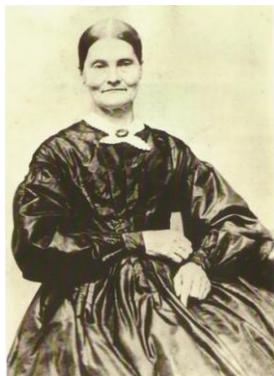


Anson and his entire family in front of their Brookfield home. After the Civil War, the Goodell boys left Dudley and moved to the Brookfield's where they worked in shoe factories.



Clarinda Healy Goodell

Photo from

Barbara Pierce and Kathleen Brown

With the help of Mrs. Dunham I was able to locate the graves of Anson, Edwin and their entire family in Brookfield cemetery. After finding the graves I realized that they did not have flags on them so I contacted the proper authorities in Brookfield and notified them of the oversight and they are now included in the veterans list in that community. While communicating with the Mrs. Pauline Merrick of the Brookfield Historical Commission on the matter, I was also given photos of Edwin and his family along with numerous documents pertaining to the history of his life in that community. Most recently I have found on ebay, a 1904 post card written by none other than Edith Delia Goodell which included a photo of Dudley Hill along with a note saying this was her father's boyhood home. As you may now be aware my research has evolved into a never-ending treasure hunt that is truly enjoyable and continues to add to the story of the "Tavern"

Bob Ducharme

Mrs. Jean Lonergan

Aug. 7, 1915 – June 19, 2006

On June 19, 2006, the Black Tavern

Historical Society lost another member of the original Board of Directors, Mrs. Jean Lonergan. Jean served as Clerk for the Board of

Directors almost from the start of the organization back in 1983 until recently. As a long time resident of Dudley Hill, Jean faithfully fulfilled her duties as Clerk for the Board of Directors as well as being a willing and cheerful volunteer for various activities held at the Tavern throughout the years. Among one of this writers most memorable duties Jean performed was making the leek soup or a stew for those volunteers who helped to serve as tour guides for the third grade visit to the tavern. For myself and others, I know Jean will be surely missed at the Tavern.

Tom Boyd

The Hanging of the Crane

Longfellow in his poem, "The Hanging of the Crane" gives a vivid and pleasing picture of the dedication of a new house and home in the olden days. He follows in his imagination the fortunes of the new household after the crane has been hung in the fireplace and the newly married couple are left to themselves.

The lights are out and gone are the guests.
"That thronging came with merriment and jests,

To celebrate the hanging of the Crane".

The crane has been hung, the guests are gone and the house belongs to the pair.

For the two alone there in the hall
Is spread the table round and small."

But time passes on and change comes.

"Seated, I see the two again,
But not alone; they entertain.

A little angel, unaware.

With face as round as in the moon

A royal guest with flaxen hair."

Time passes and the little visitor from heaven grows into a rugged boy, but loses the throne, being displaced and dethroned by a later visitant from above, a little sister. And then as the poet muses he sees, "the table wider grown"

"I see it garlanded with guests."

Boys and girls, youths, young men and maidens
Came crowding on the scene. But time does not stop, and looking on into the future,-
The table dwindles and again

I see two alone remain.

The crown of stairs is broken in parts
Its jewels brighter than the day
Have one by one been stolen away

To shine in other homes and hearts." And still the years go on, and changes came. The house is once more the center of joy and festivities.

"The lamps are lit, the fire burns bright,
The house is full of life and light
It is the Golden Wedding Day.

The ancient bridegroom and the bride
Behold, well pleased, on every side
Their forms and features multiplied."

The poet carries the picture no further, but our own thoughts cannot pause; they go on to the breaking up of the old home nest. Father and Mother go to join the ever increasing circle in the skies, and the strangers to the old fireplace and the crane take their earthly place.

On the hill in Dudley, there stands, well preserved, an old house built by my mother's father, in the same year my mother was born, 1804. The owner painted it black with trimmings of white, and it was called "Black Tavern."

There in the early days the stages running from Boston to Hartford stopped, and here travelers put up for the night, and it was the scene of many merry making in the girlhood of my mother. The house is now owned and occupied during his summer vacations, by a son of my mother's sister, Rev. Charles L. Goodell. He has restored the old kitchen and hung its walls with trophies of the old days, one of which is the old sign which swung in front of the "Black Tavern." He has opened up the old fireplace. Searching among the old relics he discovered the old crane and one evening recently invited the descendants of the old landlord, Hezekiah Healy, to meet for "A Hanging of the Crane."

The guests came in goodly numbers, the old crane was hung, and the old kettles were hung upon it, a fire was lighted and as its blaze illuminated the old room we reviewed the past. Longfellow's poem was read, the history of the old house and its tenants was told, and far into the night the rooms echoed to the sound of laughter and song dying away into tender expressions of loving remembrance for those faces we should see no more on earth.

J.H. Williams

John Healy Williams the author of this article was a Congregational clergyman and the son of Becca Healy Williams (daughter of the "Tavern" builder) and A. Waldo Williams.

This article was taken from the August 13, 1897 issue of the WEBSTER TIMES and was submitted by Mike Branniff

subsidized in part, over the years and the Cultural Council helped make possible the hugely successful program in January, THE ICEMAN COMETH by Dennis Picard on ice harvesting and the natural ice industry in New England. The Black Tavern Historical Society is extremely grateful to the Dudley Cultural Council for their support over the years.

Peg Pedersen

Black Tavern Historical Society

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Memorial Gifts to the

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In memory of Christina Mercier,
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The Black Tavern Historical Society is most grateful to the families of Christina Mercier, Charles L. Moseley, Elaine Ruda, Ruth S. Spahl, and Andrew P. Thompson for thinking of the Society as a way to remember them.

Update on Goodell Civil War Letters

On the evening of September 21, 2006, I presented an update on the continued research that I have done over the past year since my original presentation on the Civil War letters of Anson Goodell. During this time I have added considerable information to the ongoing research that tells the story of a family that lived at the "Tavern". We were particularly honored to have in our presence that evening, Barbara Pierce and Kathleen Brown, two great granddaughters of the letter writer Anson Goodell. I detailed how over this past year I have been fortunate enough to have been given a photo of Edith Delia Goodell holding her daughter Louise (the daughter and granddaughter of Edwin Goodell). Mrs. Ruth Dunham of Bondsville, MA who was attending a lecture that I was presenting on the letters at Sturbridge Village, gave me this photo. Mrs. Dunham's uncle James Leroy Gilbert married Delia in 1908. I have also received numerous family photos from Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Brown to be added to the collection including photos of Clarinda Healy Goodell, Anson's mother Ellen Robbins Goodell, Anson's wife along with one of
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from an antique Regina Disc Player, operated by owner Mike Branniff, all added to the festive holiday atmosphere. In the hearth room, the fireplace was all aglow offering warmth to those who gathered around. Jean Williams was the perfect hostess, keeping the punch bowl brimming with a fruit and sherbet elixir and graciously offering delectable Christmas sweets to all. Host Ed Bazinet engaged parents in lively conversation, as their little ones immersed themselves in the gift making. A good time was had by all. It was truly a wonderful old-fashioned children's Christmas gathering, a time to be thankful for the giving and receiving all around.

Sandy Peterson



*Santa visits with the children
Photo by Sandy Peterson*



*Linda Bazinet decorates cookies
Photo by Sandy Peterson*



*Children making gifts in "Santa's Workshop"
Photo by Mike Branniff*

Dudley's 275th Anniversary

On February 3, 1732 the Town of Dudley was born through an act of the General Court. The reason given for incorporation of a new town was to provide a convenient place of public worship between the established towns of Oxford and Woodstock. This February 3rd the Town of Dudley will celebrate the moment of the town's founding with a reading of the act of incorporation and "birthday party" at the municipal complex. This will be the first of a series of events to mark the anniversary year.

In June, on the anniversary of the first town meeting, a reenactment of that meeting will be held on the Carter House property, the site of the actual event. Wednesday, June 20 2007, the selectmen and various other town officials and residents will assemble at the Carter House and recreate the actions of the first town fathers. Immediately following that event, the Black Tavern hopes to hold a commemorative event in front of the barn with a planting of an American elm tree. A celebration reception will follow. This will be the first day of a five-day series of events to celebrate the anniversary.

On Thursday, the Grange will hold their annual strawberry festival. Friday evening the Black Tavern hopes to sponsor an evening of music on the common. Saturday will be a family fun day on the hill with a small parade, music, food and various entertainments, including the planting of an elm tree on the common by the youth of the community. Sunday the Congregational Church will sponsor a traditional service. Additional details will be announced later.

A Celebrate Dudley Committee is actively working on these events and includes various groups within the town as well as representatives of the Nipmuck Nation. If you have interest in getting involved, please contact Ed Bazinet of the Historical Commission.

Ed Bazinet

Tavern Purchases

The Black Tavern is like any family - progress dictates new purchases and items wear out, requiring replacement. Early in 2006, as a cooperative venture with the 1st Congregational Church and the Grange, a snow blower was purchased. Housed at the Black Tavern and used by Eric Clearwater at all three places, the transition from a shovel to a snow blower has put him in the 21st century! There are two oil tanks in the Tavern's cellar, one for the Tavern and the other for the apartment. Considering their age, we were not surprised to learn, in the fall that both needed to be replaced. This was done along with some code updates. Shortly thereafter, the kitchen stove's oven stopped working and, again, due to its age (it was second hand when acquired back in the 80's), was not repairable. Since both the Society and individuals who rent the Tavern for events use the kitchen and its stove a great deal, it was replaced, this time with a new one that, hopefully, will last us for many years to come.

Peg Pedersen

Dudley Cultural Council

The Dudley Cultural Council, as part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, has been a very generous benefactor of The Black Tavern Historical Society for a great many years. Grants have been requested for a variety of Black Tavern programs with perhaps the longest affiliation being for the 3rd Grade field trip to the Black Tavern. The cost to bus the children from the elementary school to the Tavern has been borne by the Society which, in turn, has been reimbursed by the Cultural Council. In addition, the summer outdoor concerts have been

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would be interested in helping the BTHS with the 2007 3rd Grade visit, please contact any member of the Board of Directors.

Bob Ducharme

June 15, 2006

Grange Strawberry Festival

The Black Tavern was open to the public and tours were conducted through the "Tavern". A display was set up on the front lawn and items were offered for sale to benefit the "Barn Restoration Project".

June 29, 2006

Summer Concert

For the 14th year, The Black Tavern Historical Society sponsored a free early summer concert on the Tavern's back lawn. Thursday June 29th, QUINTESSENTIAL BRASS, a professional brass quintet that has played throughout the U.S., treated the largest audience ever, to an outstanding and varied musical program. The audience came from well beyond the immediate area, perhaps due in part to Worcester's TELEGRAM & GAZETTE selecting this concert as their CRITIC'S CHOICE (plus a picture of the quintet) for that week! Again, the Black Tavern Society thanks the Dudley Cultural Council for their continued support.

In 2007, two concerts have already been scheduled. We are delighted to be able to announce that QUINTESSENTIAL BRASS will be returning on Thursday, June 28th. For the first time, the Pulaski Brass Band of Webster will be performing at the Black Tavern, on July 17th. Known throughout Southern New England and originally a band that played primarily Polish music, their repertoire now includes show tunes and classical selections. SAVE THESE DATES!

Peg Pedersen

September 21, 2006

Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting was well attended. The following were

nominated and elected for the position of "Tavern" officers: Chairman, Joe Antos; Vice Chairman, Mike Branniff; Second Vice Chairman, Peg Pedersen; Clerk, Linda Branniff; and Treasurer, Peg Pedersen.

The following people were selected to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors: Jane Cacciapouti, George Martin, and William Moseley.

Jean Williams and Sandy Peterson, co-chairs of the program committee presented the program for the coming year.

After the meeting adjourned, Bob Ducharme presented a program on the updated research that he has done of the Civil War letters of Anson Goodell, who lived at the "Tavern". In attendance were Anson Goodell's great granddaughters Barbara Goodell Pierce and Kathleen Goodell Brown.

Joe Antos

October 19, 2006

"Images of Webster"

John Mrazik, and Carla Manzi authors of "Images of America, WEBSTER", spoke on the process of writing their book and detailed some of the images therein. Included in the presentation were additional photos from Dudley.

Bob Ducharme

November 16, 2006

"The Last Green Valley"

On Thursday, November 16th, Andrea Ader, Director of Programming and Communications for the Quinebaug and Shetucket Heritage Corridor, was the main speaker for November's Tavern program. With nearly a full house in attendance, Ms. Ader spoke of all the wide range of activities and programs available through the Heritage Corridor. The town of Dudley is among its member towns which cover a range from Massachusetts and Connecticut, one of only four such corridors in the U.S. to cover two state. Among topics discussed were the "Walking Weekends", held each October which highlight all participating community's historical and ecological spotlights. At least one walk is planned in all participating communities of the Heritage Corridor. She also highlighted

other programs and services offered through the Heritage Corridor and future plans in the works for the Heritage Corridor. After a period of questions and answers, refreshments were provided by members of the Historical Society.

Tom Boyd

December 3, 2006

"An Old Fashioned Children's Christmas"

On December 3rd, 2006, the Tavern was all a bustle with children gathering to experience an old fashioned Christmas - a time to give and a time to receive. As they entered the Tavern, Saint Nicholas warmly greeted each child, enchanting even the most shy, with a small gift from his huge sack. In the taproom, the Tavern's legend storyteller, John Vanderaa, dazzled some with his own Christmas stories and songs. As the children entered "Santa's Workshop" they were invited to make a gift for family and friends. Some made pomander balls, guided by Helen Austin, while Faith Armstrong showed others how to string colorful beads together to create necklaces and bracelets. The spice sacks and lavender and rose pedal sachets were so popular that some adults even got in on the act. Many children gravitated to the cookie-decorating table where Linda Bazinet helped each child to decorate gingerbread men with frosting, candies, and sprinkles. Peg Pedersen assisted some children in stuffing small stocking with nuts and candy canes, making this gift manageable by even the littlest ones. Once their gifts were made, Linda Branniff showed many of the children how to create their own wrapping paper and cards by using hand cut potato stamps. Some were thrilled when, after diligently tracing and cutting a folded piece of paper, they unfurled their work to discover a beautiful angel or gingerbread garland. The sounds of children's laughter and the music

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had traveled all the way from Seattle, Washington where he presently resides. They were given a tour of the Tavern by several board members and many stories were exchanged. The children especially enjoyed the going through the very narrow passageway in the upstairs leading to the old washroom. They also were fascinated by the cobbler's tools in the tool room and by the old spinning wheel in the children's room. It was, indeed, a privilege to be in their company and we all hope they will continue to remain in contact with us and the Tavern.

Sandy Peterson



Charles Goodell, Benjamin Goodell, Grace Goodell, and Benjamin Goodell at The Black Tavern in front of portrait of Dr. Charles Godell.

Photo by Sandy Peterson

A Review of the Past Year's Programs

January 19, 2006

"The Iceman Cometh" by Dennis Picard

Dennis Picard displayed antique ice harvesting tools, and spoke about the natural ice harvesting industry before a large crowd in the meeting room at the Tavern. Mr. Picard traced the ice industry from its beginnings and detailed how ice was harvested on New England ponds and rivers and sent south. In particular, he detailed how Frederick Tudor known as "The Ice King", pioneered building insulated icehouses on site when ships would arrive with ice in such places as Martinique. His

presentation included the methods used during the late 19th century and early 20th century, the various uses for the ice at that time as well as its cost and the wages that workers earned while harvesting the product. During his presentation he also displayed many ice harvesting tools of the period. He concluded his presentation by pointing out that a series of milder than normal winters contributed to the demise of the industry in the U.S. and ice then had to be imported from colder climes such as Canada. This added cost of the transportation hastened the development of refrigeration. Everyone enjoyed a most informative evening.

Bob Ducharme

February 16, 2006

"The Titanic Railroad by Larry Lowenthal

The author of The Titanic Railroad: the Southern New England, the story of New England's last Great Railroad War.

On a cool clear evening before a packed house of railroad and local history buffs gathered at the Black Tavern, author Larry Lowenthal spoke on the history of the Southern New England Railroad and the construction of what we in the area came to know as the "Grand Trunk Railroad." Mr. Lowenthal detailed the role that such notables as J.P. Morgan, Charles Sanger Mellen and Charles Melvin Hays played in the great railroad war that brought about the construction of the "Grand Trunk" through the area. His presentation also included the political, financial, and legal maneuverings that took place in order to construct a railroad that was never to come to fruition. All in attendance enjoyed a most informative presentation.

Bob Ducharme

March 16, 2006

"Clara Barton, The Angel of the Battlefield"

Presented by Cathy Woods, curator of the Clara Barton Birthplace Museum

Ms. Cathy Woods spoke to those in attendance about the life of Clara Barton and the history of the Clara Barton Birthplace Museum. In her presentation Ms. Woods spoke of Clara's early life in Oxford, her years as a schoolteacher, and her experiences in Washington that led to her mission of

tending to the needs of the Civil War soldiers. She told of several experiences that Clara had while tending to the wounded on battlefields such as Antietam and Fredericksburg including the reading of a most poignant letter written by Clara to her cousin on the eve of the great battle of Fredericksburg. She went on to detail Ms. Barton's role in determining the fate of many missing soldiers as well as identifying the identity of men buried at Andersonville Prison. Her presentation concluded with a description of Clara's founding of the American Red Cross along with many of the Red Cross activities she was involved in later on in her life.

Bob Ducharme

April 22, 2006

Annual Meeting
Election of Officers

June 2006

Third Graders Visit Tavern

Once again this year The Black Tavern Historical Society was host to Dudley's third grade students. Shortly after 9:00 A.M. the school busses began to arrive with the students, and all volunteer guides were at their posts ready and waiting. After a long morning of answering questions and guiding student through their respective rooms, volunteers stopped for a respite and brief lunch. Shortly thereafter the school busses once again began arriving with another round of excited students. Volunteers, again took up their posts and, continued their mission of telling the children all about the "Tavern". After completing all the tours after an exhausting day, all the volunteers agreed that it was a most rewarding experience and this was a truly wonderful way of giving back to our children. Every year volunteers continue to support this educational effort for the Dudley 3rd Graders. If you feel that you

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In the dark of evening, when my sister Kathleen Brown and I drove up that night and parked in front of the Tavern, the lamps were glowing in the living room and my heart was pounding hard. Upon entering, the room was filled with the warmth of friendly faces....our kin and friends. My first thought was, "We have come home!" This is where my Great Grandfather Anson lived and all those before him, this is from where he left to go and serve in the Civil War, this is where Anson's letters to his family were received, this is where Great Uncle Rev. Charles Goodell lived in the summer with his family.

We felt so fortunate to be able to meet and hear Bob Ducharme give an update on his research of the Dudley Boys. I'm proud to know that our mother Claudine Goodell rescued the 50 Civil War letters of Anson, transcribed many of them and my sister Kathleen finalizing the task by further transcriptions, and then typing, copying and organizing, before donating the originals to the Black Tavern. Bob has done a wonderful job editing these letters using his knowledge of the war. Also of interest, was to be present for the Board Meeting and hear about the inner workings and tasks that present themselves to keep the Society moving forward. Being served Apple Pie and coffee in the kitchen area next to the hearth added just the right "homey" touch.....aren't you all so wise! I do wish that we could see the Tavern all dressed up for Christmas and share in the joy Dec. 3rd.

A request:.....I have a desire to learn more about Rev. Charles L. Goodell and would like to correspond with any of his descendants who have information. My address: 1864 Ravencrest Dr., Brea CA 92821 barbpierce@earthlink.net I send my deepest thanks to all of you, our kin and friends, who have devoted yourselves to support, with your time and efforts, "our home"the Black Tavern.

As I sang before leaving that night....."Bless this house, O Lord we pray..."
Fondest regards,
Barbara Goodell Pierce

"Reflections"

To all the members and Board of Directors of the Black Tavern Historical Society:

As some may already know, I organized and finished the initial transcription of the letters that were written by my great grandfather Anson Goodell during the Civil War. Even though it took me some time, it was a very rewarding experience and I learned so much about my great grandfather. Our family donated the original and transcribed letters to the Black Tavern. Bob Ducharme graciously re-transcribed all the letters, adding his expertise and knowledge to further our understanding of them. We greatly appreciate his outstanding research and the work he did to share the letters and tell about the life of Anson. After my sister and I heard about the 2006 annual meeting, we knew we had to be there.

It was wonderful being in the Black Tavern again, meeting the members, and especially hearing Bob Ducharme talk about our great grandfather. I was deeply moved by everything that happened that evening. I awoke very early the next morning with a poem coming from somewhere in my mind. I have never written a poem before and do not know anything about poetry. Nevertheless, I would like to share this poem with you.

REFLECTIONS

We are drawn to the homes of our ancestors, symbols of love, faith and hope.

We carry their genes but know little of them, their struggles to live and to cope.

A war that divided a nation so new, left hearts full of grief and blame.

We strive to learn what drove their fighting spirits, their gravestones stand without shame. Anson's letters reveal his heart and his soul, another chooses silence.

Oh, speak to us more so we never forget, and dreams end without violence.

Black Tavern still stands on a hill so proudly, it's walls surround us with joy.

Like a soft fleece robe and hot apple cider, a smile from each girl and boy.

Visions fill our minds of what life was like then, the Tales from Charles tell us some.

Thanks to those who saved and restored the Tavern, loving thoughts to all who come.

by Kathleen Brown, great granddaughter of Anson Goodell



Kathleen Brown, Bob Ducharme and Barbara Pierce in front of portrait of Dr. Charles Goodell

Photo by Sandy Peterson

"A Special Visit"

On October 23, 2006, the Tavern was honored by a visit from some of the descendants of the Reverend Charles Goodell (whose portrait hangs above the fireplace in the Tavern meeting room). The visitors spanned three generations of Goodells: the Reverend's grandson, Charles Goodell a great grandson, Ted Goodell and two great, great grandchildren, Grace and Benjamin, who informed us that there is a third great, great grandchild on the way! Mr. Goodell

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June 28, 2007

- **Summer Concert-
Quintessential Brass**

July 17, 2007

- **Summer Concert-
Pulaski Brass Band of
Webster**

Sept. 20, 2007

- **Annual Membership Meeting-
Harvest Basket (bring a
goodie for the basket). (Mike
Branniff will present a brief
program on the History of
Dudley Hill.)**

Oct. 18, 2007

- **"Shoemaking in the 19th
Century"- by Dennis Picard.**

Nov. 15, 2007

- **"Nipmucks of the Area"-
presented by Kenneth White
of the Nipmuck Tribal
Council.**

For program information, contact
Sandy Peterson (508) 949-2468 or
Jean Williams (508) 943-3473

Most events begin at 7:00 pm, are Open
to the Public & held at The Black Tavern,
Dudley Hill, Center Road. For concert
times, check local papers or listen to the
radio as times may vary.

To schedule the Black Tavern for
functions/meetings, contact Eric & Sue
Clearwater (508) 943 4579).

Please watch the local newspapers &
listen to WESO or call (508)-943-8391 for
any changes with these events

From the Chairman

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fill these vacancies. Linda Bazinet
was also elected earlier in the year.

John and Joy Glynn have also
recently resigned their posts
because of other commitments. John
was the Tavern accountant who did
our Federal and State Tax filings.
Donald Raymond of Webster will now
be our new accountant. Joy was a
past Board member and did a great
job coordinating the 3rd grade visit
every June. Thanks, John and Joy
for all your hard work.

Speaking of the 3rd graders, in
June 2006, they donated over
\$2,000 to the Barn Restoration
Fund. For the past couple of years

they have made donations to the
"Barn Fund" for which the Tavern is
grateful.

Recently, the Tavern was also
presented a check for over \$1,000.
from the Village Improvement
Society, to help with Dudley's 275th
Anniversary celebration this coming
June.

Matt Annesse donated 5 yards of
gravel and the Tavern purchased
another 15 yards to fill the area in
front of the barn. Eric Antos
donated the bulldozer work and
leveled the gravel.

John Vanderaa and the Dudley
Fire Department made sure the
flagpole in front of the Tavern got a
fresh coat of paint.

Peg Pedersen was also busy. Under
her direction the Tavern purchased
a new stove for the kitchen. She also
contracted with C.K. Smith Oil Co.
for the replacement of two oil tanks
and updating of the wiring and piping
at the cost of \$3,030. The Tavern
also spent \$1,166. in its purchase of
oil.

I would also like to mention Eric
and Sue Clearwater for doing a great
job in handling our Tavern bookings
and keeping up the grounds as well as
Jean Williams, Faith Armstrong,
Helen Austin, and Sandy Peterson
who kept us supplied with
refreshments after the programs.

I would like to thank the officers
and Board of Directors for making
the Tavern what it is, and in closing
I would like to thank anyone I may
have forgotten who has contributed
to making this past year a successful
one and invite everyone to attend
our monthly programs in the future.

Sincerely,
—

Barn Restoration Update

Despite the fact that little appears to
have been done on the Barn Restoration,
the project is indeed moving along. The
old floor has been entirely removed and
several rotted floor joists have been
replaced while two dumpsters of
discarded flooring material have been
trucked away. Members of the "Tavern"

have hewed two new tie beams and
several other beams, which were
donated, have been moved to the site.
Twenty-five yards of fill has been spread
in front of the barn and leveled. General
consensus among the Barn Committee is
that we have now reached the point
where professional help is required to
replace several heavy sills and beams and
the Committee is now in the process of
securing quotes from contractors for
that work. The tentative schedule is to
have the contract work done by the
spring so that we may replace the floor in
time for the 3rd grade visit. Shortly
thereafter the committee hopes to
complete the front and north side
exterior siding.

Bob Ducharme

Family Visits to the Tavern

*Editor's note- This past year The Black
Tavern Historical Society was extremely
honored to have "welcomed home"
descendants of some of the original
residents of the Tavern. On September
21st, 2006 Barbara Goodell Pierce, and
her sister Kathleen Goodell Brown, great
granddaughters of Anson P. Goodell,
joined us in attendance at our September
Annual Membership Meeting. The
following month on October 23rd, 2006
the Tavern was once again honored by a
visit from the descendants of the
Reverend Charles Goodell (Anson's
younger brother) when the Reverend's
grandson, Charles Goodell a great
grandson, Ted Goodell and two great,
great grandchildren, Grace and Benjamin,
were given a tour of the Tavern. The
following contributions detail those
visits:*

"Coming Home"

Our family, Dad (Harold Goodell,
grandson of Anson Goodell), Mom
and my sisters had our first tour of
the Black Tavern on an afternoon in
late October 1990. Marion Moseley
led us through, giving us wonderful
information; it was such a thrill. But,
MUCH MORE of a thrill was
attending the Annual Meeting of the
Black Tavern H. S. on Sept. 21,
2006, something we had been
planning for nearly a whole year.

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From the Chairman

Dear fellow Tavern members, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2007 promises to be as busy as 2006.

The Board of Directors has had some changes in personnel since Nancy Roberts, Jim Conrad Ph.D and Marilyn Whitney D.V.M., our long time chairman, have recently resigned. Marilyn and her husband, Jim, have relocated to Bristol, RI. The Black Tavern Historical Society thanks them all for their tireless efforts. They will be deeply missed.

At our annual meeting on September 21st, Jane Cacciapouti, William Moseley and George Martin were elected to

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- ### 2007 List of Events
- Dec. 3, 2006**
 - *An Old Fashioned Children's Christmas Gathering- Music, children's activities, fireside stories and refreshments to ring in the holidays.*
 - Jan. 18, 2007**
 - *"A Peddler's Pack"- Jim Douglas, New England Balladeer, presents songs of long ago. (Snow date Jan. 25th).*
 - Feb. 15, 2007**
 - *"Bee Keeping"- by Ken Warchol. (Snow date Feb. 22nd).*
 - Mar. 15, 2007**
 - *"19th Century Landscapes"- presented by Paul Rogers. (Snow date Mar. 22)*
 - Sat. Apr. 19, 2007, 10: AM**
 - *Annual Meeting- Election of Officers.*
 - May, 2007 Date TBA**
 - *Third Graders to the Tavern- Third Grade students from the Dudley Elementary School visit The Black Tavern.*
 - June 20-24, 2007**
 - *Dudley's 275th Anniversary Celebration and Strawberry Festival- The Black Tavern is open to the public for tours. The Black Tavern Historical Society hopes to sponsor period musical groups during Dudley's 275th Celebration. See local papers or listen to the radio for concert times.*
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