

Literary Talents to Share ?

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Something to Share ?

If you possess items which may be of historical significance that you would like to share with the PHS through loan or donation, please contact:

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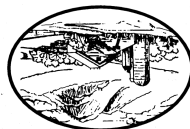
The purpose of the Pawlett Historical Society shall be to bring together those interested in the history of Pawlet and its environs; to maintain its property, i.e., the North Pawlet School and the Braintree School; and to use these buildings for educational exhibits.

The Society shall collect, preserve and make available for public exhibit and research archival records, books and artifacts which document the history of Pawlet.

The Society shall also educate the public about the needs and uses of its historical collection and cooperate with other groups having a common mission.

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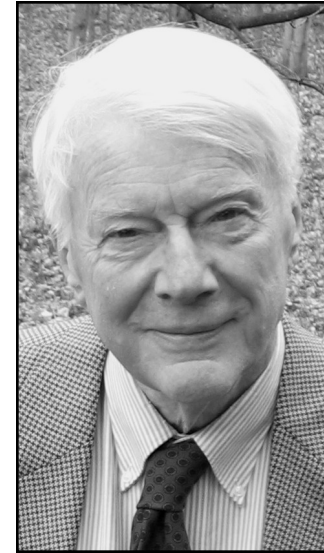
Vermont's Flood of 1927: A New Look

by Historian Nicholas Clifford

Pawlett Historical Society Spring Program

Thursday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m.

Pawlet Public Library

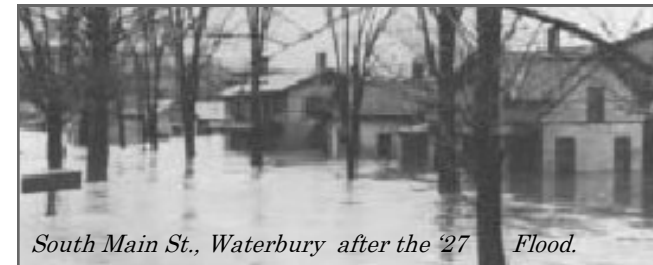


The flood of 1927 is remembered as the greatest natural disaster ever to strike Vermont, and stories of loss, tragedy, and heroism abound. Yet it is far more than an episode restricted to the history of a single state. Historian Nicolas Clifford provides an examination of the flood and reconstruction that sheds light on important facets of our national

history, and helps us to better understand America's passage through the often anxious and difficult years of the 1920's.

Professor Clifford has his BA from Princeton (1952), and his PhD from Harvard (1961). He and his late wife Deborah came to Vermont in 1966 from Princeton, New Jersey, where he had taught for a few years. He taught mostly East Asian history at Middlebury, and also served as provost for eight years. Professor Clifford and Deborah wrote *"The Troubled Roar of the Waters; Vermont in Flood and Recovery, 1927-1937"* published in 2007. Besides *The Troubled Roar*, Professor Clifford has written six other books, one of them a novel. He lives in Middlebury.

This dramatic history lesson is sponsored by the Pawlett Historical Society and by the Vermont Humanities Council. There will be no admission charge. Refreshments will be served.



South Main St., Waterbury after the '27 Flood.

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Yearly memberships are due. Please continue to support this worthy effort to preserve our community's history by sending your dues TODAY! **Thank You.**

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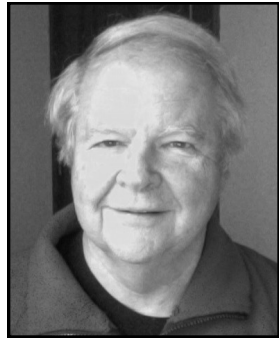
The Society is pleased to have **Dorothy Carey** and **Barry Meinert** join the board as new trustees and that **Rhonda Schlangen** has agreed to take on the important job of Secretary since Betty Daly's retirement. We thank Betty for her fine job and extend a warm welcome to our new trustees and appreciate their willingness to serve.

Barry Meinert

I was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts and graduated from Norwich University in 1968. I completed my graduate work in 1970 with an MBA from New York University in International Business. I served six years active duty as an Infantry Captain - Ranger/Airborne (and 17 years in the Reserves, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel) and then joined Time, Inc., the magazine publisher. I held a variety of positions there for 33 years and completed my career as the Senior Vice President for Production and Fulfillment. The job required worldwide travel, which I love. I've traveled to more than 94 countries on 6 continents and will visit Antarctica soon.

I married my graduate school sweetheart, Marcia, 41 years ago and we have 2 sons and 2 granddaughters. I bought the alpaca farm in Pawlet in 2006 and now raise 91 alpacas for their fiber, which I sell in our farm store. We also sell yarn in stores in Manchester, VT and Bethel, CT. My hobbies include fly fishing and spin casting and skiing and my wife has gotten me very excited about opera.

I look forward to my work with the Pawlett Historical and have already enjoyed meeting with a small committee from the Board, which has been appointed to explore additional spaces in the community where we might be able to secure storage for some of our valuable collection and have displays.



Dorothy Carey

Originally I lived in New Jersey. It was a time when I could be a stay at home Mom spending much of the time volunteering at my children's school. We were a scouting family and I enjoyed being a Scout Leader for many years. My work experience was in retail serving as buyer for a local department store.

After my husband died and having an "empty nest" the opportunity to relocate in West Pawlet, Vermont arose in 2004. I purchased a home next door to my daughter and granddaughter and love being close to family.

Having small collections, always loving things "old" and wanting to have some more involvement in the community, the Pawlett Historical Society seemed to be a good fit!



SAVE THESE DATES

Spring Program:

Vermont's Flood of 1927: A New Look

with speaker *Nicholas Clifford*

Pawlet Public Library, Thurs. April 18th at 7:30 pm
for more information contact *Steve Williams* at 802-645-9529

Annual Yard and Bake Sale

Saturday June 29th from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
at the Pawlet Fire House

drop off items or call for pick up, Friday, June 28th from 8:30 am – 6:30 pm (*please no large items or electronics – thanks!*) Sale of tickets for our Annual Raffle will begin at this event – this year's item is a custom made small cabinet crafted by Ray Finer of Arlington, VT – cabinet will be on display at the Yard and Bake Sale.

**Look in the next Newsletter issue for information on the August and October Historical Society Programs and the date for the drawing of the winning ticket for this year's raffle.*

Sixth Grade Essay Contest 2012 -1st Place



Tell Me Something I Don't Know

by *Catherine Thrasher*

When I learned about this report I thought of a story my mom told me. It was about my Grandfather milking cows when he was a kid, and she also told me he grew up in the same house she grew up in, and still lives there today. I thought I knew a lot about my Grandfather but boy was I surprised when I interviewed him and learned many new things about him.

My Grandfather, Eugene Ceglowski, was born in Newark, New Jersey. He grew up in Hillside, New Jersey, where he attended Hourned-Looker Elementary School until 5th grade. At the age of 10 he moved to Rupert, Vermont with his parents and his brother Walter, where they lived on a farm called Hillside Acres.

My grandfather's average day began with milking the 14 cows on the farm. He also had to feed the calves, feed the cows and clean out the barn. Then he went to school; farm kids went to school with their barn clothes on. During the summer he would help his brother and father hay the 5 medium sized hay fields (which is now 1 small, 6 medium, and 3 large hayfields). They would only do one cut and started in the middle of June and went to the middle of July. After the one cut was in, they would take the cows and put them in the fields to graze. In the evenings there my Grandfather and his family would bike down to the Methodist church to play softball in the field across the street (now owned by him). About 50 people would attend and play every night. After dusk the adults would sit and talk. The kids would play hide and go seek in the church.

My Grandfather attended 6th and 7th grade at the West Rupert schoolhouse. Every day he was picked up by a car not a bus – just a plain old car, no lights, no sign telling people to stop. He had an extremely small class of 5 in the 6th grade. In the 7th grade there was a class of 10,

the size of his class increased by 5 due to another school shutting down. Rupert had no high school (9-12th grade) so the kids went to Salem (NY) High School. My Grandfather was in the first class of 8th graders to go to Salem High/Middle School. He was picked up by a Salem bus for the next 5 years.

After attending Cornell University he joined the Airforce and went to the following states: Texas, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Illinois, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alaska. He also was based in Puerto Rico. After serving for 4 years, he was a lab tech at Vermont University for 1 year. He went to vet school at Cornell University and this year is his 45th anniversary for graduating vet school. After that he worked at a vet office for 2 yrs. before moving to Vermont and opening his own vet office with his wife. The vet office was located across from the house he grew up in.

I am really glad we had to write this report. I learned a lot of new things about my Grandfather that I had never thought to ask him. Like how he did not go to vet school right after college, also how he worked for someone else before starting his own vet office. This was a great chance to learn about my Grandfather and I am glad I took it.

Note: Curator's Column will return in the next issue of the Newsletter

Have You Considered the PHS in your Estate Planning

As a means of augmenting the Society's endowment fund, the Board suggests that our Society members, or anyone so inclined, might consider including the Society in their estate planning.

To receive further information, or to obtain an appropriate format which the Society could provide, please feel free to telephone STEVE WILLIAMS at 802-645-9529 or e-mail him at voorburg00@comcast.net