



# Lebanon Provisions

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Spring  
2013

The Lebanon Historical Society Newsletter

## Calendar of Events

All programs are open to the public

**Sunday, April 7**

2pm

**The First Baptist Church  
of Lebanon**

**Community Conversation  
& Exhibit Opening**

*The public is encouraged to attend  
this free event*

**Sunday, April 14**

2pm

**"New York to Boston:  
From Six Days to  
Six Hours"**

*Presented by Richard DeLuca*

*Signed books available for purchase*

Free to LHS members  
\$2.00 non-members

**Sunday, April 21**

2pm

**"Taverns: A Vital Part of  
Early American Life"**

*Presented by Bruce Clouette*

Free to LHS members  
\$2.00 non-members

*Lebanon Historical Society  
Outreach program held at the  
Lebanon Senior Center*

**Tuesday, April 23**

1pm

**"A Walk through Liberty Hill"**

*Without Leaving Your Chair*

Free Program

*Call to pre-register for \$3 Lunch  
860-642-3040 Lebanon Senior Center*



## Announcing the 47th Annual Meeting of the Lebanon Historical Society

*Please Join Us  
Wednesday, May 1, 2013*

*5pm - 7pm*

*for Wine & Cheese*

~ "Walk about" tour of our new storage building and Pastor's Library. A mini Power Point will be shown for those with limited walking capacity

~ Business Meeting followed by

~ Wine & Cheese



**The Nominating Committee presents the following nominees  
for Board vacancies to be presented at the  
2013 Annual Business Meeting.**

**Trustees-Chairmen of Standing Committees or at-large**

**Community Events:** Keith LaPorte 2013-2015

**Finance:** Connie Berglund 2013-2015

**Historic Buildings:** Kirsten Westbrook 2013-2015

**Membership and Development:** Mary Lou Beckwith 2013-2015

**Personnel:** Linda Heatherly 2013-2015

**Program:** Suzanne Yeo 2013-2015

**At-Large:** Rick Kane 2013-2015

**The mission  
of the  
Lebanon Historical  
Society**

*To encourage a sense  
of community, the  
Lebanon Historical  
Society connects  
residents and visitors  
with the people, places,  
objects and stories  
of the Town's past.*

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## From the President

### Glenn Pianka

Spring is here-----at least that's what the calendar says. The weatherman keeps making reports like it's still February---doesn't he look at the calendar? When the sunshine finally melts away the snow I always get concerned as to what we will find that winter has left behind---- the driveway dirt that is now on the lawn, edgings or chunks of lawn that are disrupted by the snowplows, and residual sand on the paved walks and driveways. Well we wished for Spring.....now deal with it !!! Actually, we fared very well through the short daylight season here at the museum complex. A few hours of rake and broom work and we can set things back in perfect order. The only real concern was a power "brown-out" condition that took place in the museum building one Monday in February which was finally tracked down to a transformer problem on one of the poles nearby.

Thanks to a good programming schedule we were able to postpone a couple of scheduled events due to inclement weather. We are once again in the budgeting season and the board has been working diligently to establish priorities, highly scrutinize associated costs, while still maintaining an eye on our long term goals and objectives, of which, I am proud to say that we are still on course.

It seems that every day or two Alicia Lamb calls me to tell me about another number of Annual Appeal thank you letters that I need to sign. The regular and consistent donations of our members and friends inspires all of us to create the very best cultural repository that we can. Your support tells us that we are.

When I became a member of the Society some years ago, one of the events that I always enjoyed was the annual meeting and the associated potluck supper. I love tradition and that's probably why I love history so much. This year we plan to change the format of the annual meeting from a potluck supper to a wine and cheese event. Yes, we have decided to change tradition.... so we'll be making some new history. The attire ????. Come as you are. The menu???? Wine and cheese provided. How's that for blending the old with the new ???

I hope to see **more** of you **more** this year. Thanks for all that you do.

*Happy Spring!*

## Second Saturday Free Family Fun

**Saturday,  
June 8  
From  
10am to 3pm**

*Bring the kids,*



*take a turn & join in the fun*



*or come along for the ride!*



# Director's Message

**Donna Baron**

Members are the heart and soul of the Lebanon Historical Society. Without your support and participation, we could not begin to fulfill our mission of connecting residents and visitors with the people, places, objects and stories of Lebanon's past. The Society depends on our members as volunteers and as audience. You are also our most important donors and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Over the winter, the Membership Committee and the Board have been discussing ways in which we can better serve our members. We want to be sure that we provide all the services and benefits that you want and need. The Society also wants to encourage everyone, young and not-so-young, to join and participate. In order to accomplish this, new membership categories and fees will go into effect for renewals and new memberships as of May 1, 2013 (the beginning of the Society's new fiscal year).

Membership category	Annual membership fee
Student	\$10
Individual Senior	\$15
Senior Couple	\$25
Individual	\$20
Family	\$35
Bronze Benefactor	\$50
Silver Benefactor	\$100
Gold Benefactor	\$250
Platinum Benefactor	\$500

New levels of membership include "student" for anyone who is in school and "senior couple." The "family" membership is for any single household of any combination of people.

As Lebanon Historical Society members, you are part of a dynamic community organization devoted to preservation and education. Your members' dues help support programming for school groups, youths and adults, as well as the research and installation of new exhibits and the maintenance of our museum and historic buildings.

In addition, all members receive copies of our quarterly newsletter which is filled with information about local history and Society activities. Membership also provides advanced notice and registration options for programs, access to our research and genealogical resources and a discount in our museum shop. Members at the Platinum Benefactor level may choose to have their names included on an annually updated recognition plaque.

WELCOME  
TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

~ Family ~  
Paul Trubey  
of Lebanon

~ Individual ~  
Robert Zambarano  
of Lebanon

## History Trivia Answer:

*Lebanon first won recognition in the dairy industry at the Rhode Island State Fair in 1889 when a first prize was awarded for butter produced at the Lebanon Creamery. Four years later a gold medal was awarded at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893.*

*The Lebanon Creamery was organized in 1884 by Jabez Manning, with his grandson, Myron Manning as butter maker. In 1885 land and a building were purchased on what is now Route 207, just east of the Lebanon Elementary School.*

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## Museum Hours:

Wed. thru Sat.  
12pm to 4pm

**Library & Research  
Center** by appointment.

## Bread for the French troops

By Alicia Wayland

The historical marker on a boulder on the town green opposite the historical society Museum marks the site of the ovens and bake house built for the cavalry unit of the Duc de Lauzun's Legion that camped in Lebanon from November 1780 to June 1781.

An amateur archaeology dig in the mound on the green, long considered the site of the ovens, was conducted in 1896 by Dr. Charles Sweet, the well-

the surface.”

Sweet kept some of the few whole bricks found and Rogers presented a couple to the New London County Historical Society. According to the newspaper article, it was Rogers who suggested the dig and paid the expenses while Dr. Sweet proposed having the complete foundations dug up and exposed to view. So far as is known, this was the first and only excavation at the site.

The French oven plaque is one of five historical markers erected in Lebanon at several different locations on October 8, 1932, during the state's celebration of the bicentennial of George Washington's birth on the green. At the suggestion of Ernest Rogers, the plaque was donated by Dr. Henry Sweet of Hartford, a son of Dr. Charles Sweet, who grew up in the house across from the site.

The text on the plaque, all in capital letters, reads as follows (capitals lowercased): “Site of/’The French Oven’/Used by the

French Hussars of the/Duke de Lauzun who were encamped/on Lebanon Green from December 1, 1780/ to June 23, 1781.

It also Served the Five Regiments of Bourbonnois Under Count/ Rochambeau June 1781.”

The dates of the encampment are incorrect. The Legion arrived in Lebanon on November 20, 1780, sent here by General Rochambeau because

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A special thanks to Howard Wayland  
A long time,  
behind the scenes,  
dedicated volunteer.  
Our apologies for  
omitting his name  
in our list of  
In-Kind Donations  
along with that of Ben  
Baron who is a willing  
on-call volunteer



Historical marker indicating the site of the ovens on the Lebanon green

known bonesetter whose house is next door to the LHS Museum, his son-in-law, Nathaniel C. Barker, and Ernest E. Rogers, secretary of the Nathan Hale branch, S.A.R., of New London. According to an article published in the *Norwich Bulletin* on August 19, 1896, these three men supervised the excavating, which began early in the morning, and in a few hours “brick and masonry were discovered near

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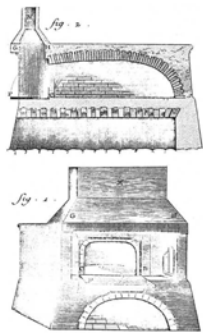
of the high price of forage for the horses in Rhode Island. The Legion left Lebanon on June 21, 1781, marching as the left flank of the main French army as it marched across Connecticut to rendezvous with Washington on the Hudson River. The four regiments that served under General Rochambeau were the Bourbonnais, Saintonge, Soissonais and Royal Deux-Ponts along with the troops in Lauzun's Legion.

The troops did not camp on the green. About 225 cavalrymen lived in barracks built in the fields west of the green that were part of Governor Jonathan Trumbull's farm. The barracks were erected by David Trumbull, son of the governor, who was the commissary for the Legion during its stay in Lebanon.

David Trumbull's accounts show payments for the "Bake House" as well as a slaughter house and a guard house. The "Bake House" would have included an oven or ovens, wooden bins for storing flour, at least one trough for making dough, paddles to move bread into the oven, and a work table.

The site has been designated by the Connecticut Historical Commission as one of only three sites on the entire Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route through Connecticut that is worthy of a professional archaeological dig. The barracks site on the former Governor Trumbull farm is another.

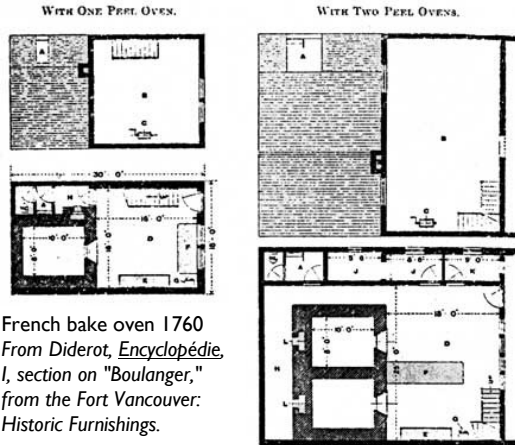
Contrary to a widely published story, the French army's march did not include a three-week encampment on the green.



#### REFERENCES.

- A. Open Yard.
- B. Flour Store.
- C. Sifter and Shoot.
- D. Bakehouse.
- E. Dough Trough.
- F. Moulding Table.
- G. Tempering Tank.
- H. Stoke-hole.
- J. Confectionery and Store
- K. Office.
- L. Furnaces.

#### PLANS OF BAKEHOUSES.



French bake oven 1760  
From Diderot, *Encyclopédie*,  
I, section on "Boulangier,"  
from the Fort Vancouver:  
Historic Furnishings.  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

The French army marched in relays, each regiment separated by a day's march because of the huge numbers of soldiers, food and baggage carts, and horses and oxen that had to be accommodated at the campsites across the state. The army's route from its Windham campsite to its next campsite in Bolton went directly over the old road to Columbia, which was then the northern section of Lebanon, and bypassed the green altogether.

Only half of Lauzun's Legion had wintered over in Lebanon. The others had remained in Newport to provide courier and guard services. These Legionnaires joined the group in Lebanon in early June, and their arrival may have become embellished into the "French army."

*If you are interested in the route the French army took during the Revolutionary War the Historical Society has copies of a map called the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in Connecticut: Connecticut's First National Historic Trail.*

## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, May 1**  
**Annual Meeting of the Lebanon Historical Society Membership**  
5pm to 7pm  
Wine and Cheese Reception

**Sunday, June 2**  
**Revolutionary Tastings**  
12pm to 4pm  
Self-guided walk to the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull House and Wadsworth Stable, Beaumont Homestead, War Office and Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House and sampling of Revolutionary War period food.

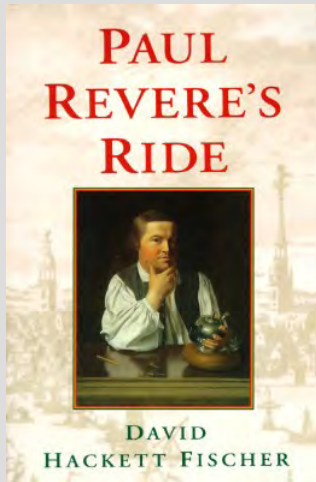
**Saturday, June 8**  
10am to 3pm  
**"Second Saturday" Free Family Fun Day**  
Crafting demonstrations, antique car rides, Hot dogs, hamburgers & drinks will be sold.

**Saturday, July 20**  
5pm to 8pm  
**"An Evening at the Museum"**  
Wine & Beer Tasting  
Light Fare & Silent Auction  
*By invitation - Tickets required*

**Saturday, Sept. 28**  
9am to 3pm  
**"Annual Outdoor Antiques Show"**  
\$5 admission

## *A Good Read* **Paul Revere's Ride**

Written by  
David Hackett Fischer



### **Review written by Dennis E. Guillemette**

Master storyteller and historian David Hackett Fischer gives an excellent account of the Lexington alarm and the events leading up to them. It centers on patriot Paul Revere and the British General Thomas Gage. Gage's orders defined the fatal choices of the British crown and military, and Revere's excellent organizational skills set the alarm in motion.

British plans to capture the powder stores were well known; what was not known was if they would travel across Boston Neck by land or across the Back Bay to Cambridge by boat.

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## **Annual Committee Reports**

**Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jim Mello, Chair** Here is the summation of what happened this past year. The chimney in the main building has been sealed for leaks, a false ceiling has been installed in the area outside Alicia's office, toilet repairs have been completed, the walkway to the Pastor's Library has been completed (thanks to the volunteer efforts of a local craftsman), the additional storage "red shed" has been completed, two windows have been installed in the MPR to replace the older single window, the large windows on the south side of the main building have been made water tight, electric wiring of the "red shed" and Pastor's Library has been completed, the painting of the Pastor's Library exterior was completed, power washing of the north side of the main building has been done and on-going repairs to the front stone wall are in process. Yearly cleanup of the patio area and storage of tables and chairs could not have been completed without the efforts of our tireless group of volunteers. "THANKS!"

**Collections Committee: Dan Moore, Chair** The collections committee consisting of Brian Bartizek, Marty Kendall, Alicia Wayland, Emil Pocock, Harry Eck and Glenn Pianka met with me three times last year to review materials offered as donations to the museum's collections. The generosity of Lebanon residents, former residents and the descendants of residents is very much appreciated. Those of you who braved the icy New England winter for the Christmas Tree Lighting were treated to the Buckingham/Pastor's Library all decked out in 1870's finery. Your collections committee took their cue from the documented inventory of what we knew was there; however, we will continue to look for objects to fit new furnishing plans for both the Pastor's Library and Beaumont House. There are some new apple trees growing in a greenhouse that were grafted from cuttings from the old apple the Beaumont House original site as well as the current site at Trumbull house. Looking ahead we hope to add to our agricultural collections as we develop a new exhibit about farming in Lebanon.

**Community Events Committee: Keith LaPorte, Chair** The zip code 06249 is how you can find Lebanon, CT, incorporated in 1700. Staid, reserved and unassuming could be the words to describe something moving forward to its quadricentennial. Youth groups and senior organizations that thrive with vigor and vitality mesh with the Historical Society. They bring together functions that have become part of an anticipated tradition, a key goal of the community events committee. The Lebanon Historical Society calendar of events is never ending and far reaching, with an understanding of "to know where we are going, we need to know where we have been." A shared collegiality echoes through all of these efforts. When participating in the enjoyment of ....Second Saturday, the Memorial Day Parade, *An Evening at the Museum*, the Antiques Show or the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, a sense of authenticity is felt. Within this aura the accuracy of definitive words seem apparent: order, aspiration and .....priceless.

**Exhibition Committee: Marianne Freschlin, Chair** This past year has been an exciting one for the Museum staff and volunteers involved in planning and installing exhibits and displays. The Main Gallery has featured a look at Lebanon History through its music since the winter of 2012. The Gallery is scheduled for a complete

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makeover beginning in May of this year. The focus of the future exhibit will be on life in Lebanon and surrounding communities during the Civil War period. The new exhibit is slated to open in July of 2013 and remain in place until 2015. The Hands-on Room has received a major facelift; it is now a more colorful and engaging space for young and old alike to experience life as a soldier during the Revolutionary War. The Multipurpose Room has provided a space in which a variety of private collections and collections from the Museum's archives could be showcased. Vintage hats on loan from the Franklin Historical Society as well as souvenirs from the 1939 World's Fair were displayed previously this year. The history of Lebanon's First Baptist Church is currently featured and will close sometime this summer.

**Finance Committee: Connie Berglund, Chair** The Finance Committee, composed of three members and ex officio officers, is responsible for managing all aspects of the Society's finances. The Committee oversees the preparation, presentation for approval, and implementation of the yearly operating budget. It also assists in the annual grant application submission to the Hugh Leander Adams, Mary Trumbull Adams and Hugh Trumbull Adams Town Memorial Fund. Reports of the Society's endowment and investments are reviewed through quarterly statements and meetings with account managers, as outlined in the Lebanon Historical Society Investment Policy. The Committee and Treasurer also support the staff's implementation of the Society's Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual. Finance Committee members are committed to assisting the Society to wisely manage its income, endowment and expenditures for the long-term benefit of the Lebanon Historical Society and its community.

**Historic Buildings: Kirsten Westbrook, Chair** This newly formed committee is responsible for the Beaumont House, Pastor's Library, Broom Shop and Smoke House. Jim Mello, Rick Kane, Glenn Pianka, Brian Bartizek and I have met with Donna Baron to look at the guidelines provided by StEPS-CT for Historic Structures and Landscapes. Committee and staff are working on modifying these guidelines to fit our particular needs. In the coming months, we will use the StEPS process to help us as we develop preservation plans for the Broom Shop and Smoke House and furnishings and interpretive plans for the Beaumont House and Pastor's Library.

**Membership and Development: Mary Lou Beckwith, Chair** With the very efficient staff at LHS (thanks, Donna, Gracie & Alicia) the Membership Committee, charged with overseeing membership renewals, soliciting new members, and recommending membership categories and dues, has been busy reviewing, revising and up-dating all. Changes have been suggested for membership categories and their related fees, and revisions to LHS mailing/fliers are in the works. Discussions have also included incorporating "Business Partners" and what benefits the LHS might offer them. Committee members continue to assess membership growth and are developing a plan and materials to regain lapsed members and ways to recruit new members, which will add to the nearly 200 present members of the Society. The Committee encourages any and all to spread the word about the LHS. Do you know of anyone who might like to collect, preserve and teach about our wonderful community called Lebanon? Please encourage them to join and support the on-going-hard-work to preserve Lebanon's history.

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Thus came into use the legendary phrase "one if by land two if by sea," referring to the number of lanterns to be placed in the steeple window in the North Church.

Once the alarm begins, the reader will follow Revere on his borrowed horse.

Despite his almost immediate capture, he manages to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams whose arrest was ordered by Parliament.

Thanks to Revere more than 60 men and women were involved in the same mission.

This book gives great descriptions of the stand by the Lexington militia and the Regulars (the term for British soldiers) bloody march back to Boston.

Many vivid details of the morning of April 19, 1775 are woven into an exciting story; some legend, some eyewitness accounts.

This is a must read for anyone with an interest in our history or a good story.



Invitations to  
**An Evening  
at the Museum**  
will be mailed on or near  
the first week of June.

We request your  
response by July 10.

If you haven't received  
your invitation by  
June 15, please call the  
museum at  
860-642-6579.

If you would like to donate  
a gift certificate or gift  
basket to the silent auction,  
please call the museum at

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## Annual Committee Reports

**Nominating Committee: Al Vertefeulle, Chair** This year we had one vacancy to fill on the Board with the resignation of Ingrid Treiss, who chaired the Exhibits Committee. The Board elected to move Marianne Freschlin from Trustee-at Large to Chair of the Exhibits Committee. The at-large vacancy created by this move was filled by the Board with Rick Kane.

We continue to look for people interested in serving as volunteers at the museum and who, as vacancies arise, would be interested in serving as Trustees of the Lebanon Historical Society. Board members are limited to three consecutive two year terms (by-laws requirement) so there are Board vacancies to be filled each year. It has been and is a pleasure working with this hard-working Board and an outstanding Director and support staff.

**Publications Committee: Jacy Worth, Chair** The Publications Committee meets monthly to plan the content and layout for our newsletter *Provisions*, circulated quarterly. Our goal is to provide our readers with interesting and informative articles on Lebanon's Revolutionary War history as well as subjects relating to more current local history. We collaborate with our Director and staff as well as the Board of Trustees to keep you abreast of activities and exhibits at the museum. The committee always welcomes suggestions for future articles from our readers. We are also on the lookout for those interested in writing as well. In order to defer the cost of the newsletter we offer sponsorships. This past year, with the help of sponsors, we've been able to incorporate some colorful pages into the newsletter! Our newsletter is now available to members interested in receiving it via email. The Society's web site displays past issues as well. The committee also works with the museum staff in assessing literature for sale in our gift shop. I am indebted to and heartily thank my dedicated and talented committee members: Alicia Wayland, Betty Forrest, Donna Baron, Grace Sayles, Marty Kendall and Alicia Lamb. We truly appreciate those who have submitted ideas and research for articles we have published. We are very proud of our newsletter and hope that you continue to enjoy reading *Provisions*.

**Programs: Suzanne Yeo, Chair** Good programs attract people to our wonderful museum. This year we have offered a wide variety of interesting, informative and fun programs for people of all ages. Continuing with the music theme we enjoyed a delightful outside evening concert with the Quiet Corner Fiddlers, The Windham Concert Band as well as an afternoon concert with Rick Spencer. Donna continued her informative "Preserving Family Heirlooms" programs. A large group gathered to make decorative evergreen swags. Families learned about maple sugaring and got to taste "sugar on snow" in a program hosted by Lyman FFA students. A Sunday afternoon "girls tea" was a popular and successful program in March. Many other programs are planned for the Spring including a conversation with members from the Baptist Church in conjunction with the opening of their display, a talk about the history of transportation by Richard DeLuca, a talk on taverns by Bruce Clouette and an outreach program at the Senior Center. Many thanks to the members of this committee who work so well together and continue to provide exciting ideas for new programs.



# The First Baptist Church of Lebanon, 208 years and still counting

By Donna Baron

In 1802, for the third time since settlement, Lebanon residents argued about the location of the First Society meetinghouse. As one result of this disagreement, a group of residents at the north end of the Green and beyond organized as the Independent Baptist Society in 1805. Nehemiah Dodge of Middletown was called



Photo of the Baptist Church circa 1850

members' homes or in district school houses throughout the northern part of town. Funds to pay rent and provide a pastor's salary were raised through donations and "auction" of pews.

At the end of March 1841, the Independent Baptist Society voted to purchase land near the northeast corner of the Green from Joseph McCall Goodwin. This was to be the location of a new meetinghouse – the elegant Greek Revival building that still stands adjacent to the Trumbull Highway. Details of building the meetinghouse are described in a letter from Pastor Nathan Wildman (served 1838-1851) to his successor(s). The letter was placed inside the pulpit lectern and was not discovered until 1961.

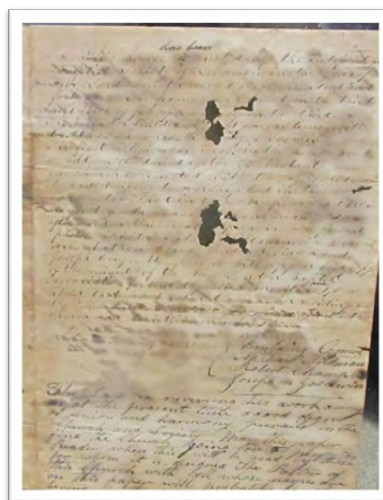
In order to have land for building horse sheds, the Independent Baptist Society obtained a 999 year lease for land behind the meeting house. "Auction" of horse stalls joined pew sales and donations as a primary source of income.

In the years leading to the Civil War, the pastors and members of the Independent Baptist Society were often active in the antislavery movement. Abolitionist speaker Abigail Kelley spoke at the Baptist Meeting House in Lebanon in 1841. Members were

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as the first pastor and during his ten years of service the church grew to about 80 members.

Members of this new society held services in the privately built and owned North Meetinghouse. Business meetings were often held in



Letter from Pastor Nathan Wildman to his successor placed in the pulpit in 1851 and discovered in 1961.

## Exhibit News

Currently on display in our meeting room is the

### **First Baptist Church of Lebanon**



***Hurry, it's almost over***

*Our popular exhibit*

***"Long Long Ago:  
Lebanon's History  
through its Music  
1800-1940"***

***Closing***

***the first week in May***



We will be working on our new Civil War exhibit,

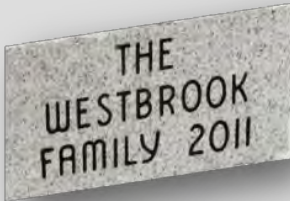
***"Always a Pleasure  
to Hear from Home."***

A July opening is planned



Work on a new farming exhibit will begin this spring with the installation of lighting in the carriage shed.

Artifacts and interpretive panels will be installed gradually over the next year.



**New or replacement granite bricks available for the memorial walkway**

Sadly, the cast concrete of our memorial bricks has not held up as well as we wanted. Some bricks have become illegible.

If families would like to replace their bricks, new gray granite bricks are available at cost, **\$44 each.**

Replacement bricks can be placed in the same location as the fading bricks or can be relocated to higher ground.

If you would like to order replacement bricks, please call the museum office at 860-642-6579.

New memorial brick orders will be filled with granite bricks for a donation of \$100 to the brick fund. Donors will still be able to select the wording for the dedication.

# From the American Antiquarian Society Archives

**THE EMANCIPATOR.**  
Vol. 1.] JONESBOROUGH, APRIL 30, 1820. [No. 1.  
EDITED AND PUBLISHED BY ELIZU EMERSE, AT \$1 PER ANNUM—IN ADVANCE.

From the correspondence of noted early 19<sup>th</sup> century anti-slavery speaker Abigail Kelley

April 12, 1841

*"Called at Deacon Mowry's\* and was almost frozen by the first glance. They are far nearer Colonization than abolition, but as it was now evening I concluded to accept because knew not how to do better than their reluctant invitation to stay the night...Next morning went to Deacon Corey's. Meeting in school house and Methodists's house at Bozrahville. Next to Lebanon Center – 3 meetings and one in Baptist's House. Deacon Robinson's family have taken the Emancipator."*



Abigail Kelley

\*Havelah Mowry: Postmaster at Bozrahville (now Gilman) post office April 16, 1834 to March 7, 1845.

Joseph Corey (1801-1875): Farmer and textile mill owner was a deacon of the Independent Baptist Society in Lebanon.

Gurdon Robinson (1783-1846): Deacon of the Independent Baptist Society in Lebanon. *The Emancipator* was an abolitionist newspaper published by William Lloyd Garrison.

## Baptist Church

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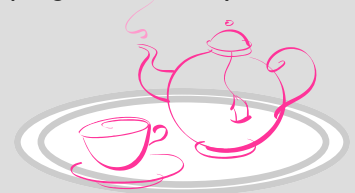
strong supporters of the Union cause throughout the War.

Through the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Baptist Society continued to grow. In the 1870s, the Ladies Benevolent Circle renovated the interior of the building with new pews and pulpit furniture which are still being used today. In 1894, the Independent Baptist Society dissolved itself and reincorporated as the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, a process which united all parts of the Baptist community in one organization. A major refurbishment of the interior took place in 1926 and a baptistery was installed in 1980.

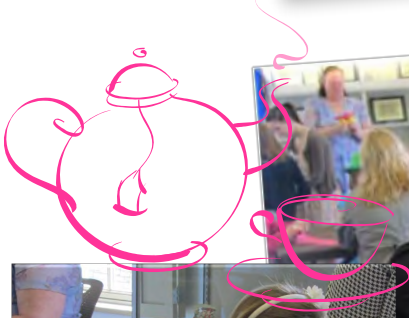
The need for a meeting room or "Conference House" was noted in Society records as early as 1859 though no real progress was made until 1907. A "cheese house" was moved from Mack Road to the rear of the church to provide "fellowship opportunities." From the first, this space became known as the "chapel." The chapel has become the "Sunday School" wing with the building of the new wing in 2011.



Our thanks to the Lebanon Regional FFA (Future Farmers of America) members: Alyna Stober, Grace Schultz, Jared Pietra, Dylan Jarvis, Shannon Pastone, Cara Habicht as well as FFA coordinator and Historical Society program committee member, Kathy Schultz, for presenting a wonderful family program on Sunday, March 3.



Our Spring Time Tea on Sunday, March 24, was a big success. Under the watchful eye of four Lyman High school volunteers, Monique Dudar, Elizabeth Peay, Emily Klein and Maddie Ouellette, tea was served, treats were enjoyed & paper flowers were created.



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