

# NEWS FROM NICKWACKETT

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*On Wednesday 27 SEP the Society hosted an excellent program on Civil War music. Wholly unexpectedly "President and Mrs. Lincoln" arrived for the program and visited the exhibit at the Society after the program. Robert and Janet Taylor play the roles of President and Mrs. Lincoln at Hildene in Manchester VT and other locations throughout the country. Their home is in Tulsa OK. The Society was pleased to have such significant guests.*

## SUCCESSFUL FALL PROGRAMS/EXHIBIT

The Society's Fall Program series on the Civil War has drawn attendance averages of approximately 80 people per night. The quality of the presentations and the enthusiasm of the audiences was very gratifying. After each program the audience was invited to view the Civil War exhibit of the Society which also has received numerous compliments.

Although the program series is completed, the exhibit will still be available until January.

## 1996 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Pres.	Donald Bordeau
V.P.	Dawn Hance
Sec.	Linda Gee
Treas.	Tom Carpenter
Dir.	Robert Beauchamp
Dir.	Helen Davidson
Dir.	Mary Segale
Dir.	Jacob Sherman
Dir.	Robert Solari
Dir.	Morris Tucker

Jacob Sherman has been elected by the Board of Directors as Chairman of the Board.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

As you do your Christmas shopping, keep in mind that the Society has a number of excellent gift options from two dollars (\$2.00) to thirty dollars (\$30.00).

For thirty dollars (\$30.00) there is *Early Families of Rutland, Vermont* or *History of Rutland, Vermont, 1761-1861*. Packing and mailing is three dollars (\$3.00) extra.

For ten dollars (\$10.00) there are gift memberships which provide four Quarterlies and four Newsletters throughout the year. The Society will send a gift notice if you request.

For two dollars (\$2.00) you may wish to purchase a back issue of our Quarterlies. It is possible to assemble interesting combinations of past issues to meet a particular interest. Drop in at the Society to look over the possibilities.

*The History of Proctor* is also available at ten dollars (\$10.00)

## ELEANOR ELWERT RECUPERATING AT HOME

Eleanor Elwert had a serious fall while visiting in New York City. Fortunately she broke no bones but suffered severe bumps and bruises. Back in Rutland she apparently suffered a small stroke which hospitalized her for a couple of weeks. She is now back home and navigating nicely though stairs and auto driving are somewhat limited. The Society all wish her a speedy and full recovery.

## JAMES S. DAVIDSON RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

At its Annual Meeting the Society conveyed a Certificate of Appreciation to James S. Davidson. Jim was a charter member of the Society and has served numerous terms as President and as a Director. Currently he is Chairperson of the Exhibit Committee and Co-Chairperson of the Publications Committee. Jim is also active in the work of the Archives Committee and volunteers for the Society's Monday night hours.

**HOUSEKEEPERS AND BUILDING  
MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS  
ARE NEEDED FOR THE SOCIETY**  
Contact President Don Bordeau if you can help.

## COMMITTEE CORNER

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## NORTHERN RAILROADS: VERMONT AND HER NEIGHBORS

Vermont ETV launched a new production *Northern Railroads: Vermont and Her Neighbors* on 4 December. If you missed the show or would like to take a return trip, the program will be repeated on 10 December at 7:30 p.m.

The program provides a nostalgic look at the age of steam in northern New England. It was produced by Frederic Fischer, whose video credits include a series of three nostalgia-history films for Long Island's public TV station under the title "New York the Way It Was."

Fischer interviewed historians, townspeople and former railroaders and amassed a tremendous array of film footage and beautiful old photos to capture the era. Railroads in the special include the Central Vermont, Rutland, Boston and Maine, St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain, and the Woodstock. There is also a trip on the inaugural run of a tourist excursion train through Crawford Notch in northern New Hampshire in September of this year.

Hundreds of people, including your Rutland Historical Society, offered information to help with this project. Fischer says that some of the people he met were, in a way, "witnesses" - they'd done it or written about it or been through it. Of tremendous help were Burlingtonian Robert C. Jones, who has written over a dozen books on railroading, and Mark Smith of Huntington, a steam expert, who publishes railroad books and a guide to steam excursions. The beautifully evocative photographs by Philip Ross Hastings bring the era alive.

Funding for *Northern Railroads: Vermont and Her Neighbors* was provided by The Robert Fleming and Jane Howe Patrick Foundation Inc. of Charlotte VT.

Mark 10 December at 7:30 p.m. on your calendars!

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN MEMORIAL APPLICATION

We are seeking contributions for the restoration of two stained glass windows which are all that remain of Rutland's G.A.R. Memorial Hall. This building was erected by Civil War veterans in tribute to their fallen comrades. It was razed in 1931 to make way for the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse.

For a \$5 donation you may commemorate the service of a Civil War veteran whose name and unit(s) and term(s) of service will be listed in a special memorial book at the Rutland Historical Society.

Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Unit(s) & term(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## RUTLAND CITY SCHOOL REGISTERS (1899-1963)

The Society has recently received, from the Rutland City School Department, School Registers from 1899 to 1963. This is over 34 shelf feet of records which identify the schools, the teachers in the classrooms, and the names of the students in the classes. The records from 1915 to 1919 are missing. With this exception the records are very complete.

If you wish to recall the name of that student who sat next to you in the fifth grade in 1930 or you have forgotten the name of your fourth grade teacher maybe we can help you. The Society is open on Mondays from 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

## SCHOOL VISITS

Students from the Eighth Grade of the Rutland Junior High School have been visiting the Society's Civil War exhibit in small groups with their teachers by appointment. The Society is pleased to accomodate small groups by appointment.

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Jim Davidson - Editor

## QUARTERLY CORRECTION

It has been brought to our attention that there was an error in the Rutland Historical Society Quarterly Vol. XXV No. 3. In the key to the map of Mill Village on pages 54-55 #10 Blanchard House is now the residence of Steve and Deborah Gunnip. It is not presently owned by Robert and Grace Kimmey as stated in the Quarterly. We apologize for the error and appreciate the correct information.

**A "95" ON YOUR  
MAILING LABEL SAYS  
PAY YOUR DUES NOW**

## DUES SCHEDULE

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