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Parker Block - 3 South Main Street A Town Staple

by Margaret Moreland

In 1899, John A. Parker, owner of a “tenement” on Randall Street, purchased property on the corner of Main and Elm Streets from T.B. Crossett and A.W. and Russell Davis for \$1,150. He bought 35 acres of timber land from Mrs. C.R. Town for \$400, for lumber for his new two-story building. He planned three stores in the basement and apartments on the second floor. The *Waterbury Record* thought that “will add greatly to the appearance of the place.”

The first occupants of the **Parker Block** were J.S. Batchelder, of **People’s Publishing Company**, Philadelphia, **Mrs. R.M. Ruggles**, for ladies’ fashions, **F.H. Lyford**, a purveyor of ladies’ corsets, underwear, wrappers, and shoes, **Waterman’s Bakery**, and **O.L. Ayers’** hardware store.

There were five bakeries before 1918. **Waterman’s** followed by **Palmer’s**, that sold to R.F. Knowles, who sold to L.H. Smith, followed by **Picard’s Bakery**. There were several businesses devoted to ladies’ fashions. Mrs. Ruggles sold “made to measure” clothes. B.E. Wallace’s **People’s Cash Store** opened in 1903, sold dry goods, boots, shoes, and gents furnishings (later expanded to include ladies), in 1939 **Pearl’s Department Store**, and **Bailey’s Department Store** in 1945.

A free **Public Reading Room** (PRR) for Waterbury’s young men opened in the Parker Block, October 1901. It contained newspapers, magazines and games, opened evenings. The PRR was immediately successful and drew the attention of the **Hypatia Club**, a women’s literary organization. They arranged to open the PRR afternoons “for the young ladies and girls of the town.” It closed in 1903, anticipating a town-supported library.

Other shops did business at Main and Elm over the years, including **Hubert’s Boot and Shoe Repair**, **C.M. Griffith’s Saddlery**, **Jesse Morse’s Barber Shop**, and **P.A. Lavelle’s Bicycle Repair Shop**, which sold new bicycles for \$18 to \$50. Pliny J. Chase, father of Stanley Chase, opened **Chase’s Art Store** in 1909, selling pictures and frames, postcards, books, and stationery. Pliny J. Chase and his family lived in an apartment above the stores.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall opened a “ladies and gents café” in 1909. The first store selling groceries and meat was owned by B.A. Campbell and followed by a store, owned by C.C. Holmes, in 1915.

Daniel F. Ryder, Waterbury Village president, and wife, Virginia R. Ryder bought the corner building from John A. Palmer in 1928. C.C. Holmes eventually sold his grocery and meat market to Ed Towne, who had begun as



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Steele Community Room
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a clerk in the market and changed the name to **Towne’s Market**. Simon Grenadier and Murray Schwartz of New York City opened the **Waterbury Variety Store**, where nothing cost over one dollar or under five cents. **Levin’s Army & Navy Store** and **R.C. Siebert’s Gift Shop** began doing business here, and **Donovan’s 21** was a popular restaurant on the first floor of the Ryder Block. As World War II raged, the local **Rationing Board** opened offices on the second floor and the **Red Cross** took over a former beauty shop and converted it into a center for making surgical dressings for the Armed Forces.

The Ryder Block was sold to Stephen Crossman, in 1943. In 1944, a **Victory Store** opened in the basement where payment was accepted in War Bonds or War Savings Stamps. Crossman owned the building for five years and sold to Ed Towne in 1949. At the time of sale, Towne’s Market, Donovan’s Restaurant, and Bailey’s Department Store were on the first floor. There was a basement storeroom used by O.L. Ayer’s Estate, the law offices of **R.S. Meaker** and dental offices of **Dr. Robert F. Kennedy** were on the second floor.

Ed Towne owned the building until 1955, when he sold to Mr. and Mrs. Louis

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The Waterbury Historical Society collects, researches, documents, preserves, and exhibits artifacts related to the history of Waterbury, Vermont to help others gain a deeper appreciation, education and inspiration through connections with our past.

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Postings From the President A Pause for Gratitude

As another holiday season rolls around, I find myself more grateful than ever for the volunteers who sustain Waterbury Historical Society's (WHS) operations. With our extensive collections, quarterly newsletter, regular programming, and special projects, our year has been busy. We can only claim these many successes because of the hours and hours our volunteers give to the society.

At our annual business meeting on November 18, long-time volunteers Jill Chase, Grace Sweet, Anne Imhoff, and Bill Woodruff stepped up once again to renew their terms on the Board of Directors. This year we also welcomed several new volunteers in the History Center and on the newsletter.

The newly formalized Collections Acquisition Committee has been meeting weekly for a good portion of the year to sort through hundreds of artifacts and documents waiting to be organized; duplicates have also been removed to open up storage space and reduce repeat results in digital archive searches.

Our Outreach Education Committee has begun a new oral history project with Vietnam veterans, and the Program Committee just hosted yet another well-received presentation in the Steele Community Room. We were truly delighted to have author Thea Lewis speak about notable Waterbury citizens who were laid to rest in beautiful Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington.

All I can say is, WOW. I am daily inspired by how invested our volunteers are in Waterbury's story. Whether they are able to commit two hours or 20 each month, they do so with gusto.

So I take this opportunity to say thank you to our volunteers. I celebrate you.

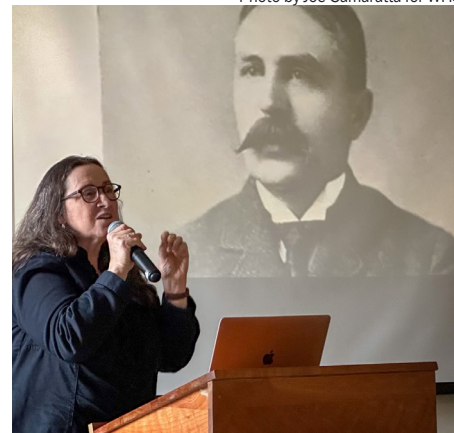
I also know that our volunteers are empowered by the financial assistance provided by our supporters in the community and beyond. Financial donations make it possible for our volunteers to pursue the work needed for WHS to thrive because they ensure that mission-critical resources are accessible.

So I take this opportunity to say thank you to our donors. I celebrate you.



CHERYL CASEY

Photo by Joe Camaratta for WHS



Author Thea Lewis presented recently at one of WHS's programs hosted throughout the year



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I hope that if you are receiving this newsletter, you are on board with helping WHS fulfill its mission—whether by donating just a few hours a month or by giving just a bit of financial support. If our very busy 2023 calendar is any indication, WHS has an important role to play in the life of the Waterbury community. We are here to serve the community and its story, from over 200 years ago to well into the future.

Simply, thank you.

Cheryl

WRECKS OF *Waterbury*

This series highlights historic accidents and concentrates on those where photographs have been located.



Photo by Mark Bushnell

A Moment of Inattention

by Brian Lindner

It was around noon on Saturday, October 20, 1906, when everything went wrong on the New England States Limited passenger train. Steam locomotive #216 was hauling seven cars northbound when passengers were suddenly thrown from their seats by the unexpected application of the emergency brakes. It should never have happened but for a few moments of inattention.

A foreman and track crew had been working near the Consolidated Lighting, Bolton Dam, siding in North Duxbury and had opened a switch to the siding. The foreman was long time trainman Martin Moran, and he supervised as the gang moved their handcart through the switch and onto the siding in anticipation of the oncoming train.

At the same time, a team of horses "had trouble" at the nearby crossing drawing Moran away in an effort to assist. Then, his crew called his attention to something else further up the track and he headed in that direction. The sound of the oncoming locomotive brought some urgency to the situation. Suddenly, the sound of the steam locomotive stopped. It was at that point Moran realized he had left the switch to the siding open.

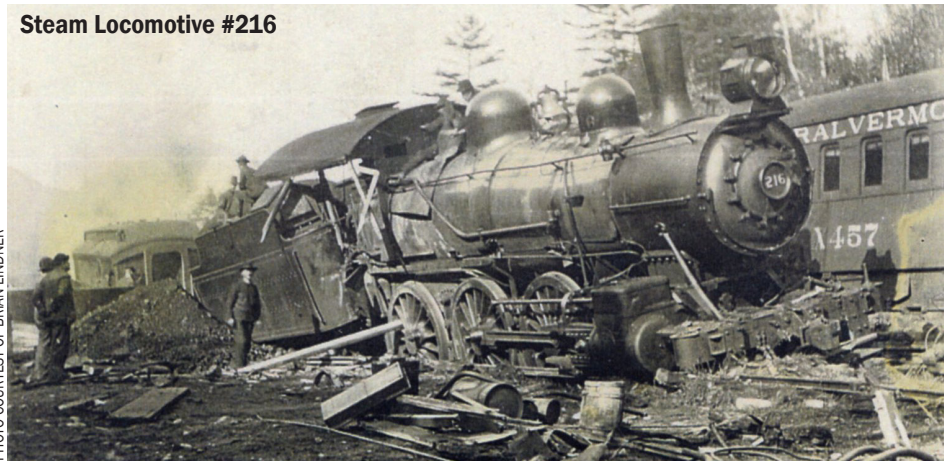


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At 40 MPH, the locomotive left the main track and began down the siding when it derailed. Passengers were tossed around while the Engineer Oscar R. Parker, and Fireman L. Bacus, jumped for their lives. Parker badly injured one arm but there were no other significant injuries. Dr. W.F. Minard treated Parker in Waterbury where he was brought via the crew's handcart. By about 24 hours later, the main line was reopened after all the wreckage had been removed and the tracks repaired.

Had the crew not jumped, they would have been killed when the engine's tender crushed the crew's cabin before coming to a stop.

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Waterbury Historical Society Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm in the Steele Community Room. Meetings are open to the public.

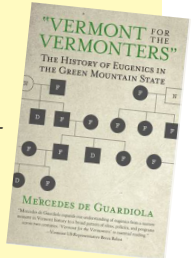
January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December - no meeting

COMING IN 2024

PROGRAM DATE AND TIME TO COME

"Vermont for the Vermonters"
The History of Eugenics in the Green Mountain State
With Author
Mercedes De Guardiola

A discussion about how the state's eugenics movement emerged out of the public policies of the nineteenth century and led to state-sanctioned programs of institutionalization, sterilization, family separation, and education aimed at the most vulnerable Vermonters.



Co-sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society, Waterbury Historical Society and Bridgeside Books

Call for participants

VIETNAM VETERANS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

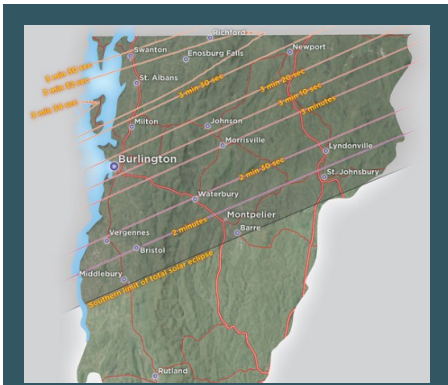
Waterbury veterans are invited to participate in our new oral history project, led by the Outreach Education Committee.

Interested in telling your story? Email us at waterburyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Thanks to Dave Couch Signs for once again helping us mark a historic flood event on Elm Street. The signs are a powerful reminder of the resilience of our community and the deep care we have for one another. Below, Dave Myers installs the third flood marker for the July 11, 2023 flood at 3 Elm Street.



Photo by Laura Parette



Total Solar Eclipse in Vermont - April 8, 2024

Start planning to view the next solar eclipse. Vermont's location within the 2024 total solar eclipse's path of totality makes it an ideal place to take in the wonder and spectacle of this natural event. Within New England, Vermont's comparatively lower levels of light pollution and wide open spaces make for great stargazing, too.

When is the Next Total Solar Eclipse?

On April 8, 2024 at 2:14 p.m., a partial solar eclipse will begin, and at **3:26 p.m.**, a **total eclipse** will darken the daytime sky, lasting about 3 minutes. The phenomenon will continue as a partial eclipse until 4:37 p.m.

Here Comes the Sun...and the Darkness

by Margaret Moreland

On August 30, 1932, WDEV aired a talk by Prof. C.V. Woodbury, head of the astronomical department at Norwich University, in which he described the different phases of the solar eclipse expected in Vermont the following day. It was reported to be “one of the best ... given from the Waterbury station,” causing considerable comment ... as to the value ... to radio listeners who were anxious to intelligently follow the progress of the eclipse.” Unfortunately, Waterbury was not in the direct path and those who wished to see the eclipse had to travel as far as the Northeast Kingdom. Professor Woodbury planned to view the eclipse from St. Johnsbury. One man from Waitsfield took a group of boys from Waitsfield, through Fayston, and up to Camel’s Hump to camp overnight on the Long Trail and view the eclipse the following day.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PLAISTOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Happily, Waterbury residents will not have to travel to see the next total eclipse in Vermont on April 8, 2024. The town is right on the narrow path of totality where, if clouds do not interfere, the eclipse will be fully visible for two minutes and 30 seconds beginning around 3:30 p.m. with a “ring of fire” around its perimeter. Also, those viewing the eclipse will not have to go to the extremes necessary in 1932 to protect their eyes. One woman from West Glover, who was eight years old in 1932, recalled: “We put smoke on our glasses by holding them over the woodstove.” The Boston Society of Natural History established a “behavior” committee to survey animals’ reactions to the eclipse and hundreds of astronomers from all over the world descended on Vermont with a million dollars of equipment.

Thousands of visitors arrived in Vermont and “the profits ... in prospect” were viewed as “sufficient to qualify the rare celestial spectacle as one of the 1932 comebacks from the depression.” This year, it is expected that between 50,000 and 200,000 tourists will be arriving to view the total eclipse.

WHS Co-Sponsors Ceremony to Honor Edward Farrar

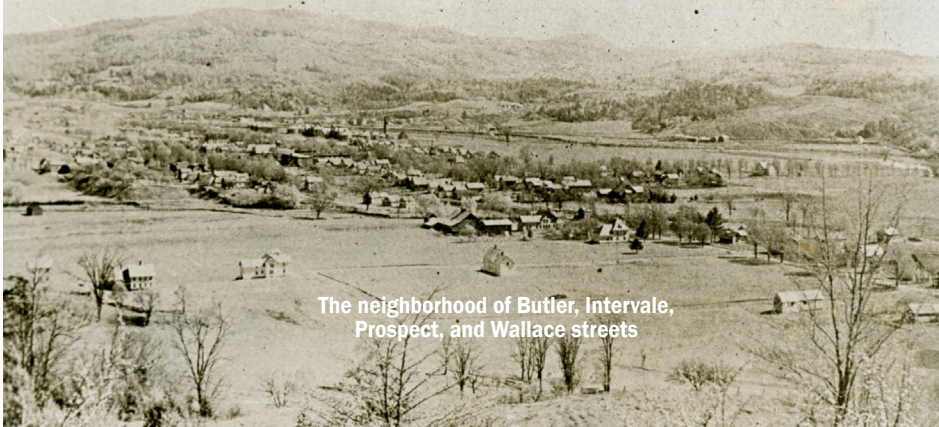
by Cheryl Casey

Note: The [original, extended version of this story](#) first posted to the *Waterbury Roundabout* on October 21, 2023.

The commissioners of the Edward Farrar Utility District and representatives of the Waterbury Historical Society (WHS) gathered in Hope Cemetery on October 14 to honor the utility district’s namesake.

As part of the ceremony, commissioners unveiled a special plaque affixed to the back of Farrar’s gravestone, detailing his extensive public service to the Village during the late 19th century.

This 1901 photo from the WHS archives shows the earliest homes in the neighborhood known as “Farrar’s Addition”



The neighborhood of Butler, Intervale, Prospect, and Wallace streets

Commission Chair P. Howard “Skip” Flanders, who also chairs the WHS Program Committee, led the program and opened with a summary of Farrar’s life and service. Born in Moretown in 1844, Farrar moved to Waterbury with his wife Eva (Hasseltine) and son John in 1880. At the first Village meeting in 1882 under the new charter, Farrar was elected as a Fire Warden.

“Edward was a lifelong public-minded citizen,” Flanders said, “and from that time forward [he] was often elected to multiple positions serving his community.”

One of those positions was Water Commissioner, to which he was elected by acclamation at the 1903 Village meeting. A year and a half later, on Oct. 13, 1904, Farrar was supervising a sewer project at the head of Elm Street when the trench he was standing in collapsed. Farrar was almost immediately trapped, and despite nearby workers pulling him out within a matter of minutes, “he was beyond medical aid, his lungs and chest being crushed in. He gasped twice after being taken out, and died,” reported the *Waterbury Record* newspaper at the time.

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Along with his many public service roles, including Village President at the time of his death, Farrar was also a developer, and the neighborhood of Butler, Intervale, Prospect, and Wallace streets are known as Farrar's Addition. The 30 acres, formerly part of Gov. Ezra Butler's farm, were subdivided into 47 lots and the neighborhood was formally incorporated into the Village in 1902.

At the Village Meeting in 1905, *Waterbury Record* publisher Harry Whitehill introduced a resolution which was approved by voters and is now engraved on Farrar's plaque:

Whereas, we believe that the long, faithful and correspondingly efficient service of the late Village President and Water Commissioner, Mr. Edward Farrar, deserves an expression of recognition.

Therefore be it resolved that the voters of the Village of Waterbury hereby express their appreciation of Edward Farrar as a worthy citizen, faithful official and an honest man. Geniality, integrity and industry were striking elements in his character.

Further be it resolved that this resolution be subscribed on the Village records and a copy be given to members of his family.



Photo by Cheryl Casey

EFUD Commissioner P. Howard "Skip" Flanders and Public Works Director Bill Woodruff unveil Farrar's plaque

Flanders said he came across Farrar's story in 1995 while researching the Village water system. When the Village municipality was dissolved and the utility district established in 2018, the commissioners, including Flanders, chose to name the district after Farrar.

But the name alone could not begin to cover Farrar's service to Waterbury, Flanders explained. So the commissioners decided that having a plaque on Farrar's grave marker would be appropriate. "[We] wanted to do something to recognize Edward's service and sacrifice so that it would not be lost to history," he said.

The ceremony took place 119 years and one day after Farrar met his tragic end.

Meet The

HISTORY KEEPERS

History is both about the past and happening right now – and right now there is a group of dedicated people who work to collect, preserve, and share Waterbury's vibrant history for future generations. Waterbury Historical Society (WHS) would like our readers and members to meet these wonderful folks and learn more about what draws them to the Waterbury story. Each issue of Preservation News will highlight a board member, a volunteer, or a staff member.

Name: Grace Waldo Sweet
Career: Elementary school teacher
Role with WHS: Secretary of the Board
Years lived in Waterbury: 44

Waterbury Historical Society (WHS): Did you choose Waterbury or did it choose you?

Grace Waldo Sweet (GWS): I think it was destiny. I was waitressing at Twist O' Hill in Richmond when I met Tom, my future husband. He came to Twist O' Hill several times that summer to see his grandmother who happened to be working there. She invited me to visit her at her home later that year.

Years later my mother told me that she had relatives from Waterbury Center, the Newcombs. One of the early settlers was Asaph Allen, followed by his son, Eliakim Allen. Eliakim married Deborah Godfrey from Stowe. One of their daughters was Climena who married Persons Lyon. They had four children. After he died, she married Alexander Ferguson. They had four children, the youngest of whom was Julius Morton Ferguson who married Ada Canfield. They had two children, Leslie and my grandmother, Grace. The Allen window in the Waterbury Center Community Church is named for my ancestors. So, a very big circle.

WHS: What about Waterbury keeps you here?

GWS: We raised our family here and we own Tom's family's farm where we make hay which we sell, mostly to people who own horses. Waterbury is home.

WHS: What is your connection to WHS?

GWS: I am the secretary for the Board.



WHS: What about history interests you most?

GWS: The connections and threads.

WHS: If you could go back in time, what historical event would you want to see?

GWS: The gathering in Washington D.C. when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech.

WHS: What's the one-word people who know you best would use to describe you?

GWS: Kind.

WHS: If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

GWS: To make peace.

WHS: As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

GWS: A teacher.

WHS: Are you a hunter or gatherer?

GWS: A gatherer or at least a keeper.

WHS: What would you like to see for the future of WHS?

GWS: More involvement with kids and younger people.

WHS RUNS ON VOLUNTEERS

Go to waterburyhistoricalsociety.org/volunteer for descriptions of different ways you can be involved

FOUND!**IN THE COLLECTION**

by Michael Maloney, Collections Manager

In the last few months, a group of four dedicated volunteers and I have taken on the daunting task of assessing the 6,000+ paper and photographic records in our vertical files. Our goal is to remove duplicate materials and photocopies of originals easily found in other historical repositories, and to determine what materials still need to be cataloged. I found a record still in need of a catalog entry that I thought worth sharing with our community. A set of seven advertisements published in the months following the 1927 flood here in Waterbury. I found their approaches to advertising their return to operation after the flood to be fascinating, and perhaps some will remind you of Waterbury's response to more recent crises.

Some businesses in this set of advertisements seek to maintain a sense of normalcy. The **Yellow Bus Line** ran by F.A. Jewett & Son advertise a temporary change in routes "in effect January 23, 1928" with no mention of the flood. **The Sheple Coal Co.** similarly advertises its three sizes of anthracite coal, available "for distribution NOW" with no mention of a crisis.

Other businesses do their best to acknowledge the circumstances, but advertise a similar kind of stability. **Brisbin's Drug Store** says "We have them again" about their flashlights, batteries, bulbs, and broad selection of cigarettes.

The Wallace Store proclaims "We Are!" when asking if the community is ready for snow, rain and slush, then informs people that they finally received their delayed line of heavy underwear and Ball Band footwear for the "hundreds of workmen in our midst." Perhaps an acknowledgement of the national guard in Waterbury after the '27 flood.

Other businesses take a more direct approach, advertising their wares as the solution to the destruction caused by the flood. **The Demeritt Company's** ad reads "We have received, since the flood, a new stock of hardwood flooring and other inside finish." **Luce & Leland** take a similar approach. Their ad says "After the flood we must work to get our homes back to normal in the quickest possible time" and then lists out the paints and varnishes available.

Today we live in a world rife with advertisements of all kinds. In a way it is charming to look back nearly a century and see what advertisements were like. Some seem quite familiar, while others show us how businesses have changed their tactics over the decades. Regardless, it is wonderful to look back and see that Waterbury's sense of community and stability has not changed.

YELLOW BUS LINE
In Effect January, 23 1928, until Further Notice
Leave Waterbury for Burlington and points north:
8:40 a. m., 1:10 p. m., 4:40 p. m.
9:10 a. m., 5:10 p. m.
Sunday
Leave Waterbury for Montpelier and points south:
9:00 a. m., 2:45 p. m., 5:30 p. m.
Sunday 9:00 a. m., 5:50 p. m.
Special Cars for Special Trips Everywhere or Any Time at a Low Price

F. A. JEWETT & SON
Tel. 119-2

The Celebrated **LACKAWANNA** Anthracite
In the following sizes
Egg Stove Nut
Available for Distribution NOW
The SHEPLE COAL CO.
Frank H. Stone Phone 77-2 Waterbury, Vt.

WE HAVE THEM AGAIN
Flash Lights, Batteries and Bulbs
Camels, Luckys, Chesterfields
25c and 50c Stationery
Aspirin, Cold Tablets, Cough Syrup
BRISBIN'S DRUG STORE
Telephone 158
Christmas Cards, Booklets and Gifts now on display

**Snow, Rain and Slush
ARE HERE**
Are You Ready? We Are!
The delayed line of Heavy Underwear and Ball Band Footwear for the hundreds of workmen in our midst are in our store today ready for you at prices that no workmen need go without.
Plenty Outing Robes, Night Shirts, Heavy Hose, Blankets, etc.
Little Boys' Suits, 3 to 8 years, in wool and tweed goods, Toques, Caps.
Beddings, Sheets, Pillow Slips, Spreads and hundreds of other goods on our shelves.

The Wallace Store

AFTER THE FLOOD
We must work to get our homes back to normal in the quickest possible time.
We Have In Stock
"U-KAL-O" Wall Coating
Ready for use when mixed with cold water. In all good tints, also white.
DuPonts'
Outside Paint
Flat Wall Paint (inside paint)
Floor Paint
Inside and Outside Varnish
Old English Oil for Floors
"Johnson's" Wax, with polisher
Floor-crack Filler, for hardwood floors
Shellac
Turpentine
Raw and Boiled Linseed Oil
Enamel for Sinks and Bath Tubs
"Ducco" in every shade to make your damaged furniture like new.
Apply with a brush --- dry in an hour

LUCE & LELAND
WATERBURY VERMONT

JUST IN
We have received, since the flood, a new stock of hard wood flooring and other inside finish and are now in position to give prompt deliveries and take care of our customers as usual.

The Demeritt Company
WATERBURY, VERMONT

Criteria for Donating Items to the WHS Collection

The WHS is primarily looking for materials that have origins in Waterbury or tell the story of the people or history of Waterbury. If you are looking for direction on what to keep and what may be more worthwhile to donate to other organizations, please consider our criteria below.

Items WHS may be interested in collecting:

- Photographs (with individuals identified)
- Handwritten notes, letters, or diaries
- Objects made in Waterbury by members of the community

Items WHS are likely not looking to add:

- Mass produced materials
- Antiques, furniture, tools, or dishware not made by an industry in Waterbury
- Book collections that could be found in libraries

Questions? Contact Mike:
WaterburyCollectionsManager@gmail.com

COLLECTION MANAGER'S HOURS**Monday: 8:00-12:00****Tuesday: 8:30-4:30****Friday: 8:30-4:30**

Research assistance, access to WHS archival materials and History Center tours by appointment.

Contact Mike:
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Bailey. They were the owners of Bailey's Department Store and planned to extend their store into the space vacated by Towne's Market.

Donovan's 21 had a number of owners over the years. In 1960, he sold to Mr. and Mrs. Lanyard Benoit of Duxbury who redecorated and opened as **Benoit's Diner**. Other businesses came and went in that space and, in 1982, **3 South** bar opened. The owners were John and Val Vincent and Arie Rothenberg.

Bailey's Department Store was taken over, remodeled, and opened by Conception Conti as **Conti's Appliance and Furniture Store** in 1963. A large electrical fire on Columbus Day, 1981, destroyed the building. Undefeated, Conti and his wife put "every penny that [they] had" into rebuilding, for their son Andy who passed up college to work at the store. The next year, Andy took over from his parents. Conti's remained a fixture at the corner of South Main and Elm for 48 years until 2008 when Conti sold the property to Jeffrey Larkin, his former tenant.

3 South operated for seven years, until



Andy Conti (L) with his father Conception (R) outside of Conti's Appliance

it was sold to Larkin in 1990. **Arvad's Spirits & Light Fare**, a Hebrew word describing exiles, voyager, and wanderers opened. In 2008, **Environmental Compliance Services**, a regulation adherence firm, moved into the top floor of what was still called the **Conti Block**, bringing 10 new employees to Waterbury. Arvad's continued to thrive, despite hard economic times. The greatest disaster to hit Waterbury since the 1927 flood, Tropical Storm Irene, devastated the village in 2011. The Conti Block and many of its businesses sustained a great deal of damage. Arvad's, at a slightly higher elevation, escaped the storm's full impact. Five feet of water poured into the basement, sinking six furnaces and destroying \$20,000 in food and beverage. Upstairs, some offices, a keg cooler and a walk-in freezer also flooded. Larkin estimated that Arvad's had \$100,000 in losses. However, it reopened after five days. **Garfield's Hairdressing**, which moved to 1 Elm Street in 2008, was closed for one week. On Elm Street, **Memory Lane Scrapbooking** was forced to relocate and later closed. Although not affected by floodwater, **Sweet Tooth's Candy and Gifts** closed six months later, after the State Office Complex was closed and 1,500 workers were relocated.

As Waterbury recovered in 2012, John C. Kirby opened **Green Mountain Coins and Estate Jewelry** next to Arvad's. In 2019, after operating as **Allium** for a short period, Arvad's prime location passed to David Nelson, who opened **McGilllicuddy's Irish Pub**.

Today, the historic building at the corner of South Main and Elm is home to **McGilllicuddy's Irish Pub, Pall Spera Company, BHAV Spa, Red Poppy Cakery, and The Wine Vault**.

Donations

Donations and membership renewals September 21 through October 31, 2023 are listed to the right. Donations received after November 1 will be applied against the 2024 Annual Appeal and will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.



WHS has established a secure online payment option for dues and monetary donations. You may use DonorBox, a platform that specializes in meeting the needs of nonprofit organizations, to process your payment.

- Elaine Beal
- Anthony & Janet Di Blasi
- R. Allyn & Sandra O. Lewis
- Andrea Dow Mosbacher
- Kathryn Draper Sullivan
- Gordon & Theresa Wood

Membership and Gift Form

Over 225 members support the Society's work to collect, research, document, preserve, and exhibit Waterbury's history. We invite you to become a member today!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership Type: New Renewal

Membership Levels: Individual (\$10/year) Household (\$15/year)

I would like to make a gift to the WHS in the amount of \$ _____

I would like to receive the WHS newsletter by: email USPS

Please send this form and check payable to:
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 waterburyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com



@waterburyhistoricalsocietyVT

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A Gift for Maple Street Cemetery

by Jill Chase

For years, it's been easy to pass by the cemetery on Maple Street in Waterbury Center without really noticing it. Until quite recently, what you saw when approaching was a big field with a chain link fence across it and no indication of which cemetery it was. Now the fence is gone, trees line the road and there is a beautiful stone sign directing you to the Maple Street Cemetery.

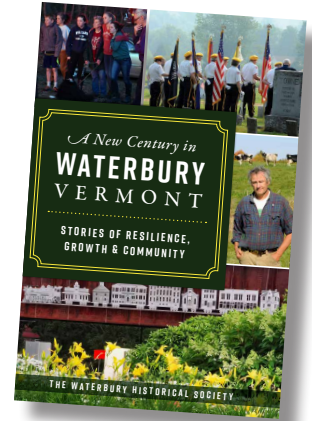
The sign is a gift from Florilla and Darrel Ames. When Mrs. Ames died in 2021 at the age of 110, her will gave a generous donation to the Waterbury Cemetery Commission. The commissioners felt that a lasting entrance sign for the cemetery where Florilla and Darrel lie would be a very fitting tribute for such an enduring local figure as Mrs. Ames.

Patrick Toporowski and his crew at Vermont Stone and Horticulture designed and built the sign and the 20'x2' Ticonderoga stone wall, capped with Woodbury grey granite, which was completed in August of 2023.



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