

# GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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### ALL CLASS REUNION JUNE 24, 2000

**G**roton school alumni, all graduates and former students of Groton High School, are invited to a reunion on June 24th. Festivities will begin at 10 AM with a Band Concert by McLure's Alumni Band in the Groton Bandstand.

The Peter Paul House at 253 Scott Hwy, home of the Groton Historical Society, will be open for visitors and the Groton Community Building at 314 Scott Hwy will be open for people to meet and visit starting at 10 AM.

A chicken barbecue will be served at Blue Mountain Union School, seven miles east on Scott Hwy (US 302), at 12 Noon. Cost of the barbecue is \$10, to be paid by June 1, 2000.

**Send check for reservations to the Groton Historical Society, P. O. Box 89, Groton, VT 05046.**

A Groton High School Commemorative Plate will be auctioned at the chicken barbecue.

At 2 PM the activities will move to the Groton Community Building, where you can catch up on what's been happening with your classmates, schoolmates, and teachers. Some classes will provide entertainment and there will be music

by Danny Gandin's band.

Anyone who attended school in Groton, and has not been contacted by one of their classmates to invite them to the reunion, should contact the Groton Historical Society if they need more information about the reunion. Although much effort has been made to let everyone know about the reunion plans, it is possible that some people have been missed. Please accept our apology if you were missed and come to the reunion to let us know.

### OFFICERS for 2000

President	Richard Brooks
Vice President	Norma Hosmer
Secretary	Diane Kreis
Treasurer	Josephine French

### MEETING SCHEDULE

March 14th at 10 AM  
April 11th at 10 AM  
May 9th at 10 AM

Peter Paul House, 253 Scott Hwy.

# Highlights of Minutes of recent Meetings

## November

There were 17 members and guests present.

Marion Page drew a sketch of the Peter Paul House so that wood cutouts can be made and painted to sell as a fund raiser for the Historical Society.

Dale Brown prepared a plan to finish the upstairs room on the east end of the house.

Ruth Putnam reported that Norma Hosmer found some interesting material about the Indian burial grounds written by Hosea Welch. Norma also has an article telling where Mrs. Scott, mother of William the Sleeping Sentinel, lived before settling in Groton. One of William Scott's brothers is buried in the West Groton cemetery.

Josephine French reported that Jackie Hatch donated a lot of material on Groton to the Historical Society. Norma Hosmer brought a school desk and chair, also donated by Jackie Hatch.

## December

There were 9 members and guests present.

The Hymn sing with Bruce Stevens was a big success. Plans were made for next years Hymn Sing with Bruce Stevens to be held on December 10th , the second Sunday of the month.

Janet Puffer submitted a copy of the 1887-'88 Hamilton Child's Gazateer write-up about Groton, including the map and business directory. She offered to make copies for those working on the year 2000 directory to use as a guide in

collecting the information.

Janet Puffer brought a wood cutout of the Peter Paul, Historical House, made by Linda Nunn, and asked for ideas on how to paint large quantities of the cutouts for selling as a fund raiser.

Beverly Hatch gave Janet Puffer a picture of Groton Pond from Abby Frost's possessions.

A motion to skip January and have the next regular meeting in February was passed.

## February

There were 11 members and guests present.

Diane Kries reported for the Treasurer that the balance on hand on January 30, 2000 was \$22,464.10, including \$1,320.45 in the checking account.

Karen O'Donnell-Leach, Town Librarian, offered to inventory the Historical Society's book collection and make the books available for loan through the town library. She was presented a copy of Seth Eastman's book 'THE CIVIL WAR' (As Recollected by an Ordinary Soldier) as a gift to the town library from the Historical Society.

Patricia Wight Geyer from Albion, MI gave the Historical Society a copy of her book 'Sheldon L. Wight, His Story, Including His Civil War Diary ---1865, Pvt. Co. F, 6th Michigan Cavalry'. She is a descendant of Daniel Welch, who moved from Groton to Ohio and then

*Highlights continued*

to Michigan.

Bing Page reported that preparations for the Groton All Class Reunion on Saturday June 24, 2000 are well underway.

Willard Benzie submitted copies of the information collected to date for the year 2000 Directory of Groton. Josephine French collected the information from the Groton - Ryegate town line to the Powder Spring Road and then to the Groton - Topsham town line. Janet Puffer added the information for Railroad Street. Willard, with the help of many others, added the information from the junction of Scott Hwy and Powder Spring Road west to the junction of Scott Hwy and Rte. 232 (Groton Pond Road). Bing and Deane Page are collecting information for Glover Road, Minard Hill, and the Great Road. Bing will ask Milt Lambertson for information on Groton Pond and others will be asked to collect information on West Groton, and the rest of the town.

Recent correspondence about family histories included inquiries from Olive Cheney in Peacham, who wanted a list of the Taisey names in our files; Carol Metty from Arkansas and Patricia Geyer from Michigan wanting descendants of Daniel Welch; Ryan Wood, of Lunenburg, VT for information on the Israel Bailey family. Dwight Smith from Kearsage, NH wrote to offer corrections to the Smith family records. Tracy Puffer gave the Historical Society a copy of Francis and Sophia Cushing descendants, and Allen Gandin completed family records for the Gandin families. Many others have also added information on their family

histories.

Dale Brown reported that he had completed writing Gene Dennis' memoirs from their earlier interview and he will read them at the next meeting. Dale has also done Russell Page's recollections of World War II.

## WANTED

### NEW MEMBERS

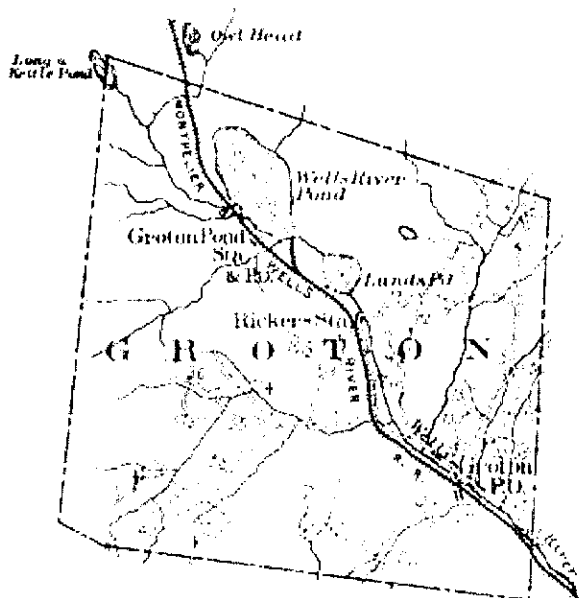
Annual dues are only \$5.00 and there is no joining fee. Come to the next meeting and help preserve the history of old Groton for the next generation. Anyone not able to attend meetings can send their dues to the Groton Historical Society, P.O. Box 89, Groton, VT 05046.

### HYMN SING A BIG SUCCESS

Bruce Stevens on the organ entertained an appreciative crowd at the annual hymn sing last December. The hymn sing was sponsored by the Groton Historical Society at the Peter Paul House, 253 Scott Hwy.

Those attending enjoyed good music, good fellowship, and good refreshments provided by members of the Historical Society.

**1887-88 MAP of GROTON, VT**  
From Hamilton Childs Gazetteer & Directory of Caledonia Co.



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