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We certainly hope you have enjoyed your visit to our Museum. Please provide any feedback that will enhance the exhibits and your experience. What other exhibits would be of interest?

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Milton Historical Society Museum

13 School Street
Milton, VT 05468

The Museum is open from May through October every Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. or by appointment. Enjoy your visit and tell a friend.

The Milton Historical Society is a non-profit organization established in 1978 dedicated to preserving Milton's history through education, exhibits, and community outreach. It is supported by sponsors, membership dues, merchandise sales, and donations.

In the spring of 1979, the first museum, which was located in one room on the second floor of the Clark Memorial Building on Main Street, opened to the public.

The museum was moved to the historic Trinity Episcopal Church here on School Street a short time after the Clark Memorial Building reverted to the Clark family heirs and was no longer used for municipal purposes. The church was purchased in 1997 by the Town of Milton for the use as a museum. After renovations, the doors opened to the public in 2001.



When you enter the lobby of the museum you will be greeted by a dedicated **volunteer** who will assist you in your journey through the exhibits. Take a moment to enjoy the photo of Main Street and River Street from 1909 as well as the 1896 and 2022 town maps.



To the left of the town maps is an exhibit depicting **Washday** in the 1800's. Many Milton artifacts are on display featuring an authentic "leaching stone" or "lye stone". What was its use?

Moving along to the main section of the museum, you will be awed by a hand made **Quilt** that depicts **The Story of Milton**. The quilt was designed and created by Historical Society members in **1982**. Enjoy the interactive video screen to learn more about each panel of the quilt. Read about the story of the quilt and the members who made it happen.



To the left of the quilt is an exhibit that depicts the rich history of **Arrowhead Mountain** and that portion of the Lamoille River that be-

came **Lake Arrowhead**. Learn about the geology, the wildlife, the artifacts, and the people of this area of Milton. Enjoy the live video stream of **Arrowhead Mountain Lake**.



Since the Lamoille River is an important part of Milton's geography and character, the next exhibit will bring you back to 1927. The **Great Vermont Flood of 1927** was a major flooding event in Vermont which occurred from November 2nd through the 4th. The record rains swelled the Lamoille River causing extensive damage on River Street and West Milton.



Farming and farm life has been an essential part of survival in Milton. Learn about early sheep and dairy farming and the lifestyle of the families who farmed. Have you ever seen a fanning mill? See an old cream separator separate the cream from milk. Do you think you can milk a cow.? Give it a try.

Every community had a **Business** sector that supported its citizens. Milton was no different. Main Street and River Street was the hub of business in the early years. There were mills, grocery and hardware stores, doctors and lawyers, and many more. What happened to this self sufficiency today?



Milton has had a long history of **Auto Racing**. Many local drivers tested their skills on the high banks of **Catamount Stadium** from 1965—1987. Fans flocked to the race track every Saturday night to root for their



favorite driver, whether local, out of town or from Canada. The area of Catamount Stadium is now Catamount Industrial Park. Was drag racing more your thing. The **Milton Drag Strip** hosted many races through the 1970's. This area is now a truck driving school.

Finally, the **Tales of Milton** will reveal strange and maybe odd stories of Milton over time. Are these stories true or legend? Why was something given the name that is common around town? What have you heard from your friends or family?

