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Invitation to Tea Sunday afternoon, November 24th 3:00 PM, the Townshend Church Vestry Room

Hear author Castle Freeman, Jr., read from our new history book, *A Stitch in Time, Townshend, Vermont (1753-2003)*.

See a slide show of wonderful photographs from our archival collection. Some will be in the book. Many will not.

There is no admission charge. Please bring your friends to this celebration as we finish our research for Townshend's new history book.

We have for sale a selection of historical photographs matted and ready for framing. Also for sale, a new 250th Anniversary mug, a new 2003 Calendar, plus Christmas and note cards, and Scott Bridge and Clarina Howard Nichols' commemorative mugs. This fundraising effort is needed to meet our anticipated large bill for book publication. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

NEWS

HISTORIC MARKERS ARE DEDICATED IN CEREMONY OCTOBER 27, 2003

On a cold but clear day, Kit Martin, Townshend Selectboard Chair, welcomed the people gathered in the parking lot of the West Townshend Post Office for a brief dedication ceremony for markers honoring the Taft family and Clarina Howard Nichols.

John Dumville, Historic Sites Operations Chief for Vermont, spoke about how historic marker sites are selected and said that he welcomes suggestions from the public.

Charles Marchant marked the Taft family's notable contributions in many important government posts, among them Alphonso Taft as Secretary of War and his son William Howard Taft as 27th President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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Elizabeth Garfield noted that October 29th was the 150th anniversary of Clarina Howard Nichols' address to the Vermont legislature - the first woman invited to speak before this all-male group. Madeleine Kunin sent a letter which read in part, "Without her [Clarina's] courage and determination leading the way for women's equality, I would not have been able to enter the hall of the Vermont House of Representatives without a murmur, as I took my rightful place as a legislator, and later, when I was sworn in as Governor of the State of Vermont."

A reception followed at Robert DuGrenier's Taft Hill Farm where a bonfire and hot mulled cider warmed the participants.



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