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Historic Case Brothers District

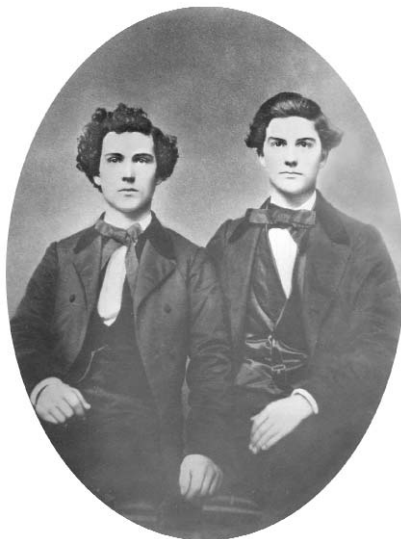
by Susan Barlow

The Highland Park section of Manchester was recently recognized as a historic area by Connecticut's Historic Preservation Board. The board approved a nomination of "The Case Brothers Historic District" as a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Next, the nomination goes to the National Park Service for review and possible approval. The Society worked with the town on the research for the nomination form, supported the listing, and sent a letter to the state's Preservation Officer, endorsing the proposal.

The District, located near exit four off I-384, along Spring Street, Glen Road, and Gardner Street in the southeast corner of town, includes the town's 640-acre Case Mountain Recreation Area, three mansions, a summer lodge in the woods, and miles of trails and carriage paths.

The District is named after the Case Brothers, who lived and worked in the village of Highland Park during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The Historical Society has conducted history walks in the area and filmed a Highland Park television show, available at Mary Cheney Library. Member Ed Richardson of Glastonbury, who grew up in Highland Park, participated in the television show, describing the former village, with its own water company, mills, company houses, community club and summer camp for children. Ed also recorded his memories of the old days, including having dinner at one of the Case mansions, in our oral history program.



A. Willard and A. Wells Case
c. 1860

[Photo courtesy of the Case family]

Manchester Streets

by Sandie Burse

FIRST IN A SERIES BY TOWN HISTORIAN VIVIAN FERGUSON

Have you ever wondered about the significance of certain streets in town? Manchester resident and Society member Vivian Ferguson will be compiling information on various streets that will eventually be published in booklet form for the Historical Society and the Town.

Fittingly, Vivian provides commentary on our choice of the first street in this series—FERGUSON ROAD which was named by E.J. Holl, a local developer of quality homes. This was done out of respect for Vivian's late husband's grand-father, Thomas Ferguson, publisher of the Manchester Herald. E.J. greatly admired Mr. Ferguson for his integrity and honesty. "That is how you have streets named for you," said Vivian.

Vivian would appreciate any and all assistance in compiling the info on the streets. If you have something you think would be of interest, please contact Vivian Ferguson at 649-6416.

New Name for Center Park

WILL BE RENAMED CENTER MEMORIAL PARK

Center Park, the seven acres of green near Mary Cheney Library, will be renamed Center Memorial Park. This change was spearheaded by Historical Society member Dr. Fred Spaulding, who is also chairperson of the Friends of Center Memorial Park. Fred notes that the Cheney's gave this park to the town, and that its name has been Center Memorial Park in the past. Veterans groups and the Manchester Historical Society supported this change.

There are three war memorials in the park (Revolutionary, Spanish American, and Civil War), as well as the Dancing Bear fountain, given in memory of Frank Cheney (1817-1904), and the Bicentennial Tree and monument. On May 9, Fred will participate in a ceremony recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Cheney family gift of the bear sculpture. More information about that event is included in the calendar on page 7.

Art Gala a Huge Success!

A great big “THANK YOU” to all the donors and volunteers who made the March 28th Art Gala such a success, and to our members and friends whose participation supported the efforts of the Society. It was truly a wonderful event that featured works of local artists and raised about \$4,000 for the loom exhibit at the History Center.



Gena Glickman and her husband, Joachim Bullacher, with Sandie Bursey at the Art Gala. Gena is the President of Manchester Community College.

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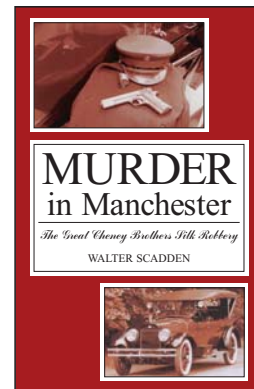
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Murder in Manchester

STORY OF THE GREAT CHENEY BROTHERS SILK ROBBERY

Local history buff and author Walter Scadden has written a book entitled “Murder in Manchester.” Walt spent several years researching the book, which chronicles the legend and facts of the 1919 Great Cheney Brothers Silk Mill Robbery. Amid gunfire, a gang of New Jersey hoodlums had attempted to hijack a shipment of silk from the Cheney Mills in Manchester. They murdered Security Supervisor William Madden. The crime was front-page news for weeks in the Hartford and Manchester newspapers. Don’t miss this interesting chapter in Manchester’s history. *Walt’s book is available at the History Center store for \$14.95*



Celebrate Children’s Book Week: May 11-17

Did you know that we have an interesting collection of children’s books at the History Center and the museum? We are featuring “The Beauty of Silk” compiled and written by Carole Walden and other volunteers. The book describes the metamorphosis of the silkworm which produced the fine silk used by the Cheney silk mills.

THE BEAUTY OF SILK BY SOCIETY MEMBER CAROLE WALDON

What could be more in keeping with Manchester history and its image as the “Silk City” than raising silkworms in the Manchester History Center as a summer project? As it turns out, I wasn’t the only one who thought of that. The project had been attempted several years ago, but the results were disastrous...all the silkworms died before a single silk thread was spun. I figured I had no way to go but up!

Despite predictions of gloom and doom and almost certain failure, I persuaded the Historical Society to pay \$14.25 for 25 silkworm eggs to be sent through the mail to the History Center. Of course, the timing had to be right. It had to be early summer, when leaves were forming on mulberry trees, that were conveniently located so I could easily pick fresh leaves every day on my way to work. With the help of Carol Sutcliffe, Rob Laughlin and Pat Brindamour, I learned what mulberry trees looked like and they showed me where to find them as well. Turns out, they are all over the place—even on the roadside near my house.

The eggs arrived, they hatched and grew into big, ugly worms, and they munched their way through tons of leaves over a period of little more than a month. The excitement of watching them spin a cocoon and emerge as white moths was well worth the tedious custodial care of cleaning “droppings” and shredding fresh leaves every day.

I photographed the process from beginning to end with my little digital camera and wrote it all down in a booklet called “The Beauty of Silk” for the benefit of the children who participate in the school tours at the History Center each spring. The school tours are an inspiration to those of us who have experienced the wide-eyed wonder of the children as they hear the story of Manchester and the history of the silk mills. When they see the looms and how silk is woven into beautiful fabric that they can touch they come to the realization that all this comes from a worm and a cocoon.

Carole’s booklet, “Discovering Silk” is available at the History Center store for \$5.00





Woodland Gardens

70 YEARS...AND STILL GROWING



It has been 70 years since John Zapadka began to build his vision of Woodland Gardens. In the 1930s, John and his wife, Anita, started growing pansies in what is now the parking lot of Woodland Gardens. Folks would walk through the field and select the plants they wished to purchase, and the “Woody” children would dig them up. In the beginning, John also furthered the company by creating an innovative solution to the lack of availability of seeds for retail sale. John weighed, packaged and sold seeds door-to-door; he was so successful that Woodland Gardens still sells the seeds through the “WoodGard” brand. And thus Woodland Gardens was born.



Woodland Gardens c. 1954

In the 1940s John and Anita made additions to the family as well as the business. Future owner Leon was born as well as daughter Diane and sons Richard and Phil. Two glass greenhouses and coldframes were added and the nursery became more popular throughout Manchester and the surrounding area offering more plants and services.

The 1950s answered customers’ requests with further growth in the areas of vegetable gardens, flowers, and landscaping. Now, 50 years later, they continue to be summer best sellers. John became known as a teacher and expert to his children and customers.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Woodland Gardens grew from two greenhouses to 15. John’s passion for plants was contagious. During these years all four Zapadka “kids” worked with their parents. In the late 1970s, Leon became the official owner.

Leon and Diane continued to work alongside their father through the 1980s and Woodland Gardens continued to thrive. 1991 saw the passing of John, and Leon officially took over his father’s share of the “farming.” He wasn’t alone however. At that point one of his three daughters, Bethany, and son Luke, became an integral part of the business.

Now in its 70th year, Woodland Gardens is home to an expansive variety of plants and activities. The staff continually strive to educate themselves so they can be as much help to their customers as possible. After years of “putting people and plants together,” Woodland Gardens stands as a memory of one man’s powerful and undying love for plants. Woodland Gardens continues to provide their customers with the plants and knowledge they’ve come to expect, and to remember John with love.

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Sign of Spring: School Tours Time

Each year every third grade class in the Manchester school system has the opportunity to visit the Cheney Homestead, History Center and Old Manchester Museum. At each site, the children learn about how people lived during different periods of history. The scheduling involves over 100 volunteers to guide and assist with this undertaking. (There is no charge to the students or schools for this service—it is the Historical Society performing its vision.) Each student is given a cocoon and the story of how it emerges.



2007 photo of Washington Schools students visiting the Old Manchester Museum.

Welcome, New Members!

The Society welcomes the following new members who joined between October 14, 2008 and March 18, 2009.

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Kathleen Sinnamon	Manchester



LEAVE A LEGACY™

June is Leave A Legacy month. Leave A Legacy Connecticut assists organizations such as the Manchester Historical Society by encouraging individuals to include contributions to their favorite charities in their wills. You can make an impact on future generations in Manchester and ensure that the Society’s important work will continue by leaving a legacy to the Manchester Historical Society. For more information, please contact Anne Beechler at the Society at 860-647-9983, or the Leave A Legacy Foundation at 860-525-6052.

We Give Thanks to Our Donors

The Historical Society has hundreds of reasons to be thankful. During our last fiscal year, October 2007 through September 2008, many donations were made to the Society's various programs. Without this help we would not be able to continue our efforts to educate others about and showcase Manchester's rich history. In gratitude to our donors we are delighted to honor them by listing their names here. These donations were made through the Annual Fund Drive, membership renewals, and individually throughout the year. Please continue—or consider increasing—your generosity.

Although we strive to ensure complete accuracy, sometimes in creating a list such as this we may unintentionally omit the name of a donor or otherwise make an error. If so, please let us know so that we may correct it in our next issue. Please accept our apologies!

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Fireside Patriots Plan Children's Living History Weekends at the Cheney Homestead

by Vivian Carlson

The Fireside Patriots are a group of mid-19th century living historians who provide first person impressions for a variety of organizations and events. They will offer two living history weekends this summer at the Cheney Homestead, in collaboration with the Manchester Historical Society.

Participating children age 9–14 will have the opportunity to experience life in Manchester during the 1860s. Boys will be recruited into the 16th Connecticut Volunteer Regiment led by Lt. Col. Frank Cheney and girls will participate in the Loyal Ladies Society of South Manchester.

During their appearances at the Cheney Homestead, the Fireside Patriots portray fictional as well as actual characters based on historical data from the Cheney family and the town of Manchester. Through these portrayals, visitors are exposed to the social, political, religious and military backgrounds of many of the Cheney family members. Visitors are encouraged to interact with the interpreters and their surroundings. For example, a visitor to the Cheney Homestead may be greeted by any one or

more members of the Cheney family, either in the home or elsewhere on the grounds where they may sit in their parlor, work in the kitchen, play checkers, help with chores, learn current military skills or talk about the Civil War issues of the day. In support of the Historical Society, the Fireside Patriots will also be assisting with the school tours for Manchester third grade students. Throughout Heritage Day weekend, the Fireside Patriots will be encamped on the grounds of the Homestead.

In keeping with Governor Rell's "stay-cation" initiative, two Civil War living history weekends will be held this summer with a full day session on Saturday and a half-day on Sunday. Skills and experiences will include period correct military drill and battle tactics, campfire cooking, school lessons, sewing, knitting, and preparation of materials for the soldiers. Period games and recreation activities will provide additional fun. Call Brenda Paullo at 643-2413 or Sandie Bursey at 649-9085 for details and registration information, or visit www.fire-sidepatriots.com.



Travel back in time: Learn about our history by living it!

[Photos courtesy of the Fireside Patriots]



Did You Know...

There are companies in the area that match donations given by their employees, retirees, and sometimes employees' spouses to non-profit organizations. The Manchester Historical Society recently received two such employee-matched donations totaling \$225 from United Technologies. A very pleasant surprise!

Matching gift programs are offered by many companies as affordable employee benefits, and to increase visibility in their respective communities. Most will match at a ratio of 1-1. This means that a non-profit organization such as the Historical Society can receive up to twice the dollar amount given by the donor. Anyone wishing to have their donations matched should check with their employer about the availability of such a plan, and request a matching gift form at the time of the donation.

We encourage you to take advantage of any matching gift programs offered by your employer or former employer. Participation in these programs will enhance your donation to the Manchester Historical Society. The following is a partial listing of companies in the area that may offer matching gift programs.

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Newest Century Club Member

By virtue of having attained the age of 100 years, and being a life-long Manchester resident, Magda Neznik was recently elected

Century Club Honorary Member
by The Manchester Historical Society.
Congratulations Magda!

Two Eagle Scout Projects Benefit Historical Society

by Dave Smith

Eagle Scout candidates **Baldev Sandhu** of **Manchester Boy Scout Troop 47** and **Matt Ferrigno** of **Manchester Boy Scout Troop 25** recently completed projects which will benefit the Society for years to come.

Baldev, a senior at Manchester High School, came to us last year asking if we had a need for help that would at the same time provide him with an opportunity to work on the requirements for Eagle Scout rank. His project consisted of building a new footbridge with handrail across the Bigelow Brook, which runs behind the Woodbridge house, and moving an existing bridge deck to a new location on the Woodbridge Farmstead.



*Baldev Sandhu with Dave Smith
at the Woodbridge Farmstead.*

After consulting with us, Baldev planned the project and estimated what materials would be needed. He organized a team of workers consisting of fellow scouts and fathers from Troop 47. The project used pressure treated wood for the carrying beams under the bridge deck and for the deck itself. A handrail was installed along the east side of the bridge. In order to build the bridge at this location, an existing 6 ft. wide wood bridge was removed in one piece and relocated about 75 ft. downstream, where an old stone farm bridge used to be.

Matt Ferrigno, a senior at East Catholic High School, approached us last fall for ideas for his Eagle Scout project. After some discussion it was decided that his project would be to clean and paint the walls and columns in the future Loom Exhibit Room, on the ground floor of the History Center building.

The room is a large one, with 12-foot high walls, where the Society's collection of looms will be displayed. It was necessary to calculate the amount of supplies needed and find the appropriate paint. After some experimentation, the color scheme of off-white on the upper walls and dark green on the lower 5 ft of the walls was settled on. This was a common color combination in textile mills and other industrial buildings many years ago and the original colors used by Cheney Brothers were closely matched.



*Matt Ferrigno works on his project
at the History Center.*

A team of fellow scouts and family members provided the labor force for this project, which required over a month to complete. **FMI Paint & Chemical Corp.** of East Hartford donated the primer and off-white paint and **Paul's Paint** supplied some of the green. In all, three coats were applied to cover the bare brick and other odd colors which had been applied over the years.

The Society is very appreciative of the efforts that went into both of these projects. Their successful outcome is attributable to the hard work and planning of both of the Eagle Scout candidates. The Society thanks Baldev and Matt and their supporters, and FMI Paint Corp. and Paul's Paint for two jobs well done.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless noted, admission to lectures and walking tours is \$1 for members and \$3 for non-members. Most lectures and events take place at the Manchester History Center, 175 Pine Street, or as noted. Information about upcoming events is available online at www.manchesterhistory.org.

Saturday, May 2, 2009, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. TAG SALE

At the History Center, 175 Pine Street. Come shop and socialize! Items for everyone! Free admission Saturday; PREVIEW the previous evening, Friday, May 1 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. (\$5 admission).

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 1 p.m.

History Walk Celebrating 100th Anniversary of the Dancing Bear Fountain

Meet at the front steps of the Town Hall, 41 Center Street (park in lot behind the Town Hall), and walk to Center Park to view the famous dancing bear sculpture, which was donated to the public in 1909 by the family of Frank Cheney (1817-1904). If weather permits, we will walk along Downtown Main Street to the house where Frank Cheney lived and back to the park, about 1-1/4 miles. Led by Susan Barlow. \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members, free for children under age 16.

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10 a.m.

The Old Manchester Museum at 126 Cedar Street will reopen

Featuring three new displays that will entertain and educate: (1) An exhibit of antique and not-so-old dolls from around the world, from the collection of Society member Vivian Carlson; (2) A display celebrating the 70th anniversary of our own local Woodland Gardens, now in its third generation of management; and (3) A display of Spanish American War flags, pictures, and documents, noting some of the Manchester men who participated in this short-lived war. If questions about the exhibit or about using the research library, please phone the curator at 860-647-9742.

Monday, June 8, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

Free Walking Tour of West Cemetery, Manchester's Oldest Cemetery

Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, Executive Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network, will lead this one-hour walk with commentary about the Revolutionary War-era gravestones and stories about some of the famous families buried here. The tour, sponsored by the Manchester Historical Society, is held in conjunction with Manchester Pride Week, and will take place rain or shine. Participants should park in the commuter lot, and meet at the back of the cemetery. The cemetery is across from the Wendy's Restaurant at 250 Spencer Street.

Saturday, June 13, 2009, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. MANCHESTER HERITAGE DAY

Cheney Hall at 177 Hartford Road. Dozens of FREE activities, celebrating Manchester's history and diversity take place throughout the day at locations within the 175-acre Cheney Landmark District. Free events are open to the public: Opening ceremony at Cheney Hall at 10:30 a.m., slide shows about the Cheney family and their mills, booths displaying information about our town's past and its culture, entertainment, horse-and-carriage rides in the historic district with commentary by local historians, bus tours of Manchester's historic sights (free, but sign up at the information booth), Civil-War era re-enactors portraying Cheney family members, a "History Hunt" sponsored by the South Manchester Arts, Recreation, History, and Education group (S.H.A.R.E.), which will host free activities throughout South Manchester, including at Downtown Main Street, the Lutz Children's Museum, Mary Cheney Library, the Arts Association, and the historic district. Free copies of the History Hunt at Cheney Hall. Free tours of the Cheney Homestead, Keeney Schoolhouse, Old Manchester Museum and History Center. Heritage Day wraps up Pride in Manchester week, an annual celebration of community spirit, starting with a concert June 6 in Center Memorial Park on Main Street.

Saturday, June 27, 1 p.m. Free Cheney Railroad History Walk

An easy, but bumpy, walk along the former railroad, built in 1869 to connect the Cheney silk mills to the main rail line in the North End. At 2.5 miles, it was the longest private railroad in the United States. Children are especially welcome, and will receive a vintage Pennsylvania Railroad patch. We will hike along the one-mile portion owned by the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, and possibly farther south to Center Springs Park (approx. 1-3/4 hours round trip). Phone hike leader Susan Barlow (860-643-9776) if questions. There are no restrooms along the route. Meet at north end of Main Street in Manchester, behind Farr's Sporting Goods, 2 Main Street. Important to park at the nearby shopping plaza or Eighth Utilities office building. No dogs, please.

We Will Miss...

DEATH TAKES FIRST WINNER OF MANCHESTER ROAD RACE

John E. McCluskey, M.D., of Duxbury, MA, winner of the first Manchester Road Race, died on March 7, 2009. He would have been 100 years old in April. Dr. McCluskey was born and raised in Manchester, CT. He attended Manchester schools and competed in the Road Race in 1927, its first year, winning in 29 minutes 46 seconds against eight other runners. His younger brother Joe McCluskey (1911-2002) also won the local Thanksgiving Day race, and went on to compete in national and international events.

Dr. McCluskey practiced medicine in the Brockton, MA, area for many years. After his retirement, he worked as a doctor at Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital. He was active in international charities with various Catholic associations.

Dr. McCluskey granted several interviews about the first Road Race, and wrote letters describing the early days of this famous event.

The McCluskey family has donated many trophies and memorabilia to the Manchester Historical Society. The Historical Society extends its sympathy to his family.

JAMES E. DARLING

James Darling was an active member of the American Legion and Army and Navy clubs as well as the Historical Society. Mr. Darling was the crafter of the Cheney Brothers plaques on the handrail to the History Center at 175 Pine Street.

RAYMOND J. DAVIS

Ray Davis taught physics and served as head of the science department at Rockville High School for over 30 years. He retired recently and regularly attended our walking tours and history hikes.

MARY E. (FRYER) FLETCHER

A former Society docent, Mary was active in many town organizations. She was a teacher, quilter and cook.

JAMES R. MCKAY

James McKay was a member of the Society and former Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, retiring after 28 years of service.

RAYMOND E. MERZ

Ray Merz owned and operated Merz Electric in Manchester for over 38 years before retiring in December 2008. Ray loved the outdoors, hiking, and skiing, and was a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club.



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100 Years Ago...

From the Hartford Courant

\$120,000 FIRE IN SOUTH MANCHESTER

House and Hale Block Entirely Destroyed. Whole of Main Street Threatened at One Time. Many Buildings on Fire Caused Intense Excitement. Block Set on Fire by Burning Barrels. —4/13/09

DEATH OF COLONEL FRANK W. CHENEY

His End Came Peacefully and Suddenly. Head of Great Silk Mills in South Manchester. Veteran of The War and Active in Many Ways. —5/27/09

MANCHESTER SCHOOL ESTIMATE \$63,550

It will cost \$63,550 to conduct the public schools next year. This will mean that the schools will cost \$7,350 more than last year. The total cost for running the schools next year will mean about \$21 for each child enumerated in town, as there are about 3,000 children of school age. About 1,700 are residents of the Ninth District. —6/17/09

GIRLS MUST KEEP OUT

The swimming pool at Globe Hollow is for men and boys only. Sunday morning about 6:45 a.m., four girls, or young women, came down to the pond from the west. They were attired in bathing suits. Woman-like, they sought out the most dangerous place in the pond for new beginners to bathe. Captain J.D. Cheney saw them and informed them that it was not a good place to go bathing, thinking that this would be hint enough to keep away, but it wasn't. One of the girls asked if it was alright to bathe on the other side of the pond and was then informed that girls would not be allowed to swim in the pond at all. —6/29/09

There's Still Time

To make a donation to the Society's Annual Fund which pays for operating expenses such as the ever-increasing expenses including utility, heating, phone, insurance bills, taxes, postage and general maintenance of our properties. If you haven't already done so, we hope you'll consider making a tax-deductible gift to our Annual Fund.

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