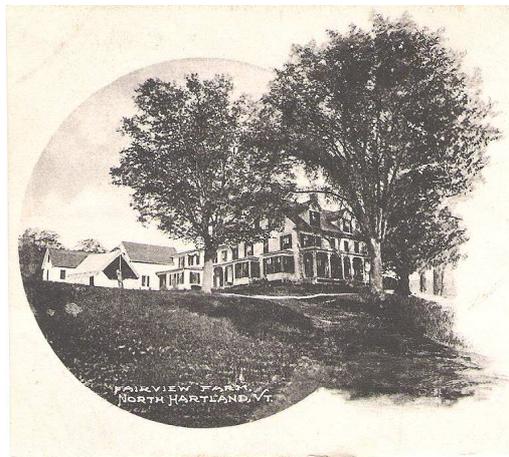


# The Hartland Historical Society

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**On Clay Hill Road there still stands a stately old home that went through some rough times in her old age, but luck was with her and love and care have returned her to stately elegance. People now-a-days refer to it as Fairview Farm but during the time that we are studying, it was known as Woodland .The Hon. Hampden Cutts lived here with his family. They moved there from Portsmouth, N.H**



“—the family decided to move to Vermont where the young man’s father-in-law had offered him a valuable estate in Hartland if they would reside there. So in accepting the offer, he was accompanied by his mother and sister, Miss Mary Cutts , as well as his wife and son. He was admitted to the bar in Woodstock and represented the town of Hartland in 1840,41,47 and 1858. Windsor County in the Senate in 1843, and was Judge of the Windsor County court in 1849-51.

Mr. Cutts was known as a literary man and particularly as a public reader and lecturer. As a reader of Shakespeare he gained a very high reputation, and appeared many times in public. He was an officer of the Windsor County Agricultural Society and an active member of the Vermont Historical Society, before which he read several important and interesting papers At his death he was Vice President from Vermont, of the New England Historical Genealogical Society, of which he had been a member for years.

*( Mr. Cutts wrote the History of Hartland for publication in Abby Hemenways’s Vermont Historical Gazetteer .. Unfortunately she was publishing her works by county alphabetically as she was able to raise the money and Windsor County burned before it could be published.)*

During the time he lived in Hartland, from 1833 to 1860, his home was the scene of many interesting entertainments, and he and his children and wife did every thing possible to help make the religious life of the place what it should be, by constant attendance and contributing generously to the support of religious worship. There 8 children were added to the one they had on arrival, and 5 had been laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery *(Cutts/Paddleford)*

before they reached mature years. His mother was also buried there at an early day, as she only lived to 1847

In April 1860 they moved to Brattleboro, Vermont, soon after the death of Consul Jarvis, where Mr. Cutts had found college classmates and where their three daughters, Anna, Lizzie and Hattie were married. Their eldest son Edward, had married and moved to Fairbault, Minnesota before they left Hartland.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he( Hampden) was very desirous of taking command of a regiment, but on account of his age, he did not receive the appointment

He said at the time, "It is hard, hard that they will not let me fight for my country." He felt as capable as ever in this regard.

His death occurred April 27, 1875, in Hartland, on the old home place, where he and his sister happened at that time to be spending a vacation, and the place had never left the family, for over 40 years. It was known then as the "Governor Spooner Farm" , and situated near the North Hartland. Services were held at the house attended by his widow, his daughter Harriet, one grandson, and his devoted sister, as well as many relatives. The internment took place in the adjoining cemetery, where his mother and children were buried. He was survived by his widow, Mary P.S.J.(Pepperell, Sparhawk Jarvis) Cutts, the author of a life of her father Consul Jarvis.(Consul Jarvis ,Wethersfield, Vt. introduced Merino sheep to Vermont , bringing them from Portugal where he was Consul. I have tried to find evidence that sheep were raised on the farm in Hartland but all I have found to date is accounting with the Mallory Woolen Co. of Hartford., which began in 1836. This may have just been an investment.) His son and grandchildren( Capt E.H. Cutts of Fairbault, Minn, His daughter Mrs. Anna Holyoke Cutts Howard ( more on her later) and daughters Anna and Harriet. -----" author unknown.

Mrs. Cutts who was born in Portugal of great New England lineage also took an active part in the successful endeavor to purchase Mt. Vernon, where she was vice-regent.

Edward and Charles went to Norwich University when it was in Norwich, Vt. Charles dying as a young man. Anna and Lizzie went to Thetford Academy and we have many of their letters home. Lizzie also died quite young . (author unknown)

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**Written for the P.O. at a Fair in Windsor, 1853, by E.B. Cutts**

*( This would be Elizabeth Bartlett Cutts b. 1837 d. 1863)*

I sat one day by a gurgling brook,  
In a shady dell, a right pleasant nook,  
From the sun I was sheltered by tall spreading trees,  
And was fanned by a gentle Southern breeze,  
I was watching the foam of the dashing spray,  
When in a bubble so light and gay,

I saw a little water sprite,  
It was very fair and of colors bright,  
It's hair was of the finest gold,  
And it's body was shaped in a tiny mould,  
It sprang from it's chariot of air  
And stopped before me that being fair,  
It looked like a sparkling drop of dew,  
From thence to my side it quickly flew,

“Now listen” said he “to all I say”  
And all my instructions most strictly obey  
If you do, all will be well  
But if not beware of my magic spell  
You must quickly repair said the little sprite,  
To Windsor, upon next Wednesday night,  
For in that village there is going to be,  
In the Odd Fellows Hall a grande levee,  
And in the crowd you there will find,  
A lovely youth of a giant mind,  
His features are of the Grecian mould,  
In peace he's gentle, in war he's bold,  
You'll know him by his sparkling eye,  
By his marble brow, so full and high,  
But shrink not thou from cupids dart,  
For you must yield to this youth your heart  
I have found, dear Liz that this tale is true,  
My heart I have lost, it is given to you,  
I have watched you through the crowd so gay  
And my heart will follow wherever you stray. July 1853



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Now Abel was born in West Hartford and they are direct ancestors of Rosemary Morancy and Steve Howard of this town. Abel was brother of Sophia Howard who married Lyndon Shedd of “singing school” fame, the parents of the very talented Clara Shedd Backus. The Shedd's lived where the Flower Farm is now.

This is yet another Hartland family that has made it's mark upon the town, the state and the nation.

## Undated Hartland News

Austin Howard (1836-1912, brother of Abel Trumbull ) lost a four years old sorrel colt, with a white star in the forehead and one white foot. The colt is not broken, very trim in build, was sired by Westmont, and looks a good deal like him. Any information as to the whereabouts of said colt will be gratefully received and liberally rewarded by communicating with Mr. Howard of West Hartford. Now, as Bro. Howard must be fully aware, Hartland is the central point round which the famous stock of Windsor county gathers, and he naturally enough thinks it possible his colt may have wandered within our borders in search of respectable company. By the way, this little reference to friend Howard's loss reminds the writer of one of his pleasantest Vermont experiences. In the last part of a summer fifteen years ago, more or less, Phelps Hunt, H.B. Watriss, B.P. Ruggles and the writer set out from the Four Corners, by special invitation of Mr. Howard, to visit him and his farm in West Hartford. One of the number, Mr. Hunt, has since passed away, but the rest of us well remembered the magnificent crops, the sumptuous dinner and splendid hospitality shown by Mr. Howard and his wife on that occasion.

Carol Mowry, Newsletter Editor

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Bev Lasure**

First of all I need to thank everyone for voting me in as President of this great organization. This is not a job that I aspired to, but since I have accepted it then I feel I must do the best I can. Carol Mowry has done such a great job as President that she is a hard act to follow. I have neither the time, energy or desire to take on the myriad of tasks that she has done and I am grateful that she is willing to continue to do many of them as they are all important jobs to make this an interesting and productive organization.

My “business plan” (those of you who know me well must realize that I look at most things in life as I would my business - what is the bottom line, what does it take to get there, and is it worth while...) is to implement a program called **SHARE**. **SHARE** is an acronym for **S**ave **H**artland **A**rtifacts **R**esponsibly for **E**veryone. I would like members and interested friends to consider this a sharing organization - **SHARE** the fun, **SHARE** the work, **SHARE** the responsibility, **SHARE** your talents, **SHARE** your information, **SHARE** your sources, and certainly **SHARE** the results of our work.

If we can continue to preserve the wonderful items that we now have along with adding items

and information to our collection then we will have some great things to **SHARE** with our Community. As an example: Carol has been doing a program of inviting school classes to come to the museum and she makes it fun for the children to see our items. They are the people who will inherit this organization and if they begin to get interested now who knows what plans they might have for us. We have been open two days a week and at other times by appointment for anyone to **SHARE** our resources. It was wonderful on July 4 to see all the people who came through the museum and who were pleasantly surprised at the displays.

We have a great website (and it's about to be revamped into something even better) that is getting a lot of hits. I have been busy answering queries from people regarding genealogy of Hartland families etc. The most recent correspondence is with two men who are rewriting a book that they did 20 years ago involving William Emerson Damon (*for whom Damon Hall is named*). We'll **SHARE** more on his interesting life in a future newsletter. Please take a look at our website at [www.hartlandhistory.netfirms.com](http://www.hartlandhistory.netfirms.com)

Some ideas of what we'd like **SHARED**:

1. People to take digital photos of gravestones in the various cemeteries to go on the website. I'll give you the list and maps if you'll take the photos and get them to me. I'll do the rest.
2. People to write articles for the newsletter - maybe you have a story to **SHARE** about one of your Hartland ancestors?
3. Someone to help with publicity for our events.
4. Photos - we can scan your old photos, doing no damage, and return them to you the same day if you are willing to **SHARE**. If you have duplicates laying around - like Fourth of July parades, scouting events, school programs, etc., why not donate the duplicates to us. They do not have to be old, some day they will be history and it is nice to preserve and share them.
5. Someone to do some data entry for the genealogy bits and pieces that we find and are trying to get into our database so that it can be searched easily instead of someone trying to remember where they saw that name before.
6. People who would like to familiarize themselves with the archives and who would like to help organize things while keeping the building manned on the days it is open to the public.
7. People with ideas of what they'd like us to have for programs and people who would be willing to **SHARE** a talent- just ask, I'll find a use for your skill! An example would be someone to help plan a ghost walk, write the scripts and put together costumes for the actors. (This could be three different volunteers).

Our fall program will be a repeat of the historical walk in the Sumners Falls area led by Jay Boeri. It will begin at 1 pm on Sunday, October 1, at the picnic area down at the Falls. If you missed it a few years ago or even if you went and enjoyed it please come again. Jay has a wealth of information to **SHARE** about this area which was very different in the last century from what it is now and you won't want to miss hearing all about it. I've asked for nice weather so that we can enjoy our day down at the river.

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