

MILTON

Historical Society

Milton, Republic of Vermont 05468

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 1998

September 1998 saw three big changes in Milton which will become a part of our history. A large dairy farm became the site of a Husky Injection Molding Systems plant, an addition to Herrick Elementary School puts 1100 children under one roof (K-6)-probably the largest in the state, and the Route 7 bridge which was built after the 1927 Flood, was replaced.

Milton Museum which is cared for by the Milton Historical Society is a collection of artifacts and memorabilia from the days of Native Americans to the present.

Since January 1998, circumstances have forced us to put the museum in storage but the Historical Society is still active.

One phase of our society's work which takes a lot of time is helping people with genealogical research. We look up town records, search the cemeteries for family stones, take pictures of grave-stones, transport people from out-of-state to various sites and write numerous letters.

This year we have helped people from Colorado, Utah, Virginia, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Society members are also an extension of the school- we are regularly asked for information on Milton's past.

School St. students had two major projects on which they interviewed members this year.

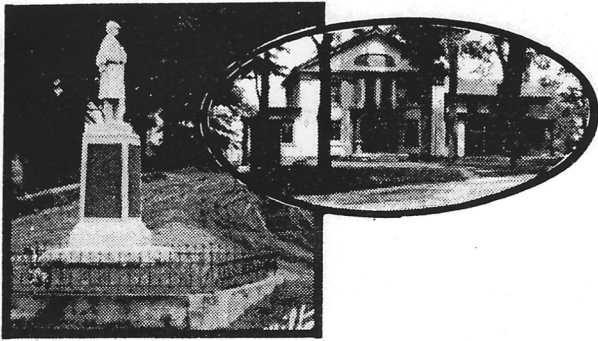
We were honored on two separate occasions- the Quest team invited us to a "celebration on the publication" of their book. This book is a collection of memories of events in Milton's past.

In June we were again invited to School St. to celebrate the district's acceptance on the World Wide Web site. Several Milton residents had been interviewed and video-taped for this project.

For several years we have sponsored a Vermont History Contest for the Fourth Grade. At our May meeting we honored about 75 students with certificates, a book for each one and a book for the School Library.

We took part in the July 4 parade with a float commemorating the 75th anniversary of the inauguration of Calvin Coolidge as president. The president of the society was the Grand Marshal.

We have joined with the St. Albans Historical Society for a cruise on Lake Champlain visiting historic sites such as Valcour Island, etc.; a presentation on Abraham Lincoln; and one on the Underground Railroad.



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We hosted the Colchester Historical Society for a talk by Mike Coates, Mount Independence, "the only fortified military installation in Vermont during the Revolutionary War".

We will be visiting Colchester in November to hear "This is the Awful Mess I Ever Was In", (Women in Waiting in the Westward Movement).

Some members were guests of Georgia Historical Society for a House Tour.

Home meetings have included a July picnic, Don DeVarney on the history of Checkerberry and we will have a Christmas party.

We meet the first Wednesday of the month except Jan.-Mar., usually at 7:30 P.M. at the American Legion Hall. Our membership dues are Individual-\$5.00, Family- \$7.50.

We invite you to join us- programs are available or you may call Gwen Brown-893-2267 or Jane FitzGerald-893-2340.

We are working on possible sites for the Milton Museum and hope to make a decision in the near future.

We are looking forward to 1999 and invite everyone to help us make it a successful year.

Gwen Brown, Pres.