Annual Report

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Prepared for the

ANNUAL MEETING

of the

VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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AGENDA

9:00 a.m.
Registration/Coffee

9:30 - 10:00 am
Welcome and Executive Director’s Report

Announcement of 2007 Weston A. Cate, Jr. Research Fellowship:
Julia M. Lewandoski, for her research project, “A Map of Historical Native American Communities in Caledonia County.”

Announcement of 2007 Richard O. Hathaway Awards:
Jeffrey D. Marshall, Director of Research Collections, UVM Libraries, for his historical novel The Inquest.

Judith Irving, Director, Vermont Women’s History Project, for their DVD “Strengthening the Future by Illuminating the Past.”

Honorary Member:
Lois H. McClure

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Business Meeting
Reports: VHS Departments
Reports: Board Committees
Election of Officers and Trustees

11:30 - 12:20 p.m.
Program: H. Nicholas Muller, III
“Changing Styles and Always in Fashion: Five Decades with the Vermont Historical Society”

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Buffet Lunch – Pavilion Building
Half a century ago, the Vermont Historical Society’s annual meeting was a two-day affair. On July 26, 1957, some 140 VHS members convened at the Masonic Building in Montpelier for greetings from Governor Joseph B. Johnson, a panel on biography, and “luncheon with speaker.” The meeting continued in the afternoon at Kent Tavern in Calais with displays of the Vermont antiques in the Harold G. Rugg bequest, an auction, a quilting bee, dinner, and presentations on Vermont humor by Allen Foley and Loren Pierce. The next day back at the Masonic Building featured Vrest Orton on the Vermont Historic Sites Commission, Olney Hill on the state Public Records Commission, more displays from the Rugg collection, lunch, the annual business meeting, dinner, and Dr. Robert H. Land’s lecture on Vermont history sources at the Library of Congress. Members who made it through both nine-hour days and all four meals paid a total of $6.95, “including gratuities.”

Things have changed a bit at VHS in 50 years. Our cramped quarters in the state Supreme Court building then have given way to more spacious digs at the Pavilion in Montpelier and the Vermont History Center in Barre, with Kent Tavern now a historic site under the state Division for Historic Preservation. In 1957 most people who wanted to interact with VHS had to travel to Montpelier in person; now, while we certainly continue to welcome visitors to both our locations, the Society also does outreach to 150 or more towns around the state every year and makes electronic contact with “Vermonters and Vermonters at heart” around the globe. The library and museum collections that Harold G. Rugg’s bequest strengthened so significantly have grown by leaps and bounds, with no end in sight to the acquisition of wonderful “old Vermont stuff.” Vermont History Expo has become a national model for combining history exhibits and public presentations into a fascinating weekend on state and local heritage. Our education programs, only a dream in 1957 for a staff of five, serve students and schools from Bennington to Canaan. The majestic 1881 Barnard catamount may still be the Society’s most memorable single possession, as it was half a century ago, but the VHS over which he presides is notably larger, more energetic, and more dynamic than at any time in the organization’s 169 years.

Fiscal Year 2007 was a good year for VHS. On the programmatic side, some of the high points included launching the library’s online catalogue, and another very successful Vermont History Expo. Noteworthy additions to the library and museum holdings included paintings and drawings by artists from James F. Gilman to Ernie Haas, the papers of the Johnson family of Newbury, David Perrin’s Vermont coin silver collection, and the Civil War Medal of Honor awarded to George E. Davis of the 10th Vermont Infantry. The Community History Partnership, Vermont History Day, our Family Fun Workshops, Vermont history lending kits, and such creative initiatives as translation of the “Freedom and Unity” exhibit overview into Spanish by a Montpelier High School class stood out among a wide range of VHS education and outreach activities and services.

And there was more in a busy year. Installation of the restored Spaulding School bell on the front steps of the Vermont History Center struck a responsive chord with Spaulding alums and Barre residents alike. The redesign and new title for our membership newsletter elicited favorable reactions from our readers. VHS staff gave more than three dozen public lectures in 30 Vermont towns, and we published in newspapers, magazines and journals on different aspects of Vermont history. Staff service on state, regional and national boards, commissions and task forces continued to raise the Society’s profile among our professional peers, as did collaboration with a long list of Vermont cultural heritage organizations on projects from planning for the 2009 Lake Champlain quadricentennial to new books, documentary films and websites. In short, Vermonters and their communities received full value from VHS in FY07. In 1957 no ranking of the best American state history organizations
would have included VHS; today VHS members can be proud of belonging to one of the finest small state historical societies in the nation.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t include some mention in this report of the Society’s financial situation. Like the majority of America’s heritage organizations these days, VHS faces some daunting fiscal challenges. The operating budget is tight, to say the least, and the search for new sources of support is a constant priority. On the bright side, our revenues from state government and the private sector are up significantly from five years ago; in state funding in particular, the strong and consistent appreciation that both the administrative and legislative branches have demonstrated for the Society since 2003 has been most gratifying. In the private sector, we are constantly nurturing relationships with old and new donors alike, with results that continue the upward trend of our fundraising numbers. Ten years ago VHS did not raise even $100,000 annually; today our total from individuals, foundations and corporations is seven times as much.

Yet while the financial glass is half full rather than half empty, members of the Society need to know that our movement towards real fiscal stability remains a work in progress. On all fronts—building our endowment; completing renovations on the History Center complex and maintaining the 120-year-old building; collections acquisitions, care and accessibility; funding for education and outreach programs; general operating costs; keeping up with technology; publishing new books on Vermont history—VHS stretches the dollars at hand too far for comfort. While we achieve remarkable results, to be sure, the fragility of our budget is worrisome at best and the missed opportunities and unrealized potential for doing more to serve Vermont are distressing indeed.

I’ve said and written it before, but it bears repeating here: Vermonters who care about our heritage and who value what VHS does must step up now to help stabilize our organization’s finances. By giving to the Annual Fund; becoming a History Expo sponsor; putting the Society in your will; adding to our endowment; donating to the specific VHS department or program that you value most—you will ensure that when our successors gather for Annual Meeting 2057 they can look back to our time as an era of growth, success and prosperity for the Vermont Historical Society.

J. Kevin Graffagnino, Executive Director
This was a landmark year for the library. In December 2006 we unveiled an online catalog, marking the first time that our bibliographic data was available to researchers worldwide through the Internet. Using hardware and software shared with us by the Vermont State Colleges and funds from an anonymous benefactor, we launched our online catalog with 13,951 records for our books, manuscripts, maps, broadsides and other library holdings. Although not all of our materials are in our online catalog yet, patrons can now begin to search for the rich resources that are available at VHS, enhancing both our viability and visibility as a research institution.

While the online catalog was under development using records we had created with our previous computer system, we started the long and arduous process of converting our older paper catalog cards to electronic records. Using volunteers and part-time employees, we have converted 2,495 records of existing cataloging to electronic format. These records, combined with original cataloging records and records for newly received items, gave us a total of 17,169 items in the online catalog by the end of the fiscal year. We received considerable cataloging support this year from the Vermont State Colleges, where Bibliographic Database Coordinator Kay Schlueter has been doing original cataloging for us. Much of what we have accomplished this year would not have been possible without Kay's commitment to developing an effective library catalog for the Society.

Our work to put information on our web site is appreciated by many people. We received the following message from a woman in Mattawan, Michigan: “I don't know how to describe to you my elation at finding Dr. Jonathan Adams Allen of Middlebury and Rutland, Vt. [on your web site], transcribed by Melissa Candy in April of this year. I just stumbled upon the site, and what must have been a recent posting of the Allen document. Our family has been searching for years to find our ggg-grandfather's ancestry . . .”

This year we had 1,566 researchers on site in the library. While the number of visitors slightly declined last year, an average of 7.6 patrons come to the library each day that we are open. Interestingly, 80 percent of our users are Vermonters. In addition to our visitors, we estimate that we answer about 600 e-mails and over 500 telephone inquiries per year.

Our photographic reproduction service continues to be popular with researchers, publishers, television producers, web designers, and Civil War enthusiasts. This year, our records show that we filled over 70 requests for over 300 prints or digital files. In addition, we filed many unrecorded requests from newspapers, History Day students, and Vermont History Expo exhibitors. VHS continues to partner with the “Vermont Book of Days,” supplying them with images for their daily segments on Vermont Public Television.

Our efforts to arrange and describe our manuscript collections, both newly received and long-time held, continue unabated, conducted mostly by our crew of committed volunteers. We now have a total of 879 manuscript collections described in our online catalog. About 50 of these were cataloged in the past year. The volunteers created finding aids for about two dozen more collections which are still waiting to be finalized and cataloged by the professional staff.

This year we also celebrated the fifth anniversary of our operations in the Vermont History Center. To mark the event, we created some posters with “before and after” photographs of the building that we displayed during Barre’s Homecoming celebration in July. More paintings from the museum collection are now displayed in the library; paintings by Thomas Waterman Wood, James Franklin Gilman, John Myrick Everett, Frank Childs, John Heliker, Walton Blodgett, Francis Colburn, and Regis Cummings.

People who love Vermont and its history continue to support us by contributing books, manuscripts, photographs, broadsides, and maps to the library collections. This year we received 210 separate gifts ranging in size from one postcard to several boxes of books. Our gifts are too numerous to list here, but the following
sampling demonstrates the variety of items (in addition to numerous books) donated to the VHS library in a typical year:

Henry Ballou and Caroline Hubbard diaries, 1883-1945, gift of Patricia Ballou.
Nixon in Vermont poster, gift of Jerry Barcomb.
Civilian Conservation Corps photos, gift of Patricia Belding.
Photo of Socony gas station, Montpelier, gift of family of Raymo Berganti.
Presidential appointment of Gardner S. Blodgett as Assistant Quartermaster signed by Abraham Lincoln and Thomas A. Scott, 1861, gift of John and Stuart Burroughs.
11 California Gold Rush letters from John Cooper to his sister in West Bolton, 1854-57, gift of Brooks Buxton.
12 binders of Vermont Catholic Church histories, gift of *Vermont Catholic Tribune*.
Early Green-Up Day poster, gift of Brian Lindner.
“Rules for Cooking,” published by the Ladies’ Society of the Church of the Messiah, Montpelier, gift of Heidi Merrill.
Tintype, Seymour Farm House, St. Albans, gift of Janet Seymour.
Killington ski area posters, gift of William F. Sharp.
Civil War letters of Loren Kingsbury, gift of Jane Cupps Van Nort.
Records of Camp Maple Knolls, Northfield, gift of Alan Weiss.

The work of the library this year, as in years past, would not have been possible without the dedicated service of our library volunteers. We hit a record high number of volunteers this year (17) and a record number of hours contributed (over 1,960). Our volunteers this year were intern Judy Barwood, Jane Belcher, Ethan Bisbee, Mary Pat Brigham, Melissa Candy, John and Mary Carnahan, Barbara Ellingson, Ruth Finn, Mary Gagne, Marge Garfield, student Steven Kung, Bill Lowe, Robert Murphy, Priscilla Page, student Christian Savoia, and Mark Vanderlinde-Abernathy.

*Paul A. Carnahan, Librarian*
During the past year, the museum staff’s main focus was collections care. Using grant money from the federal Collections Assessment Program (CAP), three consultants came to Barre in July and reviewed the collections environment, storage facilities, and the building itself. Richard Kerschner, Chief Conservator at the Shelburne Museum; Mary Jo Davis, private paper conservator; and Tom Keefe, architect; spent the day touring the History Center, asking staff questions, and taking photographs. Each consultant later wrote a report on their specific area of expertise, making short and long-term recommendations about collections care and building maintenance.

Using the CAP consultant recommendations, VHS submitted another grant in October 2006 to the federal Institute of Museum and Library Service’s (IMLS) Conservation Support Program. VHS partnered with Vermont’s Building and General Services (BGS), working with State Buildings Curator David Schutz to request money for custom built art storage racks for VHS’s painting collections, and cabinets to house BGS’s Civil War flag collection. In May 2007, VHS received notice of a $150,000 grant award from IMLS. With that funding, we hired Brendon Floyd, a recent history graduate of Johnson State College, as the IMLS project intern. Brendon, Mary Labate Rogstad, VHS registrar, and I have been working since then to reorganize all collections storage areas to accommodate the art racks and flag cabinets. The entire project will be completed in the spring of 2008 when over 400 works of art and 68 flags are safely in place in their new storage equipment.

Working with museum volunteers Anita Rogers and Sandra Collins, Mary has made great headway in cataloging three large recent additions to the collection. The Balham Collection from Montpelier (300), the Cleveland Collection of souvenir ware (150), and the Lilian Baker Carlisle Collection (600) were photographed, measured, and information entered into the database. Information on the woven textile collection compiled by the Vermont Weaver’s Guild was all entered into the computer by Anita, and Sandra continues to enter the information from paper donor files into the computer. I’d like to thank these two women for the hours that they have given helping to document the museum collections.

The museum staff developed several small exhibits this year. In September 2006, we exhibited at the annual Vermont Antiques Dealers Show in Manchester, this year pairing up with the Townsend Historical Society. A small exhibit was put together on transportation for Vermont History Expo. There were four new exhibits in the lobby of the Vermont History Center: Vermont Pops on Vermont soda makers; Spiritualism in Vermont, just in time for the Scary Barre event; Winter in Vermont; and Pewter Made in Vermont.

Over 1,000 new artifacts were added to the museum collection during the past year. The vast majority of these were generous donations to the Society. They range from ephemera from Vermont businesses, military items from the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War II, clothing from the 20th century, to fine works of art. Space is not available to list every new item but there are three special gifts that I want to mention.

VHS Board member J. Brooks Buxton continues to add to VHS’s art collection, donating two Francis Colburn paintings and a wonderful drawing by James Franklin Gilman of Kent’s Corner in Calais. David Perrin gave 138 pieces of Vermont coin silver he has extensively researched along with a beautiful case he built to display it. Diana and Penelope Carlisle, daughters of historian and collector Lilian Baker Carlisle, so far have given over 600 items of clothing and ephemera that their mother collected along with detailed research information. A complete list of all donors to the museum can be found at the end of the annual report.

Freedom and Unity: One Ideal Many Stories continues to be a popular exhibit with teachers and schoolchildren from around the state and visitors from around the world. Ann Callear, VHS’s museum store manager, keeps the store inventory current and attractive. She also updates the annual printed booklist and online catalog, with
help from Leslie Thomas, museum store assistant, to make VHS publications and other Vermont history titles accessible to members and the public. Ann also is responsible for scheduling and training the volunteers who work in the museum and museum store on weekdays. Steve Bosserman, Jacqueline O’Harkin, and Susan Templeton open the museum to the public on weekends.

As always, I like to finish my report by thanking the volunteers who make the museum operations possible. Volunteers at the museum in Montpelier include Marianne Book, Joanna Caserta, Eulie Costello, Joanne Davis, Olive Franzi, Margaret Hutchins, Anita Krauth, Ellie McIntyre, Pricilla Minkin, and Georgia Valentine. Volunteers at the Vermont History Center include Betsy Allen, Blanche Bousquet, Anita Ellero, Olive Franzi, Ron Gallas, Liz Gilligan, Loraine Granai, Edith Harding, Rose Lorenzini, and Nelda Rossi.

Jacqueline Calder, Curator
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT’S REPORT

The Vermont Historical Society’s education department continues to offer a wide array of educational programming, both onsite at the Society’s museum and through extensive outreach programs. VHS is now a dynamic educational partner with schools and communities throughout Vermont. Our K-12 educational outreach programs continue to grow, serving Vermonters in every corner of the state. In 2006, our outreach programs alone served some 3,000 Vermont schoolchildren and teachers. The VHS museum gave guided tours to 5,000 Vermont schoolchildren and teachers from 65 towns – all free of charge. Yet, programming efforts extend beyond K-12 students, as the idea driving our educational outreach is not merely to promote Vermont history for students, but also to connect ‘students’ of all ages with the past by hosting the Vermont History Expo and managing the League of Local Historical Societies.

K-12 Programs: Through our history lending kits, online exhibits, Community History Partnership, and Vermont History Day, Vermont’s youth are reaping the benefits of VHS’ unparalleled educational resources. Onsite programs at the VHS museum include a behind-the-scenes activity, You Be the Historian, for 4th through 9th grade students as part of their field trip. The Family Workshops series give children ages 6-10 a hands-on experience with the past. Six workshops a year provide approximately 120 children and their families a look at the museum’s collections along with stories, demonstrations and crafts.

Since the opening of the “Freedom & Unity” exhibit at the VHS museum in 2001, thousands of Vermont students have been led by trained volunteer guides, known as History Helpers, on a multi-sensory journey through 300 years of Vermont history. One of the initiatives undertaken by the Museum Programs Director and our History Helpers this year has been the development of thematic tours of the exhibit. The three themes so far are: Waterways in Vermont’s History; Forests in Vermont’s History; and Transportation and Communication over Time. An important development at the museum this season provides an invaluable public service. For the first time, we now have translations of the exhibit summary guide in Spanish, French, and Italian! Special thanks to the students from Montpelier High School and South Burlington for the Spanish and French translations, respectively. Joanna Caserta, one of our museum volunteers, and her husband Angelo, prepared the Italian translation. We are very appreciative of the hard work that went into these projects, and delighted to provide this public service.

VHS offers five different history lending kits that continue to be a popular resource for classroom teachers. Last year, 1,100 Vermont students learned about archaeology, the Abenaki, Vermont and the Civil War, early village life and 19th-century schooling through hands-on learning experiences with the kits. Moreover, the lending kits and curriculum materials are designed to align with Vermont’s K-12 Framework of Standards.

Since 2001, the Community History Partnership (CHP) has worked with 34 communities around the state, nurturing educational partnerships between schools and their local heritage organizations. CHP guides teams of schoolchildren and community residents to work together and explore different aspects of their local cultural and natural heritage. Currently, there are 11 Vermont communities participating in CHP: Guilford, Londonderry, Weathersfield, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Proctor, Poultney, Tunbridge, Plainfield, Shelburne, and South Burlington.

Vermont History Day, the state competition connected to National History Day, continues to draw students in grades 6-12 from around the state. In 2006, more than 200 students from 18 schools participated in Vermont History Day, and 36 Vermont winners attended the National History Day contest. One eighth-grade student participant explained how History Day changed the way they think about history: “World events affect everyone. Even though something may happen on the world level, it affects Vermont, and in some cases, even your hometown.”
Public Programs: Vermont History Expo continues to be VHS’s largest public program event of the year. Our 8th Annual Vermont History Expo went off without a hitch. By shifting management of our signature event in-house, the collaboration and energy of VHS staff, trustees and volunteers ensured another successful event. The weather cooperated, we had a wonderful turn-out of Vermonters and “Vermonters-at-heart,” and our exhibitors, vendors and presenters were all pleased with the event. About half of the local historical societies designed exhibits on this year’s theme, “Travel and Transportation: How Vermonters Got There from Here.” The 9th Annual Vermont History Expo returns to Tunbridge June 21-22, 2008. Our main theme is Industry and Innovation: Vermont Ingenuity, with a new feature, “Civil War Sunday,” with exhibits, talks and demonstrations focusing on the Vermont home front during the war years and the aftermath.

VHS’s connection to local historical societies was strengthened greatly this year with the creation of a new part-time position, the Local Historical Societies Outreach Manager. Membership in VHS’s League of Local Historical Societies has grown to 194. We published an updated Passport to Vermont History with contact information and hours of operation for each local historical society. At the League of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting, held jointly with the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance in October 2006 in Montpelier, over 80 local society members enjoyed a daylong event featuring workshops and shared ideas through information booths from organizations and services around the state. In addition, 18 local societies received recognition with awards in categories such as publications, exhibits, society operations, educational outreach, and individual achievement.

Late in 2006, we launched a new service for local historical societies, a weekly electronic newsletter called Local History News. Over 400 local historical society members are now included in this very popular listserv. Each “issue” contains calendar listings and descriptions of events of interest to local historical societies and others with an interest in Vermont’s history. The listserv also provides an opportunity for VHS and other organizations to publicize their events, and to let readers know about conferences, workshops, and grant opportunities.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank-you to the dozens of volunteers whose tireless energy help make the annual History Day competition and Vermont History Expo such successes. We are especially indebted to the museum History Helpers, who give guided tours and help with our Family Fun workshops. As an intern this spring, Ashley Meacham did a fine job of updating the archeology materials for the “You Be the Historian” museum program.

Sarah Adelman, Community History Partnership Manager

We are proud to announce that our own Patty Wiley, Local Historical Societies Outreach Manager, and the Middlesex Historical Society received a Leadership in History Award from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) for their book, Middlesex in the Making: History and Memories of
The Publications and Research Committee met four times in FY 2006/2007, under the leadership of Lola Van Wagenen and Christopher Wren, co-chairs; Alan Berolzheimer, book editor; and Kevin Graffagnino, director. Committee members are: Lyn Blackwell, East Montpelier; David Donath, Woodstock; Karen Lane, Barre; Gene Sessions, Northfield; Tom Slayton, Montpelier; Brian Vachon, Montpelier; Lola Van Wagenen, Charlotte; and Chris Wren, Thetford.

A major focus of the committee’s energy was launching the Richard O. Hathaway Award for the most outstanding contribution to Vermont history in any medium produced during the previous calendar year. Four nominations were received for 2006, and the winner was Kim Bent and Lost Nation Theater’s production of Stone. Considerable progress was made during the year raising endowment funds to support the award on a sustainable basis.

In connection with the Society’s recent strategic plan, the committee rededicated itself to asserting the Society’s leadership in educational publishing about Vermont history for elementary and secondary students. The committee will work closely with the Education Director and the Education Committee to achieve specific goals.

No books were published during FY07, but steady progress was made on two projects: publication of George Houghton’s Civil War photographs, with research and writing by Don Wickman and others; and a book of photographs of Jamaica, Vermont, in 1950 taken by Rebecca Lepkoff of Brattleboro and New York City, with an essay by Greg Joly of Jamaica. Several other submissions were considered.

In January 2007 the Ben Lane Award for the best article published in Vermont History (vols. 72-73) was given to Keith A. Erekson, for “The Joseph Smith Memorial Monument and Royalton’s ‘Mormon Affair’: Religion, Community, Memory, and Politics in Progressive Vermont,” 73 (Summer/Fall 2005). This year’s Wes Cate Fellowship was awarded to Julia Lewandoski of Burlington, for a project entitled “A Map of Historical Native American Communities in Caledonia County.”

Lola Van Wagenen and Chris Wren, Co-Chairs
Alan Berolzheimer, Editor
### Vermont Historical Society
#### Unaudited Balance Sheet
#### For the Year Ending June 30, 2007

**ASSETS**

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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**
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#### For the Year Ending June 30, 2007

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| Administration and Finance | 103,203 | 4,253            | 969            | 9,014           | 506          | 262,569  | 10,111 | 390,624  |
| Cost of Goods Sold Museum Store | 33,713 | 0                | 7,142          | 0               | 0            | 0        | 0     | 40,855   |
| Pavilion Fee for Space | 216,558 | 0                | 0              | 0               | 0            | 0        | 0     | 216,558  |
| Public Affairs | 129,004 | 0                | 0              | 0               | 0            | 0        | 0     | 129,004  |
| Library Acquisitions | 9,062 | 0                | 250            | 0               | 0            | 0        | 0     | 9,312    |
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Ms. Warren serves as Vice President, district operations leader for Key Bank in Burlington. She has been with the bank for 23 years in various positions, including strategic planning, marketing/market research, retail product manager, and area retail leader. Prior to that she was an FDIC bank examiner for 4.5 years. Ms. Warren graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Finance from Seton Hall University and is also a 1990 honors graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. She has been a VHS trustee from 1996 to 2002 and from 2005 to the present.

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J. Brooks Buxton, Jericho
Mr. Buxton has spent 45 years in the international oil industry (ConocoPhillips) and banking (First National City Bank) in the Middle East, and currently heads Buxton Mideast, Inc., an independent internationally based consulting company with offices in the United States and the United Kingdom. He is a trustee of the Robert Hull Fleming Museum at the University of Vermont, the Jericho Historical Society, the Jericho Cemetery Association, and the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. He has also served on the board of Directors of the American University in Cairo. Mr. Buxton has been a VHS trustee from 2004 to the present.

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H. Nicholas Muller III, Essex, New York
Dr. Muller retired in 2003 as CEO of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. Earlier in his career he taught Vermont and Canadian history at the University of Vermont, served as President of Colby-Sawyer College, and headed the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. He has been a VHS trustee (1972-75, 1981-87 and 2003 to the present) and Vice President (1975-81), and he edited Vermont History from 1977 to 1985. Dr. Muller has published widely on Vermont history, including (with John J. Duffy) An Anxious Democracy: Aspects of the 1830s (1982), (with Samuel B. Hand) In a State of Nature: Readings in Vermont History (1982), and (with J. Kevin Graffagnino) The Quotable Ethan Allen (2005).
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Ms. Roomet received her M.A. in American Cultural History and Museology from the University of Vermont. She has served as a guest curator for various exhibitions mounted at such institutions as the R. H. Fleming Museum (UVM), the Fletcher Free Library, and the Katonah Art Museum. She has worked for the State Division for Historic Preservation as an architectural historian and the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance as director of the Vermont Collections Survey. Ms. Roomet has served on the boards of the Vermont Humanities Council, the Hinesburg Land Trust and the Stern Center. She has been a trustee (1999-2005) and Second Vice President (2005-06) of VHS.

Richard J. Marek, Newfane
Mr. Marek is a graduate of Grand Valley State University (B.A., Political Science and History) and Wayne State University (J.D.). A retired attorney, he has served in the Vermont House of Representatives from 2003 to the present. He has been Vice President of the Windham County Historical Society and President of the Vermont Philatelic Society. Mr. Marek is a Justice of the Peace, Deputy Fire Warden and an avid collector of Vermont postal history.

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Mr. Brock holds a B.A. from Middlebury College and an M.A. from Yale University. He retired in 2003 as Executive Vice President, Risk Oversight, for Fidelity Investments. A Vietnam veteran, he left the Regular Army in 1970 as a captain in the Military Police Corps. Mr. Brock is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Alzheimer’s Association and is vice chair of the International College Foundation. He has served as a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Finance Agency and as state Auditor of Accounts from 2005 to 2007.

Peter T. Mallary, Bradford
Mr. Mallary is a former state legislator and past president of VHS. Formerly an expert in charge of American books and manuscripts at Sotheby’s, Mr. Mallary is the author of two volumes on New England history and architecture. He has served or serves on several boards, including Vermont Public Television, The Upper Valley Community Foundation, Vermont’s Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, and the Vermont Community Loan Fund.

For a first three-year term
Victor R. Swenson, Johnson
Dr. Swenson holds degrees from Oberlin College, George Washington University and Johns Hopkins University. He taught history at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Johnson State College. He was the founding Executive Director of the Vermont Humanities Council, retiring in 2002. Dr. Swenson served as a trustee of VHS from 1981 to 1986.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following departing officers and trustees for their tireless energy on behalf of the Vermont Historical Society:

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Our special thanks and sincere appreciation to Virginia (Ginger) Baker for serving as interim Director of Finance and Operations through April 2007.
The Vermont Historical Society’s mission is to: “engage both Vermonters and ‘Vermonters at heart’ in the exploration of our state’s rich heritage. Our purpose is to reach a broad audience through our outstanding collections, statewide outreach and dynamic programming. We believe that an understanding of the past changes lives and builds better communities.”

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