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**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to the public.

Annual Dues are:  
\$4 Individual  
\$5 Family  
\$3 (student or 65+)

See reverse for application

**MUSEUM HOURS**

Tuesday  
10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wednesday  
3 p.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday & Friday  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Closed Sunday, Monday & major holidays

**MUSEUM PHONE**

802.655.6424



*We are always looking for active members to assist us in working at the museum. Your History is very important to the community, and how we preserve it. Future generations will cherish and appreciate what we can preserve for them now. Your input is vital to this project.*

# Winooski Historical Society

Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2009



**Heritage in Harmony Group**

On Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> a group of Exchange Students visited our City. The Historical Society provided the Group with a walking tour brochure of the City. The two hour tour included the Museums, Hydro Plant, four local churches and several historical buildings. They were impressed with the acoustics in St. Francis Xavier Church and requested permission to sing their favorite song in the sanctuary.

**Champlain Mill Renovation**

You will find changes on the second level of the Champlain Mill facing the Library and the Winooski Historical Museum. The renovation in the hallway is now completed. The Computer Company extended their floor space to the bottom side at each side of the stairs.



**New Logo?**

In the past, the Winooski Historical Society used an image of the Stone House for our logo. Now that the museum is in the Champlain Mill, it's been suggested that we create a new logo. Any suggestions? Call Rita (655 1846) or email ([ritamartel@comcast.net](mailto:ritamartel@comcast.net)).

## HISTORICAL NOTE:

**The Mansion House  
c. 1818**



Located at 107-9 Main Street, this is probably the second oldest surviving building in Winooski, built by Colonel Nathan Rice in the Federal style. In 1862 the Burlington Woolen Company bought the home for their general agent, F.C. Kennedy. At this time it was remodeled in the Italianate style. Much of its former grandeur has been lost to modernizations in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, robbing it of its historic character. The interior has been converted into apartments.

## Winooski Historical Society

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues (\$4 individual, \$5 family, or \$3 student and 65+) are payable to:

**Winooski Historical Society  
c/o Leslie Turner  
119 Bellevue St.  
Winooski, VT 05404**

Please note: Any question regarding your membership call Leslie (655-7250)



# Fall Newsletter Mystery Photo

Here's another great photo from our archives. If you have any information about it, please contact Leslie Turner at 655-7250 or e-mail [jturnerii@yahoo.com](mailto:jturnerii@yahoo.com).

Do you have any old Winooski photos that you'd like to donate or share (we can scan a copy) with the Historical Society? Contact Leslie Turner at 655-7250 for assistance.

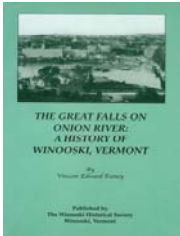
## Stay tuned...

In November (*date to be announced*) Robert Piche and Gail Dion will review the history of former Winooski Mayors. (1922-1950) Gail, the granddaughter of Mayor Armand Rathe, will review his history (1953-1958). Mr. Piche will review the previous Mayors.

## Upcoming Event:

Vincent E. Feeney, Author,  
will give a **History of the Irish in Vermont:  
The Finnigans, Slaters, and Stonepeppers**  
Saturday, October 10, 2009 – 11:00 a.m. – Museum

The first book on the coming of the Irish to Vermont: from the Scots-Irish of Londonderry in the 1770s, the famine Irish marble workers of West Rutland and slate workers of Castleton and Poultney, to politicians like mayors Burke of Burlington and Corry of Montpelier in the early 20th century. Based on extensive research with primary documents, Vincent Feeney will describe, era by era, why the Irish left Ireland, how they traveled, what attracted them to Vermont, and how they made new lives for themselves and their descendants throughout the Green Mountain State.

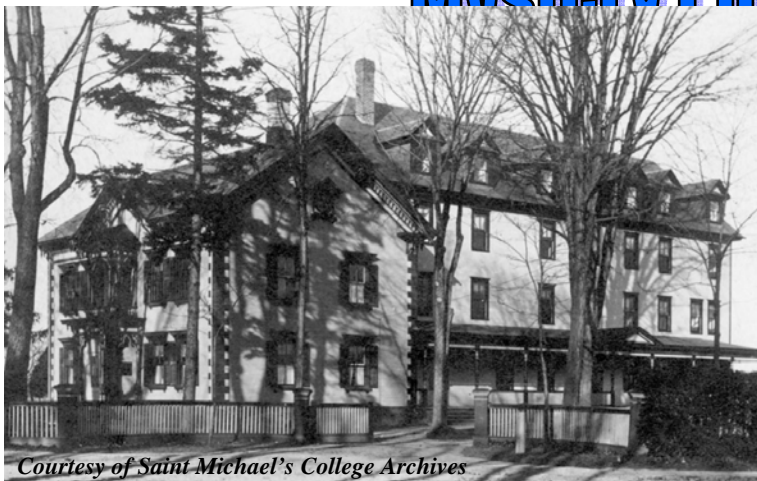


### Book Sale

The Winooski Historical Society proudly offers the following books on Winooski history. *The Great Falls on Onion River: A History of Winooski, Vermont* was written by Vincent Feeney and published by the Winooski Historical Society. The book is described by the author as "one person's view of more than two hundred years of Winooski's Development". *The Mills at Winooski Falls* was produced by Laura Krawitt, and is a fascinating collection of essays and oral histories. The books may be purchased individually for \$15 each or \$25 for the pair at the Winooski Library or contact Rita (655-1846).

## Summer Newsletter Mystery Photo

**Solved!**



Courtesy of Saint Michael's College Archives



Founder's Hall (originally known as Old Hall) on Saint Michael's College campus was built in 1904 on the former 18-acre Kelly farm. The entire four-story frame building was enclosed in a brick veneer around 1907. The porch along the east side was removed in 1954 to allow for several new entrances to the building. Today Founders Hall is home to staff offices (ground floor) and student dorm rooms (upper floors).



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