

The Richford Historical Society was formed in 1978. In 1991 the Society acquired the vacant 1908 fire station on Main Street. With help from the American Legion, former residents and townspeople, the roof and some windows were replaced, an elevator was installed and the upstairs restored.

People in the community and beyond have been very generous in donating artifacts depicting the history of the town. Upstairs are meeting and storage rooms and a furnished fifties kitchen. Downstairs are displays that range from photographs and advertising to a pony cart, costumes and an early fire hose. The museum has a little bit of everything and every resident of Richford should stop by.

The museum is open Saturdays from June 21 through Oct 11 from 9:30 – 1:00 and by appointment. Many visitors come during the 4th of July Old Home Days weekend. This year the hours will be 9:30 – 4pm on Saturday and 10am – 2pm on Sunday.

In 2005 the *History of Richford* by Jack Salisbury was reprinted and is for sale at the museum. The book was originally printed by the Society in 1987 and was quickly sold out with copies only available on the Internet. The history includes the first 150 years and is filled with tales of bootlegging, smuggling of humans, the railroad era, flood, the Depression and the heyday of manufacturing and its important wood industry, to name a few.

Contributions payable to the Richford Historical Society are always welcome and are used toward upkeep of the museum. Please mail checks to Richford Historical Society, c/o John Libbey, PO Box 463, Richford, VT 05476.

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