



# Lebanon Provisions

The Lebanon Historical Society Newsletter

Vol. 1 No. 4

Summer  
2009

## Calendar of Events

All our programs are open  
to the public.

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### Unlocking History's Mysteries

Summer Children's  
Programs

### Mapping the Past

**Fri. July 24**

for grades 4, 5, 6 & 7  
11am to 12pm

**Fri. July 31**

for grades 1, 2 & 3  
10am to 12pm

### Stories in Stone

**Fri. Aug. 14**

for grades 1, 2 & 3  
11am to 12pm

**Fri. Aug. 21**

for grades 4, 5, 6 & 7  
10am to 12pm

### Digging the Past

**Fri. Aug. 7**

for grades 4, 5, 6 & 7  
9:30am to 12pm

**Fri. Sept. 11**

### "After Slavery: the Clo Pratt Story"

Held at the Columbia  
Historical Society

**Sat. Sept. 26**

### 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Outdoor Antique Show

**9am-3pm - Rain or Shine**  
\$4 Admission

See *page 4* for more programs

## Connecticut's Revolutionary Road Now a National Historic Trail

Alicia Wayland

On March 30, 2009, President Obama signed into law a landmark Omnibus Public Lands and Wilderness Protection bill. The bill includes the designation of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) as a National Historic Trail (Sec. 5204).

This is the first National Historic Trail in the Northeast. It extends 658 miles from Newport, Rhode Island, to Yorktown, Virginia, and winds through nine states. The longest section of the trail in one state is the 120-mile length through Connecticut.

From Plainfield on the eastern border of the state, the modern road system roughly parallels the W3R by following Routes 14 and 6 and I-84 to Ridgefield on the west. Along the Connecticut route are a number of historical sites connected to the original W3R but none more important than Lebanon.

Lebanon had the longest Connecticut association with the French Army that landed in Newport in July 1780, two years after France entered into a Treaty of Alliance with the United States. The British blockaded Long

Island Sound, and the French army, led by comte de Rochambeau, was forced to remain in Newport to defend Rhode Island.

General George Washington, camped on the Hudson River, was critically



short of men, money and supplies, and both armies went into winter encampment.

With forage for horses in short supply, Rochambeau sent half of the Duc de Lauzun's Legion to Lebanon for the winter. The Legion was the cavalry unit

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### The mission of the Lebanon Historical Society

The mission of the Society is to preserve and to interpret all aspects of the history of Lebanon, Connecticut from its earliest inhabitants to the present day, with a special emphasis on the role of Lebanon in the American Revolution.

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## From the President

EdTollmann

I'm happy to report that the Lebanon Fire Department Exhibit is open and looks great. Maggie and our staff spent many long days getting the exhibit together. Donna, Gracie and Alicia went beyond the call of duty. Also a special thanks to Brian Bartizek and Marty Kendall. Please stop in and visit. The date for the opening reception will be announced soon.



Honoring Lebanon's Veterans Exhibit Medals

Our Memorial Day float won first place. The theme was *Sowing Seeds of History*.

The float was adorned with sunflowers and folks were invited to plant a sunflower seed in our new garden behind the stonewall. Thanks to all who helped put the float together and our staff for the great idea.



Our first *Second Saturday* event was a great success. Our museum grounds were alive with activity. Model "Ts" driving folks around the green, woodworking displays, blacksmiths, old farm engines and tractors. We even had the hearse outside for everyone to see. It was wonderful to see the entire green alive with activities. My thanks to all who helped.

Our veteran's timeline display is coming together. We're hoping that it will be completed soon. The display will be set up through Veteran's Day. A program is being planned for Veteran's Day Weekend. More details will be forthcoming.

In closing, anyone with suggestions or concerns please call me at 423-9444.

I will be happy to discuss ideas with you.



Second Saturday participants John Baron demonstrates carpentry while ??? encourages audience participation on the corn grinder



## Director's Message

Donna Baron

*Sowing seeds of history – engaging Lebanon's residents*

"There was so much going on – so many people here, that I just had to come over and see what was happening," commented one member as she explored our June Second Saturday activities. Memorial Day, Connecticut Trails Day, and June 13 brought hundreds of visitors to the Lebanon Historical Society Museum and Visitor Center. Late spring has been a great start to the summer season.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped make our spring events such a success. From planting the sunflower garden to decorating our award-winning Memorial Day float to variety of 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday activities – we could not have done what we did without our volunteers. We had a lot of fun working together and invite you to join us. We welcome your input and encourage your participation.

This summer we will again be offering a series of children's programs, some for youngsters entering grades 1-3 and others for those entering grades 4-7. Our theme is "unlocking history's mysteries." Children will explore "mapping the past", "stories in stone," and "digging the past." Each program includes hands-on activities, historical research, and crafts.

There will also be opportunities for adults to get their hands into history as well. Please share your ideas about programs or events you'd like the Historical Society to host. music, adult craft classes, genealogy how-to sessions, opportunities to chat about the past with neighbors or with experts? If you'll tell us what you'd like, we'll do our best to fulfill your wishes.

And, we need your help in planning for the future. Collections manager Sarah Griswold will be holding a series of community brain-storming sessions about how we can work together to preserve the objects that tell stories about Lebanon's past. We all share a determination protect the town's heritage. Your ideas about what to preserve and how to do this are crucial to accomplishing this goal.

Our hands-on volunteers (teachers, crafters, carpenters, and gardeners) are the best. If you have a bit of time and skill to share, please do call us. There are also committees that will function even better than they are with your participation. Standing Board committees include: Buildings and Grounds, Collections, Community Events (antique show), Education & Programs, Exhibits, Membership, and Publications. Current ad hoc committees include one for the Beaumont House and one to plan moving the Buckingham Library. New committee members are always welcome.

This is great time to become actively involved with YOUR Historical Society. We're moving forward towards new ways of remembering the past.



Above: Children loved planting seeds for our Sowing seeds of history sunflower garden

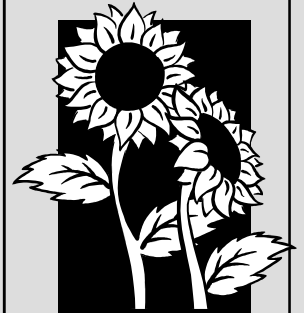


Right: Thanks to Volunteer Joel Shaw our painted cows are mended and are now standing on their own!



More Second Saturday participants  
From the Model T Club

## Sowing the seeds of history...



**One member  
at a time...**

**One program  
at a time...**

**One newsletter  
at a time...**

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### Museum Hours:

Wed. thru Sat.  
12pm to 4pm

Library & Research  
Center

Wed. and Sat. only  
or by appointment.

**Wed., May 6, 7pm**  
Colonial Connecticut  
and the Atlantic  
World Economy

Speaker: Joseph Avitable.

Presentation after the  
Annual Meeting and  
potluck supper

**Sat., June 13, 10-4**  
CT Open House Day  
2nd Saturday

Blacksmith, Corn Husker,  
Antique Car Rides  
from site to site

### **Summer Children's Programs**

#### Unlocking History

If you would like more  
information, please email  
us so we can add you to  
our "Sneak Preview" list  
and we'll get registration  
information out to you  
before it's publicly

**Jonathan Trumbull  
Junior House**  
**Sat., May 16**

Opens for the season  
12-4pm with a new  
exhibit titled "The Art of  
Theorem Painting"  
Artist reception 2-4pm  
Judith Vertefeuille

**Sat., June 7**  
"Revolutionary Tastings"

Modern versions of desserts  
available at historic sites for  
CT Trails Day

**Sat., June 13**

Demonstration on  
"The Technique of  
Theorem Painting" 1-3pm

**Sat. June 27**

"Time for Tea" 18c British  
Tea by Reenactors

## **The Grange**

Martha Kendall

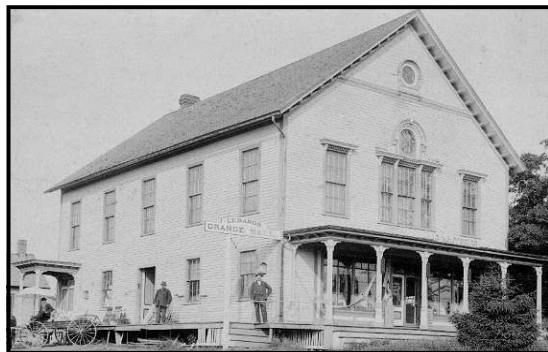
**This is a transcription of a handwritten talk by Grange charter member, Mrs. O. D. Fuller was found in the former Pultz home in Lebanon**

"Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are assembled here this evening to  
celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the  
organization of Lebanon Grange No. 21.

It is difficult to realize that thirty years  
have passed, since we gathered, a little  
band of twenty-five at the home of Acors  
Tucker where we met National Deputy,  
Sherman Kimberly, who after some  
preliminary instruction organized  
Lebanon Grange No. 21 which ranks the  
third oldest Grange in Connecticut.

Our Charter members were: Asher P.  
Smith, Mrs. A. P. Smith, Asa C. Peckham,  
Mrs. A. C. Peckham, Oliver E. Pettis, Mrs. O.  
E. Pettis, O. D. Fuller, Mrs. O. D. Fuller, E. M.  
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E. C. W. Livermore,  
N. B. Williams, Mrs. M. S. W. Throop, Acars  
Tucker, Miss Rhoda Dolbeare,  
J. Henry Tucker, A. C. Tucker, Edgar W.  
Loomis, Miss Lucy Pettis, G. E. Hewitt,  
Miss Carrie Loomis Abell, Emerson G.  
Holbrook, Edwin A. Loomis, C. H. Peckham  
of this number fourteen are dead, four  
are members of the Grange at present.



The Grange building circa 19?? is now known as  
the Lebanon Green Market

**1884** 1st class as received April 15th,  
consisted of: Mrs. Jane E. Williams, Miss Mary  
H. Dutton, L. P. Smith, Horace F. Smith, G.  
Henry Hewitt, Mrs. Josie L. Hewitt, Mrs. Mary  
F. Loomis, Jacob McCall, Nathaniel S. Loomis,  
Sands W Throop, C. Lyman Pitcher, Mrs.  
Angeline Hewitt.

**April 18th 1884** Wm. P. Johnson, Hattie  
E. Johnson, Edwin M. Dolbeare, Nathaniel  
Manning, Carrie W. Pettis. Making a  
membership of 44 in nineteen days.

**The National Grange of the order  
of Patron of Agriculture aka  
"the Grange" was founded in  
1867 as a special interest and  
lobbying organization for farmers.**

Lebanon Grange has a history marked  
by much of interest to patrons generally.  
A phenomenal growth and prosperity  
was its portion, likewise the inevitable  
reaction. We have had enrolled upon  
our books 898 names 213 being the  
highest membership and 35 the lowest.  
Sunshine and shadow have marked our  
path. The Grange idea was new in this  
community, and like all digressions from  
the beaten path, caused considerable  
excitement and adverse comment.

Early the following August it was voted  
to build this hall, which was built and  
furnished at the total cost of \$5000.  
The hall was built by a joint stock  
company composed of members of the  
Grange. The lower floor of the hall was  
used as a Grange store, where it  
was supposed a Granger could  
purchase goods for a little less  
money than at the other store.  
Probably the financial policy of the  
Grange was a large factor to the  
opposition and ridicule to which  
the members were exposed.

The older portion of us will recall  
the articles which appeared in the  
Norwich Courier from time to  
time, purporting to have been  
written by John Scratchgrass to his  
nephew entitled "Life in  
Timbertown" meaning Lebanon

in which the prominent members of  
the Grange were mentioned under  
name, that to the initiated more  
easily recognized.

Beginning with Mr. Whiteheads lecture  
in the Town Hall presented in the type  
of charity faithfults dreams, the lecturer  
was made to appear in the guise of Satan,  
with his hair nicely smoothed over his  
horns, and cloven foot nicely encased in

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# LHS Volunteers—A Continuing Series

Jacy Worth

Our featured volunteers for this issue of Provisions are Marty and John Kendall. Before settling in Lebanon they were raised in Michigan, John in Detroit and Marty in Milford. The couple met at the University of Michigan where John earned



John and Marty Kendall

an MS in Mechanical Engineering and Marty her BA in English. After moving east, when John took a position at United Technologies, he earned two more Master's Degrees in Applied Mathematics and Management from RPI. Marty later earned her Masters degree in Library Science from URI. Prior to retirement, Marty worked in the Coast Guard Research and Development Center's Library at Avery Point. She also wrote for the Hartford Courant, reporting on Lebanon town news. They moved to Connecticut in 1962 and settled in Vernon where their three boys, John, Rich and Brian were born. In 1973 the family moved to Lebanon, purchasing an

18<sup>th</sup> century, center chimney, colonial home originally owned by Green McCall. Land records do not indicate when the house was constructed; however, by studying maps, they were able to date the house to circa 1787. They still reside in this beautifully restored home surrounded by colorful gardens of annuals and perennials. Tending to the gardens is a joy for them. Marty and John became interested in Lebanon's rich history as new members of the community while in the process of researching the story of their home. They also share an interest in genealogy, having ancestors who were involved in the Revolutionary War. John is a member of the S.A.R and Marty in the D.A.R. Marty's paternal heritage connects her to one of the founders of Norwich, Hugh Caulkins and to Walter Palmer, a founder of Stonington.

John became involved in the relocation of the Dr. William Beaumont house in 1972 from Village Hill to the present location, working with Dr. Manning and the Yale-based Beaumont Medical Club on this lofty task. The home opened to the public in 1976. He has an interesting connection with the Father of Digestion as he first learned of Beaumont as a school boy in his home state of Michigan. Dr. Beaumont's famous experiment occurred while he was stationed with the

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Army on Mackinac Island. There he treated Alexis St. Martin, the fur trader, for a stomach wound from a bullet. This allowed the physician to study the physiology of digestion. John's oldest brother was also treated successfully for a serious health issue at Beaumont hospital in Michigan, another coincidental connection to Dr. Beaumont.

In 1999 John and Marty retired and became more involved in the LHS, both

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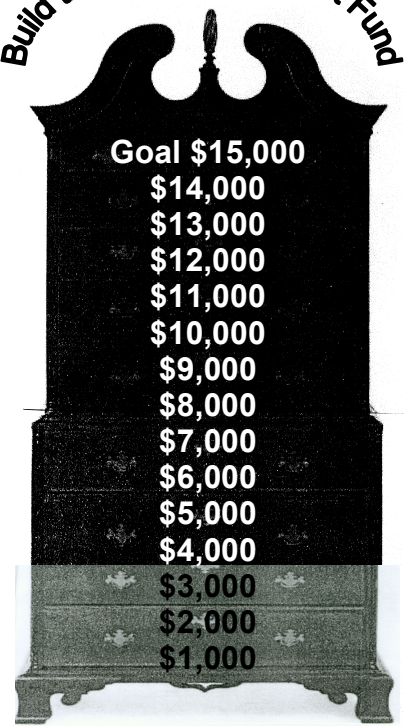
Over the last 309 years, families have moved away from Lebanon, houses have burned, and old worn possessions have been thrown away.

Very few Lebanon-made objects from the 1700s survive at all and few of those remain in town.

The Historical Society firmly believes in the importance of preserving evidence of the community's past.

Everyday objects like farming tools, cooking pots and chests of drawers have significant stories to tell.

Build the Newcomb Chest Fund



Through your generosity  
we've  
raised **\$3,625.00** so far!

## **A Good Read**

that you can find in  
most libraries

### **The Worst Hard Time**

by Timothy Egan

*Published by Houghton  
Mifflin Harcourt*

In a riveting account of the man-made creation of the Dust Bowl, Egan tells how plowing up the Great Plains to plant wheat combined with the economic disaster of the Depression and eight years of drought to bring an ecological and human catastrophe of extraordinary proportions to the Midwest. Imagine dust clouds 10,000 feet high...an unforgettable true story.

### **Connecticut Explored**

(formerly *Hog River Journal*) is a quarterly publication filled with well-researched and readable articles about Connecticut's past. Well respected historians, scholars and curators present engaging stories about little known local and regional history. Each issue is organized thematically. Recent editions have included "Ages & Stages" of life, "Maritime Connecticut," and "Rascals, Reprobates & Reformers."

**Connecticut Explored  
is available by  
subscription or in the  
Lebanon Historical  
Society museum shop.**

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serving on the board in a variety of capacities. They now serve on the exhibit committee and Marty catalogs all items donated to the museum's collection. Cataloguing involves assigning a museum number and finding a home in the museum for the item. All donations are kept in museum quality archival materials and are on display periodically. Currently John and Marty have found their niche, John as the Beaumont house representative in the Lebanon History Consortium and Marty as the LHS Librarian and Archivist. They also maintain the Beaumont house garden. Their volunteerism has extended to involvement in the towns PTA and as Trustees of the First Congregational Church. They tend the rose garden at the church and have worn many hats there through the years. John judged

the Connecticut Science Fair for twenty four years and the International Science Fair for sixteen years as a representative of United Technologies.

Along with their passion for gardening the couple has enjoyed traveling extensively throughout Europe. Some of their trips have been through the Sierra Club and they have hiked many miles together. They also enjoy a yearly trip to Florida where they meet up with family members including their two grand daughters and old friends.

Marty and John have dedicated many hours educating and assisting interested museum patrons. They have had a lasting impact on the Lebanon Historical society. We thank them for their dedication toward preserving Lebanon's important history.

## **Connecticut's Revolutionary Road**

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of the French army. From November 1780 to June 1781, about 220 Legionnaires camped in the fields west of the green, baked their bread in ovens built on the green, and acted as couriers between the two armies. Finally, in June 1781, the French army was ordered to join Washington, marching across Connecticut to the rendezvous. Lauzun's Legion rode south of the army as the left flank, to intercept any British attacks from the coast.

The trail map includes the separate route followed by Lauzun's Legion from Lebanon south to New Haven, then west to Ridgefield.

By late summer, a daring plan to attack Cornwallis's British army in Virginia with the aid of the French fleet was put into effect. The allied armies marched south, fooling the British with feinted attacks on New York.

At Yorktown, Admiral de Grasse and

the French fleet in Chesapeake Bay prevented enemy reinforcements from arriving. The American and French troops surrounded the British fortifications and began the siege that led to the surrender of General Cornwallis and the British army on October 19, 1781. The victory virtually ended military operations.

The W3R-NHT is a celebration of the partnership between France and the fledgling United States and the patriotic Americans who supported the care and feeding of thousands of troops and livestock on the long march through their states.

As a major location on the National Historic Trail, Lebanon will benefit from the enhanced publicity that the designation brings, along with inclusion in a wider network of brochures and Web sites that the National Park Service will provide as it develops themes and strategies to promote this historic trail. Huzzah!

## Do you remember the depression?

Donna Baron

Banks closing - homes in foreclosure - growing lines at soup kitchens - increasing numbers of vegetable gardens!

2008-2009? Certainly, but also 1928 to 1938. Economic hard times and national depression are not new in Lebanon. Farmers were affected by crashes in 1785, 1827 and 1879, but the early 1930s set a new standard for belt-tightening. Local tradition recalls that Lebanon's farm families did not suffer as badly as those who lived in cities. Most families still grew their own vegetables and some even still heated with wood.

But long habits of make do or do without were tested even in Lebanon. As the country gradually works its way out of the deepest depression since the 1930s, the Lebanon Historical Society is planning a new exhibit about Life in Lebanon during the Great Depression. In creating this loan exhibit, we need our members help. For those who do not remember those hard times, your generosity in sharing what you have saved will put a historical perspective on today's difficulties.

Do you remember the Depression and have stories to tell about how your family "made do?" Are there photographs you would lend or family recipes we could copy? Do you have much repaired gardening tools, clothing made from flour sacks, or 1930s canning jars that you would be willing to share with the community? Did your mother make braided rugs or patchwork quilts from old clothes? Maybe your family used kerosene lamps or a hand pump long after electricity came to town because this was the frugal thing to do. All of these stories and objects and many others will interest and enlighten our visitors.

## Exhibit News

*We Still Need Your HELP!  
To complete our newest  
display*

### **Honoring the Veterans of Lebanon Rev War to Iraq**

If you have any  
artifacts  
you would be willing  
to share please  
contact the museum  
at 642-6579 or  
museum@  
historyoflebanon.org



## LVFD

**Lebanon Volunteer  
Fire Department  
Exhibit is open**





# Summer Sundays We're Open

**From 12 to 4  
on Sundays  
throughout  
the summer**

***Come in for a visit!***

**If you're interested  
in helping out call  
the office at  
642-6579**

## A "Buck for Buckingham"



The Buckingham Library has been generously donated to the Historical Society and it is our vision to move the Buckingham Library to our site as soon as we can raise the money to do so. We are asking everyone to donate A "Buck for Buckingham."

## Buckingham Library

Donna Baron & Alicia Wayland

In 1869, Governor William Alfred Buckingham (served 1858 through 1866) donated funds to Lebanon's First Congregational Church to build and furnish a minister's library. Buckingham (1804-1875) was the son of Deacon Samuel and Joanna Buckingham of Lebanon where the future governor was born and attended local schools. After studying at Bacon Academy, working as a surveyor, teacher, and farm hand, William Buckingham moved to Norwich at the age of 19 and worked for an uncle in the dry goods business for two years. After some months in the wholesale business in New York City, Buckingham returned to Norwich and opened his own dry goods business in 1825. In 1830 he began the manufacture of ingrain carpet. Buckingham was a very successful merchant in Norwich for eighteen years but sold his businesses in 1847 to invest in the infant rubber industry. He helped to organize the Hayward Rubber Company in Colchester and its processing plant in Lebanon and served as the company's treasurer. This venture made Buckingham very wealthy.

A deeply religious man, Buckingham gave generously from his income throughout his lifetime primarily to educational and religious organizations. He was a founder of Norwich Free Academy and one of the largest donors to the school, as well as to the Broadway Congregational Church in Norwich that he also helped to found. His large benefactions to the Yale College Divinity School led to the naming of a



professorship in his honor. Buckingham's hometown church was not forgotten. Among other generous gifts, the minister's library, built adjacent to the parsonage, served as a convenient study and retreat for several generations of ministers before the church adapted it for other purposes. Several years ago, as the First Congregational Church planned for the future use of its

properties, the membership offered Buckingham's ministers' library to the Lebanon Historical Society. This action was undertaken to assure the long-term preservation of this unusual but significant structure. When the Historical Society accepted the gift, it agreed to move the library from its current location on the parsonage lot to a new site at the Lebanon Historical Society Museum & Visitor Center.

Once safely moved and restored, the library will be available to architectural historians and interested visitors. The small Greek Revival building adjacent to the parsonage has lent grace and beauty to the southern section of the Green for 140 years. Its move to the Historical Society grounds will ensure its preservation and continuity in Lebanon's history.



## Recent Grant Funds Collections Care and Development

Donna Baron

The Historical Society is pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah Griswold as our new part-time temporary collections manager. A resident of Woodbury, Ms. Griswold will be in Lebanon two days a week for most of the next year. While here, she will complete cataloging of the collections, and will review and, where appropriate, improve storage of artifacts. In addition, she will work with the Historical Society Board and local residents to draft a collections' development plan.

Ms. Griswold hopes to invite residents to brainstorming sessions to identify the kinds of stories and artifacts that are most important to preserve. Residents will be asked what things remind them of Lebanon and who might still have those kinds of objects in kitchen cupboards, linen closets, barns or back sheds. Often people expect museums to collect art or fine furniture. The Lebanon Historical Society wants to capture the spirit of Lebanon in its collection and to preserve ordinary items for future generations.

Before coming to Lebanon, Ms. Griswold has worked at a variety of Connecticut heritage organizations as curator, director, and program manager. Her prior experience has included positions at the Glebe House Museum and Garden in Woodbury and the Gunn Memorial Library and Museum in Washington Depot. A widely respected museum consultant, Ms. Griswold is also Project Director, Pomperaug Plantation History Project at Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition.

In coming months, Lebanon residents, former residents, and descendants of former residents can all expect to hear more from Sarah Griswold and the Lebanon Historical Society. In the meanwhile, if someone has a local artifact that needs a safe, long-term home, the Historical Society staff are happy to talk with potential donors. Please call the Museum at 642-6579. Preserving evidence of the past is a shared responsibility and a challenging but fun undertaking.



Sarah Griswold

## WELCOME To Our New Members!

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Gisele,

Would you provide me with one, two or three  
sentences about what Leave a Legacy  
Connecticut is about?

Thanks!



# The Grange

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a boot--stirring up the people here to dissension. At another time it was reported that we were to be forcibly ejected from the Church parlors where we were holding our meetings.

Think we were all very uneasy one evening when the master informed us at the beginning of the meeting that Captain Stirup had gone to Norwich to procure a sheriff to eject us from the church. One good sister said she wore two dresses that evening. Personally, I will acknowledge that I felt uneasy at any unusual sound, but the evening passed and nothing happened.

As the most of us were members of the church we did not readily comprehend how we could be ejected. Matters moved along very quietly for a while. When John Scratchgrass nephew was informed the hall was finished and Mr. Scratchgrass asked one of the members if now the hall was completed, he did not feel like singing; *Oh happy we who have a hall, Where Grangers can securely meet, Where young and old, where great and small, Can come and sing in concert sweet.*

The Granger replied, "If I could read my title clear to this building that has riz, 'Twould rid me of a dreadful fear, that in my bosom is."

Next was the dedication of this hall which Mr. Scratchgrass attended, listened to the exercises and singing, then asked one of the members if the Grange had a Doxology; finding they had none he said he took one of their books of song and wrote one which read:

Praise this new Hall, from whence shall flow, Blessings on all who trade below, Praise all who come, oe or a host, But over all praise Grangers most.

Then an extract from the 3rd chapter of Galatians. Oh foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth.

After the dedication the grangers were reported as busy as bees in a new hive, less attention was paid to the articles, and we devoted our time to growing.

Fairs were held upon three successive years, under the auspices of Lebanon Grange Fair Association, on Lebanon Green, at which there was a large exhibit of stock, farm products and fancy articles.

First prize for horsemanship was awarded Mrs. W. L. L. Spencer. Mrs. Emma F. Danielson and Mrs. Louise Cooley dressed in the fashions of 100 years ago and riding on pillions behind their escorts attracted considerable attention, their bonnets would at least hold a bushel, and not be crowded. There was also a prize baby show when the little ones were brought by their fond parents for exhibition, this was the third and last Fair held here upon Oct 12th 1887, probably owing to the inevitable changes which come to all orders.

In 1892 Columbia Grange was organized, seven of our members who were residents of Columbia taking demits to join their home Grange.

Retrogression then placed its blight upon the Grange. Dissensions arose, attendance was irregular. Many were dropped from the roll. Those remaining were mostly young people who felt unable to meet the requirements of the Grange Hall management, it was voted to give up the hall. But like the Children of Israel, we were possessed of good constitutions and did not die easily. After the first gasp of dismay, we gathered our household goods (and very few there were) turned our faces toward the east, resolving to keep on with the work. A few of the older members stood by loyally, giving advice and support.

The next few years we met at the homes of patrons, then the tide turned in our favor again. Some of the older members that had not understood the situation at first came forward and offered support if we would return to the hall.

They have nobly fulfilled their promise, Sister Mary H. Dutton taking a demit in Jan 1914 on account of inability to attend the meetings.

We have steadily increased in membership. Are in good condition financially. Those that we once considered our enemies are now our friends and members of our Grange. And once more we can sing in accord with John Scratchgrass; *Oh happy we who have a hall, Where Grangers can securely meet, Where young and old, where great and small, Can come and sing in concert sweet.*

-M. E. Fuller"

## History Trivia Question: How many public ferries operated on the Connecticut River in 1750?

Answer on back page

### Genealogy Note:

The author of this text is Mrs. O. D. Fuller who was born Mercy Elizabeth Cobb in 1845 in Lebanon to Charles H. Cobb & Elizabeth Ann Tilden.

Mercy married Ozro Dewey Fuller, with whom she had a daughter Hortense Elizabeth.

In 1903 Hortense married Otto Lawrence Pultz.

Mercy Elizabeth's sister Gertie Adalaide Fuller married Otto Pultz's brother Warren Monroe Pultz and had a son Merton M.

It was in the former Pultz home that the Grange paper was found by LHS members.

Mercy died in 1915 and is buried in the New Lebanon Cemetery.

Members also retrieved dozens of photographs from the house, most unnamed.

Are there any Pultz/Fuller descendants who can identify some of these wonderful photographs?

Many thanks to Lindy Olewine for piecing together the Tilden/Fuller/Pultz family connections.

*See page 11 for the question*  
**History Trivia Answer: Twenty-six River in 1750?**

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