GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

SUMMER EXHIBIT 2000

EVOLUTION OF A COUNTRY STORE

July 1-September 4

at

GHS Building

10-1 Tues., Wed., Thur.
10-12 Saturday
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cuthbertson
Greensboro, Vermont

June 6, 1900
The original Cuthbertson’s store is to the left of the horse and buggy. Further to the left is the Randall and Crane store, whose stocks Burton M. Willey purchased in 1900. The grist mill, now "The Miller’s Thumb", is to the right. A wooden sidewalk and two street lights are visible. The figure in the foreground may be Dr. Kinney, a local doctor.
One of the earliest known pictures of B. M. Willey's store, probably taken between 1901 and 1903. The "new" Cuthbertson's store, which opened in 1900, adjoins the original one and has large plate glass windows, an awning, and a raised walkway in front. The Willey's store front is plain, with small windows. It has no awning or raised walkway.
The Caspian Lake Hotel is in the left center of the photograph. B.M. Willey's store is in right center and the "new" and "old" Cuthbertson's stores further right.

By this time the Willey store's front had been remodeled. The street level windows have been replaced with plate glass windows and the doorway has been widened. The "old" Cuthbertson's store appears to be inactive. The four wheeled carriage in the background is the town hearse.
By now the Willey's store has an awning, a Nation Wide store sign, and gasoline pumps. The Post Office is located in the store. There are curtains in the upstairs windows where the Robert Willey family is living.

Cuthbertson's "old" store now sells General Merchandise and advertises Socony gasoline. It has three gasoline pumps. A raised ramp for servicing automobiles has been built. The awning on the "new" Cuthbertson's store is missing.

John Barrington's grist mill and feed store is to the left. Telephone and power lines are visible. The street is still unpaved.
The U.S. is in the depths of the Depression and the Cuthbertson's grocery store is closed. Willey's is now selling Socony gasoline and has a raised sidewalk. The Post Office is still located in the store and the street is still unpaved.
B. M. Willey
Bought the store in 1900

Mr. B. M. Willey standing at the corner of the store. Nationally advertised brands of soap are displayed in the window. The Post Office is located in the store.
In the years since WW 2 the store has grown to over 10,000 square feet of floor space and greatly expanded its offerings. The grocery section has been more than doubled in size and includes a wine selection. Toys and stationery have been added. Shoes, clothing and sewing supplies are carried on the second floor where the Robert Willeys formerly lived.

The former Cuthbertson's stores have been purchased and linked to the main Willey's building. This space carries tools, hardware, paint, plumbing and electrical supplies, gardening products, hunting and fishing gear and housewares. The link to the main building carries video tapes and seasonal items such as taps for maple syrup collection, Christmas tree lights and insect repellants.

Barrington's grist mill has become "The Miller's Thumb", a gift shop. The post office has its own building. The Caspian Lake Hotel has been replaced by a green, the Memorial Garden and a parking area.
Robert Willey
Son of B.M. Willey. Ran the store in the 1930s and 40s
Ernest and Phyllis Willey Hurst
Ran the store from 1950 to 1998
Our 55th Year
1989

Vermont Food Industry Directory and Year Book

1988 Vermont “Grocers of the Year” - Ernest and Phyllis Hurst, Willey’s Store, Greensboro
LOCAL
STOREKEEPER
AWARD 1999

THE WILLEY'S STORE
PHYLLIS WILLEY HURST &
THOMAS M. HURST, PROPS.

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY
AND EXCELLENCE IN
STOREKEEPING

AND THE VERMONT COUNTRY STORE, WESTON, VT.
The Hurst family poses in The Willey's Store of Greensboro which has been in the family for four generations, providing everything, including the kitchen sink. In front is Phyllis Willey Hurst, whose grandfather bought the store at the turn of the century and who still does the bookkeeping; behind her is son Thomas M. Hurst, who runs the store with help from wife, Merrill, and daughters Emily, 14, back, and Whitney, 12.

Willeys: A country classic

Greensboro store celebrates its 100th year of customer service
### B. M. Willey, Dealer in General Merchandise,
FRUIT and CONFECTIONERY.
Greensboro, Vt., 7-21-1900
Mrs. C. H. Bancroft

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**COPIES OF BILLS DATED in 1900**
Copy of Movie Theatre Advertisement

Idle Hour Theatre
Hardwick, Vermont

Two Shows Each Evening beginning at 7:00 and 9:00

Sun. & Mon. May 7th & 8th
Bing Crosby
"Riding High"
Goleen Gray — Charles Bickford — Jimmy Gleason
One of Bing's best pictures in a long time

Wed. & Thurs. May 10th & 11th
"Intruder in the Dust"
M. G. M. film a fearless drama of power and passion
from Wm. Faulkner's great novel
Added: Latest News and Selected Shorts

Fri. & Sat. May 12th & 13th
Kirk Douglas — Marilyn Maxwell
"Champion"
Hard Hitting Action — The Story Behind a Man Who Lived and Loved by his Fists
Also: Latest Episode 'Great Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok'

Next Sun.-Mon. Claudette Colbert "Bride for Sale"
Original Door Handles of The Willey’s Store –

Replaced c. 1997
WHAT AM I?

Winner will be announced at Annual Meeting August 14

Answer - Check writer machine

There were 5 correct answers
1. Helen Lyles
2. Courtland E. Perry, Sr.
3. Mary Sargent
4. Maggie Altman - *winner*
5. Becky Hamm

Grand prize winner - Maggie Altman
Her name was drawn from jar with the other winners

Congratulations!
Choice of t-shirt or history of Greensburg
Greensboro Post Office

Mr. B. M. Willey was postmaster in Greensboro village from 1922 to 1933 and the post office was located in the Willey's store during those years.

The box holders' names from that period can be seen on the box labels.
The following pictures were taken by GHS intern, Becky Hamm of the interior of Willey's store and the last 2 are taken of the exhibit.
Upstairs of Willey's Store
Interior of Willey's Store
Check Out Counter
Wiley's Store
Interior of Willey's Store
Upstairs of Willey's Store
Interior of Willey's Store
Interior of Willey's Store
Viewing the Exhibit
James H. Pope (Hazel Giles’ father) in his hardware store c. 1892 in building which is now Dick Thompson’s old house. Pope was born in England, went to farm in Sherbrooke, Quebec when he was 8-10 years old. He learned the tin smith’s trade in St. Albans from man named Keir.

Possibly came to Greensboro because of the Keirs (who lived in the area – Craftsbury?)

He moved to the store (now N.E. Trading Co.) and had a tin shop there, Making sugar tools, stove pipe, and pots and pans. Tin came in big sheets packed in boxes (on R.R.)

Pope Store – Greensboro Bend

c. 1895
Amos Shatney drove an ox down Main Street.

Main Street, Greensboro Bend, Vt.
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

1. cash register ✓  hilly tep杯子 ✓
2. post office box ✓  ice cream soda glass ✓
3. lemon tax ✓  tool -screens ✓
   Nathl Bicuit Co -Glass Lovers ✓
   Naid Spoon ✓

Condition: Good

From: The Herst

Address: ____________________________ Winter Address: ____________________________

Phone: ( ) __________________________ ( ) __________________________

To be examined as a Gift ✓ Loan ✓ Purchase ✓

Background data and source:

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The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return:

Owner: __________________________ Date: 5/21/00

GHS: __________________________ Date: 5/21/00

Temporary Custody Number: __________________________

Accession Number: __________________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

✓ 1920 Kidgare bottle (green); JPC coat gas dispenser
✓ 2 Pepsi glasses; Coca Cola glass; bullet puller
✓ lemon bottle - ounce measurement (perhaps baby?)
✓ Park's fruit punch cooler; shelf trim retriever
✓ Pepsi cola crate; solder crate; barrel cover Binley
✓ Post Office Sign; metal sweater form dryer

Condition:

From: Phyllis Hurst
Address: Greensboro

Phone: ( ) __________________________ ( ) __________________________

To be examined as a Gift __________ Loan __________ Purchase __________

Background data and source:

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept. 2000

Owner: Merrill Hurst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Carol Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: __________________________

Accession Number: __________________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- nail scale
- Idle Hour Theatre ad
- J.A. Pearce Fruit cake tin
- Spurr's Mocha Java Coffee Case
- Sleigh
- B.M. Willey Sign
- Reel 10/8/00
- 10/8/00 Dear handles
- Award - Brass
- Reel 10/8/00
- Our 55th yr 1985
- Greens - paperm han
- Reel 10/8/00

Condition:

From:

Address: ___________________________ Winter Address: ___________________________

Phone: ( ) ___________________________ ( ) ___________________________

To be examined as a Gift ______ Loan ________ Purchase ________

Background data and source:

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: ___________________________

Owner: ___________________________ Date: 9/27/00

GHS: ___________________________ Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: ___________________________

Accession Number: ___________________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- Meat tenderizer for cube steaks
- Austin Young's Country Biscuit box; old metal pop
cap
- Swift's Calves livers (13 lb tin)
- Diamond Eyes display cabinet; 2 soda glasses
- Glass ventilator stellion top; banana split dish
- 1923 ice cream cup holder; Supreme Belongs scale

Condition:

From: Phyllis Hurst
Address: Greensboro
Winter Address

Phone: ( ) ( )

To be examined as a Gift Loan Purchase

Background data and source:

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept. 2000

Owner: Murlie Hurst Date: 4/27/00
GHS: Hazel Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number:

Accession Number:
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

✓ Metal dipper, oil dispenser
✓ Cellophane wrap, Cappuccino Jake potato bag
✓ Dial typewriter, Double Kerosene angle lamp
✓ SE H green stamp dispenser, Ideal a-pricer machine
✓ Metal price stamp, bag of buttons, Candy jar, Nesco
✓ Royal marshmallow tin, order from book (1950?)

Condition: Vermont country milk bottle

From: Phyllis Hurst
Address: Greensboro

Phone: ( ) ( )

To be examined as a Gift Loan ✓ Purchase

Background data and source:

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept. 2003

Owner: Merrill Hurst Date: 4/27/00
GHS: Erell Harvey Date: 5/3/07

Temporary Custody Number: ___________________

Accession Number: ___________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- Willey's special blend coffee can
- Helicia nut cream/arganine box
- 1940 Fairbanks scale
- 1934 egg crate box 1/3 full, box with BVD's
- 1948 check machine; 1937 soda bottle "Bar's" (2)
- Box of Outman's Dye-Tints, egg gathering basket

Condition:

From: Phyllis Hurst
Address: Greensboro Winter Address

Phone: ( ) ______________________ ( ) ______________________

To be examined as a Gift __________ Loan __________ Purchase __________

Background data and source:

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept 2000

Owner: Marion Hurst Date: 4/27/00
GHS: Ercel Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number: ______________________
Accesion Number: ______________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

[Handwritten list:
- Old fountain stool, penny match box,
- Gazette Ad 1910 in black frame,
- Aunt Lydia's carpet sweeper box, Scale 1983,
- Wrapping paper dispenser, Can of Swift's lamb liver,
- Caspian lake coffee can,]

Condition:

From: Phyllis Hurst
Address: Greensboro

Phone: ( ) ( ) ( )

To be examined as a Gift Loan □ Purchase □

Background data and source:

These items part of Willey's store stock

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: [Handwritten date: Sept. 2000]

Owner: Merrill Hurst Date: 4/27/00

GHS: Ercel Harvey Date: 5/3/00

Temporary Custody Number:

Accession Number:
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

Spatula, 3 ready to be returned 10/18/00 0

Condition: Good

From: Marg Baseem

Address: Winter Address

Phone: ( ) ( )

To be examined as a Gift Loan Purchase

Background data and source:

Raymond Mercier gave her the spatula of unknown origin of scale.

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: around Sept 1st 2000

Owner: Margaret M Baseem Date: 5/11/2000

GHS: Earl Harvey Date: 5/11/2000

Temporary Custody Number:

Accession Number:
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

1. black car tea pot
2. coca cola tray
3. (2) skaters lanterns
4. (2) invalid feeders
5. Tasparilla bottle
6. Coke bottle

Condition: __________

From: Courtland E. Berry
Address: 7 Towne Hill Rd
Montpelier

Phone: ( ) 223-3024

To be examined as a Gift __________ Loan __________ Purchase __________

Background data and source:

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If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return:

Owner: __________ Date: __________
GHS: __________ Date: __________

Temporary Custody Number: __________

Accession Number: __________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

✓ 1. 5 gal. crock jug
✓ 2. 3 round wooden boxes in graduated sizes

Condition: Good

From: Sheila Carver
Address: Greensboro

Phone: ( ) ___________________  ( ) ___________________

To be examined as a Gift □ Loan ✓ □ Purchase

Background data and source:

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: September 2000

Owner: Sheila Carver  Date: 5/12/2000

GHS: Excel Harvey  Date: 5/12/2000

Temporary Custody Number: __________________________

Accession Number: __________________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

9 pieces of yardage

Condition: New

From: Donna Perry
Address: E. Montpelier

Phone: (727) 229-9896

To be examined as a Gift Loan Purchase

Background data and source:

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept, 2000

Owner: Donna Perry Date: 5/16/2000
GHS: E. Price Harvey Date: 5/16/2000

Temporary Custody Number:

Accession Number:
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- Iron muffin pan
- White out tin
- Winter hammer tin
- Cigarette boat tin
- Bug pipe mixture (Green Albert tobacco tin)
- Keeping till next Summer

Condition: Good

From: Mary B. Ciascini

Address: Winter Address

Phone: ( ) ( )

To be examined as a Gift Loan ✅ Purchase

Background data and source:

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return: Sept 2000

Owner: Mary B. Ciascini Date: 6/1/00

GHS: Eileen O'Harey Date: 6/1/00

Temporary Custody Number: ___________________

Accession Number: ___________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

- 2 tea cosy
- aluminum coffee pot
- enamel double boiler
- pan
- tin flour duster or sprinkler
- checkerboard and checkers 1000 Hunk

Condition:

From: Mary & Walt Ciocciini
Address: Winter Address

Phone: ( ) ( )

To be examined as a Gift Loan ✔ Purchase

Background data and source:

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return:

Owner: Mary B. Ciocciini Date: 6/26/2000
GHS: Scott Harvey Date: 6/26/2000

Temporary Custody Number: ___________________________

Accession Number: ___________________________
TEMPORARY CUSTODY RECEIPT

October 26, 2000

The Greensboro Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of:

Willeys Coffee Can - Green
Willeys Coffee Can - Red
Framed Willeys Ad "BM Willeys Cornerstore"
Captain Lake Potato Bag
Cash Register

Condition:

From: Barbara Hunt
Address: Bradford, Ind. Winter Address:

Phone: ( ) 222-9369 ( )

To be examined as a Gift Loan Purchase

Background data and source:

Return Jan 2001

The donor releases the Greensboro Historical Society from all liability with respect to the loss and/or damage to the object.

If rejected or on loan: Scheduled date of return:

Owner: Date:

GHS: Date:

Temporary Custody Number:

Accession Number:
A "clerk" stocks shelves at The Willey's Store exhibit at the Greensboro Historical Society. The exhibit is there this summer.

The Evolution Of A Country Store

by Dorothy M. Ling

GREENSBORO — The interior of Willey's Store, as it might have looked 100 years ago, is on display at the historical society building.

As one enters the store behind the counter (table) is reaching for a can on a high shelf. A variety of things are on the tables from an early cash register, wrapping paper roller, marking machine and Green Stain dispensers to penny candy jars, Austin Young and Biscuit display, a modeled suit of early underwear and J and P Coats spool cotton. Just beyond is a table and stool with glasses and bottles, a reminder of the soda fountain earlier in the store. A barrel of potatoes and a box with eggs reminds a different way of packaging. Shelves show a variety of household items, food and cookware, many with forgotten name brands.

In the back is a display of pictures of the Willey/Hurst family members with Putnam Fadeless Dyes and Diamond Dye cases framing photos of Greensboro Bend stores.

On the other wall is a large photo display of "One Store One Family One Century" with displays of the Willey building in late 1800's through the years with the changes until today. Captions explain the changes with it as well as its neighbors. On the desk are open ledgers with a view to prices and business in an earlier time.

By the window is the post office with its 90 boxes, still named for users, which was in the store from 1922-1935.

Greensboro has its small museum store with society publications and T-shirts for sale. The exhibit is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday until Sept. 4.
Greensboro Historical Society Set To Exhibit

by Dorothy M. Ling

The spring newsletter of the Greensboro Historical Society came out recently covering items of interest and plans for the summer. It had an article about the 100 years of Willey's Store and one about Phyllis Hurst as well as a review of the winter program about Lakeview Inn and one on the fifth grade of Lakeview Union School writing a book on Greensboro architecture and one on its history. These will be available in the Historical Society building this summer.

GHS's own exhibit will open July 1 and be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon each week until Sept. 2. Greensboro is also joining in other exhibits. At the Vermont History Expo 2000 on Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18, at the Fair Grounds at Tunbridge, Greensboro will feature its summer theme, Stores—especially Willey's Store. There is also a Greensboro exhibit included in the Orleans County Historical Society at the Old Stone House in Brownington. This exhibit runs through Oct. 15 and is titled "A Day at the Lake: Reflections on Vermont's Lake Region."

Activities begin in July, Wednesday, July 5, from 2-4 p.m. there will be an ice cream social and open house with historic games for children.

Wednesday, July 12, at noon: GHS summer business and planning meeting with long term planning session, "what is your vision for GHS?" This will be at Anne Pinkney's sugar house Bring lunch.

Wednesday, July 19: Panel Discussion, "Greensboro Stores Down through time," co-sponsored by the Summer Lecture Series, at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Panelists: Jim Cook (moderator), Phyllis Hurst, Nancy Hill, Whitney Hurst, Merrill Hurst and Allen Davis.

Sunday, Aug. 6: Hysterical/Historical Hunt at 3 p.m., meet at GHS building.

Wednesday, Aug. 9: (Part II of the popular winter meeting), "Tales of the Lakeview Inn," will be held at Lakeview Inn at 8 p.m. hosted by Kathy Unser and John Hunt. Tour the restored building and share memories of its past. Co-sponsored by the Summer Lecture Series.

Monday, Aug. 14: Annual meeting and lecture by Weston Cate speaking on "Vermont Country Stores: A Living Tradition" in Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: "Unlocking the Secrets of the Past: Researching Local History" conducted by a panel of historians: Gainer Davis, Allen Davis and Charles Morrissey in Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23: Quality Used Book Sale, Cider and Donuts at the GHS building 10 a.m.-1 p.m.