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## CATALOGING THE SOCIETY LIBRARY

President Jake Sherman and Jim Davidson of the Collections Committee are working on weeding books in the Society library and will follow-up by cataloging the full library in the Society computer system.

## CHAFFEE-SMITH LUMBER COMPANY RECORDS

The Chaffee-Smith Lumber Company records have been languishing in the Society basement since they were acquired. Over the years there has been no use of the collection but it has taken up a great deal of space. It was decided that the UVM Special Collections might be a more appropriate place for the collection where professors and graduate students might make more use of it. UVM Special Collections agreed and it has been moved there. The material will still be available for public use. The Society will retain records of the collection's contents.

## PLANNING FOR A GENEALOGY CLUB

The Society is investigating the formation of a Genealogy Club that would meet at the Society. The Planning Committee would be pleased to hear from any locals (members or non-members) in the area interested in being involved. It seems that some folks might appreciate help in working on their own family history.

Society research members might be most helpful to the beginner or the person with a stonewall problem. This would increase use of the Society's resources.

## A. J. MARRO PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

The Rutland Herald has donated a collection of Albert J. Marro photographs to the Rutland Historical Society. Volunteers at the Society are busy reviewing and sorting the extensive collection. Rutland area items will be retained in the Society's collections. Non-Rutland items will be given to the Vermont Historical Society. Castleton University items will go to the University archives.

## RUTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION DE- PARTMENT

The Society property is leased from the City. As a city property the Rutland Parks and Recreation Department provides mowing services in the summer and parking lot plowing in the winter. This winter the plowing services were required more than usual. The parking lot is a gravel surface and frequent plowing left much gravel on the lawns. The Society wishes to commend the Parks and Recreation Department for all their services and especially their excellent restoration of parking lot gravel that was disturbed by the winter plowing. **THANK YOU!**

## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING ON CHANNEL 15 IN RUTLAND

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Help our family to grow by asking your family and friends to nourish their Rutland roots and memories through a membership in the Rutland Historical Society.

Here are some of the benefits of membership:

- A Quarterly magazine whose December issue is a calendar for the following year with monthly pages for your appointments and a monthly piece of Rutland history.
- A Newsletter of Society activities.

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Phone: 802-775-2006

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Last Name

Street Address or Post Office Box

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Phone (optional)

Email address (optional)

\$8 Student \$8 Senior (62+) \$10 Regular

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\$200 Life (Individual only)

If making an additional donation,  
please check here and enter the donation amount.

Second Person at same address (if any). No additional  
fee. (Not available for Student or Lifetime member-  
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