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President’s Message

Several historic events will be commemorated in the Champlain Valley and Essex in the next few years starting with the quadricentennial of Champlain’s arrival in 1609. Next in 2011 is the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, which is followed in 2012 with the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. And, if that is not enough history, 2013 marks the 250th anniversary of the chartering of the Town of Essex. Essex was not involved with the first event but certainly was with the others.

The ECHS Board has started making plans for our 250th anniversary – more on that later. Any suggestions ECHS members might have for speakers on programs about these events (or anything else) that the historical society might sponsor would be welcome.

I have been working with an Essex Civil War sites committee. Our task is to identify Civil War soldiers from Essex and their homes as well as other sites with a Civil War connection such as businesses who furnished supplies or equipment to the war effort. If anyone knows of such sites in Essex, please let me know.

In the more immediate future, ECHS will again participate in the History Expo at the Tunbridge Fair Grounds in June. Our display will feature the Drury Brickyard. Thanks to Hubie Norton for taking on the task of researching and developing our display, in addition to his restoration work on the 1803 School House.

Please stop by our museum on a Thursday evening or Sunday afternoon and see what’s new, and if you have never been to the History Expo, it is well worth the trip to Tunbridge. Hope your summer is filled with history and historical events, but whatever you end up doing, enjoy!

Ann Gray,

President of the Essex Community Historical Society

Brown's River Cheese Factory

By Gerald Fox

For me, when I first moved to Essex and began reading about the town's history, one of the most interesting things I noticed was a notation on the map following page 14 of Frank Bent's book about the town. This 1868 map showed the "Brown's River Cheese Fact." at what is now the intersection of Route 128 and Weed Road. Wow!

And yet, Frank had almost nothing to say about what seemed to be a major industrial site. Except on page 18 – where he mentioned the factory's foundations – nothing. When I drove to the site and looked around – still nothing. Puzzling.

As it turns out, during the years following the Civil War cheese production became a growth industry in this state. Many prominent Vermonters formed groups which approached the State Legislature to request corporate charters for cheese factories. In the case of Essex E. J. Buttolph, Edwin Andrews, Ira Abby, H. A. Castle, R. M. Galusha, and A. A. Ingrahm joined together in 1867 to form the Brown's River Cheese Manufacturing Company of Essex, more commonly known as the Brown's River Cheese Factory. The charter authorized the company to make, sell and buy cheese; and "any such business as is incident thereto." The factory was built on land leased from Willard F. Blood and his wife Mary. It was finished in time to appear on a map published only a year later.

Except for a letter which appeared in the Burlington Free Press almost twenty years later, not much else is known about the Cheese Factory during its earliest years. In 1886 the Cheese Factory's

corporate clerk, George Beecher, admonished his clients for skimming cream for private sale prior to delivering it to the factory. This practice reduced the quality of the cheese produced by the factory as well as trimming its profits, in which both shared.

We next find the Cheese Factory on the first Vermont Dairymen's Association list of cheese producers compiled for Vermont's Department of Agriculture Report of 1893. The Cheese Factory remained on the list until 1902.

Brown's River Creamery Association

In 1902, the sons and successors of the Cheese Factory's founders responded to changing market conditions by forming

The Brown's River Creamery Association. Pearl C. Abby, his son Bert Abby, B. E. Nichols, Myron B. Leach, H. A. Castle, and Samuel Keeler, all neighborhood farmers, gathered and organized for the cited purpose of manufacturing "butter, cheese and other dairy products." Despite the mention of other products, it should be noted here that in the language of the time the term creamery was synonymous with the manufacture of butter.

Acting on behalf of the Association, P. C. Abby, F. W. Ayres, C. J. Wright, C. H. Small, and W. F. Chapin purchased the cheese factory property from Zeph and Rose Plant, who by then owned the old Blood farm. Myron B. Leach, who was already making and selling butter at his own farm further north on Brown's River Road, became the Creamery's first butter maker.



The arrow points to the Browns River Cheese Factory on the 1869 Beers Atlas map of Essex. It was located on the west side of what is now Route 128 to Westford, just north of the Weed Road intersection.

Apparently at some point after 1910 butter production at Essex Center ceased to be profitable enough for Leach. By 1916 he is working for the Co-operative Creamery in Colchester and C. V. Roberts is making butter at the Brown's River Creamery during the summers of 1916 and 1917.

In 1918 the Creamery Association leased the creamery building to Borden's Condensed Milk Company who used it as a milk receiving and gathering station. Apparently this did not work out for Borden's, so around 1922 they turned the lease over to Whiting Milk Companies who then used the building for the same purpose. In 1926 Whiting built a new creamery along the Burlington & Lamoille Railroad near the Essex Center depot and discontinued the Brown's River operation.

In 1926 the Milton Co-operative Dairy Corp. picked up the lease and used the facility until 1935 when they opened a new plant on Lincoln Street in Essex Junction. At this point the Brown's River Creamery Association allowed its charter to lapse.

Although, according to the Vermont Secretary of State, the old Brown's River Creamery Association had legally ceased to exist, it still held title to its land. On June 17, 1946 James A. Hanley, the last surviving director of the Association asked the Chittenden County Court to appoint a receiver to liquidate the Association's assets, pay its outstanding debts, and distribute any remaining funds to the heirs of the Association members. The receiver sold the creamery property to the Brown's River Creamery, Inc. in 1949.

Brown's River Creamery, Inc.

On August 26, 1946 P. B. MacCausland and Catherine A. Cross, both of Essex Junction, Horace G. Howard from Moretown, and Eugene Del Bianco of East Boston, MA, formed Brown's River Creamery, Inc. While at this point we don't know for sure, the principals of this new company most likely represented the Creamery Association's major creditors. In any case, this new firm purchased the old creamery property and promptly sold it to Del Bianco, an officer of the Boston based Shawmut Dairy Company. The directors then voted to dissolve the firm, all on the same day, September 26, 1949. In 1963 Del Bianco, acting for the Shawmut Dairy Company, sold the property to Richard and Marjorie Fuller. The site is currently the residence of Bruce Barkyoumb, Mrs. Fullers' nephew.

FOOTNOTES

1. Frank. R. Bent, *The History of the Town of Essex*, (Essex, VT: Town of Essex, 1963).
2. Vermont, *Acts and Resolves*, 1867, Act 110, p. 132-133.
3. Essex Town Land Records, v. 15, p. 47 and v. 18, p. 154 (1884); v. 22, p. 48; F. W. Beers, *Atlas of Chittenden County*, Vermont, (Rutland, VT: Charles E. Tuttle Company, 1971, reprint), p 16.
4. Burlington Free Press, January 12, 1886, p. 5, c. 2.
5. "List of Creameries and Cheese Factories in Vermont," Annual Vermont Dairymen's Association Report, published as part of the Vermont Commissioner of Agriculture's Report. Published 1893-1922; for typical report see 1912. Hereafter cited as Dairymen's. The format of Dairymen's varied from year to year and in some early years entries were incomplete. Walton's Register & Farmer's Almanac, hereafter cited as Walton's, listed the Brown's River Cheese Factory from 1898 to 1906. Walton's became The Vermont Yearbook.
6. Articles of Association, 1902. "Records of Inactive Corporations," Vermont Public Records Division, microfilm No. F33710 and F33714, File 1345. The fact that Walton's Register lists the site as a cheese factory until 1906 suggests that there was some period of time during which the Creamery made both butter and cheese.
7. Essex Town Land Records, v. 23, p. 189, Oct 4, 1902. The Blood family sold the farm to Homer W. Ring; (Essex Town Land Records, v. 18, p. 154); who in turn sold it to the Plants.
8. Leach's creamery, Clover Hollow, appears in Dairymen's from 1899 until 1904 and specifically lists Leach as the butter maker at the Brown's River Creamery in 1905. Walton's Register does not mention Clover Hollow but lists Myron B. Leach, butter maker, from 1899 through 1910.
9. Dairymen's 1916. For more on Leach see Robert H. Rogers, *The Family of Cyrus Leach and Mary Burritt Leach*, (The Leach-Hawley Association, 1994).
10. Dairymen's 1916 and 1917.
11. Dairymen's list the site as Brown's River Creamery from 1903 until 1917. Despite the Creamery's corporate registration, Walton's Register lists Brown's River Creamery Company from 1909 until 1915 and then provided the correct name, Brown's River Creamery Association, from 1916 to 1922.
12. Dairymen's 1921 and 1922.
13. Essex Town Land Records, v. 36, p. 188, 189, and 205-207.
14. Milton Co-operative Dairy Corporation, 1919-1935; *Sixteen Years of Progress*. Courtesy of the Milton Historical Society. Although the Walton's Register does not list the Milton Co-op at Essex Center after 1932, it is probable that the Co-op continued to use the building until 1935 when its facility at Essex Junction was ready.
15. The creamery's Articles of Association were revoked on April 1, 1936 by the Vermont Secretary of State with Public Law, Chapter 43: 1906 36 §9, which provided for cancellation of corporate existence of firms failing to pay the annual corporate tax due February 1.
16. Essex Town Land Records, v. 46, p. 428. The receiver sold the property to John Ford of East Boston, MA for \$1,000, July 15, 1946. (Essex Town Land Records, v. 46, p. 438-439) Ford then sold it to the Brown's River Creamery, Inc. On September 21, 1946 for \$1,000 and "other valuable considerations." (Essex Town Land Records, v. 46, p. 508).
17. "Records of Inactive Corporations," Vermont Public Records Division, microfilm No. F33730, File 6167. For sale to Eugene Del Bianco see Essex Town Land Records, v. 49, p. 296.
18. Essex Town Land Records, v. 67, p. 286; v. 221, p 99-100. Town folklore has it that the creamery structure burned, but I am unable to determine the date of the fire.

Upcoming Events

Thursday May 8, 2008. The Essex Business and Professional Association and Essex Community Historical Society are hosting the Memorial Day Parade Committee EBPA mixer, and museum open house. Light refreshments, door prizes and tours of the museum. This will be held at the museum in Essex Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday May 17, 2008. The water tower at Fort Ethan Allen will be open to the public. Open 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Come and take a look at the surrounding landscape from the top of the tower, and participate in a scavenger hunt. Will Parkinson will open the Pump House for viewing of his Fort Ethan Allen memorabilia.

Saturday May 24, 2008. Memorial Day parade in downtown Essex Junction. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the theme is "Our Community Heroes". The society will have a float "Happy Birthday Essex", with our banner and a sign that has Essex's charter date.

Saturday June 7, 2008. The spring tag sale will be held at the Memorial Hall on Towers Road in Essex Center. Times are from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you have items to donate please drop them off Saturday June 7th at 8:00 a.m., at the Memorial Hall. We are looking for saleable items; no clothes, mattresses, large appliances, computers, tires, large furniture, or "leftovers" from a tag sale. We have the right to refuse items. Plan to visit the Essex Free Library's Book and Plant sale on this day as well.

Sunday June 15, 2008 1:00-4:00 p.m. Grand opening of the museum for the season. The museum will be open on Sundays through October 12. The museum will also be open Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m. up to Labor Day.

Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22, 2008. Vermont History Expo held in Tunbridge at the fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. This is an annual event that brings together exhibits put together by local historical societies. The theme this year is *Industry and Innovations: Vermont Ingenuity*. Our exhibit is the "History of the Drury Brickyard". Much of the research was done by member Hubie Norton. Besides the

local historical society displays, there are family activities, music and entertainment, special exhibits and presentations, and more.

Saturday July 19, 2008. Essex Junction Block Party 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Board of directors meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, except December. The meetings are open to the public, so feel free to come. We meet at the museum, except during the winter. Call any board member for up to date information on the next meeting.

Short Stuff

Please take a close look at your **address label**.

The expiration date of your membership is noted. Three stars denote a life membership. You can use the form in this newsletter to update your membership.

Your editors are always looking for interesting information and photographs on Essex and Essex Junction history for our newsletter.

We can scan original photographs and return them to the owners. Look through your old photographs. We welcome your contributions. Material can be mailed to the Essex Community Historical Society at P.O. Box 8388, Essex, Vermont 05451. Or contact Richard and Lucille Allen at 878-3853.

Wish list. Digital camera, dress forms, Essex High School yearbooks.

Copies of the *Essex and Essex Junction* by Richard and Lucille Allen can be purchased at Five Corners Antiques, 11 Maple Street, Essex Junction. Buying your books here also benefits the historical society. Thank you to David and Nancy Booth at Five Corners Antiques.

We have several used copies of Frank Bent's book, *The History of Essex, Vermont* (copyright 1963) for sale at the museum for \$30 "as is."

Most of these copies are missing the maps that came with the book. Contact any board member if you are interested in buying one.

Consider giving a **membership to the historical society as a gift**. Use the enclosed form to do so.

The first Thursday of each month is a **work session** at the museum, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Neighboring Farms of Chapin Road

Remembrances of Earle Matthews and Barbara Chapin

Part I by Laurie Jordan

The Chapin Road farmers used to share more than the road during their busy days and seasons. Having grown up on two of the larger farms, Barb and Earle reminisced about sharing neighbors' horse teams, wagons, and trucks to collect milk, sap, hay, and corn. In a "dry year," even water was trucked up the road. There used to be seven farms on the road where they still live today. "When we grew up here, if a car went by on the road we would expect to know who it was," Barb explained. "I mean, we would just look up from whatever we were doing, and wave and say, 'Oh, it's the Matthews. And that was it. It was just an enormous change from now.'"

Earle recalled the earlier years when "the wagon that we [my family] had would hold 44 cans. And some of the other farmers didn't have as big as that for the wagons... And then in the winter time of course they used to drive the sled." Horses and wagons were used to collect milk cans until Earle's family bought a truck in 1928.

Earle said that Chapin Road farmers took turns to "drive milk" to the creamery. His father, Elmer, and Uncle Ralph carried the cans to the Milton Co-Op Creamery on Route 2A, near the railroad crossing at North St. in Essex Junction. He added that Barb's "dad [Graton] and my dad and uncle used to swap. . . . See, he'd go three days a week... the Chapins would. And Dad would go four. 'Cause he had more milk. No money was ever changed. When it was apple time, Dad would go." In the late '50s the Chapin Road farmers began to collect and haul their milk to the creamery in a delivery tank truck.

Earle's Uncle Hervey (Whitten on his mother's side) also shared collecting milk with others on the road. He farmed between the Chapin's and Matthews', which was the third place on Chapin Road that the Whitten family had lived in since the 1850s. Hervey's son, Donald Whitten, remembers that his farm's milk cans had once been delivered to the creamery in back of the Towers' Road railroad station. Earle said, "Grandpa (Whitten) used to sell the milk to his son and he used to peddle it."

In the mid- 1930s, Hervey used his pick-up truck to deliver bottled milk to people in Essex Junction, Winooski, and Burlington. Donald believes that his dad was the only Essex person who peddled milk at

that time. He eventually had over 100 customers. The bottling for Alder Brook Valley Farms was done in the milk house between the Whitten's horse barn and cow barn (where only the silo remains on the site). All farms had a milk house for filling the cans.

Chapin Road and Essex farms mainly produced milk, but Barb also remembers that her farm house



Barbara Chapin and Earle Matthews discuss their neighboring farms.

had a cheese and butter room. Earle's grandfather may have known about the cheese factory that once operated on the site of a cellar hole that is still visible. Look across the road from the Whitten's lone silo and down towards (a few hundred feet before) Earle's farm boundary. It was gone by the time that Earle's grandfather bought the farm. Barb has plaques from when her family had entered their cheese in contests; one of them is from the late 1800s in New Orleans. In addition to cheese, a Chapin Road farm product was ham.

"We used to have pigs. . . . We used to grow our own." Earle recalled, "We looked around in the recipe box, and it says to take them and tan them to make them brown for ham." The Matthews soaked them "down cellar in the brine for two or three months and they used to smoke it and make ham."

"Yeah! Roast pork, ham, bacon," said Barb. "Four or five [pigs] at a time" would be on each of their farms. In addition, the Chapins had a hen house, and their eggs were used primarily by her own family.

"Everybody wanted eggs of course," Earle added. He reminisced, "We'd take some eggs down to the mail box. Now the post office would probably

laugh at you.” During World War II, the eggs would travel by train from Essex Junction to Hartford, Connecticut. There, his Aunt Emma sold them from her house, and mailed the empty cartons back. The heavy cardboard box held 144 eggs. Each open carton had 24 holes for eggs; and there were six layers of them in one box.

Elmer Matthews also transported his syrup cans by train. Both farms sold maple syrup to customers locally and as far away as California. Barb remembered her grandfather (Claude Chapin) using a scale to weigh syrup and having the roll of brown tape to moisten and put around the cardboard boxes to mail. Earle’s dad “used to make a wooden box to hold [syrup cans] all tight and to hold them together. . . . I know he used to make up to . . . seven gallons in one box.” If it was more than two gallons, they had to be sent on the railroad. Even then, Earle remarked, “We had them out in the south. Our cans’ trip from the south always punctured the cans. We had to pay for it too.” The syrup was insured and customers could mail the damaged syrup cans back for new ones. “The two gallon cans used to go parcel post. And of course during war you could only get \$3.39 a gallon. There was a ceiling on it.”

“The farmers took a lot of pride in their syrup,” Barb remarked.

“Dad and your dad always used to swap syrup to see who’s was the best,” Earle recalled. The Matthews and Preveys would share gathering sap with each farm’s work horse team pulling the collection tubs on a sled. During March, Earle’s after school chores were also to gather sap. “We tapped around 2,000 buckets at one time. But [now] we just can’t gather it in the [sugar] house. I don’t want to go to pipeline I don’t think syrup is as good.” He makes fifty-plus gallons of syrup now. Earle doesn’t tap as many trees, “because we go with buckets. It’s the only way to have good syrup.” Both Earle and Barb chuckled. The different grades and amounts of syrup count on the weather. “Sometimes it’s strong and then . . . there’s black strap. . . . The trees budded a little bit and they made it taste bad.” It tastes more like bark at the season’s end.

There was also a difference in flavor between syrup (produced later in the season) from soft maples and hard maples on the ridge across from each of their farms. [Actually, the rocky ridge with maple trees starts by the water tower on Bixby Hill Road and continues towards Earle’s sugar orchard and beyond. It parallels Chapin Road and those farmers used to tap their maple trees. The red building at the corner of Colonel Page Road and Chapin Road was

Carlisle Bixby’s sugar house. Barb’s sugar house foundation is about 900 feet off Chapin Road, across from her family’s house.]

Barb’s dad, Graton, made about 225 gallons in a really good year. Earle still uses part of an old farm road directly across from his barn; it leads to his present maple orchard and sugar house.

Earle had heard that earlier settlers used this pasture and woods road as a main route to the Center in the late 1700s. It had connected to an old Bixby Hill Road that extended to the other side of Earle’s maple ridge. [The now privately owned and hidden Bixby Hill Road bed still has remnants of a stone wall on both sides.] An 1807 map of an Essex Survey (by John Johnson) in Frank Bent’s book shows that Bixby Hill Road ran parallel to the ridge and connected to Pettingill Road.

The same map includes a part of the forgotten Colonel Page Road which also branched off from Bixby Hill Road, above the Essex Classical Institute. In the woods and fields outside of Meadows Edge development, there is still a wide path (some with a stone wall) on the old road that met the present corner of Colonel Page and Chapin Roads. Chapin Road did not appear from that corner to Towers Road in 1807, but is depicted on the 1869 map of Essex (from the Atlas of Beers, Ellis & Soule). The 1869 map showed Earle’s farm road as parallel dotted lines to the Pettingill Road; however, the previous two road extensions had disappeared from the map.

Barb’s family came to Essex from Jericho in the 1860s, and started their farm on Old Stage Road before building a house and barn on Chapin Road around 1870. They had about 300 acres. The same person from Richmond raised the Chapin and the Whitten barns. In 1925, Earle’s Grandfather Matthews moved from Williston and purchased the already existing Bates farm at 272 Chapin Road. As you drive over the Alder Brook bridge, first on the left there was the Farrands. Carlisle Bixby was on the corner of Colonel Page Road. Next was McAvoy’s in the white cape on the right. Then the Chapin, Whitten (which was later owned by Cheney), and Matthews farms were the larger ones. Last was the Prevey farm which bordered on the Westford end of Chapin Road. Barb heard that her house was originally on the other side of the road. “No one was really sure why it got moved. One theory was that the barn was always on the west side of Chapin Road. And then they wanted the house closer to the barn.”

**End of Part I.
To be continued in the Fall 2008 ECHO.**

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Griffin Family Information Sought

Dear Ms. Clough [board member],

I have received your package this week from Essex. I was so shocked to see a letter addressed to me from Essex. I couldn't help but wonder that's been over a hundred years since a Griffin received a letter addressed from Essex. The book was pure gold [Frank Bent book]. I stayed home and read it all morning and ended up going late to work. It was quite scintillating to find the name of my own ancestors mentioned in the book. I can't express how pleased I've been with it.

I'm writing to get my dad a membership as well. I also gave him my book of *The History of Essex, [Vermont]* for his birthday which also thoroughly pleased him.

Thank you very much, Gary Griffin

I have ancestors that were living in Essex from the late 1700s to about 1850. I'm anxious to see if any further records or insight can be found in reference to them. And in general, I would love to know more about the town and area of Essex where they lived. I'm grateful that you have this historical society. I've enjoyed reading the ECHO and other articles. I'm grateful to see the great historical preservation undertaking you have.

I'm looking forward to getting a copy of *The History of Essex, [Vermont]*. If there is anyone that I can hire for onsite genealogical research on the Griffin lives of the early 1800s I would be grateful to be put in contact with them.

Sincerely, Gary Griffin

[Contact the editors or Eva Clough for more information]

Brief Update on the 1805 School House Project

By Hubie Norton

Progress is slow, but there is progress. One new door with door jamb and threshold has been built and the second door is in the process of being constructed. The hardware, hinges and latches for both doors, is in the process of being designed and made by a local blacksmith. Next the doors get painted and installed and then it's on to clapboards. As with previous work on the school house, local materials and craftsman continue to be utilized whenever possible.

Simon Tubbs, Revolutionary War Soldier

On Sunday, August 12, 2007 descendents of Simon Tubbs, the Brigham family, gathered at the Village Cemetery in Essex Junction for a grave marking ceremony that commemorated Tubbs' service. Simon Tubbs was a Revolutionary War soldier with the Seventh Connecticut Regiment. He was with George Washington in Valley Forge where he had transferred to be a part of The Commander-in-Chief Guard. After the war, he settled in Burlington. Upon retirement, he moved to Essex, which he helped found.

Editors' note: We will have more details about his life and military career in the fall issue of the ECHO.



The Drury Brickyard

Clara Drury and Homer Drury with their five sons, Harris Sr., Max, Alan, Harley F. and Edwin in the 1920s. Harris Sr. and Max operated the business for many years. It was sold to the Densmore brick concern in 1962. In 1971 it fired its kiln for the last time and shut down. The only visible remains are the machine room, now the office of the Snyder Company, and a 1901 chimney. Visit the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge from June 21 to 22 to view the historical society's display on this Essex Junction industry.

The Collection Corner

New Donations/acquisitions. The following items were either donated or acquired:

- four ornaments and a doll from the Toy Farm-Jane and George Schoonejongen (donated).
- Essex postcard, 1916 photo of people on Officer's Row at Fort Ethan Allen (acquired from Laurie Jordan).
- jack jumper-Ethlyn Parizo (donated).
- 1974 Essex High School yearbook, hard cover *Look Around Chittenden County*-Laurie Jordan a(donated).
- class photos 1929, 1923, 1952, and circa 1890-Earle Matthews (donated).
- four school photos-C.B. Dana, Belmont, VT (donated).
- a Mary Laliberte painting of Essex Jct. train station. Tobe Zalinger (donated).

Thank you to these people.

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Membership Form

Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership at this time.
Or you can pass this on to someone who would like to become a member.

Your dues will help us add to our collection of Essex memorabilia, maintain the museum,
publish the ECHO, and sponsor historical programs.

_____ New member

_____ Renewal of membership

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

___ Individual membership \$10.00

___ Family membership \$15.00

___ Senior membership (60 and over) \$5.00

___ Lifetime: individual, married, civil union \$100.00

**Make checks payable to the
Essex Community Historical Society.
Thank You.**



Calendar of Events

(See inside for more details)

Thursday May 8, 2008:

EBPA mixer and ECHS open house

Saturday May 17, 2008:

Water tower open

Saturday May 24, 2008:

Memorial Day Parade

Saturday June 7, 2008:

Tag sale

Sunday June 15, 2008:

Museum Grand Opening

Saturday June 21 and

Sunday June 22, 2008:

Vermont History Expo

Saturday July 19, 2008:

Essex Junction Block Party

