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MICROFILM EDITION OF RUTLAND DIRECTORIES

A microfilm edition of the Rutland Town/City Directories for the years 1867 to 1945 will be published soon by the New York State Library in Albany, NY. Dillon, the original compiler of these directories was from the Albany area. Thus the New York State Library has a large collection of these items. They have contacted the Rutland Historical Society and we have been able to assist in locating all years published except one. The year we are unable to locate is 1882-83. Although we have located a copy of the 1876-77 directory, we would like to find a copy that we could borrow for microfilming. Microfilm copies of these directories will be available for purchase at a reasonable price.

The New York State Library has found that the great research use of these items has threatened their existence. Therefore they have microfilmed their New York directories. The Rutland project is the first of the filming of similar materials from neighboring states.

CONTINUING EXHIBIT

"Summer Leisure in the 1920s and 1930s" is the continuing exhibit at the Society. It will continue through March 1997.

1997 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Pres. Donald Bordeau
V.P. Ronald Butterfield
Sec. Gloria LaMontagne
Treas. Thomas Carpenter
Dir. Robert Cassidy
Dir. Helen Davidson
Dir. Mary Segale
Dir. Alan Shelvey
Dir. Jacob Sherman
Dir. Morris Tucker

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

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Society Tom Carpenter, Society Treasurer, and Elaine Purdy, Chairperson of the Publications Committee, were awarded Certificates of Commendation by the Society.

Tom was commended for his faithful and wise services as Treasurer as well as his assistance to many of the various committees of the Society. Tom is a working member of the Archives Committee.

Elaine was commended for her work as Chairperson of the Publications Committee and Co-editor of the Quarterly. In addition she serves on the Exhibit Committee and has been a past member of the Board of Directors of the Society.

DAWN HANCE RESIGNS AS RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

After many years as Research Committee Chairperson, Dawn Hance has decided to give up these duties. Dawn has been most assiduous in responding to the many genealogical and other historical queries received by the Society. The Society thanks her for these years of faithful service.

VISITS TO THE SOCIETY BY APPOINTMENT

This fall a group from the Loretto Home enjoyed a visit to the current exhibit "Summer Leisure in the 1920s and 1930s". The Exhibit Committee provided some brief comments on the exhibit and played a sampling of old radio programs on audio tape.

Small groups are encouraged to visit the current exhibit by appointment. Please call Jim Davidson, Exhibit Chairperson, at 773-7525 to make appointments.

SCHOOL GROUP GOES ON WALKING TOUR PROVIDED BY EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

The Eighth Grade classes from Christ the King School were guests on a walking tour provided by the Society's Exhibit Committee. Walking tours and other special programs may be arranged by appointment. Please call Jim Davidson, Exhibit Chairperson, at 773-7525.

RESEARCH VISITS TO SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS CONTINUE

Local grade school and college students continue to use the Society's research materials and facilities for their research papers. Society staff members are ready to give assistance and advice on various topics as well as referrals to local persons who have sizeable knowledge or involvement with a topic.

HELP RECRUIT MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CORNER

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Alan Shelvey - 775-4168

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Eleanor Elwert - 773-3417

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Society Historian

Mary Segale - 773-2326

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

The Society has a number of excellent gift options ranging in price from two dollars (\$2.00) to thirty dollars (\$30.00). The following books are available:

- History of Rutland, Vermont, 1761-1861 \$30.00
- Early Families of Rutland, Vermont \$30.00
- Historical Sketches of West Rutland, Vermont \$10.00
- Imagine What's Been Cooking In West Rutland (cookbook) \$10.00
- Proctor: My Home Town \$10.00
- Rutland Town: A Collection of Stories Spanning Over 200 Years of Town History \$5.00

NOTE: Shipping and handling is \$3.00 for the \$30.00 books and \$1.00 for the other books.

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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Last year membership in the Society grew about 15%. Thanks to each of you who helped to bring new members into the Society. Each year there is an inevitable loss of membership due to death and attrition. Membership needs to grow from slightly over 500 to 1,000 in the next ten years. That means replacing any losses in membership and adding 50 new members per year. We reached this goal last year. But we must do it again this year. Can you help do it again? Ask people to join. Refer potential member names to Helen Davidson, Membership Chairperson, at 773-7525. Give gift memberships. If you gave a gift membership last year, how about doing it again? Use the blanks below to help recruit members.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

Check if M/M applies. [One subscription to a Mr./Mrs. will bring full membership benefits to each except for LIFE.]

STREET/BOX NO. _____

STATE _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

[9 digit if you know it]

TELEPHONE _____

CIRCLE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

STUdent(18 & less)\$8	SPONsor	\$50
SENior(62 & up)	\$8	LIFETIME\$200
REGular	\$10	MEMorial
CONtributing	\$20	gift \$200

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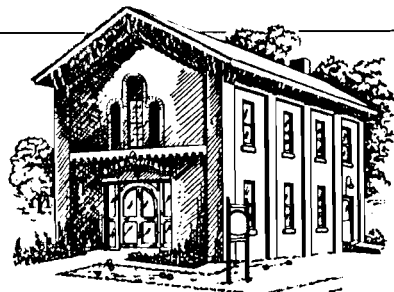
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THE SOCIETY HAS NEW STATIONERY



Old Fire Station # 2 - Nickwackett

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The Society has a new letterhead (above) thanks to the generous contribution of services by member Sue Thomas. The letterhead uses the same color ink and paper as this Newsletter.

**THE FACILITIES OF THE
RUTLAND HISTORICAL
SOCIETY ARE OPEN ON:
MONDAYS 6 - 9 PM
SATURDAYS 1 - 4 PM**

DUES SCHEDULE

Sponsor \$50.00	Students \$8.00
Contributing \$20.00	(18 & under)
Regular \$10.00	Senior citizens \$8.00
	(62 & up)
Life Membership	\$200.00
Memorial Membership	\$200.00

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If your label has a "96" on it, it is now **TIME TO RENEW.**