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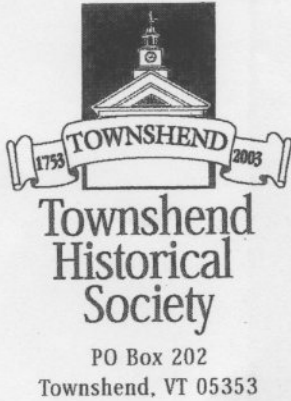


Apple Picking

Townshend, Vermont 2006

This year's calendar features great photographs from our archives of Vermont's working landscape. On the cover, Henry Wright at the Wright Farm circa 1900. Apples have long been an important crop in Vermont, but as our history (A Stitch in Time) tells us, "Not all those apples went into pies. According to a New England gazetteer published in 1860, Townshend had two distilleries operating by 1811, one the business of Maj. Ezekiel Ranson, the other of Capt. Ebenezer Brigham. We don't know for certain that these concerns made hard cider, though it seems very likely. We do know that they made whiskey from potatoes, 'a favorite beverage in this section in the early part of the century.' Townshend's distilleries 'flourished for a time,' the writer goes on, 'but an enlightened public opinion eventually made the business disreputable as well as unprofitable, and it was abandoned.'" (pg 56)

Brief news: The THS Archival Committee continues its work cataloging the contents of our town vault and preserving the paper goods in archival sleeves whenever possible. The committee meets Tuesday mornings from 10 AM to noon at the Town Hall and we would be happy to have more help if you are interested. Speak with Marge Holt or Tiz Garfield.



Many of you have sent your annual dues, \$5.00 individual, \$10.00 family, \$100 patron. If you wish, you may include dues with your calendar order – one check. This is our 7th year and we have interesting plans for the future. Your membership is much appreciated.

Sending dues herewith: Amount _____

Individual \$5.00 Family \$10.00 Patron \$ 100.

2005 THS CALENDAR ORDER:

Name _____

Address _____

Enclose check for _____ calendars @\$10 each – Amount _____

For calendars by first class mail - _____ calendars \$12.00 each. Amount _____

Special note: Ordered calendars may be picked up at the Townshend Library, beginning October 17th, or visit our booth at the PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, Oct 15.

Great gift opportunity - special price available on purchase of book with calendar.