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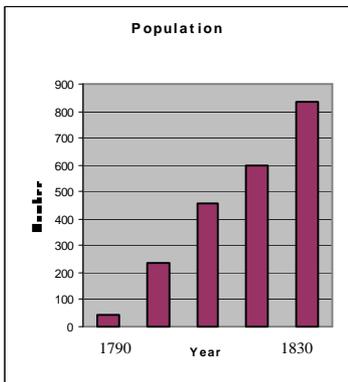
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

IN 1830



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Fifty years after the Independent Republic of Vermont granted the Town of Groton in 1780 to Lt. Thomas Butterfield and associates, 134 families with 836 people were living here. Groton was essentially at its population average from then to the end of the 20th century. From 1830 to 2000 Groton's population has averaged 851, with a high of 1059 in 1900 and low of 631 in 1960.

Although the town was celebrating 50 years since its beginning, Groton Village was celebrating a new beginning. The selectmen, Peter McLachlin

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MEETING SCHEDULE

(second Tuesday)
April through October
10 AM at the Peter Paul House,
1203 Scott Hwy.

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(McLaughlin) and David Vance made it official in 1831 by laying out and establishing the bounds of the Village .

The 3rd and final division of the town had been surveyed by 1821 (except for Harris Gore added in 1890) and the Proprietors records turned over to the Town Clerk. The town was up and running on its own by 1830, with at least 62 families coming and 31 families leaving in the previous decade, for a net gain of 31 families and 241 people. Although the population remained fairly steady after 1830, fluctuating less than 25%, many people came and went between each census.

Families living here in 1830 who had been here since the first census in 1790 were: Israel Bailey; Robards Darling; Aaron Hosmer Jr.; and Edmund Morse. John Darling and his wife, Phoebe, were living with their son, Moses' family until their deaths in 1830.

Eleven of the thirty new families in the 1800 census (37%) were still here: Samuel Darling; John Emery; Timothy Emery; Ephraim Gary; Dominicus Gray; Jacob Hatch; John Hill; James Hooper; Silas Lund; Enoch Manchester; and Robert Taisey.

William Frost died in 1821; Charles Emery died in 1823; Jonathan Welch died in 1828; Edmund Welch died in 1829; and in 1830 Betsey Morrison was living with her son, Timothy's family and Lydia Roberts was living with her son, Daniel's family.

Nineteen of the forty eight new families in the 1810 census (40%) were still here: Jacob Abbott; Timothy Bennett; Moses Darling; Moses Emerson; Caleb Emery; Ebenezer Fisk; John Heath; William Hodgdon; David Jenkins; Peter (McLachlin) McLaughlin; Enoch Page Jr.; Moses Page; Josiah Paul; Oliver Rhodes; William Stanley; David Vance; Hosea Welch; Stephen Welch; and Reuben Whitcher.

Thirty eight of the fifty eight new families in the 1820 census (66%) were still here: Nathaniel Cunningham; Daniel Darling; Medad Darling; Andrew Emery; Noah Emery; Isaiah Frost; Moses Frost; Benjamin Goodwin; Moses Hatch; Daniel Heath; Jacob Heath; James Heath; Stephen Hodgdon; Ira Lowe; Jeremiah Lund; William Lyle; Norris Marshall; Andrew McClary; Abraham Morrison;

Charles Morrison; John Page; Leverett Page; Moses Plummer; Samuel Plummer; Andrew Renfrew; John Rhodes; Joseph Ricker; James Taisey; John Taisey; William Vance; Forrest (Forris) Welch; Medad Welch; Rebe Welch; Job Welton; Foxwell Whitcher; Hiram Whitcher; Oze Wilmot; and Joseph Wormwood. Jonathan Darling died October 9, 1820.

Sixty two families were listed in 1830 for the first time.

Flavel Bailey (son of Rev. James and Mary (Bailey) Bailey) b. 1776 at Haverhill, NH and d. 1846 at Groton; m. 1808 Mary Chamberlain at Peacham and they came to Groton in the early 1820's settling on lot no. 40, located up the Red Brook from the Hosea Welch mill site. They had 5 children.

James Bailey (may be son of Israel?) was listed in 1830 with his wife, both 40-50, and 2 boys (20-30 and 15-20); and one girl under 5; one member of the family was listed as blind; family was not in 1840 census.

Thomas Bellamay (ancestry unknown) was listed with his wife, both 20-30, and a boy under 5 in 1830; they are not in 1840 census.

Polly Brown (ancestry unknown) was 20-30 and she had a boy and girl under 5 in 1830; not listed in 1840 census.

Moses Burnham (son of Abraham and Lydia (Bradley) Burnham) b. 1795 at Rumney, NH and d. 1861 at Groton; m. 1818 Virtue S. Hall and came to Groton in 1825 with his wife, two children, his mother and his nephew and apprentice, Isaac Newton Hall. He built the meeting house for the Methodist Society in 1836. Two other children died young.

John B. Chase (ancestry unknown) and his wife were 40-50 and they had 1 boy 10-15 and 2 girls 5-10 and 2 under 5 in 1830; not in 1840 census. Perhaps a son or relative of Moses Chase?

Orange S. Clark (ancestry unknown) b. 1790 and

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GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEB PAGE

Go to the Town's web page on the internet at <http://www.grotonvt.com/>
Then click on the link to the **Historical Society** in the list of organizations.

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d. 1867; m. Betsey Frost and came to Groton from Swanton, VT about 1820; first lived on the place east of where David Whitehill lived; later purchased the Stanley Place on Minard hill; listed in 1830 census with his wife and three boys and three girls in the family.

Samuel G. Clark (son of George and Peggy (Gilmore) Clark) b. 1794 at Acworth, NH and d. 1848 at Groton; m. (1) about 1821 Phoebe Darling and they had 3 children; m. (2) Martha Rhodes and they had 4 children; in 1833 he and his brother, Morris, purchased from Hosea Low lot 55, third division, with the sawmill at the foot of "Wells River Pond", now Lake Groton. He had more 'irons in the fire' than any other resident of Groton in his time; and was a pioneer of Groton Village; did more than any other to set the wheels of industry in motion.

Aaron Darling (son of Samuel and Catherine (Welch) Darling) b. 1805 and d. 1839 at Groton; m. 1826 Judith Jenkins and they had 4 daughters.

Jonathan Darling (brother of Aaron) b. in 1797 at Groton and d. in 1873 at Bangor,

WI; m. about 1820 Mary Rhodes, divorcee of William Taisey who left her; Jonathan and Mary had 6 children.

Nathan Darling (brother of Aaron and Jonathan) b. 1807 and d. 1881 at Groton; m. 1829 Drucilla Jenkins and they had 8 children.

John Darling (son of Robards and Judith (Gile) Darling) b. 1789 and d. 1855 at Groton; m. 1829 Janette Brock and they had 10 children.

Nathan Darling (brother of John) b. 1808 at Groton and d. 1892 at Malone, NY; m. (1) 1829 Sarah Hooper and they had 8 children; (2) 1866 Eliza Darrah and they had 2 children; the family moved to Malone in 1836 where he continued his work as a cabinet maker and undertaker.

Parker Dodge (ancestry unknown) b. between 1770 and 1780; m. Mehitable Ricker and had a family of 7 in the 1830 census; not in 1840 census.

Samuel Emery (son of John and Sarah (Parker) Emery) b. in 1803 at Groton and d. in 1884 at Topsham, VT; m. 1824 Betsy Hooper and they had 5

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WHY LEAVES TURN COLOR

According to legend, every autumn Jack Frost, with a palette of colors, paints the lush green leaves of summer a brilliant orange, yellow, red and purple.

Actually, frost has little to do with fall leaf color. The changing leaf color is a chemical process activated by the shorter days and cooler temperatures of fall. Jack Frost's color palette is empirically represented by chlorophyll for green, carotenoids and xanthophylls for yellows, and anthocyanin for purples and reds.

Abundant supplies of chlorophyll (the green pigment that all plants use to make sugar from sunlight) make leaves appear green during the growing season. In late summer and autumn, shorter days and cooler temperatures slow down a plant's life processes. Chlorophyll production slows, and soon the plant uses more chlorophyll than it can replace. As chlorophyll disappears, the more stable yellow pigments that were also present during the growing season are unmasked. Thus leaves "turn" yellow.

When autumn paints the town red, a different chemical

process takes place. During bright, clear fall days, sugar accumulates in the leaves. Cooler night temperatures and a layer of blocking cells in the leaf stem limit the sugar flow out of the leaves. The abundant sugar in the leaf is converted to anthocyanin that produces a red to purplish color. The brilliance of the reds and purples depends on the amount of trapped sugars in the leaf. The particular shade of red or purple depends on the leaf's acidity.

Why do trees turn the color they do? Coded in their genes is the ability to produce the different color pigments. Birch and poplar, the glorious golds of autumn, produce large amounts of yellow pigments and little or no anthocyanin. Oaks and sumac, rich in autumn reds, produce mostly anthocyanin.

All trees of the same species may share a common green during the summer months, but just wait until autumn. Each tree has its own genetic code that makes some trees produce more brilliant color than others. That's also why some sugar maples appear scarlet, while others appear deeper gold.

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children.

Reuben Goodwin (son of Benjamin and Phoebe (Wilson) Goodwin) b. 1805 and came to Groton with his parents in 1816; m. Rachel Page and later moved to NH.

Rufus Goodwin (brother of Reuben) b. 1802 at Shapley, ME and d. 1870 at Groton; m. 1827 Eunice Darling and they had 6 children.

Erastus Green (ancestry unknown) listed in 1830 census with his wife ages 20-30 and they had 2 girls under 5; not in 1840 census.

Isaac Newton Hall (son of Henry and Susan (Burnham) Hall) b. 1808 at Rumney, NH and d. 1893 at the Columbia Exposition in Chicago; m. 1829 Elizabeth Taisey and they had 9 children; a man of the highest integrity who enhanced the spiritual as well as the material welfare of Groton; he came to Groton in 1825 with his uncle, Moses Burnham.

John Hatch (son of Jacob and Martha (Maxwell) Hatch) b. 1797 and d. 1875 at Groton; m. (1) Mary Clark and they had 5 children m. (2) Sabra Welch.

Horatio W. Heath (ancestry unknown) b. 1802 at Warren, NH and d. 1841 at Groton;

m. Ruth Homan and they had 6 children; he practiced medicine in Groton from 1829 until his death then his younger brother, Simon B. Heath took over his practice for many years.

Jesse Heath Jr. (son of Jesse and Phebe (Straw) Heath) b. 1798 at Ryegate and d. 1883 at Groton; m. 1820 Hettie Paul and they had 3 children.

Moulton Heath (brother of Jesse Jr.) b. 1792 at Ryegate; m. Ruby Savage; listed in 1830 census of Groton as "Motton Heath" with his wife and one boy 5-10, two girls 5-10 and one under 5.

Moses Heath (brother of Jesse Jr. and Moulton) b. 1787 at Ryegate and d. 1872 at Barton, VT, buried in Heath family cemetery at Groton; m. (1) Betsy Gates (2) Sally Chase; served in the war of 1812 and listed in 1830 census with his wife and a family of 5 boys and 3 girls.

Samuel Hooper (son of Jacob and Molly (Clements) Hooper) b. 1808 at Berwick, ME and d. 1888 at Groton; m. (1) 1829 Peggy Hooper (widow of Daniel Coffin) and they had 4 children; m. (2) Harriet (maiden name unknown).

Darling Hosmer (son of Aaron Jr. and Dorothy (Darling) Hosmer) b 1801 and d. 1860 at Groton; m. Lois Green (may be a sister of Erastus?) and listed in 1830 census with a boy and girl under 5 and a boy and a girl 5-10.

Hezekiah Kimball (ancestry unknown) b. 1767 in NH; not in 1840 census; listed in 1830 with his wife (50-60), a male (30-40), a female (20-30), and a boy and girl under 5 (may be his grandchildren?).

Simon Lathrop (ancestry unknown) not listed in GHS family records; listed in census as "Squire Lathrop" age 20-30 with his wife age 20-30 and two girls under 5 years old. Family had 7 members in 1840 census.

Henry Lewis (ancestry unknown) b. between 1790-1800; listed in 1830 census of Groton as head of a family of 12, with 2 males under 5, one 5 -10, two 10 -15, one 15-20, and one 30-40, one female 5-10, two 15-20, one 20-30, and one 40-50. (C. Henry Lewis (1825—1892) who married Elizabeth Graves and had a daughter, Lillian, who m. James Sanders in 1896 may be the boy age 5-10 in this family?)

Ephraim Low (son of Obadiah and Sally (Hobbs) Low

[sometimes spelled Lowe] b. 1798 [one record has b. 1806 at Groton] and d. 1850 at Danville; m. (1) 1823 Emily Hall and they had 4 children, m. (2) 1844 Susanna Darling.

Moses Lund (son of Silas and Comfort (Batchelder) Lund) b. 1796 at Groton; m. about 1828, Betsy Page and they had 4 children; the family had 9 in 1840 and it appears that his parents and her mother were living with them.

William Lyle Jr. (son of William and Jenette Lyle) b. 1802 in Scotland and d. 1858 at Elmira, IL; m. about 1826 Atlanta Darling and they had 15 children; came to Groton with his parents in 1816 and left in 1837 for Wethersfield, IL bringing his widowed mother and brothers with them.

Enoch Manchester Jr. (son of Enoch and Lucy (Wilmot) Manchester) b. about 1799 at Groton; m. Meribah Hooper at Groton; listed in 1830 with his wife and in 1840 with a family of 7.

Nathan Manchester (brother of Enoch Jr.) b. about 1797 at Groton; married with one child in 1830 census but not listed in 1840, apparently went

Number of Descendants (D) and Spouses (S) of some early Groton Settlers listed in GHS Family Records
July 24, 2008

Generation	John Darling		Zebediah Heath*		Aaron Hosmer		Enoch Page Sr.		Bradbury Morrison		Edmund Welch Sr.*		Charles Emery		William Taisey	
	D	S	D	S	D	S	D	S	D	S	D	S	D	S	D	S
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
2	11	14	8	5	5	5	10	8	10	13	8	5	6	6	2	2
3	81	93	26	20	28	18	10	45	85	69	20	17	51	49	11	8
4	235	153	170	99	43	34	147	111	208	157	118	105	298	228	52	46
5	421	272	196	105	88	64	326	231	299	210	344	282	620	404	127	85
6	647	471	209	117	147	101	600	488	498	352	692	500	820	541	189	150
7	977	691	242	201	212	164	1091	595	804	347	1222	949	1256	895	265	153
8	1382	543	436	239	373	155	1284	426	569	172	2057	908	1897	752	321	124
9	913	235	420	197	191	51	653	210	195	43	1913	651	1350	367	206	128
10	360	112	238	76	52	2	314	16	54	2	962	186	432	68	171	66
11	141	5	107	2	2	0	11	0	2	0	212	11	75	2	98	2
12	4	0	1	0							7	0	2	0	1	0
Totals	5173	2590	1972	1023	1142	595	4482	2128	2725	1366	7556	3615	6808	3314	1444	765

*Zebediah Heath and Edmund Welch Sr. did not come to Groton, but 2 or more of their children did. Other early settlers with number of descendants and (spouses) include: Tilton Bennett, 3310 (1637); Moses Plummer, 1223 (582); David Jenkins, 1137 (561); Oliver Rhodes, 1118 (516); Josiah Paul, 1063 (549); John Vance, 1061 (535); Benjamin Goodwin, 965 (453); Dominicus Gray 677 (324); Joseph Ricker, 674 (340); Moses Frost, 652 (313); Jacob Hatch, 513 (288); Nathaniel Knight, 474 (171); Silas Lund, 419 (186); James Hooper 359 (197); James Renfrew, 338 (180); Stephen Roberts, 208 (89); P. Foxwell Whitcher, 180 (85); Archibald McLachlin, 176 (74); Orange Clark 175 (111); William Stanley, 149 (72); Flavel Bailey 145 (81); Mrs. Abraham Burnham, 106 (61); early settlers with less than 100 descendants listed in GHS family records include James Abbott, Israel Bailey, Edmund Morse, Jonathan James, Timothy Townshend, Samuel Clark, Moses Emerson, Ebenezer Fisk, Ephraim Gary, Isaac N. Hall, William Hodgdon, Obadiah Low, William Lyle, Enoch Manchester, Edward Pollard and Ephraim Wesson. Many people are descendants of several early settlers.

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with his parents in 1838 to St. Lawrence Co., NY.

Archibald McLaughlin (son of Archibald and Christian (McKinley) McLachlin) b. 1776; invented a loom on which his wife wove a coat in one piece without a seam, including sleeves, collar, lapel and all, according to A. H. Hill's account of Groton; went west in 1837; listed in the Groton census of 1830 with a family of 10.

Joseph Morrison (son of Bradbury and Betsey (Emery) Morrison) b. 1801 at Groton and d. 1842 at Barnet; m. Sally Darling and they had 10 children.

Timothy Morrison (brother of Joseph) b. 1805 and d. 1882 at Groton; m. (1) 1830 Olive Paul, (2) Sarah Rhodes; had 6 children with Olive and 4 with Sarah.

Enoch Page (son of Moses and Dolly (Bennett) Page) b. 1801 at Groton; m. (1) 1828 Fanny Baldwin, (2) Susan Seavey; later moved to ME.

Moses Page Jr. (brother of Enoch) b. 1807 and d. 1879 at Groton; m. 1831 Hannah Seavey and they had 13 children.

Lyman Page (son of Enoch Jr. and Betsey (Welch)

Page) b. 1807 at Groton; m (1) about 1826 Ruby Welch, (2) 1841 Judith Jenkins; moved west in 1846 where he died.

Josiah Paul Jr. (son of Josiah and Huldah (Gary) Paul) b. 1805 and d. 1841 at Groton; m. Betsey Darling and they had 5 children.

Samuel Randall (son of Mason and Hannah (Brown) Randall) b. 1810 at Newbury and d. 1870 at Groton; m. Mary Jane Chase and they had 7 children.

Josiah Rhodes (son of Oliver and Martha (Pratt) Rhodes) b. 1801 probably at Groton; m. 1820 Mary Brown and they had 6 children.

Lyman Rhodes (may be a relative of Oliver Rhodes?) b. between 1800-1810; listed in 1830 census with his wife and a boy and girl 5-10, and a boy and girl under 5; not in GHS records nor 1840 census.

Orson Ricker (son of Joseph and Mary (Heath) Ricker) b. 1807 at Newbury and d. 1887 at Groton; m. 1829 Lydia Taisey and they had 13 children.

Daniel Roberts (son of Stephen and Lydia (Ricker) Roberts) b. 1800 at Berwick, ME and d. 1884 at Groton; m. 1827 Lucy Frost and they had 9

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FROM GRAMMIES' RECIPE BOX

JOHNNY (Journey) CAKE

1 cup flour & 1 cup cornmeal
 1 table spoon sugar
 4 teaspoons baking powder
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup butter
 1 cup milk
 2 eggs

Combine dry ingredients, add butter,
 milk, eggs and beat well. Bake at 425
 in 9 inch pan for 20-25 minutes.

PEA SOUP

1 lb (2 1/4 cups) dry split green peas
 1 meaty ham bone
 1 medium onion (chopped)
 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper

Boil in 8 cups of water for one hour
 Stir occasionally; cut meat off bone;
 Chop 2 carrots and 2 stalks of celery
 Cover and simmer 30 minutes more.

CORN CHOWDER

6 ears of corn (or 3 1/2 cups of kernels)
 1/4 cup chopped onion
 Small chunk of salt pork (freshened & sliced)
 4 cups milk
 2 tablespoons butter
 3 tablespoons flour

1 egg slightly beaten
 Boil corn, onion and salt pork, in 1/2 cup of
 water, add 3 1/2 cups milk, butter and 1/4
 teaspoon of pepper. Mix well 1/2 cup milk
 and flour then add and cook till thickened.
 Combine egg and simmer 2 minutes (stirring)

IN MEMORIAM

With Sincere Sympathy to the family and friends of member
 Ida Angelica (Welch) Dennis 1919-2008

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children.

John Roberts (brother of Daniel) b. 1802 at Berwick, ME and d. 1890 at Groton (?); m. Charlotte Rhodes and they had 6 children.

John Rodger (ancestry unknown) b. between 1790—1800; married and had a boy and girl 10-15 and two girls under 5 in the 1830 census; not in 1840 census.

Daniel P. Stanley (son of William and Susanna (Heath) Stanley) b. 1800 and died 1843 at Groton; m. Caroline Hosmer and they had 8 children.

David Silver (ancestry unknown) b. 1788 in NH and d. after 1860 at Groton; m. Betsey Peterson and they had 9 children.

Robert Taisey Jr. (son of Robert and Agnes (Gault) Taisey) b. 1801 at Groton; m. Rhoda Darling and they had at least one son, Walter; a note in Waldo Glover's file asks "was Tinker Rob his son?" 1830 census shows 5 members of the family.

Annual Vennor (ancestry unknown) b. 1802 and d. 1880 at Groton; m. (1) 1828 Lucinda Darling and they had one son, Mariah, m. (2) Elvira George.

Daniel Welch (son of

Stephen and Sarah (Young) Welch) b. 1802 at Groton; m. Alice Page and they had 11 children.

Stephen Welch Jr. (brother of Daniel) b. 1810 and d. 1890; buried in West Groton cemetery; m. (1) Isabel Page and they had 6 children, m. (2) 1841 Caroline Bennett and they had 6 children.

David Welch (son of Jonathan and Patty (Emery) Welch) b. 1808 and d. 1879; m. 1829 Dolly Titus and they had 5 children.

Joel Welch (brother of David) b. 1802 at Groton; m. 1824 Elizabeth Lund and they had one girl under 5 in the 1830 census.

Jonathan Welch Jr. (brother of David and Joel) b. 1804 and d. 1871; m. Martha Morrison and they had 3 children.

Levi (Evi) Welch (son of Edmund and Hannah (Annis) Welch) b. 1792 and d. 1860; m. Nancy Cunningham and they had 4 daughters.

Nehemiah Welch (brother of Levi) b. 1802 and d. 1891; m. 1822 Dolly Page and they had 10 children; the family moved to IL around 1850.

Edmund “Neddy”

Welch (brother of Levi and Nehemiah) b. 1795 at Groton and d. 1867 at OH; m. 1823 Belinda Heath and they had 5 children.

Thomas Wesson (son of Ephraim and Judith (Morse) Wesson) b. 1792; m. about 1818 Martha Hill; went to Monroe County, OH, but was back in Groton for the 1830 census with 5 people in the family; not listed in 1840 census.

Morey Willson (ancestry unknown) b. between 1800-1810; and listed in 1830 with 7 people in the family; not in GHS family records nor 1840 census.

Other families that came and left between the censuses may be missed in the GHS family records unless family members or friends submit their records to the Groton Historical Society.

Additional information about any Groton families will be greatly appreciated. Names, dates and places of birth, marriage, death, burial etc. and biographical material about their life will be helpful. Send to Groton Historical Society, P. O. Box 89, Groton, VT 05046 or e-mail to jwbenzie@uslink.net with the subject Groton family.

GROTON VILLAGE - 1830

Daniel Munroe built a sawmill in 1799, about where Morrison Hall is now, and sold it to James Henderson who added a gristmill and the small settlement along the river became known as “Henderson’s Mills” until shortly before Groton Village was established. Medad Darling purchased land east of Henderson’s in 1816 and built a dam, carding mill, gristmill, and sawmill. In 1830, Moses Burnham owned Henderson’s mills and Samuel Clark owned Darling’s mills. Clark also built a fulling mill, a tannery, and acquired a “Potash establishment” from James Joslin near the Peter Paul House. Moses Weld manufactured axes near Clark’s gristmill and Moulton Heath built a blacksmith shop near Burnham’s mill. Samuel Randall built an Inn in 1827 that later became “Weeds Hotel” and eventually Goodine’s Variety Store. Ephraim Low purchased Joel Walker’s store built in 1822. Samuel Clark built a second store in 1831 and Morris Clark and John Cassett built the third village store in 1833.

GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Peter Paul House, home of the Groton Historical Society, will be open all day on Saturday October 4, 2008 Fall Foliage Day in Groton.

Bank of America is partnering with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to provide grants to small museums, libraries, and archives. Grants will help to preserve specific items, including works of art, artifacts and historical documents that are in need of conservation. In addition to conservation treatment, grants can be used for environmental improvements and improvements to collections storage. Applicants will build on completed conservation assessments of their collections, to ensure that the Bank of America/IMLS grants are used in accordance with best practices in the field, and underscore the importance of assessment planning.

Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded and no match is required. For more information - including grant guidelines, visit: <http://www.ims.gov/collections/grants/boa.htm>

The 55th Annual League of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting will be held in Belows Falls, on November 7th. The conference is for individuals from museums, historical societies, and other cultural institutions throughout the state. The theme is *COMMUNITY, CONNECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS*. Attendees will explore and share concepts of how cultural organizations solve problems, develop programs, and collaborate in building bridges to new communities and new resources. They will gain inspirational ideas and opportunities to take back to their own organizations. For more information send e-mail to Lisa.Evans@state.vt.us

The Groton Historical Society members and friends continue to send information and pictures of their families for the GHS Family Records.

Eric McGuire from California, a third great grandson of Silas Lund, who came to Groton in 1791, sent more information and pictures of the Silas Lund, Josiah Paul and Plummer fami-

lies. He visited Groton in August and Harold Puffer helped him locate Groton cemeteries in an effort to find his ancestors graves.

Christie Hersey helped member Stephen Perry from Ohio find Groton cemeteries in an effort to locate burial sites of his ancestors.

Harold Sanders helped trace down a possible connection of his family to the Henry Lewis family in the 1830 census of Groton.

Betty Smallacombe sent 61 unidentified pictures from the Eastman family collection, in hopes that someone may be able to identify the people. She also sent about 40 pictures of members of the Eastman family that are identified and have been attached to their family records.

Dale Brown has designed a bridge to cross the Wells River on Tannery Brook Road as an alternate route around town in case of emergencies when William Scott highway is blocked by natural disasters or community events.

A new editor for the Groton Historical Society web site is needed to replace Jim Dresser who resigned when he moved to TN, but has continued

as editor until a replacement is appointed. You can log on to the Town's web page on the internet at <http://www.grotonvt.com/> and click on the **Historical Society** link in the right sidebar to get the GHS web page (see p. 3).

The September meeting considered several projects for the society. One project to list "Historic Buildings" in town more than 100 years old was assigned to a committee of Deane Page, Dale Brown, and Janet and Harold Puffer. A software program for cataloging the GHS inventory was discussed, but no action was taken.

Dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. One family and two individuals have paid their dues for 2009. The year of record that you last paid your dues is shown after your name on the mailing label. Please notify the secretary of any errors.

ERATTUM

The Summer issue of the Newsletter reported that Nancy (Fisk) Darling was living with one of her children in 1830. No evidence of this can be found in the 1830 census. Perhaps she returned to ME with her three young children, all less than 10 in the 1820 census.

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Annual Membership Dues
Individual \$10
Family \$15