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President's Corner

by Jack Prior

To the good people and businesses of Manchester, we need your support. Did you know that the majority of our funding to continue to provide and preserve the history of Manchester is from you? We have no regular funding from the town, businesses or grants. On occasion we receive funding from grants, interest from Endowment accounts and rentals. But it is YOU who keep us running.

Every year it gets more expensive to maintain just the bare necessities to keep all our properties running. The costs of heat, insurance, office supplies etc. continue to rise but the donations received from individuals do not keep pace with those increases. Money is not the only resource we need you to supply. Your talents are a very essential part of our society. Volunteerism from you helps keep our costs down. We look to you to help us provide valuable and relevant programs to the community as a whole.

Helping to do yard clean up or painting, being a docent, and scanning and archiving photos are a few of the various things that an individual can contribute. Every one of you has Time, Talents and Treasures that are very important to Manchester Historical Society.

For businesses and individuals, is there something that you can underwrite for us on our programs? Is there a speaker topic that you would like to see presented to the community and you are willing to fund the speaker? Could you provide printing and/or marketing support?

In addition, if you have talents where you are willing to speak on a topic of historical nature or preservation we would love to hear from you. This year we have had presentations about the 1918 Flu Epidemic, Vintage Jewelry, Adeline Gray & Pioneer Parachute and Living Without Electricity or central heat to name a few. Topics on 1800's medicine, Life in the 1800's, different locations in Manchester and how they changed are among other possibilities. They are endless and I would bet that you know someone who enjoys providing historical perspectives on our life in days gone by. So please reach out to others or to me in the society to see what fun things we can do together.

School Tours of Museums

The month of May has been busy with over 500 students and 100 parents and teachers visiting all the museums in the Cheney Brothers National Historic Landmark District. Each morning buses dropped off the students near Cheney Hall, and from there they broke up into three groups. One group headed to the Cheney Homestead and Keeney Schoolhouse, another to the Fire Museum and the third group to the Old Manchester Museum. After about 40 minutes in each location, the groups would move to one of the other museums and repeat the cycle. After the third venue was visited, the students all congregated at Cheney Hall for lunch. The final stop after lunch was a visit to the Loom Room in the History Center to see and hear the actual machinery used to make the famous Cheney Brothers textiles. A video of the Jacquard Loom in operation demonstrated the intricate workings of these ancient machines and the noise they created.

On returning to school, the students created Thank You notes, a sample of which are shown on the back page. Seeing where the Cheney brothers grew up at the Homestead, a real one-room schoolhouse from the 1750's, the glamorous fire trucks, and the Spencer rifles are among the highlights of the tours.

Thanks are due to the efforts of the many volunteers who planned the tours and arranged to have all the museums staffed and those who made the presentations to the students. They gave generously of their time. Without those volunteers the annual third grade tours would not be possible.

Volunteer Deb Starkel describing a vintage dial telephone to third graders.





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To Our Readers

If there is something you would like us to write about, please contact Dave at 860-647-9742 or at info@manchesterhistory.org.

Local Inventors Were Ingenious

by Dave Smith

In previous issues of *The Courier* we described two of Manchester's more prolific inventors who had a wide ranging impact, far beyond our community.

In fact, Manchester was a hot bed of inventive ingenuity. Between 1825 and 1899 at least 54 men patented over 120 inventions, many of which were actually produced and were used far beyond the confines of Manchester. The man with the most patents credited was Horace J. Wickham with 18 patents. Christopher Spencer and Henry Case, each had 11, while A. Wells Case held seven patents and Enoch Burt six. The inventions were for a wide variety of applications. Benjamin Lyman greatly improved wheel hubs for carriages and wagons by making them of cast iron in the 1820's. Enoch Burt's inventions were mostly applied to textile operations, specifically to looms. As were inventions by C. Keeney, J. Wetherill, J. Waring, S. Otis, W. Ingram, M. Scott, M. Murray and several others. Henry Case developed improvements in the field of tools and machinery and for paper manufacturing.

Christopher Spencer was probably best known for his repeating rifle, which affected the outcome of the Civil War. (Several repeating rifles are on display at our Old Manchester Museum) He also patented inventions while working for Cheney Brothers which improved textile spooling operations. Samuel Stone came up with improvements to horseshoes. A. Wells Case held patents for railroad car couplings. William Landfear made improvements to the sewing machine, while Mervin Landfear improved reed boxes for musical instruments, specifically pump organs (an example of which is on display at our History Center). Frank Holland invented the first fountain pen, which was later taken over by Waterman and made known throughout the United States.

By 1839 at least seven patents were issued to local men. The following breakdown shows the number of patents issued by decade.

1825-1839	7
1840-1849	3
1850-1859	9
1860-1869	26
1870-1879	24
1880-1889	50
1890-1899	4

In subsequent issues of *The Courier* we will highlight other inventors and tell their stories. This is an ongoing project and there may be other inventors about which we know very little.

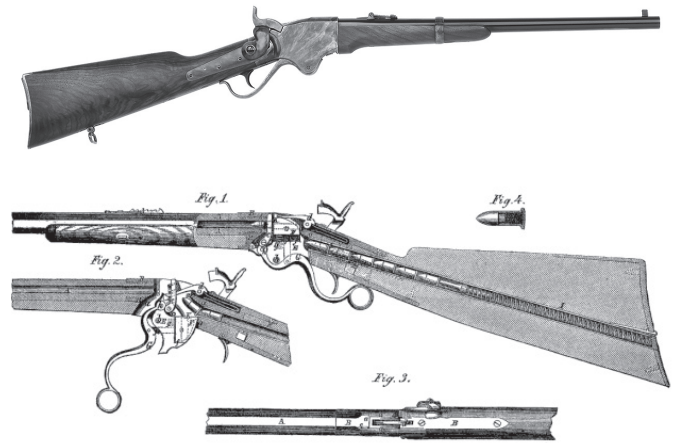


Illustration of patent number 45,952, Magazine Fire-Arm by Christopher M. Spencer. This shows the magazine which holds seven bullets in the stock of the rifle.

Where is Timothy Cheney's Account Book?

As part of our research into the men who made clocks in Manchester in the 18th and 19th centuries, we are looking for the account book kept by Timothy Cheney in the latter part of the 18th century. We believe that the account book is still in existence, perhaps in the hands of one of the Cheney descendants. It would provide an extremely valuable look into the business of clock making, especially as to how many clocks he made and to whom he sold them. It might lead to uncovering some of his clocks that still exist.

In our own collections, we have several of Timothy's clocks. The most recent acquisition came to us a year ago and was described in the June 2017 issue of *The Courier*. There are two others on display in the Cheney Homestead. We know that several other members of the Cheney family made clocks here and elsewhere. In addition, Daniel White Griswold also made clocks in Manchester. Unfortunately very little is known about Griswold.

Museum Tours Available This Summer

The Historical Society has arranged to have tours of our museums available throughout the week to anyone who would like to visit during the summer. We ask only that you call a few days ahead to make an appointment and set a date and time. Please call 860-647-9983.

Advertising in The Courier

The Board of Directors has recently decided to accept advertising in our newsletter. *The Courier* goes out to more than 500 members and others. If you would like to place an ad, please call our Executive Director at 860-647-9983 to discuss the possibilities.

Homestead News

At the Homestead we have been busy at work planting our 40 × 40ft History Garden, with sections for Early American gardening, African origin plants, and a Native American “Three Sisters”. All are welcome to help us weed, water and wait as the garden grows.

Also, our new Sunflower Garden (6 ×60ft) has been planted with a variety of heirloom sunflower seeds. This garden forms a large horseshoe shape, adjacent to the History Garden, so that visitors will be surrounded by these tall, beautiful flowers in a “sunflower room”! Please come and visit the gardens anytime. Plus, John Hovey has planted a large wildflower field which is coming up nicely.

We are in the process of researching historic land use on the Cheney Homestead property to help inform our decisions on future tree replacement, plantings and overall use.

The most important project underway is restoration of an upstairs room that will be dedicated on June 9th as the “Homestead Art Gallery”. This room will permanently highlight the lives and works of John, Seth, & Margaret Swan Cheney, fulfilling the 1904 wish of Ednah Dow Cheney (Seth's wife, whose life will also be honored), to present their artistic and literary contributions, and honor their important artistic legacy in Manchester. The museum will be open from 11 - 3pm on Saturday June 9th, and from 1 - 4pm on Sunday June 10th.

Upcoming Summer events:

Sat/Sun June 9th/10th - Dedication of Homestead Art Gallery

Sunday July 8th - Early American Summer Life - garden activities, simple games and refreshments of the period.

Sunday August 12th - Sunflower Art and the official opening of the Homestead Art Gallery highlighting the life and art of John Cheney, an extraordinary engraver and artist.

In January we started 2018 with a simple open house with Brendan Venne demonstrating blacksmithing outside on a warm day, and our weaver, Susan Stoppleman gave visitors an opportunity to weave. These smaller events give us the chance to talk to visitors more personally, and this day gave us the opportunity to get to know a chair seat weaver (cane/rush/cloth) who joined our weaving event in March, and to make a connection with Doug Edwards to speak at our Black History Month event.

Sunday Feb 11th we celebrated Black History Month with an event entitled "Manchester, Frederick Douglass and

The Battle to End Slavery". Former MHS vice-president Doug Edwards provided a fiery speech ("What to a Slave is the 4th of July") by Frederick Douglass, in costume. 2018 is the 200th anniversary of Douglass' birth. Channel 8 requested a live TV interview, which we did at the Homestead at 7am that morning. Vivian Carlson and Jenifer Bussa dressed in Civil War period costume and presented the role of local womens' leagues and the US Sanitary Commission (forerunner of the Red Cross) in supporting soldiers' welfare. Finally, we honored the 29th CT Colored Regiment's role, and the six residents of Manchester who served in that regiment, in bringing the war to its conclusion with the fall of Richmond in early April 1865. The 29th was the first regiment to make it to the steps of the Confederate capitol building.

On Sunday March 11th we partnered with the Hartford Artisan Weaving Center to provide hands-on weaving demonstrations. We began our "community" rag rug project, and craftsperson Sue Muldoon demonstrated the art and craft of seat weaving.

Opportunities: while we look forward to members enjoying the events, you are always welcome to bring your interest and skills to participate. We are glad to have extra docents, crafts people, gardeners and researchers. We do have an important need for help gathering all possible facts, publications and artifacts connected to the life of Ednah Dow Cheney. Also, we could use research and tangible help documenting the landscape plan prepared by Frederick Law Olmsted for the property to help guide us in future use/landscape decisions. Please contact Pete Millett if you are interested.

Thanks so much for your support!

Happenings at the Woodbridge Farmstead

- Lessons at Woodbridge Farmstead
- Come and experience the pleasure of meandering among the hollyhocks, roses and iris's. Explore an original 1770's restored barn, one of the oldest remaining barns in Connecticut.
- On Saturday, June 9, 2018, Connecticut Open House Day, we will feature the gardens and barns and colonial crafts as well!! Come and learn how to stencil, knit, crochet an afghan and work on creating (all summer long) a fabulous WOODBRIDGE QUILT, which we will raffle off in January at our winter festivities!!
- Children can enjoy checkers, bean toss and draw pictures of the landscape.
- Enjoy a cup of cool switchel, which the farmers drank while haying.

See You on June 9, 2018

We will be open the second and fourth Sundays through October from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events – Summer 2018

- ▶ **The History Center and Museum Store** are located in the former Cheney Machine Shop, 175 Pine Street at the corner of Forest Street -- where you can purchase local-history items such as books on local history, copies of vintage maps, Kage company plastic decorations, Manchester Herald cookbooks, t-shirts with historic scenes of Manchester, copies of high school yearbooks, vintage business directories, mugs, notecards, and limited-edition ceramic tree ornaments with images of the Society's historic landmarks. There is also a study area where visitors can conduct research by browsing through old Manchester directories, surveys, high school yearbooks, and booklets. There's an exhibit of the Russell barber shop, with barber pole, and vintage barbering tools and furniture, as well as a standing exhibit about Cheney silks. Please check to make sure the building is open before coming! 860-647-9983.
- ▶ **The Old Manchester Museum** at 126 Cedar Street, open the first Saturday of the month, May through early December, and by appointment -- phone 860-647-9983. The research facility is available all year round. For an appointment, phone 860-647-9742.
- ▶ **The Woodbridge Barn** and grounds at 495 East Middle Turnpike are open the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Parking is available at the nearby Senior Center and on the street between the Senior Center and the Woodbridge house.
- ▶ **The Cheney Homestead** at 106 Hartford Rd. is open the second Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Guided tours include the history of the house and its contents and of the Cheney family who lived there from 1785 until 1965. **The Keeney one-room schoolhouse** is located on the grounds and is open when the house is open.

Saturday, June 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Old Manchester Museum open, 126 Cedar Street. Visit the former Cheney School, built in 1859, and view permanent exhibits, maps, school information. The Manchester Sports Hall of Fame is located in this building. Guides will be available to answer questions. Parking along the (one-way) street, or in the lot at the corner of Cedar and Cooper Hill Streets, right next to the museum. A museum shop is open, with books and maps about local history. Some research materials, such as town directories, will be available

Saturday, June 9, Museum Open House Day, open 11 to 3:
• Cheney Homestead and Keeney Schoolhouse at 106 Hartford Road • Old Manchester Museum, 126 Cedar Street • Loom Room exhibit, enter at 199 Forest Street • Woodbridge Farmstead barn and grounds, backyard of 495 Middle Turnpike East. Also, Pitkin Glass Works, co-owned by the Historical Society, Town and DAR, located at the intersection of Parker and Putnam Streets in the Manchester Green section of town, this year inviting children to dig for shards; there will be pictures and small items for sale

Sunday, June 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cheney Homestead open

Sunday, June 10 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Open House at the Woodbridge barn and grounds, 495 East Middle Turnpike. Free. Visit the restored eighteenth-century barn and the grounds of the Society's Woodbridge property. The Farmstead is located at Manchester Green, near the intersection of East Middle Turnpike with Woodbridge Street. The barn, located behind (north of) the house, was restored with funds from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, the SBM Charitable Foundation, Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, and individual donors. Visitors can park at the Senior Center, or along the street between the Senior Center and the farmstead itself. From the street, walk to the backyard using the grass driveway between the house and Woodbridge Pizza. The Woodbridge farmstead is on the National Register of Historic Places. There are tour guides to describe the barn, and displays of farm tools and equipment. The farm was donated to the Manchester Historical Society by Ray and Thelma Woodbridge in 1998.

Tuesday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m., the Historical Society's Genealogy Group -- a meeting for both amateur and more experienced genealogists. We will discuss getting our children/descendants interested in our family history and share how we have interested our kids in their own family history. Meet at the Manchester History Center, 175 Pine Street. The Genealogy Group consists of Historical Society members, but nonmembers are also welcome (\$3.00 fee for non-members). The group usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, except December, July, August.

Saturday, June 16, Great Lawn walking tour 1:00 p.m. starting at the History Center, Loom Room entrance, 199 Forest Street, near the intersection of Elm Street. Led by Susan Barlow and Tom Ferguson of the Manchester Historical Society. We'll walk up Forest Street, viewing Cheney Mills now converted to apartments, and with permission from a mansion owner, we'll cross their private property, and make our way across the Great Lawn, over rough and hilly terrain. Takes about 75 minutes, with commentary on the history of the area. \$7 for non-members; \$5 for members; free for children under 16 accompanied by an adult. We'll see the town-owned 9 acres facing Hartford Road, and view the exterior of the former Cheney mansions, many of which look substantially the same as 100 years ago. The home of Frank Woodbridge Cheney, however, is no longer there.

Sunday, June 24 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Open House at the Woodbridge barn and grounds, 495 East Middle Turnpike. Free. Visit the restored eighteenth-century barn and the grounds of the Society's Woodbridge property. The Farmstead is located at Manchester Green, near the intersection of East Middle Turnpike with Woodbridge Street. Visitors can park at the Senior Center, or along the street between the Senior Center and the farmstead itself.

Sunday, June 24, Hidden Gems walking tour starting at 1:00 p.m. on the front steps of the Town Hall, 41 Center Street. We will stroll and view some historic treats of Manchester, usually not seen when driving by in a car --

the Revolutionary War fountain in Center Memorial Park, the site of the former Odd Fellows building, properties on the National Register of Historic Places, and a special visit to the Masonic Temple, with commentary by Matt Heinrich. Takes about 1-1/2 hours. Led by the Town Historian. Please bring bottled water if the weather's especially hot. No dogs, please. Cost is \$3 for Historical Society members, \$5 for non-members, and free to children under 16 years of age.

Saturday, July 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Old Manchester Museum open, 126 Cedar Street. Visit the former Cheney School, built in 1859, and view permanent exhibits, maps, school information. The Manchester Sports Hall of Fame is located in this building. Guides will be available to answer questions.

Sunday, July 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cheney Homestead open

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Sunday, July 22 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Open House at the Woodbridge barn and grounds, 495 East Middle Turnpike

Saturday, August 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Old Manchester Museum open, 126 Cedar Street. Visit the former Cheney School, built in 1859, and view permanent exhibits, maps, school information. The Manchester Sports Hall of Fame is located in this building. Guides will be available to answer questions.

Sunday, August 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cheney Homestead open

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Sunday, August 26 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Open House at the Woodbridge barn and grounds, Visit the restored eighteenth-century barn and the grounds of the Society's Woodbridge property. The Farmstead is located at Manchester Green, near the intersection of East Middle Turnpike with Woodbridge Street. Visitors can park at the municipal lot behind the Senior Center, or along the street between the Senior Center and the farmstead itself.

Saturday, September 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Old Manchester Museum open, 126 Cedar Street. Visit

the former Cheney School, built in 1859, and view permanent exhibits, maps, school information. The Manchester Sports Hall of Fame is located in this building. Guides will be available to answer questions. Parking along the (one-way) street, or in the lot at the corner of Cedar and Cooper Hill Streets, right next to the museum. A small museum shop is open, with books and maps about local history.

Sunday, September 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cheney Homestead open

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Sunday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m., "Murder in Manchester, the Great Silk Heist" a new play -- at the Manchester History Center, 175 Pine Street -- This dramatic play tells the story of the January 1919 attempted silk heist in Manchester, and the murder of Cheney security chief Bill Madden. Author Walt Scadden wrote this play as well as a book on the topic. The public is invited to this approximately 90-minute program. Local actors will portray Bill Madden, Police Chief Sam Gordon, and other residents in this Manchester drama. \$3 for members; \$5 for non-members; FREE for veterans and for children under 16. Light refreshments will be served. Parking for the lecture is available along Pleasant Street, off Forest Street (no on-street parking) as well as in a small lot north of the History Center.

Sunday, September 23 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Open House at the Woodbridge barn and grounds, Visit the restored eighteenth-century barn and the grounds of the Society's Woodbridge property. The Farmstead is located at Manchester Green, near the intersection of East Middle Turnpike with Woodbridge Street. Visitors can park at the Senior Center, or along the street between the Senior Center and the farmstead itself. From the street, walk to the backyard using the grass driveway between the house and Woodbridge Pizza.

Gammons Hoaglund Began in Manchester 100 Years Ago

by Dave Smith

A specialty tool used throughout the world in industries as varied as automotive, aircraft, marine, and power generation, among many others is called a helical taper pin reamer. It is absolutely essential where extremely accurate holes are required in metal and plastic products.

Manchester inventor William Booth Gammons developed such a tool 100 years ago this year while working for Niles-Bement-Pond in Hartford. Because the tool was so revolutionary, the company decided not to make it, believing their salesmen were not sufficiently trained in engineering to adequately promote this new tool. However, Gammons realized its importance and decided to found his own business here in Manchester. He did convince his old company to never enter into competition with him without his written consent. They agreed and kept their promise.

He set up shop as the W. B. Gammons Co. in the former Peter Adams mill on Adams St. (now Adams Mill Restaurant). The business flourished and in 1920 it was incorporated as the Gammons-Holman Co. with Charles W. Holman as one of the incorporators. By 1928 a larger building was required and an old mill building, which had been abandoned by Cheney Brothers, was acquired. Located at 395 Main St., that building now houses the Bigelow Hollow Condominiums.

The company's success continued, and after Gammons died in 1932 his wife Susannah Long Gammons became president. She led the company until her death in 1940, whereupon her daughter Marion B. Gammons took over the reins. Also in 1940 C. Arthur Hoaglund joined the company and the name of the company was changed to Gammons Hoaglund. Success continued with Sherwood Bowers as vice president, Hoaglund as secretary, and Clinton W. Keeney as general manager.

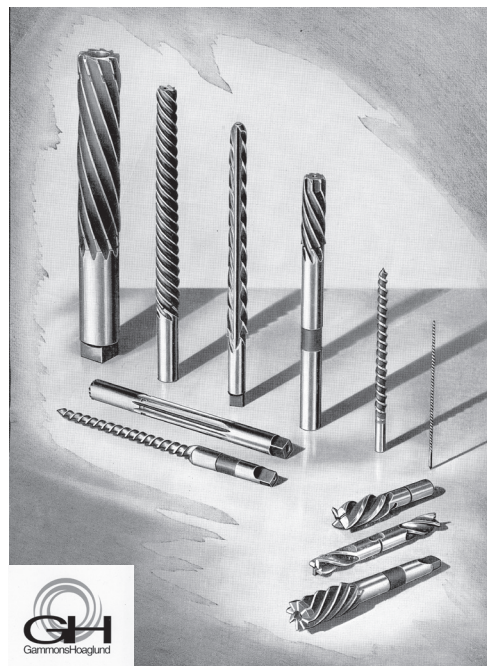
In 1967 H. Everett Jackson was president and was succeeded in 1978 by Joseph Brescia. By 1988 the company was purchased by Paul Stefanik, Jr. and it was moved to East Hartford. Paul Stefanik III bought the company from his father in 1990. He moved it back to Manchester in 2001.

Paul is president and his wife Beth Ann is vice president.

Although the product may not have changed much in 100 years, methods of manufacture have undergone significant changes, especially in the last 30 years. Automated machinery and computers have made the work even more accurate. Reamers up to 8 inches in diameter and as small as 20 thousandths of an inch in diameter (smaller than the thickness of your credit card!) are now produced. The company is now training its newest employee. Baxter is a robot that is being trained to handle repetitive tasks and will be able to work through the night without supervision.

The company has come a long way from its beginnings in 1918. It has survived the Great Depression, several wars and downturns in the economy. However, it continues to make reamers in many styles and sizes. Cutting tools have been and still are its only product. All the subsequent owners have continued the original idea of restricting the business to the highly specialized field of making reamers and cutting tools by highly skilled craftsmen.

Sources include a paper written by Marion B. Gammons many years ago and the Manchester Evening Herald of 1956.



We Will Miss.....

Elsie (Keish) Swanson was a long time member of the Historical Society. She was born here in 1918 and lived in Manchester throughout her life. In addition to her involvement in the Society she was actively involved in the 4-H movement, the Manchester Garden Club, and the Koffee Krafters Club. Her daughter and son-in-law Ingrid and Bill Fraize have also been active in the Society for many years. Her sister Louise was married to Herb Bengtson, former Town Historian.

Ron Schack was an active member of the Society for many years. He served in the U.S. Army, and worked for Pioneer Parachute and for the U.S. Postal Service for many years. His interest in history included genealogy research. Ron was a volunteer at the Society and pursued his interest in historical research by writing about all of the Manchester men who served in the Civil War. The result of that extensive work will be invaluable to future researchers and it led to an exhibit at the Society on the 100th anniversary of that war.

Annual Fund Reminder

Each year the Annual Fund Campaign is an important part of our fund raising efforts. Donations to the annual fund are unrestricted and are used to support the general operations of the Society. We do apply for and receive grants which are designated for specific purposes. For the routine expenses we rely on member dues and the annual fund campaign. If you have not yet made a donation please remember to make one without further delay. We depend on you for your support.



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School Thank You Notes

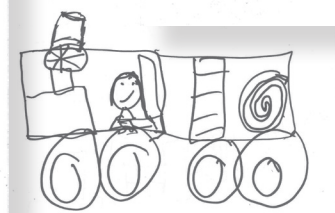
thank you!
 my most
 favorite part
 is the
 cheney homestead
 / school house

Thank you for letting
 me and my third
 grade friends come. now
 we know alot of the
 history of my home
 town.

Thank You For letting
 us see different
 Buildings and stuff
 that was from a long time
 ago I enjoyed alot of
 stuff thank You.
 Sincerely, m. or
 highland
 Park
 School

Dear J
 thank you for the field trip my
 favorite part was the schoolhouse
 because I liked watching
 Zackery put on the bone
 and Alana sit in the corner
 etc
 from
 Isabelle

School house ↓

 fire
 Station
 Cheney
 hall
 From mikaila and N.P.S



My Favorite part was
 the fire hall because
 we got to play
 with water. From: Hailey
 From: Highland park