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Barnes Frisbie Reveals More on the Money Diggers

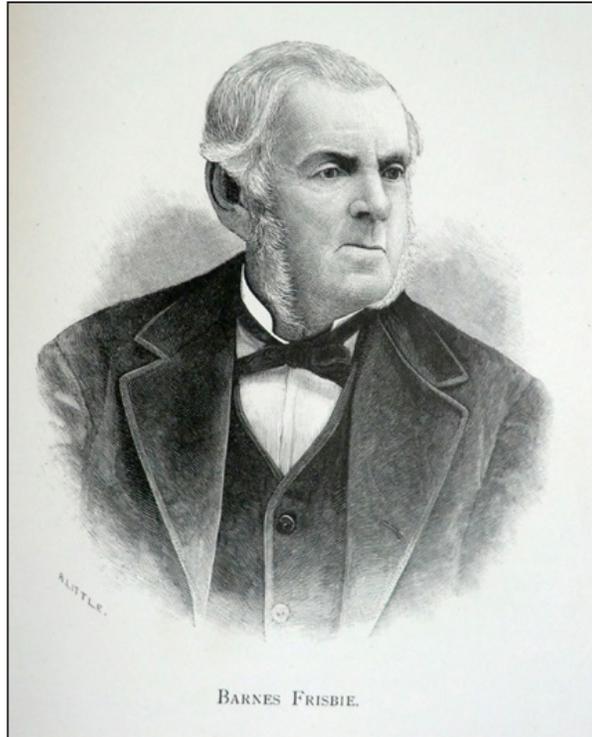
In his *History of Middletown, Vermont, 1867*, Barnes Frisbie devotes 21 pages to recounting the “Wood Scrape”, a “religious delusion” promoted by members of the Wood family, who pretended to be able to find buried money using hazel divining rods, and who led numerous gullible followers in a fruitless search for almost a year. The delusion culminated in “Priest” Nathaniel Wood’s prediction that on January 19, 1801 the “destroyer” would appear in Middletown to slay the wicked unbelievers, and that an earthquake would complete the destruction of them and their worldly possessions.

Frisbie recounts many of the events of that frenzied year, traces the actions of shadowy figures who may have brought the delusion to Middletown and ultimately connects the story of the money diggers to the appearance of the Mormon religion in about 1830.

A recent discovery by Jon Mathewson in the pages of the *Poultney Journal* reveals that Frisbie continued his research on the money diggers after publication of his *History*.

In eight weekly articles that appeared from April 1 through May 13, 1868 Frisbie relates that he has learned a great deal more about this affair from Robert Parks, Esq. of Wells, whose own town history is about to be published. (Ed. note: Numerous town histories were being written in this period at the urging of Abby Hemenway of Ludlow, who between 1860 and 1892 published them in her monumental five volume compendium, the *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*.)

From Parks, Frisbie learned that money digging was going on in Wells and Poultney as well as in Middletown. Previous to 1799 several families had moved to Wells who were describes as “visionary, . . . given to marvellous beliefs, . . . dishonest and unscrupulous.” Those named were William Cowdry, Ben & Joseph Lillie and a Mr. Harmon. A story of



“two Spaniards” seen digging to conceal money in Wells and perhaps killing a “Mr. Morgan” to cover their tracks attracted their interest and revived tales of the pirate Capt. Kidd who was said to have periodically buried money and killed one of his crew to “enchant” it, protecting it from discovery from anyone but himself - or by means of a divining rod.

At about this time a man named Winchell, possibly an old friend of Cowdry’s, appeared in Wells. Frisbie found that he come from Bradford, Vt., where he was wanted for counterfeiting. Winchell encouraged the gullible in Wells to search for the money that the Spaniards had supposedly buried and he introduced

them to the divining rod, a forked witch hazel stick that moves seemingly due to unseen forces.

They dug in many places east of Lake St. Catherine and on “Pond Mountain” and worked for nearly the entire year of 1799. Through the acquaintance of two or three from Middletown who got involved in digging in Wells, Winchell moved up to Ezekiel Perry’s at the south end of Middletown in early 1800 while digging continued in Wells and in southeast Poultney.

In Middletown Winchell led the first digging expedition near Ezekiel Perry’s house but just over the line near the “upper Wait house” in West Tinmouth, as recounted in Frisbie’s history (pp.47-49). He met the Wood family at this time, and Captain Jacob Wood, son of Priest Nathaniel Wood, became a fanatic rodsman. He led his brothers and many townspeople on a year of digging on many places including those of brothers Ephraim (now Gilmour’s), Nathaniel Jr., and on his own farm (now Carl Haynes’s).

Frisbie repeats the story as written in his 1867 *History*, but adds details and insights, especially about the background of the Wood family and their early rivalry and contention with the Congrega-
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER *by David Wright* *Forty-Six Years and into the Future*

As the Historical Society completes its forty-sixth year, we can look back on our accomplishments with a great deal of pride. Of the founding members, only a few are still with us. Theron Krouse was one, the key figure in the creation of the Mineral Springs Park the initial project of the Society in 1969. Some remember the 1971 acquisition of the Adams House which had served the Town as the Community House for many years.

And so began decades of effort (and fundraising) to restore and re-purpose this landmark building for storage and display of our growing collections and as a home for the Town Office (since 1980) and the Town Library (until 1979). In 1976 major repairs to the bridge to the Mineral Springs Park was needed after flood damage, and the Strawberry Festival superseded the Mini-Mart and Auction as a major fundraiser, joined by the Maple Festival in 1990. The

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tional church leaders and doctrines. The continuing discord had led, in 1789 to the expulsion and ex-communication of Nathaniel, Sr., who took with him his many family members and associates. Priest Wood began regularly preaching to his gathering of followers in one or another's homes and he gradually developed ideas, according to Frisbie such as "that the Jews were about to be restored, (and) that pristine christianity . . . was again to be established". After 10 or 11 years "he and his followers had become thoroughly imbued with fanaticism". And to top it all, as an old man who had been a boy when Winchell came to town told Frisbie, "He made all the fools crazy with the antics of his rod, and the Woods, they swallowed Winchell rod and all".

Jacob Wood and his men dug in over 40 places including a hole said to be 70 feet deep in the Notch on the Frisbie farm (Gilmour's). Meanwhile, the Cowdry and John Thompson and a Mr. Whitcomb in Poultney were both rodsman and religious followers of the Woods. Many holes were dug and many times they were close to a chest of money only to have it disappear due to someone's lack of faith or something as trivial as a horse running by.

The failed earthquake prediction in January 1801 severely undermined public opinion of the Woods and their doctrines, but they and their adherents continued to meet outside the public eye. They reappeared, briefly, in the search for Ann Bishop of Wells who had disappeared and was believed murdered. The hazel rods of the Woods confirmed that she had been murdered and that her body was at the bottom of a certain pond in Wells. Dragging the pond turned up nothing and a short time later Ann Bishop reappeared, alive and well. The rods men were once again discredited and "that was the last

Auditorium was restored in 1989, a new fire escape built and a new restroom, porch-ramp and other handicap access improvements were made in 1996. The Elisha Leffingwell tin shop, gift of Alice Haynes Hoisington, was moved cross-lots to the Springs Park in 1990. The Grover-Blakely family donation tripled our artifact collection just as museum professional, Jon Mathewson, joined us in 2000 as volunteer curator and PastPerfect museum software guru. The former Grange Room was transformed into the Museum Storage Room in 2003 with custom made storage units and recycled shelving from the Rutland Free Library. NEH grants funded collection care and inventorying workshops in 2005. A bequest from founding member Kay Avery paid for major rehabilitation of the Mineral Springs Park spring house in 2009, which had to be redone in 2012 after Tropical Storm Irene. What is the next big project for the Historical Society? Could it be a restored barn to house our collection of A.W. Gray horsepower equipment? Stay tuned.

act of rod drama in this vicinity."

The adherents of the "hazel rod religion" gradually migrated to other places. Most of the Wood family went to Ellisburg, N.Y., near Watertown, numerous enough for their settlement to be known as "Wood Settlement" and later "Woodsville".

Frisbie concludes his series with a compelling argument for how the Wood religion was the origin of Mormonism. Among his points of evidence are: that Joseph Smith, Sr. (the father of Joseph Smith who, in Palmyra, N.Y., supposedly found the golden tablets on which the Book of Mormon were written), was in Poultney at the time of the Wood Scrape; that the Smiths, Winchell, the Cowdry and a "some few others of the Wood fanatics" moved to Palmyra in about 1815 and continued with "the money digging and hazel rod performances there"; that Oliver Cowdry was the scribe who wrote out the Book of Mormon as Joseph Smith translated it; and that the Mormon doctrines include many of the tenets of the "Wood religion", e.g., the restoration of the Jews. Frisbie concludes "Now then, if the history of this Wood money digging affair which I have written is true, and the Mormon history with which everyone is familiar is true, and we have succeeded in supplying the link between the two, is it not also true that the 'Wood movement gave origin to the Mormons'?"

Barnes Frisbie emotionally expresses his support for established Christianity (the Congregational Church) and his contempt for Mormon and Wood apostasy with a fervent conviction that "individuals who have left and abandoned churches to which they belonged . . . will be judged in Heaven for doing so." While he presented his 1868 essays as presenting "an important item of history," his ulterior motive for putting out at great length the facts of the money diggers and the Wood Scrape is to tell a cautionary tale.

Maple Festival Kicks Off the Sugaring Season

Snowy weather brought attendance slightly down at the 26th Annual Maple Festival, but spirits were high and new volunteers augmented veteran workers for a successful event. Outdoors, Ken Carter took over from Fred Bradley tending the kettle demonstration of old-time sugaring technique. In the dining room, among the many old hands, Tyler Manning twirled "Spun Gold" maple cotton candy while Eden Aiken, our Green Mountain College intern, served sugar on snow. And upstairs, in the absence of veteran sugaring lecturer Bill Clark, Ryan Mahar assisted Jon Mathewson and David Wright in interpreting our collection of antique maple sugaring artifacts, highlighting the history of Vermont sugaring and explaining the newest technologies of maple production (see photo right). A total of 37 Silent Auction items were sold to the high bidders and 44 raffle prizes were given away. The net income from this year's festival was nearly \$2,900, shy of 2013 record of \$3,200, but still the fourth highest ever.

Thanks to these businesses, artisans and friends who donated items for this year's silent auction and raffle:

Applebee's Restaurant - gift card
Birdseye Diner - breakfast for two certificate
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Mac's Citgo - gift card
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Matt Solon Framing - gift certificate
Mt. Twitters - three gifts and gift certificates
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Quest Frames - gift certificate



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Rising Meadow Pottery - two Diane Rosenmiller mugs
Riverside Motors- oil service certificate
Rutland Area Food Co-op - gift certificate
Sissy's Kitchen - homemade soup, gift certificate
S.E. Smith Feeds -gift certificate
Shaw's Market - gift card
Stewarts Ice Cream - ice cream for Maple Festival
Stone Valley Co-op - gift basket
Taps Tavern - gift certificate
Tattersall's Clothing Emporium - gift certificate
Tractor Supply - merchandise gift
Vermont Canvas Products - canvas bag
Vermont Country Store - gift basket
Vermont Sweetwater - case of maple soda
Wells Country Store - dessert donation
Williams Hardware - spring cleaning assortment

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

ALICE HOISINGTON gave many items including photographs from the Haynes and Kelley families, an early 19th C. ledger, Grand Lists from 1858-1869, birth and death records, and store trade cards.

DAWN HANCE, donated a list of Rutland Herald extracts from 1806-1810 related to Middletown.

Thank you for your donation to the 2014 Annual Fund!

Contributions to the Annual Fund totaled almost \$2,000, earmarked as donors' chose, to the Building Fund, the Heritage Fund, the Mineral Springs Park Fund, the Museum Fund and the Operating Fund.

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Annual Meeting and Beyond

At the 45th Annual Meeting held September 21, 2014, Vermont historian Don Wickman told the story of the Ninth Vermont Regiment in the Civil War, highlighted by the stories of some of the 1,878 Vermonters who comprised the Ninth, one of the most traveled regiments in the Federal army. Royal Lucien Coleman of Middletown served for over a year in the Ninth Vermont and died on Oct. 3, 1864 while in the regiment. The program was made possible by support from the Vermont Council of the Humanities through its Speakers Bureau.

At the Annual Meeting business meeting, two new members, Lil Georg and Pat Hemenway, were elected to two terms on the Board of Trustees and David Wright was re-elected.

The board chose Robert Gould as President, David Wright as Vice-President, Jon Mathewson as Secretary and Pat Hemenway Treasurer at their October meeting. In early December, Robert Gould took a new job in Pennsylvania and resigned from the Board. David Wright was elected President; Jon Mathewson, Vice-President; Linda Hurcomb, Secretary; and Pat Hemenway remained as Treasurer. In early March, Lil Georg resigned, leaving a board consisting of the above-named officers with Alice Hoisington and Bud Krouse, Trustees.

In Memoriam

ELIZABETH "JEAN" ANDERSON EKWALL, 91, died January 19, 2015 in Boston, MA. Born in Narberth, PA to Anne McCaig from Belfast, Ireland and Fred-eric Anderson, of Finnish descent. Jean was the first official employee of Bennington Pottery. She married John A. Ekwall of Pori, Finland. The family started out in Bennington, but through John's career in furniture manufacturing, went on to live in Jamestown, N.Y., Batavia, Il. and, later, Raleigh, N.C. where John taught furniture manufacturing at North Carolina State University for over 30 years.



Jean had a never-ending love and curiosity for nature and people. She was an avid birdwatcher and joined the Museum of Natural History while living in Raleigh, frequently accompanying scientists on bird research studies at sea. She was also active in the NC State University Faculty Wives' Club for many years.

Throughout her life, Jean drew and painted. She loved to read and wrote poetry, songs and plays. In her 80s, Jean helped the Cambridge (Mass.) High

School art department start a program pairing budding artists with Assisted Living residents to draw and paint portraits, while learning about the elder's life history. Jean was a mentor in both art and life to numerous people over her many years.

The Ekwalls joined the Historical Society in 1989. They lived briefly in Middletown Springs at the farm which Jean's father, illustrator Fred Anderson, purchased in the 1940s. It had been the home for many years of Margaret Anderson, Jean's stepmother, who died in 1995. Margaret was profiled in the Newsletter in February 1994 after she received the Gold-Headed Cane as "the oldest person in Middletown Springs".

Jean Ekwall is survived by her three children and their spouses: Liz Ekwall of Cambridge, Mass., Bengt Ekwall of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., and Mark Ekwall of N.Y., N.Y.; and by five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

MARGARET "PEGGY" FORBES, 93, died Feb. 8, 2015 at Teresian House in Schenectady, N.Y. She was born in Schenectady the daughter of Thomas and Julia Murphy. She was a graduate of Nott Terrace High School and attended the College of St. Rose. She worked during World War II at the General Electric research lab in Schenectady and later at the Electronic Park lab in Syracuse, N. Y. She was the coordinator of the Scotia-Glenville (N.Y.) Senior Center for 10 years before retiring.

After the death of her husband, Earl F. Forbes, in 1981, Peggy moved to Tinmouth in the late 80s She was an active volunteer with many organizations in Middletown Springs including the Historical Society, where she served as a Trustee, the Library and the Garden Club. She was an enthusiastic advocate and assistant to her elderly friends. She moved to Poultney and lived at Autumn Leaves for several years. Her son, Kevin Forbes, died in 2014.

Peggy is survived by three sons: Paul of Colonie, N.Y., James of Valley Falls, N.Y., and Peter of North Dakota; a brother, John E. Murphy of St. Paul, Minn.; grand children, great-grandchildren, a nephew and nieces.

MARGARET GRAF of Santa Barbara, Calif., died in 2014. Margaret and her husband, Frederick, joined the Historical Society in 1986.

GERALD "JERRY" HANSEN, 59, died Nov. 20, 2014, at his home in Middletown Springs. He was born on December 19, 1954, in Passaic, New Jersey, the son of Alfred and Yolanda (Pellegrino) Hansen. And was graduated from the Saddle River Country Day School in Saddle River, NJ, in 1972. He married Rita Campbell, formerly of Westwood, NJ, on April 9, 1983.

In 1986, he and Rita moved to Middletown Springs where he established Professional Tile Installation. He was affectionately known as the "King

of Tile". Jerry was a member of the Historical Society, St. Anne's Church, volunteered his time cooking at the Italian Aid Society in Rutland, and was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife Rita; daughter Jennifer Durocher of Wenham, Mass.; sons Ryan of Miramar, Fla., and Scott of Middletown Springs; his mother, Yolanda of Cedar Grove, N.J., and brother Kenneth of Staten Island, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews. Jerry's father died in 2012.

MARGOT JACOBS of Cincinnati, Ohio died in August 2014. She and her husband, Stuart, were colleagues at Cincinnati County Day School of Herb Davison, former Historical Society President.

They joined as Life Members in 1985. Stuart died in the 1980s.

GARY KENYON, 62, died Nov. 28, 2014 in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was born in Middletown Springs, the son of Wayne and Iris Kenyon. He was raised by his grandparents, Rose and Harry Kenyon, Sr., and was adopted by them at age 13.

He was graduated from Poultney High School where enjoyed drama and music, playing sousaphone in the school band. He studied accounting at St. Joseph's College in Bennington, and he played horns for many years with the American Legion Freedom Knights Drum and Bugle Corps in Rutland.

Gary worked as a printer for 25 years. He served as a Middletown Springs town auditor and selectman and was a volunteer fireman for 25 years, singing in the Country Show many times. He was a Historical Society member and a member of the Masons.

Survivors include: his wife Cathy, who he married in 1986; sisters Sandy Miller of N.C., Nancy Carpenter of Vt., Gail Biggi-Brooks of Vt., Deborah Donaldson of N.Y.; brothers David Birkheimer of N.Y., Robert Birkheimer of N.Y., Mark Land of Ohio, and Billy Kenyon of Calif.; and many nieces and nephews. His parents and grandparents died previously, as well as his sister Leta M. Wade; and brothers Harry Kenyon, Jr. Clifford Kenyon, Jr., and Stephen Lloyd

ELLEN A. MOYER, 87, died November 28, 2014, at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington. Born in Woodstock, the daughter of Harold and Ethel (Perkins) Austin. Ellen was a graduate of Woodstock High School class of 1945 and furthered her education at Castleton State College and graduated with the class of 1949, then taught school.

Ellen and her husband, John, bought a farm and raised a family on Coy Hill Road in Middletown Springs. After more than 30 years as a farmer and a homemaker on Coy Hill she moved to the village where she made braided rugs for over 25 years at her home on South St., retiring at the age of 85. She sold her rugs in 29 states and 17 countries. She taught rug-braiding classes at the Gilbert Hart Pub-

lic Library in Wallingford. Ellen was kind-hearted, loving and always smiling. . She attended the Middletown Springs Community Church and was active with the Historical Society, Round-About Club and the Singles Club.

She is survived by her sons, Glen G. Moyer of Middletown Sp., Larry D. Moyer of Middletown Sp., Douglas J. Moyer of West Chesterfield, N.H.; and daughters, Nancy M. Edmunds of Middletown Sp., Marie J. Benin of Pittsford.; her grandson Matthew Butler of Brattleboro; by her siblings, Bettie Crandall of Windsor, Calif., Harvey Austin of Wheatridge, Colo., Kenneth Austin of South Burlington, and Robert Cushing of Framingham, Mass.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Rebecca Butler who died in 2014; her grandson, Patrick A. Butler who died in 2014; her sister, Margaret A. Berry; and brothers, Phillip E. Austin and David E. Austin; and her former husband John A. Moyer.

NANCY PECK of Waukesha Wisconsin died in 2014.

SUSANNE RAPPAPORT,70, of West Pawlet, died on January 5, 2015, in Rutland, following the recent onset of cancer. Born in Boston, Mass., Susanne was the daughter of Helen and Joseph Julien Snyder. Her mother was a homemaker, her father, treasurer of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A graduate of Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, Mass., she majored in dance at Bennington College, and graduated in 1966. She would teach dance in three academic settings, including Williams College and Castleton State in the 1970s, and in private classes for children and adults. In 1966 she married Neil L. Rappaport, just graduated from Williams. A self-taught photographer, he established the photography program at Bennington College and was a faculty member there for 27 years. During that time the couple collaborated on many projects involving the performing and visual arts. Susanne was director of the Bennington College Dance Project (1991-1995). Neil Rappaport died unexpectedly in 1998.

After her husband's death, Susanne continued her work as founding executive director of the Slate Valley Museum in Granville, N.Y., for which she received the George Jones Award for Preservation of Welsh-American Heritage. Subsequently she was educational director at Hildene in Manchester, Vt., where she initiated programs for both adults and children. "Messages from a Small Town: Photographs Inside Pawlet, Vermont," a book published by the Vermont Folk Life Center in 2005, incorporates stories based on her interviews with the local people her husband photographed.

Long the volunteer curator of the Pawlett Historical Society, in 2008 she became the first professional curator of the 45-year-old Dorset Historical Society. In recent years, she curated the multi-media collection of the late artist, Katherine McCabe,

whom Susanne first met in the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Vermont, of which she was a member. Working through most of 2014, she oversaw the Ekwanok Country Club's historical archive, focusing on its 19th-century photography collection. In October 2014 she received the Vermont Historical Society's Lifetime Achievement Award,

Susanne is survived by her two brothers, Joseph MacGeorge Snyder of Burlington, and Clinton L. Snyder of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; and by her husband's nephew, Kenneth Rachlis of Richmond; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gwen Wilder Holds the Gold-Headed Cane

In the spring of 2013, the Middletown Springs Selectboard passed the Gold-Headed to Gwendolyn Wilder in a brief ceremony. It is inscribed "To the oldest person of Middletown Springs, Vt. In Trust," and was originally given to Alpheus Haynes in 1907.

The previous recipient, Elsie Norton, who died April 13, 2013, had held the cane since December 2009.

Gwen Wilder, the 35th person so honored, was born in Swazey, N.H. and came to Middletown Springs in 1947 with her husband, Charles. They raised three sons at their home on South St. where Gwen resided until recently. She has been a Historical Society member and volunteer since the late 70s, and she was active in the PTA, the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, the Fortnightly Club, the Round-about Club, the Ladies Art Club, and other town organizations. Gwen's history as archivist for the Fortnightly was recounted in a March 1997 article in the Newsletter.

The Gold-Headed Cane is on display in the Middletown Springs Post Office.

Waiting for photo

Items for Sale

- Copies of Historical Society Newsletters, \$1 post paid.
- *History of Middletown*, by Barnes Frisbie, CD-ROM or photocopy, \$20, post paid.
- Historic photo notecards of Middletown Springs, box of 8, \$12 post paid.
- *Searching for Ichabod*, by Julie Van Camp, \$18, post paid.
- *A Gem in the Hills*, by Frances Krouse, \$25, post paid.
- Antique Mineral Springs Water bottles, prices start at \$60.

Membership Information

Membership dues for 2014 were due in January.
Check your mailing label for current status.

Dues (Check one):

Individual	\$10.00	Business	\$50.00
Family	\$15.00	Sustaining	\$100.00
Contributing	\$25.00		

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2015 COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 24	Middletown Springs Memorial Day
Sunday, June 21	Strawberry Festival 1-4 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 20	Annual Meeting 7-9 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 4	Museum Open House 1-4 p.m.