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Society Receives \$20,000 Timken Foundation Grant

Restoration of Original Wood Floors to Begin at History Center

The Manchester Historical Society was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from **Timken Foundation** of Canton, Ohio for removal of vinyl-asbestos floor tile and restoration of the original wood floors in Rooms #4 and #5 of the Manchester History Center at 175 Pine Street. The turn-of-the-century industrial building is the former machine shop for the Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Company, the major employer for town residents in the late 19th and early 20th century. The 40,000 square foot brick structure currently serves the local heritage organization and the community by housing the Society's offices, an events venue, a lecture and workshop hall, exhibit space, a meeting and performance space, a visitor information center, a research facility, and a museum store.

The immediate benefit from the Foundation's financial support of the floor restoration project is the increased space available to accommodate activities in the building. The restored floors accelerate the Society's long-range strategic plans to establish a local history museum at the location, housing archives, a research library, a community-gathering space, and the Society's volunteer and staff offices. Further information can be found on our website at www.manchesterhistory.org.



Peter Robinson (left) of the Timken Foundation presents a check to Society Vice President George Beauregard.

The Society was eligible for consideration in part due to the local presence of a Timken Company plant, one of 142 around the globe. The Foundation was established in 1934 by **H.H. Timken** and family to invest in institutions having a significant impact on their communities, with first consideration being given to capital



Notice the straight eave line after being repaired

Woodbridge Barn Repairs

Our ca. 1775 barn at the **Woodbridge Farmstead** is currently being structurally stabilized and strengthened. Over the past 100 years or so it has experienced some broken columns and beams and developed serious sags and deformations. After last winter's snow storms with heavy snow loads on the roof, it became a real concern as to whether the barn could withstand another winter like the last. It was decided to make the needed repairs before the barn could be threatened again.

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Beginning this past fall barn restoration expert **Steve Marshall** has been slowly bringing the barn back to as close to its original levels as possible. The broken columns have been reinforced and the prominent dips in the roofline have been mostly straightened. Missing and rotten parts have been replaced. The original fabric of the barn has been reused as much as possible, including the hand hewn rafters and columns. The straightening of the structural members is being done a little at a time over a period of several months. Since the sags have developed over some 100 years it is necessary to slowly bring them back into proper alignment.

The work is being funded partly through a \$5,000 grant from the **Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation Barn Project**, and partly through donations. The total cost of this phase of the work will be about \$15,000



History at Your Fingertips

Check Out the Latest Additions to Our Website
www.manchesterhistory.org

- You will now find the interesting *Buckland Times* newsletters, published by **Sue Way** during the 1990's on our web site. Sue, who now lives in Coventry, gave us permission to post the publications, which you can find by clicking "Reprints" in the left menu on the home page, and then look for the link to "Vintage Reprints" and click on *Buckland Times*. BT, as Susan Way calls it, contains interviews with *Buckland* residents, census data, agricultural reports, maps, drawings, old photos, etc.
- Look for the "**Mystery Photo**" feature in the center of the home page. Click on the photo to read what we know about the photo, and let us know if you have additional information. So far we have run a 1967 photo of Mohammed Ali when he visited WINF radio, a 1958 sale at a carpet store near Pinehurst, and the Findell Blinds booth at a 1957 Manchester Product Show at the Armory. These photos were donated to the Historical Society by photographer Ken Burkamp. The photos change about every three weeks. Your comments are welcome.
- You can read **an interview with the late Dorothy Olcott** (1918-2011), describing her wartime experiences in the WAVES. The web page includes photos and links to other veteran-related articles on the web site, including a photo listing of all the veteran monuments in Manchester.
- "**A visit to Highland Park**" features a vintage photo of the summer cabin at Upper Case Pond in the Case Mountain Recreation Area. This cabin and a couple of forested acres were purchased by the Town, and the cabin is in deteriorating condition. It is a topic of discussion by the Town's Board of Directors, which recently approved \$10,000 to match a grant for an engineering study of how to stabilize the cabin.
- On the "**Upcoming Events**" page, you can find out what's airing on the Historical Society's television show on Cox public access, Channel 15. Our show runs at 8 p.m. on Saturdays, in Manchester and some surrounding towns. (DVDs and videos of these shows are available at Mary Cheney library, and some are for sale at our museum store.)
- Many other items of interest are on the website, including old photos, maps, and stories.

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Genealogy Group Forming

First Meeting Set for March 6th

Are you interested in genealogy? Would you like to meet and talk with other people with the same interest? We would like to start a genealogy group at the Historical Society for amateurs and experts alike. We will hold a startup meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 10 AM at the History Center at 175 Pine Street in Manchester. Our first meeting will be a roundtable discussion of how we would like to have this genealogy group work. So bring your ideas and be ready to participate. If you are unable to join this meeting but are interested in being a part of this group please give Kris Miller a call at 860-528-3122 and let her know of your interest. (Snow date: Tues, March 13.)

Tom and Carol Cheney Visit the Cheney Homestead

At the Cheney Homestead Open House in December, we were pleased to welcome **Tom Cheney**, whose daughter, **Carol Cheney**, brought him to Manchester from his home on the Connecticut shoreline. Tom complimented the Homestead Committee for the good condition of the Homestead, which has recently been painted. He met **Eileen Griffin**, the new Homestead Chairperson, and greeted **George Beauregard**, former Chairperson. While George and his wife, Karen, were setting up a wine-and-cheese reception for the Garden Club volunteers, Tom talked about his family and the Homestead.



Carol and Tom Cheney at the Annual Cheney Homestead Open House on December 10, 2011

He was born in 1917, and his grandfather was **Knight Dexter Cheney**. Tom's father was one of the eleven children of Knight Dexter, or "K.D." as he was called. Four of those eleven children died of tuberculosis, as did Tom's father, who died before Tom was born. Tom's mother took the family to Ohio to live near her people, so Tom didn't grow up in Manchester, but he did come here for Thanksgivings and other family events. He remembered that after dinner at his uncle's house (the Philip Cheney mansion), everyone came down to visit the Homestead. There were dozens of children there (he thought maybe 40 children, usually), sitting on the floor for a game of Black Spider, an exciting game in which children counted off by the days of the week (Sunday's child, Monday's child, etc.). Tom remembered sitting with the rest of the "kiddies." Then one of the older children would dress up in items from the coat closet such as the adults' hats and coats, including a fur coat, and looking terrifying, would select one of the children to be taken away. There was a lot of screaming. The parents of the "taken" child would come looking for him or her, and would find out that the child had been taken away. In actuality, the child was in another room, being asked what kind of pie he or she would like to have, but the other children didn't know that. All would turn out well in the end.

Tom mentioned that there would be many cousins, some "K.D.s"—children and kin from the Knight Dexter Cheney family and some "F.W.s"—children and kin from the Frank Woodbridge Cheney family. Tom said with a twinkle in his eye that reference to the K.D.s and F.W.s was a "distinction without a difference." When asked how many cousins he had, he said, "Where do you start?"

Tom went to Yale, as did most of his family, and he became a lawyer. He has lived in Noank, CT, the past 20 years and now lives in a retirement home.

He spoke with all the members of the Garden Club as they came to the Homestead to take down the lovely greenery and decorations that they had set up throughout the house for three days of open houses. Peter and Beth Brunone chaired this part of the Garden Club's volunteer work again, and the Historical Society appreciates their talent, artistry and hard work.

Carol and Tom Cheney are active in the Cheney Cemetery Association and in the Cheney Family Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Tom said he's glad that these funds support improvements to the Homestead and other Historical Society projects. He particularly complimented George and Caroline Hakkila, tenants and caretakers at the Homestead. Tom asked Caroline if it was warm enough in the old house, and was pleased when she said yes. We hope to see Tom and Carol again soon!

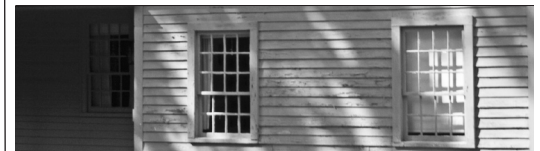
Wish List

Volunteers for May School Tours

One of the highlights of our year is each spring when third grade students from Manchester schools visit the Cheney Homestead, Old Manchester Museum, the Keeney Schoolhouse and our looms. Tours are generally held during May on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we need volunteers (from about 9:25 to 12:30) at each location to guide students, talk about our museums, and help out behind the scenes. You can sign up for one or more time-slots. Volunteers say they learn a lot from the children and it's energizing to see them experiencing "history close to home," right here in the historic district. If you have volunteered in the past, you will probably get a phone call. If you would like to help (even if you don't know a lot about Manchester's history) please phone Ann-Linda Dustin-Bray at 860-643-6672, e-mail Susan Barlow at sbarlow627@aol.com or call the office at 860-647-9983.

Museum Store Volunteers

There are opportunities to help the Society by volunteering at our museum store at the History Center. The work is very easy and entails assisting visitors as they peruse the items for sale in the store. The store is open from 10 to 2. We try to schedule volunteers for either a 2-hour or 4-hour shift on any day from Monday through Friday—you can choose your own schedule. Please call the office at 860-647-9983 for further information.



Can You Guess What Has 816 Panes?

Find the answer on page 5!

Welcome, New Members

We welcome the following new Society members:

FROM MANCHESTER

Ann Broward	Lynn Ralston
Phyllis Chapman	Dana Riendeau
Judy Mrosek	Ruth Stanford

FROM ELSEWHERE

Eileen Driscoll	East Hartford, CT
Laura Marchese	Vermont
Marion Mooney	Massachusetts
Marc Nevue	So. Windsor, CT
Edmund Rubacha	Middletown, CT
Dolores York	Ridgefield, CT

Festive Gala a Big Success—Thanks to Our Donors!

Thank you to all who donated to the 8th Annual Gala. To our members and friends, please patronize our local sponsors and donors, and mention that you're a member of The Historical Society! (If anyone was left off this list, please let us know. We apologize for any omissions.)

Agway of Manchester
 Anna's Pizza Restaurant
 Anne Miller Real Estate
 Arnoldeen's Cachet
 Susan Barlow
 Best Wine and Liquor
 Bettylou's Gardening
 The Bike Shop
 Boston's The Gourmet
 Pizza Restaurant
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 Brown Sugar Catering
 Brown's Package Store
 Camp Bow Wow South Windsor
 Captain Daniel Packer Inne, Mystic
 Cavey's Restaurant
 Chez Ben Restaurant
 CJ's Pizza
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 Forest Package Store
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 Garden Sales
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 Elisa Giannantonio
 Dennis Gleeson
 Doreen Goodnough
 Great Harvest Bakery
 Guido's Drive-In Restaurant
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 Joanne Hachey
 Hair By Design
 Hair by Emilie at Angela's on Pearl
 Hans Weiss Fine Art Gallery
 and Studio



Guests participate in a live auction at the Gala, held at the History Center on Friday, December 2, 2011

Hardy's True Value Hardware
 Hartford Road Pizza
 Harvest Beads and Silver
 Highland Park Market
 Holiday Inn Express-Vernon
 Irish Insurance, Wally Irish
 Iuliano's Bakery
 Joe's Fresh Seafood & Meat
 Marilu Joslin
 Katherine's Hair Design
 Monica Katkavich
 Barbara Lappen
 Pat & Vic LeGeyt
 Clair Leighton
 Little Theatre of Manchester
 Ann Lucente
 Lutz Children's Museum
 M & R Liquors
 Manchester Country Club
 Manchester Discount Liquors
 Manchester Garden Club
 Manchester Pizza & Grill
 Mane Attraction Hair Design
 Mansion Inn Bed & Breakfast

Patricia Marti
 Marlborough Exotic Birds
 & Animals, Veterinary Practice
 Colin McNamara
 Kris & Marie Miller
 Minnechaug Golf Club
 Moe's Southwest Grill
 Mr. Juke Box
 Mystic Seaport
 Onyx Spirits Company, LLC
 Park Hill Joyce Flower Shop
 Parkade Cinema
 Parkade Health Shoppe
 Terry & Len Parla
 Perennial Planters
 Pet Store Next Door
 Plant and Garden World
 Regina & Ed Pontbriant
 of Stained Glass by Ed
 Price Chopper
 Pride in Manchester Committee
 Carole Quish
 Maureen Robenhymer
 Rocco's Restaurant
 Royal Ice Cream
 ShopRite
 The Silver Dahlia
 Linda Snyder
 Spare Time Vernon Lanes
 Robin Starkel & Tom Matrick
 Stone Age Rock Gym
 Stop & Shop Supermarket
 Sugar Belle
 Sugar Shack Donut Shop
 Taylor Rental
 Texas Roadhouse
 Hugo & Phyllis Thomas
 The Time Machine Hobby
 Joyce Trainer
 Paula & Tony Viscogliosi
 Waterview Café
 at Manchester Country Club
 Woodbridge Pizza

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CIVIL WAR
150th ANNIVERSARY
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Civil War Notes

EARLY BATTLES

The naval **Battle of Hampton Roads**, Virginia (March 8-9, 1862) included a three-hour confrontation between the *Monitor* of the North and the *Merrimac* of the South on March 9. It was the first battle of ironclads and probably the most important naval battle of the Civil War. The *Merrimac* was a Union warship captured by the Confederates, rebuilt and renamed the CSS Virginia. The resulting draw did not break the Union blockade of the Virginia ports, but it did forever alter the design of naval ships.

The Battle of New Berne, North Carolina was fought on March 14, 1862. General Ambrose Burnside led his Union forces to victory over the Confederates, capturing nine forts and 41 heavy guns. Connecticut's 8th, 10th, and 11th, Infantry Regiments saw action.

During the month of March 1862 president Lincoln relieved Gen. McClellan as general-in-chief of the Union Armies. Lincoln, frustrated with the lack of success of the Army, took direct command for a period of four months.

MANCHESTER'S FIRST CASUALTIES

Daniel Haverty was Manchester's first Civil War casualty. He enlisted as a private on 29 June 1861, and joined Company H, 5th Connecticut Infantry Regiment on 29 July 1861. The 5th had guard and outpost duty on the Upper Potomac until February 1862. Daniel died of disease on 20 January 1862 while with Company H at Frederick, Maryland. He is interred in Antietam National Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Levi Lyman enlisted as a private on 2 September 1861. He joined Company B, 10th Connecticut Infantry Regiment on 30 September, 1861. Levi died on 15 March, 1862, from wounds received in the Battle of New Berne, North Carolina.

Julius Sweetland enlisted as a private on 26 December, 1861. He joined Company L, 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery Regiment on 27 January, 1862. Fort Richardson at Arlington, Virginia was part of the defense of Washington, D.C. Julius died on 27 March, 1862 at the age of 31 while at Fort Richardson with Company L. He is interred in East Cemetery, Manchester, Connecticut.

Samuel W. King was born about 1840 in New York. He was living and working in Manchester in 1860 as an apprentice. Samuel enlisted as a private on 8 September, 1861. He joined Company B, 10th Connecticut Infantry Regiment on 30 September, 1861. Samuel died of typhoid fever on 19 April, 1862 while with Company B at New Berne, North Carolina.

Watson C. Salter was born about 1838, the son of Lorenzo and Susan Meker Salter. He enlisted as a private on 28 September, 1861 and joined Company D, 11th Connecticut Infantry Regiment on 12 November, 1861. Watson died of a gunshot wound on 23 April, 1862 while with Company D.

The Win-Win Sale Is Coming!

Get your house de-cluttered, and help the Historical Society raise funds for programs and property maintenance! We both win! Beginning March 1st, the Society will accept donations of good saleable items for the week-long June tag sale (no clothing, computers, typewriters, televisions, entertainment centers or textbooks, please). Bring items to the History Center at 175 Pine St., Monday to Friday (except holidays) from 10 to 2. We can also arrange for pick up of larger items—please phone tag sale manager Terry Parla at 860-643-1823. Terry is also looking for volunteers to help sort and arrange items, and to work at the tag sale, which will be held 9 to 4 every day June 2 to June 10.

What Has 816 Panes?

The Cheney Homestead! That's right—there are 816 panes of glass in the windows at the Cheney Homestead, and for years, they have been in dire need of re-glazing. Thanks to the generosity and financial support of the Cheney Family Fund at The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and the SBM Charitable Foundation, all 816 windows have recently been re-glazed. In addition, window sills were repaired, the entire Homestead was prepared for paint, primed with oil based primer, and coated with a latex finish. We invite you to drop by and see these improvements firsthand.

The Cheney Homestead is open the second Sunday of each month except holidays, and also by appointment and for special events. Please call 860-647-9983 for more information.



New Email Addresses

Please note that we are now using the following **NEW Email Addresses**

General inquiries
info@manchesterhistory.org

President John Dormer:
jdormer@manchesterhistory.org

Development Director Eileen Sweeney:
esweeney@manchesterhistory.org

Curator Dave Smith:
dsmith@manchesterhistory.org

All previous business email addresses for these contacts are being phased out and will not be supported after March 1, 2012.

We Salute Our Valued Volunteers!

Will You Join Them This Year?

The success of our Manchester Historical Society is entirely dependent upon the dedicated service of our many volunteers. They act as docents, plan and staff events, conduct school tours, serve on committees, maintain our properties, run the museum stores and help us out in many other ways. Please accept our thanks for all you did for us during the year 2011. If your name is not on the list, please come and volunteer this year! We apologize if we have omitted anyone's name. Please let us know if we did and we will list your name in the next issue of the Courier.

Mike Agostinelli	Mary and Robert Dunne	Linda and Don LaPlante	Carole and Tom Quish
Sue Allely	Marilyn Eastwood	Theresa Lasnier	Ed Richardson
Patrick Andrea	Doug Edwards	Mary Ann and Joe Lawler	Genevieve Robb
Bob Averill	Tom Ferguson	Fred Lea	Sarah Robbins
Chris Bailey	Vivian Ferguson	Clair Leighton	Maureen Robenhymer
Evelyn Banning	John Fletcher	Geri Lemelin	Barbara and Frank Rohan
Cynthia Barlow	Bernice Frattaroli	Beverly and Al Logan	Mike Russo
Malcolm Barlow	Leslie Frey	Ann Lucente	Maura Ryan
Susan Barlow	Mary Frink	Jill and Kevin Mack	Marge Salmon
Adam Bawwab	Beverly Fuss	Colin McNamara	Jason Scappaticci
Susan Beach	Linda Gates	Anna Maggiore	Ron Schack
David Beal	Chris Gibbs	John Malone	Audrey and Earl Schaefer
Karen and George Beauregard	Marie Girelli	Leslie Manna	Edith Schoell
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Leona Bilodeau	Gerry Greene	Faith and Tim McCann	David Smith
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Dawn Black	Marsha Gunther	Bill McGugan	Grace Smith
Emily Bloom	Joanne and Joe Hachey	Kris Miller	Joe Sobanski
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Michael Brancato	Jim Hall	Jackie Mirtl	Mary Ann Steinneker
Ann Linda Bray	Dani Halliday	Nancy Mitchell	Ellen Strano
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Vincent Chirico	John Hovey	Alana Parkinson	Jan Toper
Andrea and Patrick Clancy	Gordon Howard	Cecelia Parla	Michelle Vadenais
Mary Beth Comp	Brian Hughes	Chris Parla	Paula Viscogliosi
John Cooney	Dick Jenkins	John Parla	Connie Walker
Mary Jane Cooper	Florence Johnson	Johnnie Parla	Kathryn Wilson
Bess and Charlie Covin	Christa Judd	Sarah Parla	Phyllis Wilson
Sarah Crosby	Gayle Juliani	Terry and Leonardo Parla	Darren Wright
Martha Davidson	Monica Katkavich	Anthony Pedraza	Mary Wynn
Peg DeForge	Jean Kelsey	Luis Perez	Jane and Rudy Zadnik
Marles Deveau	Zaahin Khan	Ron Perrault	Manchester Garden Club
Doti Dienst	Ann Kibbie	Emily Perrett	Jordan Caiola and his crew
John Dormer	Peggy Koehler	David Poland	from Boy Scout Troop 25
Harriet and Larry Duff	Mildred Kos	Regina and Ed Pontbriant	Chris Kopytko and his crew
Elaine and Tom Duff	Jean Lamenzo	Winthrop Porter	from Boy Scout Troop 25

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All lectures are at the History Center at 175 Pine Street at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Parking is available along the Forest Street side of the building and in the small lot on Pine Street. Handicap parking is also in the small lot. Admission \$3 for nonmembers, \$1 for Society members and free for children under age 16. Check online at www.manchesterhistory.org for the latest information on upcoming events.

February 12, Sunday, 1:00 p.m., History Center

CONNECTICUT'S JEWISH FARMERS

An illustrated lecture by Mary Donohue who will tell of the dynamics that propelled this phenomenon and its effects on the Connecticut agricultural community. An interesting and unusual story of immigration from Eastern Europe to Connecticut.

February 12, Sunday, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., 106 Hartford Rd.

CHENEY HOMESTEAD OPEN FOR TOURS

The Homestead is open this Sunday, and the second Sunday of each month year-round. This 1785 house is where the brothers who later started the world famous Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Co. grew up. Hear commentary about the family which lived there for almost 200 years.

February 25, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

CHENEY RAILROAD HISTORY WALK

Walk along one mile of the former rail bed of the South Manchester Railroad. Meet at the north end of Main Street on the right side of Farr's Sporting Goods. Park in the nearby shopping plaza or the Eighth District lot (please do not park in Farr's parking lot). Learn about the history of the railroad, which was the shortest private passenger and freight railroad in the United States. Extreme weather cancels. No dogs please.

March 11, Sunday, 1:00 p.m., History Center

CONNECTICUT, MANCHESTER AND THE CIVIL WAR

A talk by scholar John Maston, who will bring Civil War uniforms and artifacts to illustrate his discussion about our local connections to the Civil War.

April 22, Sunday, 1:00 p.m., History Center

CONNECTICUT TROOPS AT GETTYSBURG

A lecture by Connie Satton, past-president of the Vernon Historical Society. She will describe the experiences of Connecticut soldiers during and after the battle of Gettysburg. Using songs, stories and pictures, she will bring a local perspective to this three-day battle.

May 12, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Manchester Town Hall

FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Learn how to research your family history with help from genealogy experts. Find out what information is available in the Town Hall and tour the facilities at the Town Clerk's office. You can sign up for a free half hour private consultation with a certified genealogist by phoning 860-647-3037.

May 26, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

CHENEY RAILROAD HISTORY WALK

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We Will Miss...

MILTON K. ADAMS was president of our Society for four years. His deep interest in history and ability to put into words the stories that make history interesting and relevant were unmatched. Milton created a number of books on Manchester's past, which have proved very popular over the years. Together with his late wife Jeanne, Milt infused the Society with an enthusiasm which led to many advances for the organization. Membership increased and the cadre of volunteers was rejuvenated. We owe much of our present success to Milt's efforts.

STELLA KITTEL was a life-long resident of Manchester who lived to the age of 103. She continued to live in her own house until her last year, directing the donation of several items to the Society, including the kitchen sink! Stella was a member of our honorary Century Club.

FRANK KOPCHA was the husband of Historical Society secretary Vilma Kopcha. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. Frank attended many of the society's events until his recent illness prevented him from doing so.

MAGDA NEZNIK was born in Slovakia but lived most of her life in Manchester. When she died at the age of 103 years, she was living in her own house and was a member of the Century Club of the Historical Society. She worked for many years for the Norton Electrical Co. and during World War II was involved with instrumentation for submarines.

DOROTHY D. OLCOTT lived almost her entire life in Manchester except for her service during World War II. She was married to the late Roger Olcott. During World War II Dorothy served in the WAVES and was involved with cryptographic services, attaining the rank of Lt. J.G. in the U. S. Naval Reserves. Dorothy was a long-time supporter of the Society and also served as docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum as well as at our Cheney Homestead and museum.



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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Email _____

Type of Membership:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Individual	\$45
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Individual	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Couple	\$400		

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<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a matching gift form		<i>Make checks payable to: Manchester Historical Society</i>	

Membership Dues and Donations to the Society are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.