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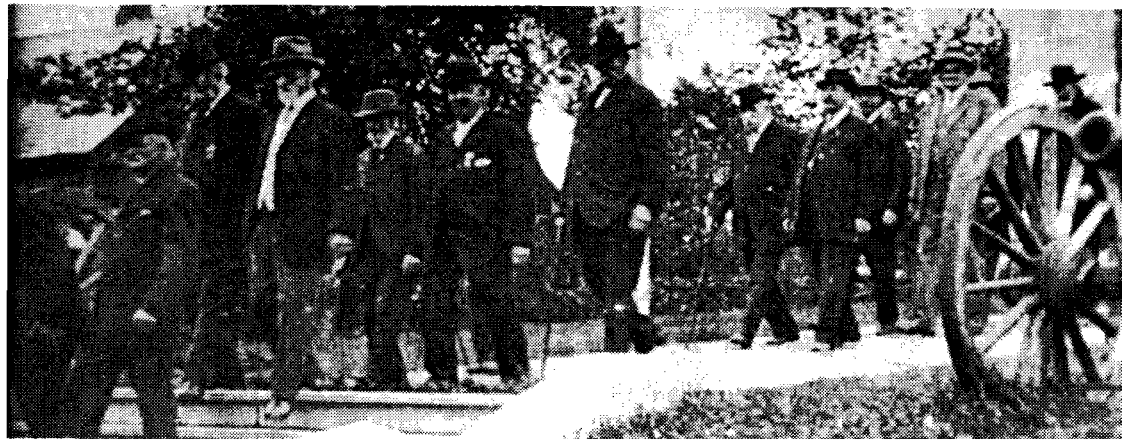
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## CIVIL WAR THEME FOR PROGRAMS AND EXHIBIT



*Civil War veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic were captured on movie film in 1914 in front of the former Memorial Hall on West Street in Rutland.*

## FALL EXHIBIT

*"In His Mind and Heart : Images from the Life of the Rutland Civil War Soldier"*, the Fall exhibit of the Rutland Historical Society, will open on Wednesday 13 September 1995 after the program that evening. This exhibit explores the images that flooded the consciousness of the Civil War soldier. The Society is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and on Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m.

## FALL PROGRAMS

The Program Committee has announced a series of programs, all dealing with the Civil War, for this Fall. All meetings will be held at the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library on Court Street. All will be held on Wednesdays and start at 7:00 p.m. except one meeting. (continued in next column.)

WED 13 SEP "The Civil War Soldier" presented by Dennis Charles.

WED 27 SEP "An Evening of Civil War Music" presented by Rex Sheldon and Bob Allen.

WED 4 OCT "Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor" presented by Nick Picerno and Don Wickman.

THUR 19 OCT "Vermont's 'Black Thursday' - 23 June 1864" presented by Dr. David Cross. This program will start after the Annual Meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the business meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m.

WED 1 NOV "Panoramas and White Elephants" presented by Michael Sherman.

WED 15 NOV "The 8th Vermont Regiment in Louisiana" presented by Holman Jordan.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Rutland Historical Society will be held on Thursday 19 October 1995 at the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library which is located at the northeast corner of Center and Court Streets in Rutland. The business meeting, which includes reports and election of officers and directors, will start at 7:30 p.m. At approximately 8:00 p.m. Dr. David Cross will present "Vermont's 'Black Thursday' - 23 June 1864". This is one of the fall Civil War series programs. The public is invited to attend the business meeting and program.

### SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PROPOSED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pres.	Donald Bordeau	Dir (2 yrs)	Jacob Sherman
V.P.	Dawn Hance	Dir (2 yrs)	Robert Solari
Sec.	Linda Gee	Dir (2 yrs)	Morris Tucker

Treas.	Tom Carpenter	Dir (1 yr)	Mary Segale
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Continuing Directors are:

Robert Beauchamp and Helen Davidson

Submitted by Carol T. Jones, Personnel and Nominating Committee Chairperson

## RON BUTTERFIELD

Due to increased work commitments, Ron Butterfield has resigned his committee and board responsibilities. The Board thanks him for his many contributions, particularly his work as Building Committee chairperson. Any person willing to help on this committee should contact President Morris Tucker.

## PRESERVATION FUND FOR G.A.R. STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FROM MEMORIAL HALL

The Society has two stained glass windows from Memorial Hall which need preservation work. One of these windows will be exhibited in this Fall's Civil War exhibit. General contributions at the exhibit this Fall will go toward this project. For those who wish to memorialize a Civil War veteran, a \$5 contribution will place the veteran's name and that of the person memorializing, in the Society's Civil War Memorial Book. This is a tangible way to show that we have not forgotten the contributions of these veterans.

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WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND  
ASSOCIATES**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again it is my pleasure to submit the Annual Report of the Rutland Historical Society. The year has been a very busy one containing many activities, presentations and visitations including our summer exhibit entitled "Once Upon a Time" which featured photographs, clothing and articles of daily living of both men and women of the Victorian Era in Rutland.

The area school teachers and their students were invited to tour the exhibits of the Society and join in a walking tour of Center and Washington Street residences of old as well as some old business buildings of the downtown area. Spring and fall classes took advantage of this service and it was very gratifying to see the interest shown by many of the students.

The fall series of programs entitled "Our Town" consisted of five different topics and was well attended. The Program Committee also scheduled four presentations for the spring season. Our program this evening is a part of the fall series of programs on the Civil War. All of the programs are presented in the Nella Grimm Fox Room of the City Library Building. Audience participation tends to make the programs more interesting and also serves as a pipeline for additional information.

We prepared an exhibit pertaining to the 200th year celebration of the Rutland Herald. During the grand opening of this exhibit, the Society was presented a very historic document - a letter of agreement between John Walker and the Reverend Samuel Williams. Robert Sharp of Sharp Offset Printing presented the letter to John Mitchell who in turn presented it to the Rutland Historical Society. This is a great addition to our collections and appropriate remarks and thanks were given these men for their thoughtfulness and visions for the future of our hometown Rutland Historical Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Nella Grimm Fox Room at the Rutland Free Library on October 20, 1994. A special program, "History and Archeology On and Under Lake Champlain", was presented by Art Cohn, Director of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

The Membership Committee had a busy schedule in planning for and implementing programs of a promotional nature for area TV, radio and newspapers. Very good reports were received by the Society with compliments and expressions of need for such interesting and educational programs for the public in general.

May we again express our appreciation to the Rutland Recreation Department employees for the good and timely job of keeping our lawn mowed. We also extend our thanks to Mayor Jeff Wennberg and City Treasurer Ron Graves for their ever ready advice and support of our Society. It is our hope that this continued relationship will enhance our operations and enable us to reach out to service our community with ever more information on history and genealogy.

In closing, may I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers, board members, committee members and others for their cooperation, assistance and generous support throughout the year. All of us working together gives more life to our Society whereby we can offer more service and grow with the needs of our community.

Respectfully submitted

Morris G. Tucker, President

## GROUP VISITS AT EXHIBIT

This summer the Society hosted groups from the Meadows at East Mountain, the Parker House and the Vermont Geographic Alliance's Summer Program for Teachers at Castleton State College at the exhibit "*Once Upon a Time ...*". Group visits can be arranged for viewing the Society's exhibits by appointment. Contact the Exhibit Chairperson Jim Davidson at 773-7525.

## BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Gift memberships and publications of the Society make great birthday and Christmas gifts that get used over and over. And they can fit any budget.

Back issue of Quarterly	\$2.00
Gift membership	\$10.00
<i>Early Families</i> or <i>History of Rutland</i>	\$30.00

Shipping and handling is \$3.00 for books.

## MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE CHANGE

At the recommendation of the Membership Committee, the Board of Directors has approved the consolidation of the Sustaining, Business and Sponsor categories of membership into one Sponsor category which will be open to both individuals and groups who wish to support the activities of the Society. The Sponsor category rate will remain at \$50 annually.

It is hoped that this change will simplify the dues structure in general and in particular attract more business and professionals who may find the \$50 rate much more attractive. Of course any contribution above this will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Society with its thanks.

## DUES

Sponsor	\$50.00	Students (18 & under)	
Contributing	\$20.00		\$ 8.00
Regular	\$10.00	Senior citizens (62 & up)	
			\$ 8.00

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