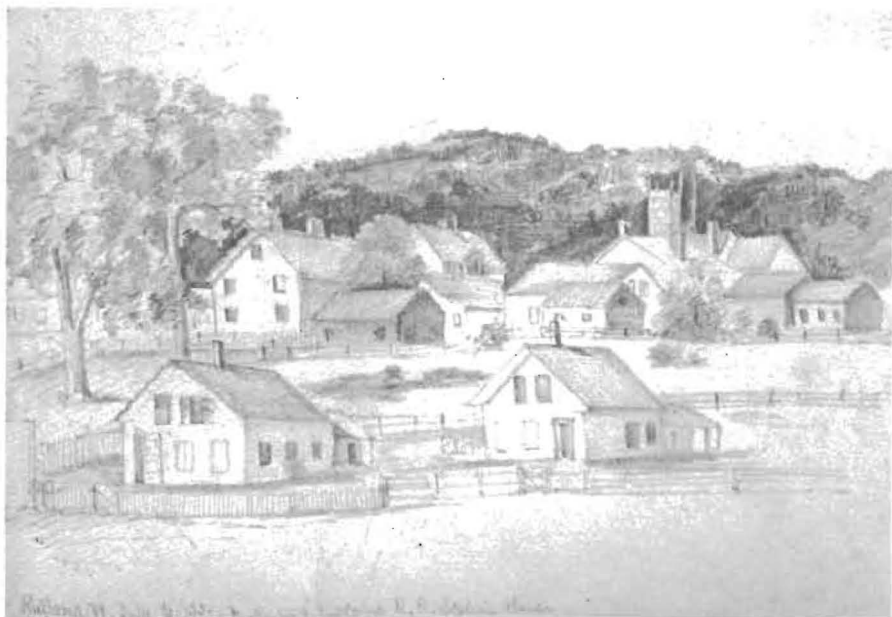


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RUTLAND — 1853. According to a note at the bottom of this pencil sketch, it was done at the Rutland and Burlington Railroad Station House in Rutland, Vt., July 6, 1853. The church tower in the distance is apparently the old Trinity (Episcopal) Church which was located on the west side of North Main St., not far from the intersection of West St. The fine detail is most interesting. Especially note the washing on the line in the foreground. (See EDITOR'S NOTE for the story behind this sketch).

**THE RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL SPONSOR A
MEETING DEVOTED TO THE RUTLAND RAILROADS
AT THE COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH THE PROVIDER
IN RUTLAND ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25th FROM 2 - 4 P.M.**

PUBLIC INVITED

ADMISSION FREE

(SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS)

RAILROAD MEETING

Featured guest speaker: Jim Shaughnessy, author of **The Rutland Road**.

Consultants and Participants in the Exhibit: — Richard Costello, Gordon Cutler, Frances Kingsley, and Harold Lundin — all formerly with the Rutland Railroad.

K. M. Chapman — Vermont Railway.

Walter Wright — Curator, Special Collections, Dartmouth College.

Frances Poulin — Schenectady, N. Y.
and others.

ARCHEOLOGICAL WORKSHOP

The Rutland Historical Society hopes to sponsor an archeological workshop and dig for all ages this summer. Judge Milford K. Smith, a member of the Society and the Vermont Archeological Society, is exploring the feasibility of this project. The Society needs to know (1) what interest there might be in this project, (2) the location of a Rutland site available for a dig and (3) anyone who would be willing to provide assistance in any way.

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Some members have not renewed their 1970-71 dues. Dues are payable as of October. If a "69-70" appears on your mailing label your dues are in arrears. Anyone who wishes membership may obtain the same by forwarding \$2.00 with name and address.

WHO'S WHO

Miss Berenice R. Tuttle of 2 Nickwackett St. has had a deep interest and a varied role in Rutland life since 1880. Professionally she has done genealogical research and historical editing. For the Rutland Historical Society she has served on both the Program and Publicity committees. She has been in many community activities, especially those involving youth and the Rutland Woman's Club, which took a great interest in the formation of the Rutland Historical Society. Perhaps the greatest testimonial to Miss Tuttle's contribution to Rutland historical knowledge, is the frequently heard reply to the querying researcher, "Have you asked Berenice?"

Carleton Wilson of 9 Harvard St. is better known as the proprietor of Wilson's Clothing Store on Merchants Row. From this vantage point he has observed the life of downtown Rutland since 1894 when he tended the Christmas door at Wilson's. Since then he has become a central point for the collection of old Rutland photos and mementoes which he has graciously shared with those interested in Rutland history. His interest in Rutland history and his willingness to share his historical concerns has made Wilson's Clothing Store an historical oasis on Merchants Row.

What's Where

The Rutland Free Library maintains a Rutland Historical Collection in its Vermont Room. Access to these materials may be arranged at the Main Desk of the Library.

The Library of the College of St. Joseph the Provider also has a number of Rutland items in its Vermont Room.

WHO KNOWS

— of a site appropriate for an archeological dig of the Indian or Colonial / Revolutionary period in the Rutland area? (Cf. article on opposite page.)

RECENT DEATHS

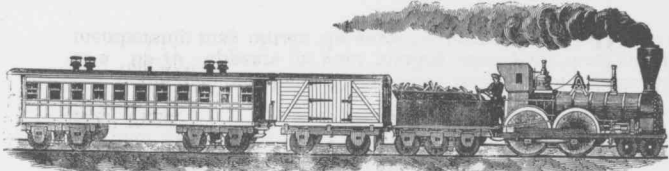
We regret to note the passing of Wilbur Bradder and Edna Desjardins, both members of the Rutland Historical Society.

NOTES OF INTEREST

F. Robert Robinson, Treasurer of the Society is recovering from successful lung surgery.

Bennett D. Bell, a Director of the Society, is in Florida where he is recuperating from open-heart surgery.

Rutland & Burlington R. R.



On & after Monday Dec. 4, 1854, Trains will run as follows:

TRAINS MOVING SOUTH.

TRAINS MOVING NORTH.

| LEAVE | TRAINS MOVING SOUTH. | | | LEAVE | TRAINS MOVING NORTH. | | |
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| | Accomm. Train. | Mail Train. | Accomm. Train. | | Accomm. Train. | Mail Train. | Accomm. Train. |
| Burlington, .. . | A. M. | A. M. | P. M. | Burlington, .. . | A. M. | P. M. | P. M. |
| Shelburne, .. . | 8.45 | 6.00 | .. . | Bellows Falls, .. . | 12.05 | 5.40 | .. . |
| Charlotte, .. . | 9.03 | 6.17 | .. . | Rockingham, .. . | 12.18 | 5.55 | .. . |
| No. Ferrisburgh, .. . | 9.18 | 6.31 | .. . | Bartonsville, .. . | 12.29 | 6.08 | .. . |
| Ferrisburgh, .. . | 9.26 | 6.40 | .. . | Chester, .. . | 12.40 | 6.18 | .. . |
| Vergennes, .. . | 9.34 | .. . | .. . | Gassetts, .. . | 12.52 | 6.30 | .. . |
| New Haven, .. . | 9.40 | 6.54 | .. . | Duttonsville, .. . | 1.02 | 6.43 | .. . |
| Brooksville, .. . | 9.53 | 7.07 | .. . | Pretorsville, .. . | 1.08 | 6.47 | .. . |
| Middlebury, .. . | 10.13 | 7.27 | .. . | Ludlow, .. . | 1.19 | 6.57 | .. . |
| Salisbury, .. . | 10.28 | 7.42 | .. . | Healdville, .. . | 1.35 | 7.12 | .. . |
| Whiting, .. . | 10.40 | 7.54 | .. . | Summit, .. . | 1.41 | 7.17 | .. . |
| Brandon, .. . | 10.52 | 8.06 | .. . | Mount Holly, .. . | 1.48 | 7.24 | .. . |
| Pittsford, .. . | 11.07 | 8.21 | .. . | East Wallingford, .. . | 1.56 | 7.31 | .. . |
| Sutherland Falls, .. . | 11.16 | 8.30 | .. . | Cuttingsville, .. . | 2.05 | 7.40 | .. . |
| Center Rutland, .. . | 6.00 | Ar. 11.22 | Ar. 8.45 | Clarendon, .. . | 2.14 | 7.49 | .. . |
| Rutland, .. . | 6.07 | Ar. 11.47 | .. . | North Clarendon, .. . | 6.00 | Ar. 11.22 | Ar. 8.05 |
| No. Clarendon, .. . | 6.16 | 11.56 | .. . | Rutland, .. . | 6.00 | Ar. 11.22 | Ar. 8.05 |
| Clarendon, .. . | 6.25 | 12.05 | .. . | Center Rutland, .. . | 6.14 | 8.15 | .. . |
| Cuttingsville, .. . | 6.34 | 12.14 | .. . | Sutherland Falls, .. . | 6.23 | 8.23 | .. . |
| Mount Holly, .. . | 6.41 | 12.21 | .. . | Pittsford, .. . | 6.40 | 8.38 | .. . |
| Summit, .. . | 6.48 | 12.28 | .. . | Brandon, .. . | 6.51 | 8.49 | .. . |
| Healdville, .. . | 6.52 | 12.32 | .. . | Whiting, .. . | 7.03 | 4.01 | .. . |
| Ludlow, .. . | 7.07 | 12.47 | .. . | Salisbury, .. . | 7.16 | 4.16 | .. . |
| Pretorsville, .. . | 7.17 | 12.57 | .. . | Middlebury, .. . | 7.35 | 4.36 | .. . |
| Duttonsville, .. . | 7.21 | 1.02 | .. . | Brooksville, .. . | 7.45 | 4.49 | .. . |
| Gassetts, .. . | 7.34 | 1.15 | .. . | New Haven, .. . | 7.59 | 5.02 | .. . |
| Chester, .. . | 7.46 | 1.27 | .. . | Vergennes, .. . | 8.07 | 5.10 | .. . |
| Bartonsville, .. . | 7.57 | 1.38 | .. . | Ferrisburgh, .. . | 8.20 | 5.23 | .. . |
| Rockingham, .. . | 8.10 | 1.51 | .. . | No. Ferrisburgh, .. . | 8.20 | 5.23 | .. . |
| Bellows Falls, .. . | Ar. 8.25 | Ar. 2.05 | .. . | Charlotte, .. . | 8.20 | 5.23 | .. . |
| | | | | Shelburne, .. . | 8.20 | 5.23 | .. . |
| | | | | Burlington, .. . | Ar. 8.34 | Ar. 5.40 | .. . |

Trains leave Bellows Falls,

Via Cheshire Road, for Fitchburgh, Groton Junction, Nashua, Concord, N. H., Lowell Lawrence, Boston, Worcester, Providence and New York, via Norwich. Also via Vt. Valley Railroads for Springfield, Hartford, New Haven and New York; and via Sullivan Railroads for Windsor, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury and the White Mountains.

Trains leave Rutland,

Via Western Vermont, Troy & Boston, Rutland & Washington and Albany Northern, Saratoga & Washington, and Saratoga & Schenectady Railroads, for Troy Albany, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and the West.

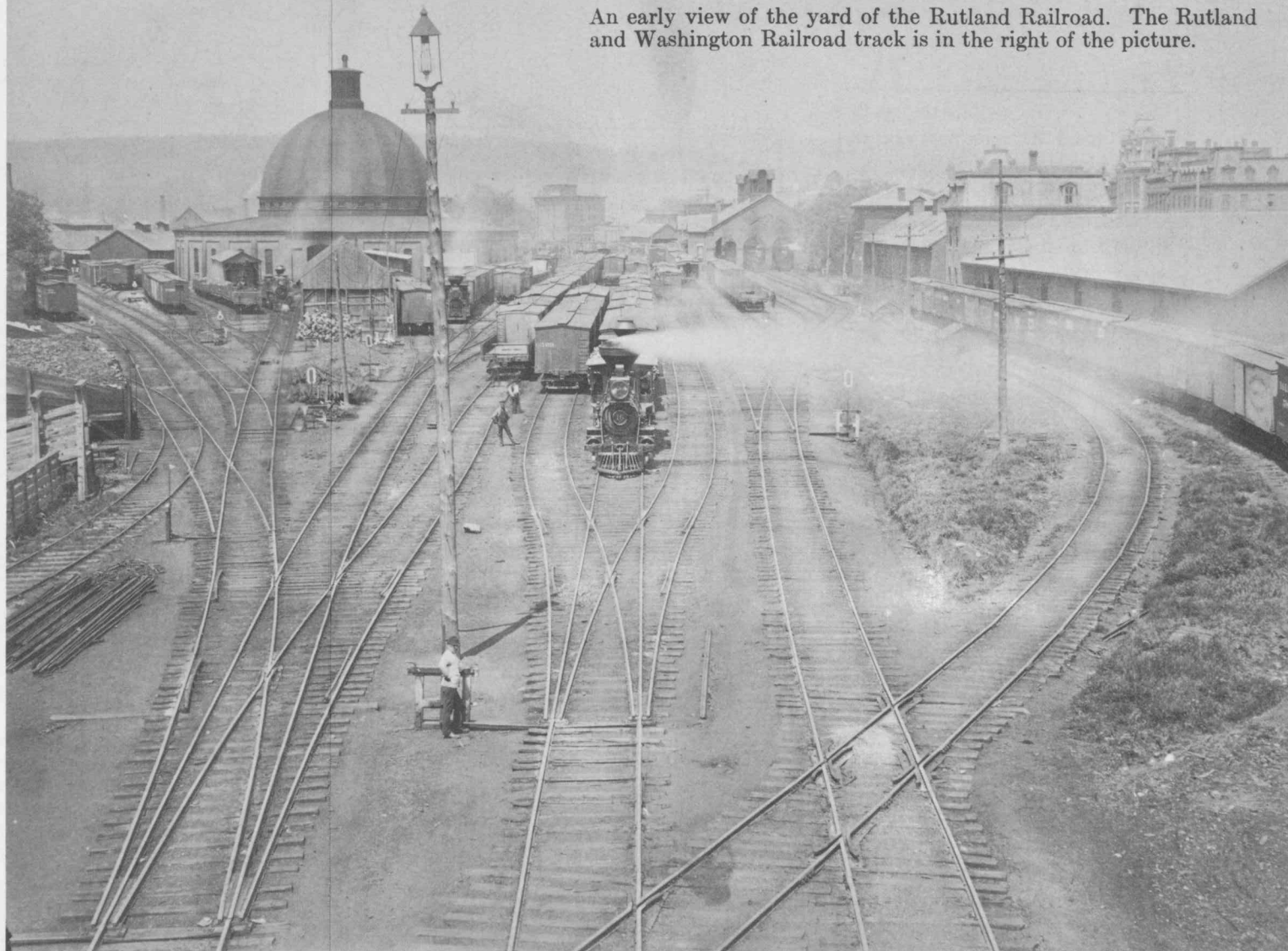
Trains leave Burlington,

Via Vermont Central, Vt. & Canada and Champlain and St. Lawrence R. Roads, for Montpelier, Rouse's Point, Montreal and Ogdensburg.

E. A. CHAPIN Supt.

Rutland, Dec. 1, 1854.

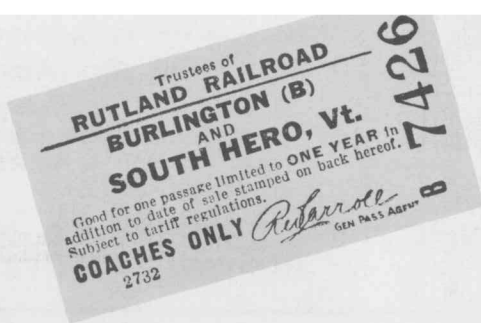
An early view of the yard of the Rutland Railroad. The Rutland and Washington Railroad track is in the right of the picture.



An early schedule of the Rutland and Burlington Railroad.

REMEMBER RAILROADING WITH A RETURN TICKET TO THE PAST

Ticket issued by the Trustees of the Rutland Railroad indicating the financial difficulties of the railroad.



The J. Burdett was built in 1869 and served on the Rutland Railroad until 1904 when it was scrapped.



An old stock certificate of the Rutland Railroad around the turn of the 20th Century.



The engines of the Clarendon and Pittsford Railroad on parade.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. James Wood of Mount Kisco, N. Y., found the original pencil sketch, a copy of which graces the cover of the *Newsletter*, in her attic in 1954. It was probably done over one hundred years ago by a grandmother or great aunt of Mr. James Wood. Mrs. Wood kindly forwarded the sketch to the Station Master of the Rutland and Burlington Railroad on February 18, 1954. Mr. Gardner A. Caverly, then vice president of the Rutland Railway, transferred the sketch to Mrs. Barbara B. Chiolino for local preservation. Mrs. Chiolino has now made the sketch available for reproduction by the *Newsletter*.

Response to the James Hope query has not only indicated the location of a number of Hope paintings and provided some additional biographical data but restored "hope" to the Editor that the *Newsletter* is serving as a vehicle of communication and not only as an ornament of nostalgia. Continued reader participation in the *Newsletter* is earnestly solicited. For readers with a further interest in James Hope, the Autumn 1970 *Currier Art Gallery Bulletin* (Manchester, N. H.) contains an eleven page article on Hope and his work by David Brooke, Director of the Gallery. The Rutland Historical Society plans to have an exhibition and program on James Hope in the near future.

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