



NEWSLETTER

Collections at the Heritage Center



Photo courtesy of Bill Zimmerman

Painting of Route 43 Stephentown by Bill Haight is restored.

The displays at the Heritage Center are available for viewing on Friday afternoons. Rotating displays by theme are set up on the main floor of the center. Additional displays from the Historical Society collections are set up monthly at the Stephentown Post Office. Next time you're at the Heritage Center, check out the Bill Haight painting of "downtown Stephentown." Allen Gutermuth did some very nice restoration work on the painting and the frame as well.

Additional Recent Acquisitions

With the closing of the Church at the Crossroads, aka First Baptist Church of Stephentown, the Stephentown Historical Society has become the recipient of the Church's Communion Set. The set consists of two plates, two goblets, and one pitcher, all silver engraved. The Communion Set was a memorial gift from Augusta V. Cranston in 1879.

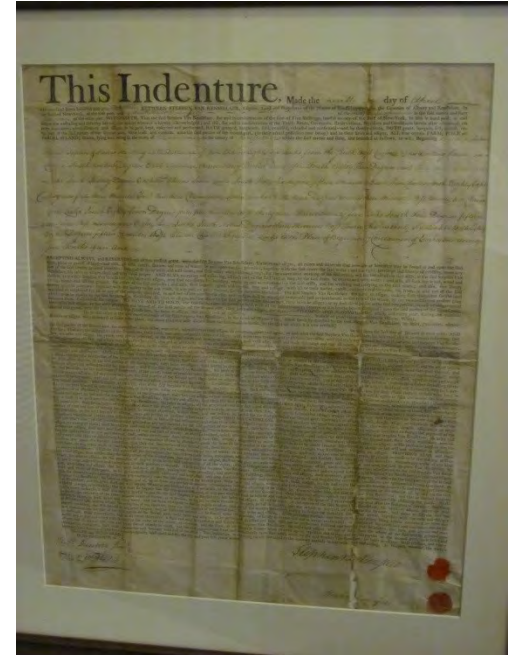


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Brian Cranston of Bedford, New Hampshire recently donated an indenture of Archibald Greenfield from 1783 on behalf of the Cranston family.



Photo Courtesy Patricia Flint



PROGRAMS FOR THE
STEPHENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AUGUST 2014 – FEBRUARY 2015

- August 4** The Archeology of Cemeteries
- September 8** Lucy Larcom, a 19th Century New England Textile Worker
by Phyllis Chapman
- October 6** Murders in Stephentown
by Pat Flint
- November 3** Bee Keeping
by Maggie Brown
- December 8** To be decided
- January 5** Stephentown Notables Part 2
by Pat Flint
- September and December meetings are on the 2nd Monday.**



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Flint



Do you recognize any of the staff and guests at the Annual Strawberry Festival at the Berry Patch? In the foreground of the bottom photo you see displayed some of the Historical Society Books for sale.

There was extensive activity at the Stephentown Heritage Center recently, as a crew was using our stage as a setting for the making of a 30-40-minute video of an 1901 interview with the widow of Jefferson Davis to be released in 2015.

THE HERITAGE CENTER is open and staffed by The Stephentown Historical Society most **Fridays From 1 pm to 4 pm.** Visit To see The exhibitions and carefully catalogued artifacts from The local area. Alternate appointment times can be made with Curator Bev McClave at 733-5170.



TAG SALE

**July 26
9am-3pm**

Gardner's Field,
Route 22, Stephentown

Strawberry Festival

By Bill Zimmerman

Sunday, June 22, was another sunny, early summer day in Stephentown, a great day for the Stephentown Historical Society's 33rd annual Strawberry Festival at the Berry Patch. Bev McClave and her crew served some 225 people on a pace to set attendance and sales records. Unfortunately we ran out of strawberries around 2 o'clock, 2 hours before our scheduled closing.

The reputation of our Strawberry Festival has been growing, so expectations have also

grown along with our customer base. Unfortunately our picking and hulling crews have grown smaller in recent years, so we had only 140 pounds of strawberries, about 70% of our needed inventory.

A sincere thank you goes to our pickers, hullers, servers, and other contributors who made the 33rd annual Strawberry Festival a success. In addition, thanks to our corporate sponsors for their donations to our cause: Stewart's Shops for Philly Vanilla ice cream and Price Chopper for paper and serving supplies.



Life Member, Wyatt Haley and John Linton enjoying fresh Strawberry Shortcake.

Photo Courtesy Patricia Flint



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The Hammersmith Family taking a Strawberry Shortcake break.

The Stephentown Historical Society, just like most community based groups, is a not-for-profit organization which operates on a very slim budget. We offer monthly programs, maintain the building to house our activities, archives, and artifacts, and support our volunteers in doing research and providing information from our holdings. Beyond a grant from the Town, our membership dues, and the sales of publications we must rely on donations to support our service to the community.

To help us preserve the legacy of over two centuries of Stephentown, its people, and its neighbors we need your help in three ways: 1) In acquiring and preserving artifacts and records of our history; 2) community support of our fundraising events; 3) Donations of money.

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The Heritage Center is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and by appointment.

It will be closed for the following dates in 2014: Presidents' Day (2/14), Good Friday (4/18), Memorial Day (5/23), Strawberry Festival (6/20 tentatively), Independence Day (7/4), Tag Sale (7/25 tentatively), Labor Day (8/29), Columbus Day (10/10), Thanksgiving (11/28), Closed for the Month of December

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