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MILTON'S HISTORY IN PERSON:

Betty Bevins by Allison Belisle Templeton

A large part of Milton's history comes from 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 the third article in a series of articles on long time Milton residents whose families go back many generations in this town.

Betty Bevins can tell you a lot about Main Street from her own perspective and from that of the five generations of her family that have lived on the street before her.

Betty was born Sarah Elizabeth Wagner to Clarimond Wood Wagner and Joseph E. Wagner. She was born in her family home on 40 Main Street. The youngest of four children, Betty was, as she calls it, "the runt of the litter". Betty had one brother, Paul, and two sisters, Marion Wagner Dudley and Lois Wagner Rouse.

Dr. Holcombe was the doctor who attended at Betty's birth. Dr. Holcombe is who Betty has to thank for giving her the unique situation of having two birthdays; one which was her real birth date and the other, her legal birthday. In those days, it was up to the doctor to go to the town and register the birth of new babies. Although Betty was born on October 6, 1921,



Rick Stowell

Betty at the piano. She says, "Music was the glue that bound us together."

Dr. Holcombe, either from exhaustion from being such a busy doctor, or just as a simple oversight, recorded her birth date with the town as October 7, 1921.

At the age of two, Betty and her family moved to 88 Main Street. 88 Main Street was built in the early 1800s by Betty's great-great grandfather, Nathan Burnell. Nathan Burnell earned his living as a furniture maker. However, he was not just any furniture maker. His high quality work has its own style, recognized by collectors and appraisers alike. The story told of one visiting appraiser sounded like a segment of "Antiques Roadshow."

Betty's great grandfather also had his business on Main Street. Nathaniel Wood had a shoe store and leather goods business on Main Street. The tradition of family business on Main

Street continued with Betty's grandfather, Zeb Wagner, Sr. and Betty's father, starting a hardware store at 69 Main Street. The store's initial focus was farm equipment and was called Wagner & Son Hardware Store. Betty's father and brother continued to run the store under the name of J.E. Wagner & Son until the Depression when Joseph went bankrupt. Joseph's sister, Ellen Wagner Miller, stepped in with the financing to keep the store in business and the name was again changed to E.W. Miller Hardware Store. Through the years, in addition to selling farm equipment, the store sold radios, refrigerators and even televisions as they became available in the 1950s. Betty's father and brother continued to run the store until 1961 when it was finally auctioned off and Betty's father was able to retire.

Evidence of Betty's family is apparent in other areas of Main Street, from the fire station to the United Church. The land for the fire station was a gift from Betty's father



Zeb Wagner Sr. and employee Mildred Mayville at his hardware store in the late 1800s, waiting for their next customers.

to the town. He was also instrumental in the town getting its first fire truck. The bell that is currently in the tower at the church was a gift

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Betty (younger girl in middle) with her family.

The Society's purpose is to collect, preserve, promote, and present Milton's history to interested persons.

A Thirtieth Anniversary Year to Remember! by Jane FitzGerald

During 2008-09 the Historical Society has been reviewing and celebrating thirty years of preserving Milton's history beginning with the chartering of the Milton Historical Society in 1978, followed by establishing and operating the first Milton Museum in one room in the Clark Memorial Building from 1979-1995. In 1999, the town voted to purchase and renovate the Trinity Episcopal Church for the new location of the Milton Museum.

The 2008 Commemorative Calendar in full color gives a birds-eye view of the Museum's ever changing exhibits and a pictorial review of projects, parades, and

other activities during the past thirty years. These collector's items are still available at the Museum at a reduced price.

The Society and the Grange sponsored a Sugar-on-Snow Party at the Grange Hall in March. Over 100 people enjoyed the rural tradition with sugar on snow, homemade desserts and live music.

We sponsored a book discussion with the Milton Library as part of the Community Reads Program. Special exhibits including the history of the circus, balloons, etc. were displayed for the circus atmosphere of the book *Water for Elephants*.

The 26th Annual Junior Historian Night was held in May with about thirty students receiving history books and certificates. The contest theme was the life of the Native Americans four hundred years ago on Lake Champlain.

This year's informative and interesting programs were as follows: "Living History Performance of the Life of Benjamin Franklin", one of the most famous and dynamic Americans; Chris Hadsel "Painted Theater Curtains"; Regina Mahoney "Ancient Roads in Milton"; Bern

Budd's History Alive program "The Life of Mark Twain"; Mike Winslow, Staff Scientist, "What's Going on with Lake Champlain"; Ed Shamy, ex-Free Press Reporter "My Life as a Journalist".

A raffle of a beautiful Carolina Rocker, later known as the Kennedy Rocker, was held to honor the Society's 30th Anniversary. This favorite rocker of the late President John Kennedy helped relieve his chronic back pain. The successful fundraiser took place from the Memorial Day Open House to the Holiday Open House in December. Our float in the 4th of July parade promoted the raffle and the 30 year celebration on September 28th. This well attended event in September included music by members of the Milton Community Band, recognition ceremony, special exhibits, and delicious refreshments.

This year Vermont is celebrating the 400th Anniversary of Samuel de Champlain discovering Lake Champlain in 1609. That same year Champlain discovered and named the Lamoille River. The river with its seven natural waterfalls brought prosperity to Milton from the hunting and camping of the Native Americans, early lumbering, and

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The cake from our 30th Anniversary Celebration.



Native American educator Judy Dow discussed and showed how children used toys and played games to learn survival skills at our 26th Annual Junior Historians Awards Night in May 2008.



Museum Director and Charter Member Jane FitzGerald is presented a clock plaque by President Rick Stowell honoring her for 30 years as Milton's "Historical Ambassador".

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Ads for movies shown in the Milton Theatre.

from Nathaniel Wood and his wife Augusta Burnell in memory of their son, Betty's grandfather Clarence Wood. Clarence passed away in 1888 at the age of 26. Although Betty never saw the inscription, the bell is said to read, "He being dead yet speaketh."

Growing up, Betty lived right in the middle of the hustle and bustle. Main Street was the center of town where people went to the doctor, did their shopping, went to church, and where children from all over Milton attended high school. The area where most people consider the center of town today was referred to as "The Plains." The Plains were nothing but farmlands stretching from Gimlet Hill (near the current Rene's store) all the way to Checkerberry (near the Milton Diner).

Betty went to school on School Street and still remembers her first grade teacher, Gertrude McDonald. Betty had two best friends, Hester Slocum and Betty Mayville. Hearing Betty's stories, it sounds like they could be compared to the Three Musketeers. Although she did not see them as much as she would have liked throughout the years, she remained friends with them throughout her adult life. Sadly, Betty Mayville died a few years ago. Hester lives nearby in Colchester.

Betty has fond memories of childhood. She remembers never being bored. She and her friends did not have to rely on her parents for entertainment. They were very busy climbing trees, playing house in the grapevine arbor, roller-skating on the cement sidewalk in front of her house, swinging on the dooryard swings, and in the winter, riding a toboggan down Main Street. This last thought makes a modern mother shudder, unable to relate to the lack of traffic that existed in those days.

While in high school, one particular boy, Hiram Bevins, caught Betty's attention. Hiram had a car at the age of 16 and

Betty admits that is what first made her take notice of him. Hiram's parents, Bertha and Earl Bevins, owned the Star Theater on River Street (Route 7) for a short while. Their business endeavor was brought to an abrupt end because they purchased it very shortly before the flood of 1927. Unfortunately, the flood wiped out the theater.

Pictures available at the Milton Historical Museum show the theater sinking in the flood as villagers helplessly watch it go.

Despite the tragic end to their first theater business venture, Hiram's parents were able to continue with their dream of owning and running a movie theater. They purchased The Austin Hotel at 28 Main Street from the Odd



Fellows and converted it to a theater. The building served many purposes. The theater was in the bottom floor, the family lived on the second floor and dances were held on the third floor.

The theater ran during the times of the silent movies. Bertha, "the movie lady", would create her own posters for the upcoming shows. She would also play the square grand piano, which was a fixture at the theater,



Betty and her husband Hiram.

providing the sound track for the silent movies. It was a family affair since Hiram and his dad would take turns running the projector.

Hiram's father ran the gas station and



Hiram Bevins served as an Air Force pilot in World War II.

garage on Main Street. The garage was owned by Betty's father and was located next to his hardware store. Betty's children have memories of visiting one grandfather at the hardware store and then going next door to the gas station to visit their other grandfather. The gas station was closed in 1961, the same year that the hardware store was auctioned off.

Betty's father was an entrepreneur, in addition to the hardware store and the gas station; he had the first car dealership in Milton and leased space on the other side of the gas station as a meat market and a barbershop.

Hiram's grandparents, Orlando and Mary Hewey, lived close by as well. They originally owned a farm on the land underneath the current Lake Arrowhead. After the flood of 1927, they were compensated for this farm when it was intentionally flooded to create Arrowhead Mountain Lake (Lake Arrowhead). In 1937, they purchased land at 30 Main Street from the Ladies' Improvement Society, and built their home.

Music played an important role in Betty's family's lives. As Betty puts it, "Music was the glue that bound us together." On both sides, family get-togethers and parties with friends always included music. Betty's mother was a pianist, her friend's mother was a pianist, and Betty herself was a violinist. Hiram and his father were also musicians. Hiram and his parents played at the dances that were held at the theater.

Betty graduated high school with honors in 1939. She went on to college at The Burlington Business College (now Champlain College) and then on to a job as the secretary to the boss at Strong Hardware in Burlington. Hiram had graduated from high school two years before Betty and went on to UVM to graduate with a degree in

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The monthly meeting of the Milton Historical Society is held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Museum, 13 School Street, at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. We have an entertaining program, business meeting and refreshments. All are welcome to attend. Special and related events are also listed. Schedule subject to change.

Wed. June 3, 2009

Refreshments & Beverage: Jane FitzGerald, Beverly Quebec, Allison Templeton, Miriam Wells

Sat. June 6, 2009

No refreshments; bring your own beverage

Wed. July 1, 2009

Refreshments & Beverage: Jim & Lorraine Manley, Jack & Barbara Campbell

Sat. July 4, 2009

July/August 2009

Refreshments & Beverage: All members furnish

August 2009

Sat. August 1, 2009

No refreshments; bring your own beverage

Wed. August 5, 2009

Refreshments & Beverage: Deborah Dolby, Peter Martin, Pat Laskowski, Jeanette Adams

Wed. Sept. 2, 2009

Refreshments & Beverage: Gordon & Perry Thom, John & Phyllis Mayville

Sunday Sept. 6, 2009

Refreshments: All members furnish;
Beverage by Refreshment Committee

Wed. October 7, 2009

Refreshments & Beverage: Loren Sanderson, Linda & Jim Ballard, Shirley Sweeney

Wed. Nov. 4, 2009

Refreshments & Beverage: Paul & Doris Mears, Ernest & Margaret Turner

Wed. Dec. 2, 2009

Sun. Dec. 6, 2009

Refreshments: All members furnish;
Beverage: Refreshment Committee

Wed. Jan. 6, 2010

Wed. February 3, 2010

Bring a dish to share;
Beverage: Refreshment Committee

Wed. March 3, 2010

Refreshments & Beverage: DeeDee & Ron Plouffe, Bill & Jen Kaigle

Sun. March 28, 2010

Refreshments & Beverage:
All members furnish

Wed. April 7, 2010

Refreshments & Beverage:
Rick & Peggy Stowell

Wed. May 5, 2010

Refreshments: All members furnish
Beverage: Doris Mears & Gwen Brown

“Cemetery History, Restoration & Preservation” presented by Tom Giffin, President of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association.

Cemetery Restoration Workshop 8:00am till Noon* in the Milton Village Cemetery on Main Street. For more info please call Rick Stowell, 893-4546. *Weather Permitting

Business meeting & preparation for the Fourth of July Celebration.

Happy Fourth of July! Come see our float in the parade. **Open House at the Museum** following the parade, till 4pm.

Annual Picnic at the Swanton Railroad Depot Museum, to coincide with the rededication of the West Milton Bridge. Date & Time to be announced.

“**History Mystery**” The Society will be participating in the Chittenden County Historical Society’s “History Mystery” event. Check your local media, or contact the Society for more info on this month-long event.

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“**History of Milton’s St. Ann Church**” presented by Roger Dickinson, in celebration of the church’s 150th Anniversary.

“**Vermont Seasonings**” Milton’s own author Steve Delaney discusses the inspiration for his first book as well as his soon-to-be published novel.

“**Old Soldier**” **100th Anniversary Celebration** Join us from 1 - 4 pm at the Museum as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War Soldiers’ Monument dedication. A special walking tour will take place in the Milton Village Cemetery as we honor many veterans who served from our town.

“**Spiritualism in Vermont: Religion, Politics, and the Preternatural**” by Joseph Citro. This illustrated lecture reconstructs Vermont’s role in the heyday of American Spiritualism, an influential but misunderstood nineteenth-century religious, political, and mystical movement that eventually spread worldwide. Using pictures and little-known information about Vermont practitioners, Joe Citro illustrates how, among other things, the movement inspired women to speak out on such issues as abolition and women’s rights. At its peak it was magic—spirits walked, the dead spoke, and the infinite seemed close enough to touch. Spiritualism accelerated profound social change, and its influence can still be seen today. *A Vermont Humanities Council presentation. **Location to be announced.***

“**Stock Car Racing in the Northeast**” Milton teacher Bill Ladabouche takes us on a journey through the History of Stock Car Racing, with special emphasis on racetracks and drivers in the northeastern U.S. Relive the excitement with stories and pictures of Milton’s own Dragon Brothers racing at Milton’s Catamount Stadium. Bill is currently in the process of authoring a book on the legendary Harmon “Beaver” Dragon. *Rescheduled from 2008.*

Business Meeting and Preparation for Holiday Cheer Celebration.

Holiday Cheer Celebration Come visit the museum from 1- 4 pm and see the many Holiday Exhibits. Lots of great holiday food and live music by members of the Vermont Fiddle Orchestra!

Winter Break. No meeting scheduled.

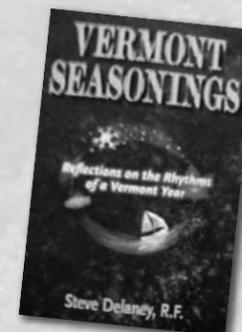
Potluck Supper and Movie Bring a dish to share and join us for a night of good home cooking followed by the movie *Life in Chittenden County*. ** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUPPER BELL WILL RING AT 6:00PM **

“**History of Maple Sugarin’ in Vermont**” Video presentation *Voices from the Suagrwoods* depicting a colorful story of the Green Mountain State’s famed maple syrup, told by sugarmakers who work in the woods and sugarhouses to produce the delicacy known as the Official Flavor of Vermont. We will also share interesting tidbits from the book *Maple Sugarin’ in Vermont: A Sweet History* by Betty Ann Lockhart. Bring your favorite maple treat to share with others.

4th Annual Sugar on Snow Party at the Milton Grange from 1 - 4 pm. Let’s celebrate the sweet season of maple sugaring! Special displays, lots of great maple treats and music will be provided. Free to the public. Co-sponsored by the Milton Grange.

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers. Please note: April is membership month. *Please support your local historical society by renewing your membership!*

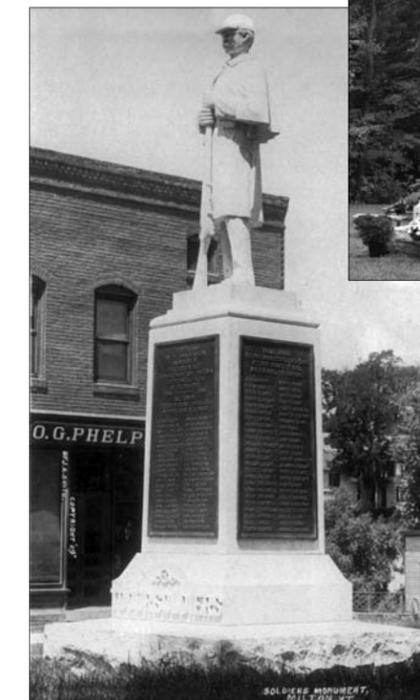
28th Annual Junior Historians Awards Night Held at Milton Elementary School.



100th Anniversary of the Soldiers' Monument Dedication!

by Jane FitzGerald

The “Old Soldier” stands proud and tall today at the Historical Museum.



The Civil War Soldiers' Monument stands facing south at the foot of Main Street, not long after the 1909 dedication.

The dedication of the Civil War Monument at the intersection of River and Main Streets in Milton was held on Labor Day, September 6, 1909. Two thousand people, the largest crowd of people ever assembled in this town, arrived from all corners of the state. This was to be the unveiling of the first monument in Chittenden County.

Milton in 1861 had less than 400 voters. It sent over 200 men to the warfront, 74 of whom lie in Milton cemeteries. Others fill unmarked graves on many a southern battlefield. Another

group of soldiers, many of whom had not yet reached the voting age, went to fight for their country and to do their share in preserving the Union.

On Sunday, September 6th

we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of this special event in Milton’s history. It will be held at the Milton Historical Museum on School Street, and the new location of the Soldier’s Monument, where he now stands proud, looking south as always to protect us all from confederate forces. Many special exhibits and events are being planned. Watch local papers for more details as September approaches.

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Music. While in college, Hiram took a Civil Aeronautics course. After he graduated, in October 1941, Hiram joined the Air Force as a cadet and trained as a pilot.

Hiram and Betty got married after Hiram finished his pilot training for the Air Force. Betty went to Houston for what was referred to as "Wings & Wife Day." It was against Air Force rules for cadets to marry before graduation. So, many pilots got married on the same day as graduation. Betty and Hiram's "Wings & Wife Day" was April 29, 1942.

Betty and Hiram had time together as a new married couple until he was deployed overseas in January 1943. His orders stationed him in England and he flew missions over continental Europe. On September 3, 1943, Hiram's plane was shot down in France, over Versailles, while escorting a bombing mission. Betty remembers this period in her life vividly. The War Department sent her a telegram that said he was missing in action. She received the news shortly after arriving back from the hospital to the house she was renting on Barnum Street. She had just returned home with her first-born son, Bobby. The news was frightening and shocking for the new wife and mother. Betty's only solace was that

two days earlier she had received a cablegram and roses from Hiram celebrating their new baby. Hiram knew he had a son before he was shot down.

One month later, she was notified that Hiram was alive, and in a prisoner camp in Germany. While he was in the prisoner camp, Betty was able to keep Hiram informed about her and the baby's progress through letters delivered by the Red Cross. It was two-way communication but what Betty got from Hiram

*Life is like a piano
What you get out of it depends on how you play it*



This musical print is displayed in Betty's living room.

out of the prisoner camp was heavily censored. This communication kept up until Hiram was released from prisoner camp on April 29, 1945, their three-year wedding anniversary.

Hiram returned to his home and his family in Milton. He got his masters degree in Music from UVM on the G.I. Bill. Afterwards, he and Betty moved to Ludlow, VT for two years. In Ludlow, Hiram taught English and Music at the Black River Academy as well as a course in aeronautics. After their short stint in Ludlow, they returned

to Milton for six years where Hiram taught Music. After that, in 1954, Betty, Hiram and their children moved to Lake George, NY until Hiram's retirement from teaching. While Betty enjoyed her years in New York, her heart was always in Milton.

Many years earlier, Hiram's parents had moved into the house at 30 Main Street when the Hewey's were elderly and needed assistance. When Betty and Hiram retired, they returned to Milton to be with his parents in the same fashion. They settled in Hiram's parents house at 30 Main Street, where Betty now happily resides. As for 88 Main Street, it is still in the family. It is owned by a 7th generation of the family, Betty's grandnephew, Brock Rouse.

When asked how Milton has changed over the years, Betty recalls how everyone knew everyone else in town. To Betty, the urban sprawl that has affected Milton has changed the local feel she used to know. Betty's children spread their wings and moved away from Milton, however one has returned to live in a house very close to Main Street, on Maplewood Avenue. I am sure that even though most of her family no longer lives on Main Street, with their history and Betty's passion for it, it cannot be far from their hearts.

A 30th Anniversary to Remember *continued from page 2*

milling of the early settlers to the construction of Arrowhead Mountain Lake and the building of three hydroelectric plants. The Lamoille River Walk, a trail that connects the historic Milton Village to the early Checkerberry Village, opened this year. We would like to thank the Conservation Commission and everyone that contributed money or time to preserve Milton's history this past year. It was fitting that the theme of our 2009 calendar was "History Flows on the Lamoille River". These calendars are available at the Museum for \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00.

Anyone interested in helping restore Milton's cemeteries should watch the local paper

for dates of workshops. Contact President Richard Stowell at 893-4546 or by email: lightlvr@yahoo.com for further information.



Former President Bob Hooker accepts a plaque honoring Past Presidents of the Society. It is now on display at the Museum.



Thank you to the ladies of the Refreshment Committee for a wonderful food display at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum. Watch the local newspaper for special events or changes. Museum hours are the first and third weekend, April through October, from 1-4 p.m. During November through April, call 893-2340 to visit by appointment.



Time out for cake and ice cream!

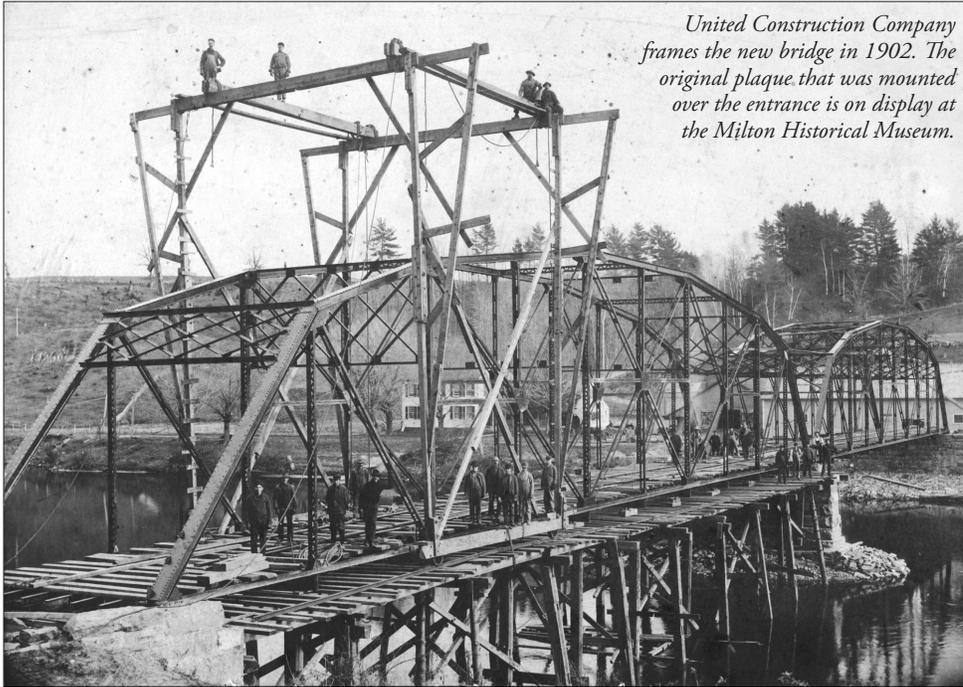
Charter Member Stan "The Toyman" Henry accepts an Eagle and Flag sculpture honoring him for his 17 years of service as Society Secretary.



The Milton Community Band filled the Museum with festive tunes at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

What Ever Happened to the West Milton Bridge?

by Bill Kaigle & Jane FitzGerald



United Construction Company frames the new bridge in 1902. The original plaque that was mounted over the entrance is on display at the Milton Historical Museum.



The completed two-span bridge crosses the Lamoille River on Bear Trap Road in this early 1900s photo.

On March 2, 1902, the 325-foot wooden 1860 covered bridge in West Milton was destroyed by high water and ice. A little upstream, later that year a one-lane Pennsylvania truss bridge was built, so named because the design was used by the Pennsylvania Railroad, who needed bridges that could span large rivers and withstand fast, heavy trains.

The fourth bridge to be built in this part of town, it was built by the United Construction Company of Albany, New York at a cost of \$18,000. It was one of few on waters affected by the Great Flood of

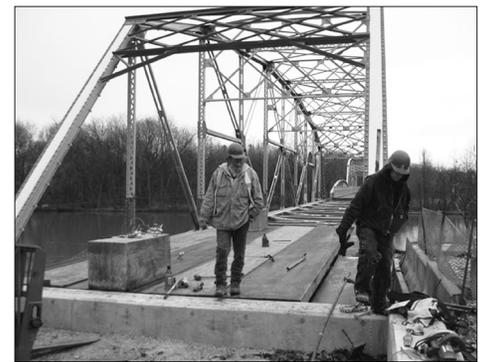
1927 to survive. In 1994 a new bridge was built just south of the old one, but there was much controversy over the future of the historic structure. According to federal and state laws pertaining to certain historic bridges, this was one of only two chosen by the state of Vermont to be preserved.

After five years of negotiating between Milton and the state, there is a happy ending to the future of the aesthetically beautiful 100 year-old bridge. It was carefully dismantled and moved to Swanton in the fall of 2003, where it is currently being reassembled as a pedestrian and bike bridge across the Mississquoi River linking the downtown area with the Swanton Historical Society Railroad Depot Museum on South river Street. With an additional 123-foot span added in the center, it replaces the 1898 St. J & LC wooden covered railroad bridge that was destroyed by fire in June of 1987.

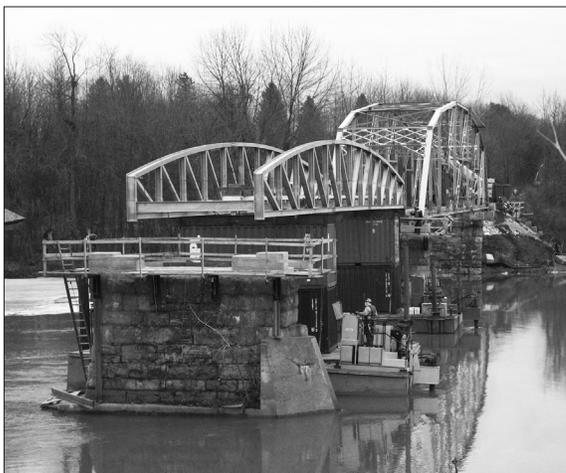
We applaud Ron Kilburn, President of the Swanton Historical Society, and his local supporters for spearheading this project in what is a wonderful re-use of a historic structure. The bridge extends other recreation paths in the Swanton area and provides an outstanding link to cultural and recreational opportunities for Swanton residents

and visitors. And to think, it all started with a Spring 2002 phone call from Scott Newman, Vermont Agency of Transportation Historic Preservation Officer, asking, "Do you folks want a bridge?"

The restored bridge will be dedicated this summer, and the Milton Historical Society will be visiting for our Annual Summer Picnic at a date and time to be announced. *Stay tuned for details!*



Two of Morrisville's CCS Constructors workmen begin the laying of the deck on the Depot Museum side of the river in Swanton on April 6, 2009.



Because of the greater width of the Mississquoi River, an additional 123-foot span was added in between the two West Milton Bridge sections. Here it is being put in place on December 29, 2008.



The West Milton Bridge firmly in place in its new Swanton home, with decking and railing completed.

Our 30th Anniversary Membership Boost was a success! Last year we set out a goal of increasing our membership by 50 new members, and today our membership stands at well over 100 individuals and families.....To suggest a historical program that you'd like the Society to host, call Bill Kaigle at 893-7387.....If you have photographs or other items you would like to contribute to the Milton Historical Museum, please contact Jane FitzGerald at 893-2340.....Congratulations to Rick Stowell, who was recently presented with the IBM Community Service Award for his efforts with the Society.....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!*.....We are still looking for a volunteer to grind or remove three tree stumps on the north side of the Museum, which will allow us to move forward on some landscaping projects. Please call 893-7387 if you know of anyone willing to provide this service.....A portion of newsletter printing cost donated by Paw Print & Mail of So. Burlington.....We are contacting Century Award recipients whose signs are in need of replacement as we notice them. If we missed you, please contact the Society and we will provide a new one.




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If you are interested in learning about Milton's past and its many events and personalities of the past 150 years, plan to visit the Milton Historical Museum at 13 School Street.

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We would also like to invite you to join the Society. Annual Membership begins in April each year, and you may join at any time. Please return the membership form attached to the enclosed Events Calendar, noting your specific interests.

Mark your Calendar!
Sunday, September 6th, 2009 1 - 4 pm
The "Old Soldier"
100th Anniversary Celebration
at the Museum ~ Live Music ~ Special Walking Tour

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