \$5,888.16

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