



HISTORY is OUR STORY



Welcome to the 1st Historical Collaboration in The Last Green Valley in 2016!

OUR GOAL

To offer a quarterly event, featuring an exciting & informative historical topic each session, presented by each of you! Show off your specialty.

Instead of working alone & duplicating efforts, let's pitch in to work & learn together!

Agenda/Timetable:

2-2:15 p.m. Arrive & Mingle

2:15-2:30 p.m. Brief Introductions

2:30-3:30 p.m. Presentation by the Killingly Historical Society

3:30-4 p.m. Q&A, Refreshments, Wrap-up

Information from The Last Green Valley:

- [Publications](#): Notable & Notorious, For The Common Good
- [Cleanup Funds](#) for nonprofits & towns (Online->Learn & Protect->Earth Month & River Cleanups)
- [Historic Grants](#) will be coming again this year
- [Ranger Talks](#), 6 topic choices, available free of charge for your organization
- [Walktober in The Last Green Valley](#), Sat. 9/24 through Sun. 11/6 (applications for 2016 enclosed)
- CT SHRAB (CT State Historical Records Advisory Board) training available (see enclosed release)
- Good opportunities to take advantage of...
 - Write articles for local papers (see Killingly Historical's recent article)
 - [Social media – facebook](#)
 - Interviews on local radio (Do you know about [Heritage Information Radio, am1700.org](#))
 - Invite press to your events
- Times/Days for future collaborations – weekdays/weekends/morning/afternoon/evening?

Killingly's Other Fun to take advantage of:

USE: [killinglybusinessassociation.com](#) & [thelastgreenvalley.org](#) (Explore directory)

- Shopping: Tunk City Revival, Trink-et Shoppe, Danielson Surplus (snowshoes!), Hurme TV & Appliance, Loggee's, The Sunshine Shop
- Dining: Pizza Pizzazz, George's Galley, Heirloom Food
- Tiffany Mosaic
- Trails! Walk & Paddle, Fish & Bird Watch
- Summer Concerts in the park & Events like Bike Night in August, Great Tomato Fest in September, Luminaria/New England Christmas in December
- QVCC – LIR, attend and/or possibly give a presentation!
- Use churches & local libraries often!

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A SHORT LIST of the Killingly Historical and Genealogical Society LIBRARY

- **Books from:**

- Connecticut
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- plus many from other States
- A French-Canadian selection
- A large genealogy collection

- **A few of the books that KHS has compiled themselves:**

- **Sexton (burial) records from:**

- Ashford
- Brooklyn
- Canterbury
- Eastford
- Hampton
- Killingly
- Plainfield
- Pomfret
- Putnam
- Sterling
- Thompson
- Woodstock
- Douglas, MA

- **Funeral Home Records from:**

- Smith & Walker, Putnam
- Gilman-Valade, Putnam
- Ballard – Clarke, Putnam
- Denison, Plainfield
- Wood, Plainfield-Killingly
- Tillinghast, Killingly
- Gagnon-Costello, Killingly
- Bacon, Killingly
- Valade, Thompson
- Dougherty, Plainfield (Records 1929-1983)

- **Church Records compiled:**

- Ashford Congregational Church Records 1718- 1833
- Brooklyn First Congregational

- Church Records

- Brooklyn Trinity Church Records 1771-1866
- Canterbury Congregational Church Records
- Canterbury Westminster Church Records
- Eastford Congregational Church Records
- Griswold Church Records 1720-1887
- Hampton Church Records 2 Vols. A-H & H-Z
- Westfield (Killingly) Congregational Church Records
- South Killingly Congregational Church Records 1746-1996
- Dayville (Killingly) Congregational Church 1840-1903
- Danielson (Killingly) Methodist Episcopal Church 2 Volumes
- Attawaugan (Killingly) Methodist Episcopal church
- First Church of Killingly Records 1714 – 1900 (now called Putnam Heights)
- St. Paul's church records, Plainfield
- Union Baptist Church records 2 vols., Plainfield
- Methodist Church Records 1842-1932, Plainfield
- Christ's Church Records, Pomfret
- Pomfret Congregational Church 1729-1923
- Stafford First Congregational Church Records 1757-1859
- Stafford Second Congregational Church Records 1781-1913
- Stafford Churches 1850-1936
- Stafford Springs Congregational Chh 1850-1936
- Stafford Congregational Chh 1852-1914
- Stafford First Universalist Society & Chh Records 1814-1917

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- Stafford – M. E. Chh at Crystal Lake 1792-1949
 - Sterling Church Records 1723-1910
 - Sterling, Oneco United Methodist Church Records
 - Thompson Congregational Church Records 1730-1930
 - Thompson Baptist Church Records
 - Thompson Methodist Church Records
 - Voluntown First Church Records 1723-1836

 - Woodstock First Congregational Church Records Vol. III-IV
 - And many others that we have been given.
- **Originals of newspapers:**
 - Windham County Transcript 1848 - 1977
 - Willimantic Journal 1870's
 - Moosup Journal 1893-1896, scattered issues
 - Plus many, many others, some of which have been copied and indexed (but not all).
 - **Account Books from Killingly & Plainfield (Some diaries typed by KHS)**
 - Killingly Business Encyclopedia 1708-2008 – 6 volumes
 - Rawson Account Book – Furniture maker
 - The Quinebaug Gold Company (Men from Windham & New London Counties) (Calif. Gold Rush)
 - Windham County Transcript Indexes, 1848-1859; 1860-1865; 1866-1875 and tidbits from this paper from 1848 – 1913 and more
- **Books completed by KHS:**
 - The Poor and Others To Be Pitied (18th & 19th Windham County Welfare Cases) by Marilyn Labbe
 - Windham County, County Court Records 1726-1732, by Marcella Pasay
 - Windham County, County Court Records 1732-1736, by Marcella Pasay
 - Family Secrets – 18th & 19th century Birth Records found in Windham County, CT, by Marcella Pasay
 - Native American/Black collection from Marcella Pasay and her book “Full Circle”
 - Indexes to many scrapbooks
 - **Rhode Island Vital Records** include copies for people with Windham County connections: from 1850 to 1930's (Foster, Glocester & Burrillville, Sprague)

Thanks for coming to the 1st Historical Collaboration in The Last Green Valley in 2016!

After all, HISTORY is OUR STORY.

Together we care for it, enjoy it and pass it on.

Join the collaboration to conserve our history in the National Heritage Corridor.

Questions/Feedback?

Call Marcy at 860-774-3300 or email marcy@tlgv.org

We'll send out information for the next collaboration soon, and watch our web calendar (What's Going on) and our facebook page for all kinds of other events & happenings!



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Your Notes Here: *(Ranger Marcy of The Last Green Valley took these notes to fill her sheet...)*

- Edwin Bugbee donated \$ for the library, which was in the basement of the church before. This building was finished in 1903, and was a library until 1994, when the new one was built. Stipulation was that his books had to stay in the building and it would still be used as a library or public reading room.
- This is a town of Killingly owned & up kept building.
- Killingly Historical & Genealogy Society Center opened in June of 1995 with just a few cabinets of records.
- KHS volunteers built up their massive library over the years as towns and funeral parlors gave them their books to copy. KHS has typed and typed and typed up tons of books filled with this information.
- With a gung ho supply of volunteers early on, the team numbers lessened over years due to age, deaths, moving from the area. At one point only Marilyn and Lynn were left to persevere – for 9 years it was just the 2 of them.
- More volunteers are now involved, but getting more is always a goal, and youthful volunteers would also be great. Many of the attendees expressed this same concern – what is the solution?
- In spite of the challenges, KHS' collection still grows! It is **HANDS DOWN THE BEST GENEALOGY LIBRARY EAST OF THE RIVER!**
- Struggles in tracing genealogy? Spelling of names / changing of names / names being misunderstood or not heard properly, so just being filled in as the person writing them down thinks is right or close enough / town and state borders have changed a lot over the years / sloppiness of the writer or record keeper / inability of some to read cursive. This was a point mentioned that many schools now haven't taught the students cursive – how will they be able to read these “old” records? Some schools now realize the value and are reintroducing cursive writing back into the school system.
- How is KHS funded? Memberships, the books they sell, nominal fees for their genealogy services & any copies that they might print out for these family seekers.
- Along with all of the genealogy, they also have many items in their museum...and they do share items with other towns if they are more appropriate to that town.
- Difficulty with any of these sort of collections is protecting them - storage, climate control to name a few...
- As the elementary schools are now requiring more history in their curriculum, many historical societies are able to connect with the youth by doing tours and talks. The kids always seem to love it! The hopes are that the seeds are planted, and once these kids grow up, start their own careers and families, that once they find time again, they come back to it. These seeds may take 20-30 years to grow...but are worth planting!
- Overall we then wondered how do we keep it all going as we continue to age. The youth seems to be the key...
- It was suggested it'd be great to have one central location to post ALL of our events, information, etc. Marcy from The Last Green Valley is thinking already about a solution.....

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Attendees:

Attendee	Organization	Website
Baron, Donna	Lebanon Historical	historyoflebanon.org
Bazinet, Edward	The Black Tavern, Dudley Historic Commission, French River Connection	theblacktavern.com, dudleyma.gov/historical.htm, frenchriverconnection.org
Bergeron, Ruth	Plainfield Historical Society	plainfieldhistory.org
Flannery, Doug	Killingly Historical	killinglyhistory.org
Goodrich, Dave	Gov Samuel Huntington Trust/Huntington Homestead	huntingtonhomestead.org
Holland, John	Killingly Historical	killinglyhistory.org
Karro, Stan	Finnish American Heritage Society	fahs-ct.org
Labbe, Marilyn	Killingly Historical	killinglyhistory.org
LaBerge, Lynn	Killingly Historical	killinglyhistory.org
Leake, Louise	Leffingwell House Museum	leffingwellhousemuseum.org
Lindley, Joe	Thompson Historical	thompsonhistorical.org
Lowenthal, Larry	Brimfield Historical & TLGV member/Ranger	
Masciandaro, Laurie	Roseland Cottage/Historic New England	historicnewengland.org/historic-properties/homes/roseland-cottage
Mazza, Christina	Gov Samuel Huntington Trust/Huntington Homestead	huntingtonhomestead.org
McDonough, Leslie	Mansfield Public Library	mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org
Mitchell, Bernie	Killingly Historical	killinglyhistory.org
O'Reilly, Jean	Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford	thehuguenotmemorialsocietyofoxford.org
Pearsall, Bill	Aspinock Historical Society	aspinockhs-putnam.weebly.com/
Pearsall, Terri	Aspinock Historical Society	aspinockhs-putnam.weebly.com/
Smiley, Anita	Finnish American Heritage Society	fahs-ct.org
Smith, Peter	Oxford Historical Society, Oxford Historical Commission	town.oxford.ma.us
Snay, Mark	Thompson Historical	thompsonhistorical.org
Thornton, Beverly	Brooklyn Historical	brooklynct.org/historical-society
Weaver, Maggie	Killingly Historical	killinglyhistory.org
Wrobel, Gary	Killingly Historical	killinglyhistory.org
Zoldak, Brian	Killingly Historical & TLGV member	killinglyhistory.org