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Barn Sale began May 17th

By: Rebecca Courser

The Barn opened for the season on Saturday, May 17th in conjunction with the event "Spring Into Warner," sponsored by Warner's Retail Group. Last fall several volunteers stepped forward to ensure the Barn would

reopen for the 2008 season. Over the winter they have cleaned and priced the wonderful merchandise the Warner community has dropped on our doorstep or in our bin at the Transfer Station. We thank you for those donations and keep them coming!




Liz Mills, our Volunteer

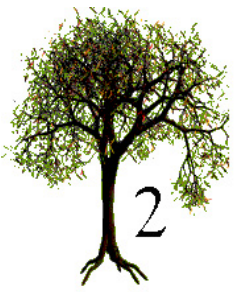
Coordinator, has been contacting new and old volunteers to schedule work time in the barn throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Arlene Zalenski is no longer the Barn Sale manager but has been helping to train the winter volunteers and assist Liz in setting up the 2008 season. Volunteers are still needed so please call us at (603) 456-
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A toddler enjoys his time at the Barn Sale.

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A message from the President

By: Linda Rhoads

As I sit listening to the Warner River rushing toward town I am reflecting back on the political impact the state of New Hampshire has by holding the “FIRST” in the Nation Primary. I began to think about that idea of being “FIRST” and realized the Warner Historical Society has accomplished a number of “FIRSTS” this year that we should be proud of.

On April 19th the Society celebrated the premiere of its “FIRST” film endeavor, *This Morning Broke Clear...* produced and directed by George Packard. Work on the movie began in 2005 as a community arts project to produce a film that would tell the story of Warner from the Civil War to the turn of the last century, 1860-1900.

This was one of the most dynamic periods in the town’s history, a time of challenge not only for Warner but for other small towns across New England.

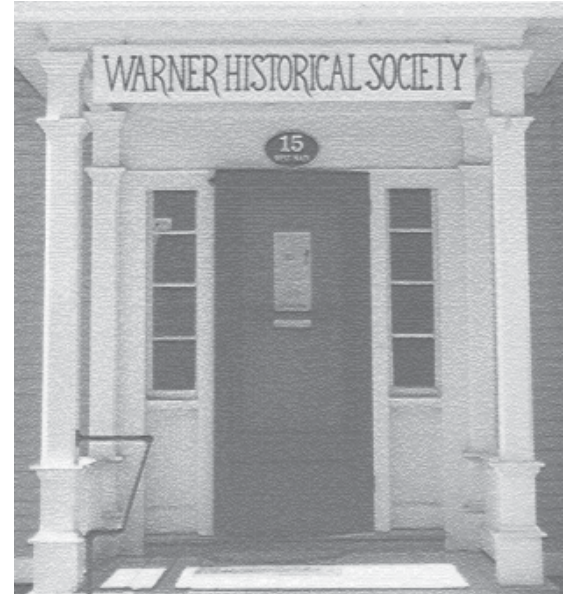
The town struggled year after year against a faltering economy, and attempted to reinvent itself as a center

of tourism and small manufacturing. That struggle was challenged at almost every step by abandoned farms, hotel and factory fires, a dwindling population, economic downturns, political squabbles, and business failures. Even so, Warner moved forward.

The movie features Mary Morris as narrator, and the voices of over thirty residents of Warner and the surrounding area. The movie retails for \$19.95 and \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

Later this summer the Society’s “FIRST” book, *The Civil War Letters of Joseph S. Rogers*, will be published and available for sale at the Historical Society and MainStreet BookEnds. Joseph was a harness maker who enlisted at the age of 36 in the 11th N.H. Regiment. His letters home to his wife and sister are poignant reminders of the sacrifices both soldiers and families make when they serve their country in time of war.

Then on May 17th for the “FIRST” time in several years the Barn opened.. but not under the direction of



Arlene Zalenski. Thanks to a community effort several volunteers have stepped forward in an attempt to fill Arlene’s shoes as we begin the 2008 Barn Sale season. Thank- you to all who have generously donated your time to work and treasures to sell.

When you’re a “FIRST,” it often means you face new challenges. People and groups who are first need to share information and lessons learned so that we can build upon each others experiences.

Volunteers help Barn Sale continue into 2008



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2437 if you are interested. It is a great way to greet old and make new friends.

The Barn Sale is the Society’s largest fundraiser and provides a significant

income towards our annual budget.

We look forward to greeting you in the barn this season.





2008 Summer Exhibit Open July 4th

By: Rebecca Courser

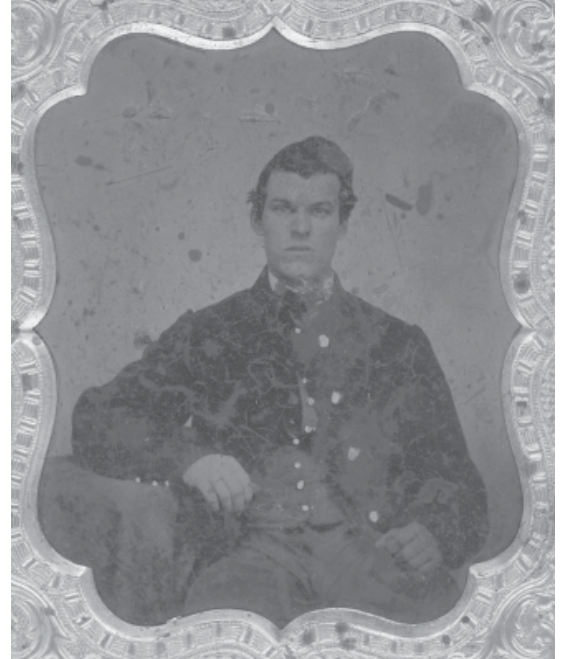
Warner During the Civil War: The Home Front & Battle Front, 1861-65 will be the focus of the summer exhibit on display at the Upton Chandler House Museum beginning July 4th from 9:00 - 12 noon. The display will examine what life was like in a small rural community before the advent of the war that would engage and test the political and social fabric of the town. We will also examine the lives of the soldiers credited to Warner, who they were, where they served, and what they did after their term of service.

Warner was basically an agricultural community but the Warner River and its tributaries provided the opportunity for entrepreneurs to harness her waterpower and many were engaged in manufacturing. Children attended school and many families attended Sunday worship at the Baptist, Congregational, or Universalists churches. Women were engaged as

domestics, milliners, or school teachers. Gardens were planted, crops were harvested, and winter was the time to repair and mend tools, boots, and clothing.

After the attack on Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, life was changed forever. Three days later President Lincoln called for 75,000 men to sign-up for three months to suppress the "Rebellion" and enlistment stations were hastily improvised. Before the end of the month 2,004 New Hampshire men had enrolled. Seven Warner men responded to the "first call" and enlisted in the First N.H. Regiment for three months. Little did the Nation know it had embarked on a four year mission that would see the country split in half, towns cast into debt, and families torn with grief.

You will learn about the soldiers who served in the various regiments and were credited to Warner. The accompanying photograph is of



Sylvanus Harriman.

Sylvanus Harriman who enlisted at the age of nineteen in the First Regiment of the New Hampshire Volunteer Cavalry. After being discharged with a disability on July 17, 1865, he returned to Warner, married, and worked for the B&M railroad as a Supervisor of bridges and buildings.

Book on Rogers' letters aims for July release

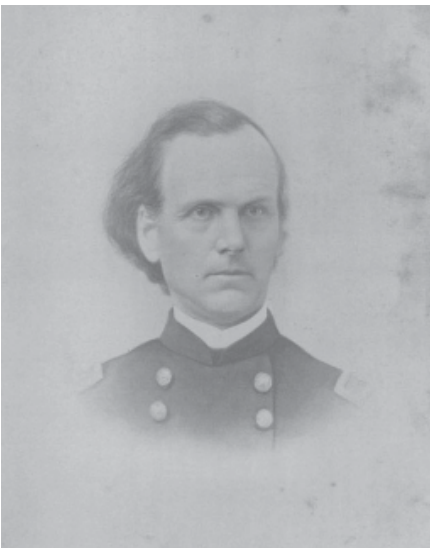
By: Rebecca Courser

The publication of *The Civil War Letters of Joseph S. Rogers* is nearing completion. We are looking forward to the publication of this book and scheduling a book signing celebration in mid-summer.

Just to give you a little taste of what Joseph Rogers was writing about: On May 11, 1864, while in camp between Mine Run, Chancellorsville, and Fredericksburg, Virginia. General Ulysses S. Grant had started his

campaign against Lee's Army and the 11th New Hampshire lost its two senior officers, its commander was captured, and its second in command was killed at the Battle of the Wilderness. For Rogers, it was a time of being in position, not participating directly in the campaign, but observing the effects of slaughter. It was also a time for him to reflect on the affairs of his family back home.

He had received a letter from home detailing his wife's relapse of
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Walter Harriman.



Docents needed for Exhibit

By: Rebecca Courser

If you enjoy meeting people and are interested in Warner and Civil War history you might be the volunteer we are looking for to become a docent during the Summer 2008 exhibit. Docent training will occur on July 2nd and you may attend a training session at either 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.. Volunteers are needed for Saturdays beginning July 4th through Columbus Day weekend, October 12th. Please call Linda Hartman, 456-3881 if you need more information.

The Harper's Weekly carried the recent news and battles and events and was eagerly read by soldiers and their families.



David C. Harriman, was one of four Harriman brothers that served in the Civil War. David served with his brother Walter in the 11th Regiment. David also served in the 18th Regiment along with his brothers Frank and Leonidas. This accompany photo shows David astride his horse in the role of Chief of Police of the Warner & Kearsarge Agricultural Fair at River Bow Park. He also served the county for several years as deputy sheriff.

Our New Look

Mason Jagel, a college student at Colby Sawyer College completed his Senior "Capstone Project" by offering to redesign the Warner Historical Society newsletter and creating three new brochures focusing on the mission of the Society, the history of its buildings and the upcoming Civil War Exhibit at the Upton Chandler House Museum. Mason left us with a template to continue to update and expand our newsletter and future exhibit brochures. We hope you enjoy our new look!

Summer Raffle

Penny Courser, Chair of the Summer Raffle, has been busy collecting wonderful articles and gift certificates from local craftsmen and businesses for our summer fundraising event. Tickets are being sold by Board members and Penny is set-up at the Barn Sale on Saturday mornings. Drawing July 4th at the Upton Chandler House Museum.



Harper's Weekly - Aiming a mortar in Jackson - CT Battery August 6, 1864 Vol III. - No. 37

Rogers' letters bring his Civil War memories to life

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lung fever. Joseph laments he was not aware she had been suffering specifically from the fever, as his sister Mary, had only mentioned that Ruth was not feeling well. He immediately wrote a letter to his sister chiding her to always tell him the truth about his family's welfare.



To add to his anxiety he was not certain if the mail would arrive in a timely fashion as the routing of mail had been stopped for sixty days.

The past two weeks had been spent in movement between camps settling in near Mine Run where a fierce battle had been ranging. It is here that he learned of Colonel Walter Harriman's capture and the death of Lieutenant Moses Collins. Rogers stated, "That the news is good on our

side but there has been terrible slaughter on both sides. The roads are full of wagons and troops and when there is a battle, to see the trains of ambulances loaded with the wounded. Oh! It is a terrible sight. No one can look on without shuddering, but such are the effects of war. Would to God it was over as I hope and truly think it will be soon." The war would last another year.

Fact-ivities



What is the exciting new summer exhibit about ?



The man on the left is mentioned in Joseph Rogers' letters, what is his name?

Which building has a mural right in the entrance?

What event takes place right behind the Main Street House where people can purchase many different kinds of items?

Who was the President of the United States during the Civil War?

Which building is in the picture on the right?

Who is the president of the Warner Historical Society?



Want more information?

Head to www.warnerhistorical.org to find answers and more about the Historical Society!

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