

# THE WORCESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11 TO FEATURE OUTHOUSE INSTALLATION



On Thursday, September 11, the Historical Society will host its annual meeting beginning at 6:00 PM with a “POTTY LUCK” dinner on the grounds. After a year of restoration by Mark Foster and Jerry Nelson, the old outhouse will be returned to its original location behind the school. We’ll celebrate in grand style, elect several new board members including Bill Dodge, Cliff Mullin, and Harold Richardson, and cap the evening by listening to Don Wiedenmayer’s recollections of his WW II experiences. WHS will provide beverage and paper goods as usual.

## WHS PRESENTS PUBLICATION III, “CIVIL WAR WARRIORS FROM WORCESTER”

David Book, President of WHS, has penned a study of Worcester and its 81 participants in the Civil War. With pictures, indices, and genealogical information, the work is a thorough examination of events during a critical period in Worcester’s history. Nearly half of the male population of the town was involved in the hostilities. Twelve men lost their lives as a result, including two at the Battle of Cedar Creek, and many others were maimed or disabled for life. Using town and state records, including military service and pension records from the National Archives, the author vividly depicts the effects of this devastating conflict upon the small town of Worcester.

A brutal murder that occurred during the War on Eagle Ledge is described using court and newspaper accounts. The guilty person was hung at Windsor prison for a second murder. The publication is available at the WHS or from the author for \$10.00.

## WHS COLLECTION OF ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Thanks to David and Maida Maxham and the Walter and Ladd families, our permanent collection continues to grow. The Maxhams contributed six unique items pictured below from the Maxham store that stood across from the Town Hall. The Walter/Ladd families have contributed wonderful pictures of the Ladd dairy farm on Gould Hill, a safe used by Joseph and Edna Ladd in that operation and numerous items on loan. We take the responsibility of being a repository for our town’s legacy very seriously and will display these items with great care and pride.



Can you identify these: a Zeno penny gum machine, a blueberry rake, match dispenser, butter firkin, a kerosene-powered fan, and a coffee grinder, all from the old Maxham store.

## QUICK NOTICES

### TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS:

\$10-Individual; \$20-Family; \$100 Life (Individual only); \$100-Business; \$500-Sponsor; \$1,000-Patron; \$5,000-Benefactor. Please send your dues to WHS, P. O. Box 329, Worcester, VT 05682-0329.

**PAINTED CURTAIN BEING RESTORED AT WORCESTER** A 1920’s vintage painted curtain once used by the Middlesex Grange is being restored for display at the Worcester Town Hall in a cooperative venture between the two historical societies. When restoration is completed, the curtain will hang on loan in the Town Hall’s second floor.