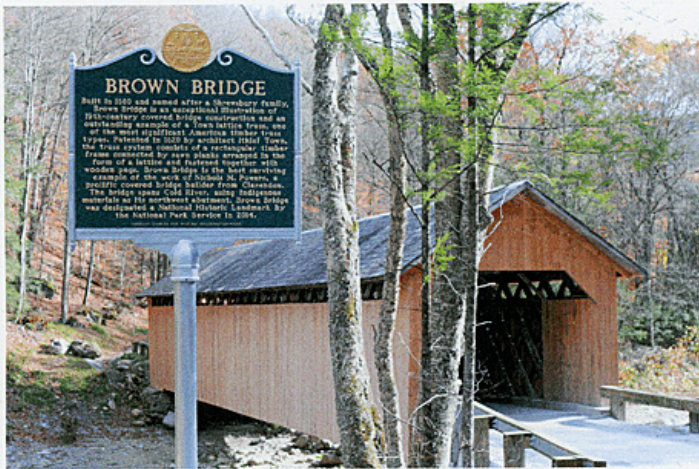


Times Past

Shrewsbury Historical Society
Newsletter

Shrewsbury's Celebrations



On Tuesday, July 5th, 2016, the town of Shrewsbury gathered together to celebrate the dedication of the Brown Bridge as a National Historic Landmark and also the dedication of the Jim Jeffords State Forest.

The Brown Bridge is recognized as one of the finest and least-altered examples of a lattice truss-covered bridge in the United States. About 150 people attended, speeches were made and a plaque installed nearby.

Senator Jim Jeffords' son, Leonard, and daughter, Laura, spoke thanking all for contributing to their father's legacy by dedicating new public space for wildlife and recreation in the town he loved.

Earlier, on June 18 and 19, at the History Expo in Tunbridge, the Shrewsbury Historical Society was honored to display an exhibit about the bridge and the forest. The exhibit was then on view in the museum.

Another celebration occurred later in October. The town remembered and celebrated the 30th anniversary of the splendid cow/moose romance that occurred on Larry Carrara's farm. There were so many photos and remembrances that it consumed the entire October 2016 issue of the *Times of Shrewsbury*, and was also on display in the museum.



President's Note

2016 has been a very full year for our Society. We will always miss the good company of our friend, Con Winkler.

This summer the exterior of the museum was painted and it looks brand new. The grounds are well groomed thanks to Al and Ann Ridlon and John Elwert. This year the Society experimented with having a portable toilet installed behind the museum for Society members and visitors.

We participated in the Vermont History Expo at Tunbridge in June, and on July 20th, a group of Rutland City Middle School students visited the museum looking for ghostly happenings in the Bowman Mansion.

The Society's final meeting was duly depicted by our photographer Brian Winkler. This historic photo of the stewards of Shrewsbury's history was requested by the town auditors for inclusion in the annual town report.

The Society welcomed several new members at our Open House for new residents on Oct. 30th. It was a jolly gathering.

With best wishes to you all – participants in Shrewsbury's continuing fascinating history. *Grace Brigham, President*

SHS OFFICERS FOR 2017

At the annual meeting held Oct. 18, 2016, the following officers were elected for 2017: President, Grace Brigham; Vice-President, Marguerite Ponton, Treasurer, John Elwert; and Secretary, Ruth Winkler. Two Trustees voted in for a 3-year term: Margaret Field and Ann Vanneman.

Officers and Trustees 2016

<i>President</i>	Grace Brigham
<i>Vice-President</i>	Marguerite Ponton
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Elwert
<i>Secretary</i>	Ruth Winkler

Trustees

Grace Korzun	Con Winkler
Ann Ridlon	Brian Winkler
Catherine Carrara	Julanne Sharrow

Honorary Trustees:

Bud Clark and Nancy (Anne) Spencer :

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In Memoriam

George E. Richards, one of the Society's founding members, passed away on March 12, 2016. He was 89 years old. He was our town's mail carrier and one of the founders of the monthly *Times of Shrewsbury*. At a chat one day in 2011, George remembered being a one-year old, looking out his parent's window as his father in high boots was carrying many bee hives to safety during the flood of 1927. He also remembered as a Selectman suggesting that the town have a newsletter as the only time one would meet neighbors would be once a year at town meeting day. So Cornelia Biddle, John Barber and George started the *Times*, which many times would be printed on the Community Church's mimeograph machine. The Society was also pleased George wanted to help celebrate the town's 250th anniversary, and he suggested giving a tour on October 9th, 2011, leading interested folks from the former railroad depot down along Town Hill Road into the hamlet of Cuttingsville. He even wore a costume which depicted him as a stage coach driver, top hat and all..

Betsyjune Bennett, long time member of the Society, passed away on March 23, 2016. She was 88 years old. Betsyjune was exuberant and giving of her time and energy into many Society events. We missed her when she moved to Rutland.

Conrad K. Winkler, Life Member and staunch supporter of the Society, passed away on July 12, 2016. He was 88 years old. Con served as President for 7 and a half terms. He also served as a trustee, and collected current history articles for the many albums he created. He was the Editor of *Past Times* for 17 years. Con was determined to acquire a copy of the TV Robert Frost visit to Shrewsbury back in 1957 by Dave Garroway. NBC was inundated with requests from the Society. He was successful in his endeavors and on August 28, 1993 the Society presented this "Wide, Wide World" program on a huge TV screen at the Community Meeting House, with the help of the Volunteer Fire Dept. Under his presidency the church building in Cuttingsville became the present museum, which took a year's worth of undertaking, planning and organizing. Con is greatly missed.

Joyce K. Wilson, former member and supporter of the Society, passed away on Oct. 7, 2016. She was 68 years old. Joyce will always be remembered for her sweet smile and willingness to help others, and her courageous battle with her health.



Photo at top: Historical Society members pose for Town Report on October 18, 2016. Back row, l to r, Tim Vile, Ann Vanneman, John Davis, John Elwert and Brian Winkler. Front row, l to r, Margaret Field, Ruth Winkler, Grace Brigham, Penelope Weiss, Julianne Sharrow and Ann Ridlon.

Photo middle row left: SHS display about 30th Anniversary of Jessica and Bullwinkle's love story.

Photo middle row right: Trick or treats await invited new Shrewsbury families to a Welcome Party on Oct. 30th. We were delighted to entertain Dave and Meg Mellor and David and Sharon Nickels.

Photo bottom right: Exhibit of costume worn by former member Richard Bettelli, impersonating Benning Wentworth who granted 24,000 acres to form Shrewsbury on September 4, 1761.



Gifts to SHS, 2016



Shown above is one of the two Cuttingsville signs that graced the sides of the former Cuttingsville RR depot, donated by the Gagnon family of Pittsford.

Dawn Hance, Rutland: two boxes of reference material used for history book and portraits of Sara Jane Chandler Smith and husband, Willard Smith.

Fran Patten, formerly of Shrewsbury: box containing various paper items collected while she served as President, Vice President and Trustee of SHS.

John Poss, Gastonia, N.C.: old envelope and note addressed to Mrs. Sarah Gibson of N. Shrewsbury, VT., Sept. 25, no year given.

Tom Ledoux of Ellicott City, Md and Deanna French of Morrisville, VT: soft-covered book re: Civil War Letters, "Spunky Lamoille's Boys in Blue", authored by Ledoux and French.

Peggy Peabody, E. Middlebury: large puzzle showing "Vermont Love Affair" of Jessica and Bullwinkle, a cow and moose on Larry Carrara's farm.

Steve Martyn, formerly of Cuttingsville: two boxes of paper items found in his former home re: Cuttingsville Tigers baseball team ca. 1930s, photostat of letter mailed to Dr. Martyn from Willie Pierce, postmarked Oct., 1900, Northam, Treasury Dept. of Vt. Notice to RR Depot Manager, George Montany.

Ken and Joe Gagnon, Pittsford: two very long Cuttingsville signs once used on railroad depot in Cuttingsville.

Kathleen Johnson, Longmeadow, MA: a descendent of the Huntoon family, several photos, Cuttingsville postcards, and foreign postcards.

Ye Olde Holiday Gift Shoppe



History Book

“Shrewsbury, Vt. - Our Town As It Was” by Dawn D. Hance, has 320 pages, is soft covered in red with gold lettering. Early history of Shrewsbury up to 1910.

\$26. (includes shipping)

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Memories 2017

2017 Calendar

This year’s collectable Shrewsbury Historical Society’s Memories 2017 Calendar with 15 vintage photographs of yesteryear.

\$20. (includes shipping)



250th Envelope

Shrewsbury Historical Society’s commemorative envelope celebrating our town’s 250th Anniversary, with artwork by Grace Brigham and a special, unique postmark.

\$4. (includes shipping)

**When ordering, please mail list of your items, name and address and check covering same to:
Shrewsbury Historical Society, 5419 Route 103, Cuttingsville, VT 05738**

Help Preserve Shrewsbury’s History Shrewsbury Historical Society’s 2017 Annual Dues Request

The Society has come a long way in helping to preserve artifacts and display them for everyone to enjoy. Our exhibits rotate from year to year which is always interesting to those who visit the museum each year. In recent years, due to the Internet and our own website, we have seen a significant increase in the number of inquiries from folks researching their Shrewsbury ancestry. All such requests are answered.

Your support helps keep the museum viable, interesting and accessible. Your dues and donations will not only be used for the upkeep and care of the museum building, but will also help in the preservation of our town’s history for future generations. The SHS is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization.

Thanks for your support.

2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check payable to the Shrewsbury Historical Society, Inc., c/o John Elwert, 499 Shunpike Rd., Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

Name _____

Individual \$10

Family \$15

Contributing \$30

Life (Individual/Couple) \$125

Address _____

Dues and donations are tax deductible.

Things Change

In December of 1999, the first annual "Past Times" was printed and mailed to all the SHS members and friends. Con Winkler and I became co-editors. It started with a single sheet and progressed to a six-page newsletter.

Con's father was a printer and had his own shop in Woodside, Queens, NY, so Con was familiar with all aspects of printing

We were married in 1951, before he entered service during the Korean War. We were blessed with two children, Jennifer and Brian, and settled in Plainview, L.I., NY. He became a pressman and worked his way up to co-ownership of a printing plant in Westbury. At one time his company printed "The Village Voice". We retired to this beautiful Town in Vermont in 1984 and joined the SHS soon thereafter.

Con passed away in July and left a part of himself in the children's exhibit at the museum consisting of lead soldiers he made at 10 years of age using melted lead from his father's print shop and pouring it into molds. (He is shown at right, at 10, in front of father's shop.).

Your family and friends miss you. *Ruth*

This issue may be the last issue unless someone would like to take the job.



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