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Essex Community Historical Oracle

From The President...

We are about to open the Museum for the second year. We plan a preview over Memorial Day weekend. We will be open 1-4 pm, Saturday, May 29, Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31. We are looking for volunteers for these times.

A lot has been done since last summer, and we think you will like the results. Please come and see all of the improvements that have been made.

Most importantly, we are looking for new members. We hope that all of you who have been members will renew your membership. If you have a question about where or not you have renewed, please call Kathy Dodge at 878-4272.

We are excited about this summer and hope you will come and visit us— and please, bring a friend.

Harry Landon, President

From Buildings and Grounds

Last summer, Morse Lumber and Millwork here in Essex provided the Essex Community Historical Society with a generous gift. Approximately \$2,000 worth of lumber was donated to the Harriet Farnsworth Powell Community Museum.

The donated material provided ceiling crown moulding, picture moulding, stock material to frame in archways, casing material for doorways and a 71\4 inch baseboard. Brad Morse visited the museum and made recommendations for the size and shape of the material. A very special thanks to Brad and his staff.

Residents from both the Village and the Town volunteered their time and labor. Don Soderberg, Gil Meyers, David Clough, Walter Frey, and George Clapp spent several Thursday nights working at the museum. As a result of their efforts, the inside of the museum is nearly complete.

Donating her creativity and labor, Jody Landon has painted and stenciled the bathrooms.

With some painting left, the building is about to be returned to the collections staff to reorganize the museum for our spring

opening.

Attempts will be made at securing grants in the near future to renovate the exterior of the museum. With that complete, the community will have a sound facility for years to come.

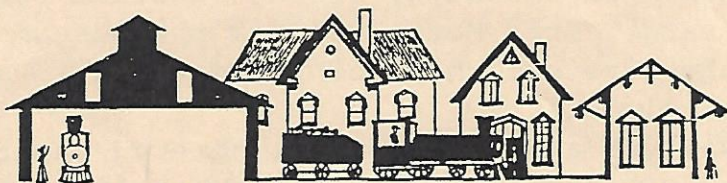
Some Interesting Industries That Were Once In Essex

The 1870 census tells us that the wheels of industry were very busy in Essex back then. At Essex Center, Wilson Morse had a harness, JH Whitten made gloves; and Mrs. JW Work ran a millinery. Zenas Farrand, who lived on Old Stage Road, near Butler's Corners, sold herbs and roots. He also prepared herbal medications which he shipped to customers all over the county.

Taking advantage of the transportation facilities at Essex Junction were ML Snyder's Marble Works and JW Truax, who made water wheels. William Fletcher, the largest butcher in Chittenden County, had a stockyard off Maple Street. A combination of sand and clay deposits, at that time to the northwest of the village, but now adjacent to the Town offices, provided the site for JK Drury and Son's brickyard. GW Morehouse followed a more eccentric trade compounding an "Indian Ointment."

Near the Junction, but not yet part of it, was the manufacturing community of Hubble's Falls, a power site on the Winooski River. Among the businesses located there were Hunter and Shiland's wallpaper mill and Gregory's grist mill.

Membership dues are renewed annually. Please check to see if there is a dot on your address label. If there is, it is time to renew your membership.



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Renewal Information:

Family	\$10.00	___
Individual	\$5.00	___
Seniors/Students	\$3.00	___

Good through October 1, 1993



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