

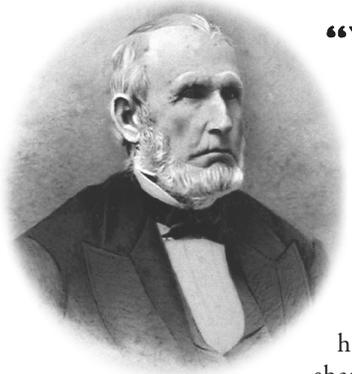


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MILTON
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2007-2008

“Where Joseph Went, Milton Followed” by Jane FitzGerald



Who was Joseph Clark and how did he shape Milton's history? Why was he or his name familiar to town residents for almost two hundred years?

In 1815 twenty-year-old Joseph Clark arrived in Milton from Addison County. He married Lois Lyon from Colchester and they raised six children. He was an important leader in our early history. Settling first in West Milton, he made a fortune in the lumber and mercantile industries. Mr. Clark purchased hundreds of acres of land in Vermont. Large quantities of lumber were sent to Quebec on large rafts to be manufactured into spars for sailing vessels. He built a number of grist and woolen mills and became the most prominent factory owner in the region.

When the lumbering was terminating in West Milton, Mr. Clark moved to Checkerberry, Milton's first Town Center. With the prospect of the railroad's arrival in the area, Clark and his business partners convinced the Milton voters to move their town center to Milton Falls, now called Milton Village. They built a new Town House there at the corner of Main and River Streets.

In 1835 Clark and his family moved to the brick home of Warren Hill on Main Street. It is believed that Mr. Clark built a large addition to the original wing built by Noah Smith, one of Milton's early settlers. The house was surrounded by formal gardens, a water fountain and a massive

stone wall with iron gates. He also built a brick office building just to the west of their home.

Mr. Clark was also a railroad pioneer, partnering with John Smith and Lawrence Brainard in the Vermont and Canada Railroad in 1845, followed by the completion of the Vermont Central from Windsor to Burlington on December 31, 1849, and later from Essex Junction in 1850. These two roads combined into Central Vermont Railroad. By 1873 it became New England's largest and the seventh largest in the nation. Engine No. 1, one of the earliest manufactured in 1849 by Baldwin Locomotive out of Philadelphia. It

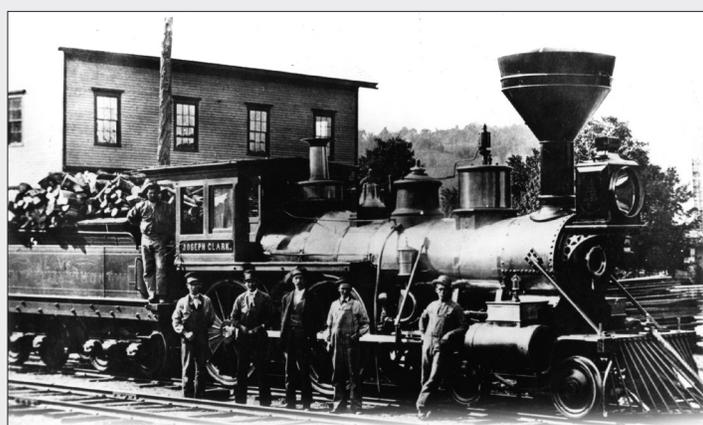
was first named *Gov. Paine* but was changed to *Joseph Clark* in March 1869. It was sold to the Southeastern Railroad in 1879. Joseph Clark remained a Director and Receiver of the Central Vermont until his death in 1879. His familiar figure was seen daily in the offices in St. Albans, and he never failed to attend a Board meeting. Tradition also has it that Clark stated "As long as he lived every train was to stop in Milton."

With all his many successful enterprises, Mr. Clark did not forget his responsibilities as a community leader. He was an active Republican, serving three terms in the Senate.

He was deeply interested in religious matters, being financially involved with the building of three churches in Milton.

In 1916 his granddaughter Kate R. Clark of East Orange, New Jersey deeded the Clark home to the Town of Milton to be used by the town for town purposes. It was to be kept in good repair and be called the Clark Memorial Building. From 1916 to 1994, it served as the home of the Municipal Offices and the Public Library. When the new Municipal Building on Bombardier Road opened, the Clark Memorial Building was returned to the Clark heirs and was sold. It then was converted to a restaurant and tavern for several years before returning to a private residence last year.

The Milton Historical Society is planning a permanent exhibit at the Museum on the life of the town's chief benefactor, Joseph Clark. It has been said through the years that "where Joseph Clark went, the town followed" and his record of great contribution to the town and society at large proves how indeed true that was.



Central Vermont Railroad Engine No. 1, named Joseph Clark in March 1869.



With its bandstand and fountain, the Clark residence on Main Street was one of the finest in Milton in the 1800s.

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2006-07 Historical Recap by Jane FitzGerald

Are you interested in Milton's history? Its landscape has shifted during the past fifty years from a rural farming community of 2,000 people with 125 small operating farms to a bedroom community of over 10,000 people and less than ten large operating farms. The Milton Historical Society was organized in 1978 to collect, preserve, promote, and document two hundred years of this important history. Generations ago family and town histories were shared orally and a town district reflected its past culture and activities. With a mobile population and the fast changing landscape of today, it is important that people have a knowledge of their town's past, which gives them a greater appreciation, a sense of pride, and an interest in their town's future. We encourage you to visit the Milton Museum, which opened in 2001 in the historic former Trinity Episcopal Church at 13 School Street. Enjoy the interesting exhibits that include a pictorial timeline of the town's major events since its 1763 charter, a map of early Milton Farms (1940-1950), and a photograph collection of early local photographer J.K. Smith (1870-1918).

During 2006 we participated in many activities involving the community, the Vermont Historical Society, and most importantly we have worked with students from the Milton schools. The 24th Annual Fourth Grade History Contest, focusing on the importance and history of Vermont's changing landscape and natural resources, was held in April. On May 3rd, over 150 parents and students enjoyed a live impersonation of an early logger by Fairbanks Museum Curator and Educator Peggy Pearl at the Herrick Avenue School. Forty students were awarded history books and all students received certificates acknowledging their participation. In June, several classes scheduled field

trips to the Museum.

During September and October, fifteen 7th and 8th grade students from the I-leap Language Arts Class had several work meetings at the Museum with their teacher. They wanted to learn about Milton's history, especially during the 1930s-40s. Many residents and veterans of World War II were interviewed about the impact of the War on the community and the memories of the veterans on and off the battlefield. Each student compiled an audio visual presentation, which they shared with their parents and Society members at the November meeting.

On March 26th, the Society and the Grange sponsored a Sugar on Snow Party at the Grange Hall. Over 100 people enjoyed one of our rural traditions with sugar on snow, homemade donuts, and a variety of maple desserts.

Many people visited the Museum during the Poetry Hop, one of the activities held during

the Milton Community Peace Event in April. The Milton Artists' Guild conducted a workshop supplying materials, ideas, and palettes. The participants created original decorated pieces of art, which were displayed throughout the community.

An exhibit of early farm implements and a video of early Milton farms were displayed at an Open House at the Grange Hall. The raffle of a handpainted Adirondack chair and sap bucket was held to help fund some of our projects.

For the 2006 Vermont History Expo, we joined the collaborative exhibit with the unifying theme titled "Vermont Women in History". Ours reflected on the noteworthy life of the Rev. Ruth Powell (1921-

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Society Secretary Beverly Quebec accepts an Award of Merit from Vermont Historical Society Executive Director Kevin Gaffagnino, in recognition of our publication and outreach efforts.



Remember!

Our membership year begins in April. (Yes, this newsletter is late, as usual) Please renew or begin your membership today!

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Jane Manley Fitzgerald

by Allison Belisle Templeton

A large part of Milton's history is the families that built the community. Many of those families still live in Milton. Through them we can learn the personal side of our town's history. This is intended to be the first in a series of articles on long time Milton residents whose families go back many generations in this town. The first person that came to mind when this idea developed was our own Jane FitzGerald, director of the Milton Historical Museum.

Jane was kind enough to invite me to her home and sit for a series of questions that allowed me to delve into her long life here in Milton. We sat in Jane's front parlor, decorated with beautiful white crown molding around the windows. Family heirlooms handed down from parents and grandparents surrounded us, including a piano from the 1890's that belonged to her grandmother and on which Jane took piano lessons when she was young.

Jane Manley FitzGerald was born at the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, daughter of Gertrude Mears Manley and James Manley Sr. Jane's was the first generation of her family to be born in a hospital. Her father and grandfather were both born at the farm where Jane spent many years of her life as a child and as a married woman. Four of her six children spent their childhood there as well. Jane's family refers to the farm as "the old homestead". The homestead was on what is now called Route 7, about 2 miles north of Main Street.

Jane is the oldest of 4 children, with 2 sisters and a brother. As she grew up, her mother was always very busy being a farmer's wife, so Jane was busy being a helpful big sister and a "little mother." Her mother was busy canning, cleaning and cooking for the family as well as the farm's hired men. Jane can remember wonderful meals including homemade donuts for breakfast all cooked on a wood stove. The monetary compensation for hired help on a farm was not high; therefore part of the compensation for the hired help was good meals. As lodging could also be part of the compensation, hired help would sometimes live on the farm with the family.

Along with being a farmer, Jane's father also spent 42 years as an officer of the town. He served as town auditor and town service officer, and was a selectman for 24 years. The town service officer was commonly known as

the "overseer of the poor." This position was necessary when the town closed the local poor farm but was still responsible for caring for the



Jane Manley's fourth grade school picture at age 10.



The Learnard-Manley Homestead was built around 1850 by Jane's great-great grandfather Lucius Learnard. The 45-acre parcel is east of Arrowhead Mountain, overlooking Arrowhead Mountain Lake. In the late 1800's James Manley and his wife Marietta (Learnard) owned the property, followed by their son Ira and his wife Lena from 1902 until 1928. For about another seventy years, the property remained in the James Manley family. Jane enjoyed many years of her childhood and early married life here. The barn shown above was built in the late 1800's and was never rebuilt after being destroyed by fire on October 31, 1944. The cows were moved to another location, but the land continued to be harvested.

families who needed public assistance. These families would call Jane's father and he would coordinate with local farms and stores to get the family what they needed.

Jane can remember when there was no electricity at the house. They got electricity and a telephone around the same time; when Jane was around 6 years old and starting school. Jane's memories without electricity include her father using lanterns and their icebox refrigerator.

Jane's grandparents lived with her and her parents during her high school years. They were an important part of her life and kept the family history alive with the stories they shared. One story was about her grandfather himself. He would sometimes listen to the radio with

headphones. One evening he was so immersed in the program he was listening to that he did not even hear a car drive off the road and onto their front porch! Unfortunately, as soon as automobiles came onto the scene in the 1930's, cars coming over the bank from Route 7 were a common occurrence.

Radio was a source of entertainment and was kept in the living room on a special shelf decorated with a lace doily. Jane recalls that the radio was in that same spot through the generations. On the radio, they would listen to the news, comedy shows such as Burns and Allen as well as the hit parade, which was a favorite. Sometimes the whole family would listen and enjoy the dance music together.

Jane's parents loved to dance and they would often attend dances at the Georgia and Milton Town Halls. When there was a dance at the school, the family would attend together. At these dances, they would listen to big band music such as that performed by the Sterling Weed Orchestra. Although Jane's family did not attend them, many people enjoyed barn dances where people listened and danced to country music.

Jane had a lot of fun playing with the other children in her close-knit family as well as friends from the other long-time Milton families. She was close to all of her cousins, and her family held many get-togethers. Family picnics after church were always a favorite, and would usually be held at the family farm or at the lake. Her grandparents made sure this happened to keep everyone close. This tradition continues to this day with Jane's

children and their families. Holiday gatherings have grown with the current generation to an average of 50 people.

Time was slow and wonderful. As kids, they appreciated everything—a lollipop or a coloring book and crayons were special treats. Jane's memories of childhood bring her back to a time when she was picking flowers and berries, walking and playing in the fields and the woods, rowing a boat on the river in back of her house, skating on the river in winter, and sledding from Route 7 through the meadow down onto the frozen river. Jane never remembers being bored. One of her fondest memories is when her father was given an old fishing shanty. The

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The monthly meeting of the Milton Historical Society is held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Museum at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. We have an entertaining program, a business meeting, and refreshments. All are welcome to attend. Special and related events are also listed. Schedule subject to change.

Wed. May 2, 2007

25th Annual Junior Historians Awards Night Fourth grade students will be recognized for their research on this year's topic, "Life in a Rural Vermont Town in the 1930s - 40s". Milton physician Dr. David Little discusses healthcare during this period and how it has evolved.



Mon. May 28, 2007

Memorial Day Open House Exhibits of Community Spirit, with emphasis on the 1930s - 40s. Museum Will be open following Memorial Day Ceremonies, till 4pm.

Wed. June 6, 2007

Workshop Meeting Preparation for Vermont History Expo



June 23&24, 2007
Sat./Sun. 10am - 5pm

Vermont History Expo 2007 Tunbridge World's Fairground. Great Exhibits, Presentations, Music & Entertainment. As part of this year's Expo theme "Travel & Transportation", the Milton Historical Society focuses on businessman Joseph Clark bringing the railroad to Milton in the mid-1800s, transforming it into a supply hub and tourist destination. *A Vermont Chamber of Commerce Top Ten Summer Event.*

Wed. July 4, 2007

Happy Fourth Of July! See our float in the parade - "Restore, Research & Remember our Local Cemeteries". Open House at Museum following the parade, till 4pm.

Sat. July 21, 2007

Milton Cemetery Tour & Picnic Discover Milton's hidden gems! Meet at the Museum at 9 am and join the tour as we head out to visit the town's many interesting cemeteries. Bring a food item to share; we finish with a picnic at beautiful Miltonboro Cemetery on Beebe Hill Road.

Wed. August 1, 2007

"Bearing Witness: Art as Social Commentary and Art as Propoganda" The art and posters of World War II are the main focus of this slide lecture. Every government engaged in that conflict - Axis and other allied powers alike - produced powerful art that glorified the struggle on their own side while vilifying the enemy. Drawings made in secret by inmates of concentration camps will also be shown. Special emphasis is given to Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms paintings. Rockwell did these paintings in his Arlington, Vermont studio in 1943, using neighbors as models. Speaker Bob Manning is an art historian and painter, and a graduate of the Pratt Institute and the University of Hartford. *A Vermont Humanities Council presentation.*

Wed. September 5, 2007

"Civil War Sites in Vermont" The Civil War affected everyone, not just those who carried a gun. In researching a new book on Civil War home sites, historian and author Howard Coffin has found some fascinating places right here in Vermont, including a cave where a man lived for years to avoid the draft, a home where a woman sequestered herself after hearing of her fiancé's death, and an isolated house where soldiers returning with syphilis were quarantined. Come hear about these places and share your stories of Civil War sites in your community. *A Vermont Humanities Council presentation.*

Sat. September 29, 2007

A Walking Tour of Historic Main Street Join us at the Museum as we embark on a "Historic Journey" to hear about the many exquisite homes on Main Street. 1-4 pm.



Wed. October 10, 2007

"Evolution of Apple Farming" by Ray & Pam Allen of South Hero's Allenholm Farm. Bring your favorite Apple Pie or Apple treats to share.

****PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THIS MONTH.****

Wed. November 7, 2007

"History of Blacksmithing" by Shelburne Museum blacksmith and Milton resident Dallan Baker.

Wed. December 5, 2007

Business Meeting & Preparation for Holiday Cheer Celebration.

Sun. December 9, 2007

Holiday Cheer Celebration Take a break from the holiday hubbub and visit the Museum and see the many Holiday Exhibits. Lots of great food and special music will be provided. 1-4pm.

Wed. January 2, 2008

"Underwater Archaeology in Lake Champlain" Milton resident Ron Plouffe discusses his diving expeditions - most notably his discovery of a war cannon.

Wed. February 6, 2008

"Spotlight on Ben Franklin" John Lake presents a "Living History" performance of the life of Ben Franklin, one of the most famous and dynamic Americans in history. He spent his life providing information and ideas as a printer, diplomat, inventor, philosopher and civic leader, sharing his legendary wit and bits of advice in *Poor Richard's Almanac* published between 1733-1759.

Wed. March 5, 2008

Book Discussion with Milton author Lee C. Kemsley In her newly published novel *The Hunger Year*, Kemsley chronicles an amazing year in the life of Magen Creed, a 16-year-old girl living in early 19th century Vermont, where people endured war, poverty, and nature's wrath just to survive. A recurring theme throughout this story is the human yearning for a place to belong, someone to love, and the courage to deal with whatever life has in store for you.



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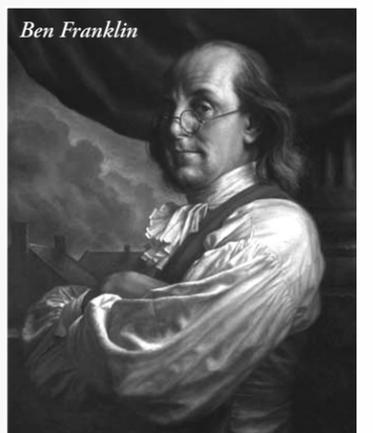
Sugar-on-Snow Party 1:30 - 4 pm at the Milton Grange Hall. Sugar-on-Snow, Maple baked goods. Special exhibits, music and kids' activities! Exact date to be announced.

Wed. April 2, 2008

"Vermont's Hidden Treasure: Painted Theater Curtains" by Christine Hadsel. Between 1880 and World War II, painted theater curtains were artistic features of most of New England villages and towns in Vermont. Painted curtains graced stages in towns and grange halls, opera houses and community theaters. A culture of local variety shows and traveling professional talent flourished in front of those curtains in some very remote places. A tour of some of the 177 curtains in Vermont provides a glimpse into the world of talented and often sophisticated artists who were part of the rural cultural scene. *A Vermont Humanities Council presentation.* *****Annual Meeting / Membership Month*****

Wed. May 7, 2008

26th Annual Junior Historians Awards Night This year's topic will focus on the 1609 Discovery of Lake Champlain to coincide with the upcoming Quadricentennial (400th Anniversary) celebration.



2006-07 Historical Recap *continued from page 2*

2000). A "Crusader for the Role of Women in the Church", she served the Milton United Church from 1976-1983. The information, photographs, and interviews gathered for this project were videotaped for the VHS educational web site.

We received an Award of Merit for Society Operations at the Annual Meeting of Local Historical Societies. We were recognized for our newsletter and the 2006 calendar interpreting Milton's Healthcare History, which featured photographs of persons, places, and practices involved with our medical history.

In November, we hosted one of the five informational meetings held throughout

the state to discuss the 8th Annual History Expo to be held on June 23rd and 24th, 2007 at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds.

We held two Open Houses in 2006. On Memorial Day a new flag was dedicated honoring the late Lyndon Sheldon and the American Legion Auxiliary #57, promoters of patriotism and community service. A well attended Christmas Open House was held on December 10th, which included traditional music played by three members of the Vermont Fiddle Orchestra, Toy Man Stan Henry with his homemade wooden toys, a beautiful Christmas tree, and a festive food table of sand-



The Valentine's Day Blizzard of '07 gave the Soldiers Monument his winter coat!

wiches, desserts, popcorn balls, and fudge.

Programs at our 2006 monthly meetings included: *Vermont Then & Now: A Photograph Tour* by UVM Geology professor Paul Bierman; Adam Boyce's *History of Vermont's Contra and Square Dancing*; Ken Peck's video *The Old Intervale and the New Intervale* and Adam Kane's *Life Onboard: Studying Lake Champlain's Sunken Canal Boats*, documenting the research of five canal boats discovered in the Pine Street Barge Canal in the late 1900's. In early 2007, we featured: *History Online – Using Technology to Discover our Past* by Gary Furlong; *The Evolution of an Underground Railroad Historic Site* by Jane Williamson – the story of Ferrisburg's Rokeby Museum and its famous Robinson family; and a discussion on *The History and Future of Milton's Cemeteries* in April was very interesting and informative.

See the enclosed events calendar for this season's great programs!

Milton's History In Person: Jane Manley FitzGerald *continued from page 3*

children turned it into a playhouse and spent many hours decorating it with paint, wallpaper and curtains.

Jane also remembers her 4H club activities. Along with the Future Farmers of America, 4H club activities helped make farmers out of boys and mothers out of girls by teaching them home economics. This training included how to make nutritious meals which is most often lost on today's generations. At that time, the woman's place was in the home. Jane has loved her role as a mother, having and raising her children. Family's importance was made obvious during the interview by the glow that was on her face whenever she spoke of them.

Church also played a big role in everyone's lives. Most everyone went and was active, whether it was the United Church or the Catholic Church. It was not uncommon to be at church two or three times a week. They would not only attend services but also participate in church sponsored activities and youth groups for all ages. In these youth groups, they would play games as well as hold formal business meetings. Through these groups Jane learned at a very early age about the structure and responsibility of running an organization.

Jane started school in first grade, since kindergarten did not yet exist. She attended school on School Street in the building that also housed the high school. While many children in Milton attended their local district school, the school for Jane's district had closed years earlier. Two of her first teachers were Miss McDonald

and Miss Kennedy, fixtures in the school system who taught generations of kids over their many decades of service.

School was a large part of life for Milton kids. School sports took the form of boy's baseball, girl's softball and basketball for both. Travel for these teams was limited during World War II when there was gas rationing.

The war also had an impact on the number of boys attending school. Because a boy could join the service at 16 with parent's permission, many did. At one point, Jane remembers having as few as three or four boys in her class.

Jane met her late husband, John, in church. John was the son of a minister who lived in Fairfax. They were married in the Milton's United Church in 1948. John FitzGerald joined the navy at 17 and was later in the Vermont Air Guard. He was in the military for 30 years, serving in three wars and retiring as an officer with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. John was also a rural letter carrier for 40 years; many of which were spent delivering mail in our own town of Milton.

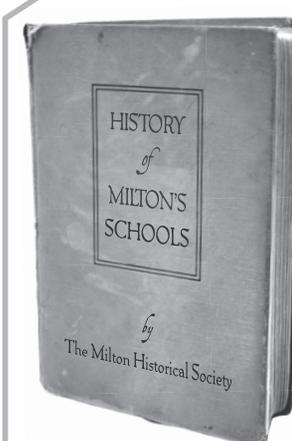
When asked what Jane has seen as some of the greatest changes in Milton, her reply focuses around the increase in population. For over 100 years, Milton stayed the same. Generation after generation of the same families lived here. Everyone knew everyone. Everything was done in Milton; there was no need to go to Burlington. Main Street had everything: the doctor, the shops, and a movie theater. There were two doctors who served Milton for approximately 40 years each. The shops were

the same shops, some for 70 years. It was "old home day" every day.

When asked what the best advice Jane ever got was, she refers to her parent's advice of being honest, practice what you preach, respecting your elders, treat others as you would like to be treated, and always setting a good example.

Jane Manley FitzGerald can be sure she has lived up to and exceeded her parent's expectations. She sets a wonderful example for all of us every day and we appreciate everything she does for our town to keep Milton's history alive.

Thanks, Jane!



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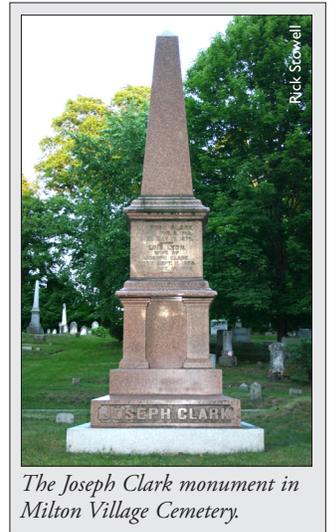
All proceeds benefit the Milton Historical Museum

Cemetery Workshops by Rick Stowell

Cemeteries are wonderful teaching tools. They can serve as an "Outdoor History Museums" that often hold many hidden stories associated with them. By studying the ages, names, symbols and epitaphs in a cemetery, people can learn about their community's historical background. Time and the elements do not forget these markers of generations past, however. Many cemeteries are in dire need of some type of cleaning and restoration. Have you recently visited the grave of a loved one only to discover that their tombstone was dirty and in need of cleaning or preservation? Over a period of time tombstones will accumulate a layer of deposits resulting from hard water, dust, dirt, or lichens, mold and fungus that would usually grow on a porous stone.

If you would like to be involved in the cleaning and preserving of Milton's Cemeteries please contact Rick Stowell at 893-4546 or by email at rick.stowell@verizon.net. We plan to begin cleaning stones in the Milton Village Cemetery this summer, starting with the large family monument of our town's great benefactor, Joseph Clark. After witnessing what a wonderful job Brian and Linda St. Peter have done in the Miltonboro Cemetery, as well as the Hope Cemetery in Georgia, we've become inspired to help join the cause. Also join us on our Milton Cemetery Tour & Picnic on Saturday, July 22 to re-discover these hidden gems! Meet at the Museum at 9 am and join the tour as we head out to visit the town's

many interesting cemeteries and discuss how we can help preserve them. Bring a food item to share; we finish with a picnic at beautiful Miltonboro Cemetery on Beebe Hill Road.



The Joseph Clark monument in Milton Village Cemetery.

2007 Museum Projects by Bill Kaigle

This year we have a couple of long overdue Museum projects that are getting our well-deserved attention. The front stained glass windows have deteriorated with

age, and they are in desperate need of reglazing. Watson Glass is going to be performing this work, and at the same time checking all the other windows in the Museum building to ensure that they are protected. Rick Hamilton, Clerk of the Works for the Town's Museum renovation project in 2000-01, is removing the windows and securing their locations while they are being repaired.

project is complete. If you'd like to help or make a donation to benefit these and future Museum maintenance projects, please contact Bill Kaigle at 893-7387. *Thank you!*



Rick Hamilton prepares a Museum stained glass window for Watson Glass to repair.

Thank You, Mary...
 Mary Skapski, longtime Society Historian and an annual volunteer of the Fourth Grade History Contest, passed way in August 2006. She will be greatly missed.

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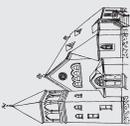
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The Milton Historical Society meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Milton Historical Museum, at 7:30 p.m. Categories of membership are: Individual - \$5.00, Family - \$7.50, Honorary (age 80 and over) - Free

Membership dues and form may be mailed to: Milton Historical Society, P.O. Box 2, Milton, VT 05468

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Breaking news as we go to print – We are very excited to announce that at auction on June 15, 2007, we acquired the wood encased wall phone of Joel Farnsworth, believed to be the first in Milton! This amazing Milton artifact will be a wonderful added attraction at the Museum. With the help of the St. Albans Historical Society, we also recently acquired a beautiful grandmother-style clock that used to be housed at the Peterson Dam. *Come check them out!.....* This past year, a Century Award sign was presented to Lynn & Steve Delaney on River Street. If you are in need of one, please call.....For assistance on a genealogy project, contact Bob Sibley at 527-0906 or bob_s90@hotmail.comIf you have a historical program you'd like to see happen, call Bill Kaigle at 893-7387.....If you have photographs or other items you would like to contribute to the Milton Historical Society, please contact Jane FitzGerald at 893-2340.....Back issues of *Historically Speaking* are available, and let us know if a friend or relative would like to be added to our mailing list....Your tax-deductible donations to benefit the Milton Historical Museum are crucial to its ongoing success in serving our community. They may be sent to: Milton Historical Society, P.O. Box 2, Milton, VT 05468. *Thank you!.....*A portion of newsletter printing cost underwritten by Paw Print & Mail of So. Burlington, and mailing services were generously donated by Dave Beckett of Williston.....

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Many thanks to the Rhonda True family for their generous donation.



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