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# Gill Newsletter

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## Town Hall News

### Electricity Savings

The Selectboard recently signed an agreement to become the 36th Western Massachusetts community participating in the Hampshire Council of Governments' Electricity Aggregation program. Gill has already saved nearly \$2000 in electricity costs for its town buildings from Hampshire Power. Electricity Aggregation is the Hampshire Council's new program to lower electricity prices for residential and business customers. The Aggregation will also feature an optional green energy program, with direct benefits to Gill.

Customers of WMECO pay for both Delivery Services (from the big power lines all the way to the home or commercial building), and Supply Services (which is the actual electricity itself). They are listed separately on the bill. In the Municipal Aggregation program, the Hampshire Council will arrange the Supply Services only, while WMECO will continue all of its Delivery Services. Customers have a legal right to opt-out of the program. All costs of the program are paid by the Hampshire Council; it has no impact on Gill's town budget.

The growing program includes 36 communities, encompassing 150,000 people. This large base for bulk purchasing can save customers money over many years. The dollars saved

will remain in Western Massachusetts, rather than being sent to out-of-state power companies.

The following 13 Franklin County towns are among the 36 communities participating in the Municipal Aggregation program: Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Deerfield, Gill, Heath, Leverett, Montague, Northfield, Rowe, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

More information will be made available to Gill residents as this program is implemented by the Hampshire Council. The Town will have the Hampshire Council hold an informational meeting in Gill at a future date.

### New Roof for the Town Hall

Bids were opened on November 28 for the roof replacement project at the Town Hall. There were five bidders, with a low bid of \$52,780 received from RCI Roofing from Southampton, Mass. A contract was recently signed, and the work is expected to begin in early spring.



Check in with the  
Gill Website  
**www.gillmass.org**  
for up to date news,  
announcements and  
contact information!



The Gill Historical Commission was kind enough to help the Selectboard choose a historically appropriate color for the new metal roof that will replace the Town Hall's worn-out asphalt shingles. Despite its name, "charcoal gray" looks very slate-ish and should blend in nicely with other buildings in Gill Center.

### **Winter Parking Ban Still in Effect**

Winter is not over yet and more storms wll probably come. Please be advised that there is NO on-street parking allowed between the hours of 1 AM and 6 AM from November 1 to April 15. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **Committee Openings**

It is just not a newsletter without another reminder of the many town committees that need volunteers. The time commitment is small, the need is great, and the satisfaction from being involved is HUGE! If any committees spark an interest, please contact Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant, 413-863-9347 or [administrator@gillmass.org](mailto:administrator@gillmass.org).

- Cable Advisory Committee**
- Conservation Commission**
- Cultural Council**
- Energy Commission**
- Recreation Committee**
- Zoning Board of Appeals**  
(Alternate Members)

### **Grants Totaling More Than \$4,000 for Loss Control and Safety Efforts**

As part of its commitment to safety and controlling costs, the Town of Gill was awarded a \$3,100 loss control grant for new generator switches and a portable generator, and a \$1,200 grant for chainsaw equipment. Gill received the grants from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), which provides property and casualty insurance to the town.

The town has installed new generator transfer switches at Town Hall, Slate Memorial Library, and Riverside Municipal Building, and plans to purchase a portable generator to be shared between the three buildings. The switches and generator will help the town prevent losses due to plumbing and heating freeze-ups that can occur during multi-day power outages.

Gill's highway and fire departments will both benefit from the chainsaw equipment grant, which funds four new "sawyer kits" containing protective helmets, vests, gloves, chaps, and carrying cases. Highway department employees will use two kits while the fire department will carry the others on two chainsaw-equipped fire vehicles.

"We are grateful to MIIA for providing these two grants that will greatly enhance our town and its services – without any addi-

tional burden to taxpayers," said Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant for Gill. "The grant for a generator and switches is critical to help us protect three of our key town buildings during winter power outages. Now, all highway employees will have their own chainsaw gear, which will lead to increased usage, enhanced safety and lower risks for the town. Providing gear on fire vehicles will ensure that it is always available, rather than relying on our volunteers to carry it in their personal vehicles to each call."

MIIA awards loss control grants to its member municipalities to fund equipment purchases and implement training programs that address safety and loss prevention issues. These proactive efforts help protect the town, its employees, and citizens by avoiding accidents and potentially costly claims. The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. As a member-based organization, MIIA's only focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to Massachusetts municipalities and related public entities. MIIA insures nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts. For more information please visit [www.emiia.org](http://www.emiia.org) and [www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org).

*Ray Purington,  
Administrator Assistant*



## From the Town Clerk

The 2013 census/street list mailing has been sent to all residents of Gill. If you did not receive this letter from the Town Clerk, please call the office (863-8103). Return this information as soon as possible as it can impact your eligibility as a voter in the Town of Gill.

The mailing also offered the opportunity to license dogs by mail. Another rabies clinic is offered on March 24 in Bernardston at the Municipal Highway Department on Barton Road from 9 AM to Noon. I will be there to license Gill dogs at the same time.

A Special Primary and Special Election will be held to elect a Senator to replace Secretary of State, John Kerry. The Special Primary is scheduled for April 30, 2013, and the Special Election will be June 25, 2013, at the Gill Fire Station, 196A Main Road from 7 AM to 8 PM.

The Annual Town Election will be held on May 20, 2013, from Noon to 8 PM at 196A Main Road, the Town Municipal Building, in the Fire Station. The deadline for voter registration to vote at the Annual Town Election will be 8 PM on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at the Town Clerk's office.

The offices on the ballot this year include:

Selectboard, **Sewer Commissioner**, three year term, currently held by Randy P. Crochier.

**Assessor**, three year term, currently held by Peter W. Conway.

**Cemetery Commission**, three year term, currently held by Ann Marie Klein.

**Board of Health**, three year term, currently held by Douglas A. Edson.

**Library Trustee**, three year term, currently held by Elisabeth Greenough.

**Treasurer**, three year term, currently held by Veronica LaChance.

Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office. Twenty signatures of Gill registered voters are necessary to run for office.

The last day to submit nomination papers to the town clerk is 5 PM on April 1, 2013.

Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, Town Clerk, has office hours Monday-Thursday, 1 PM to 4 PM and Monday evening, 5:30-6:30 PM and other times by appointment. 413-863-8103

## From the Board of Assessors' Office:

The Board of Assessors has sent out Form of List questionnaires to be returned by March 1, 2013, to document all Personal Property subject to taxation in the Town of Gill.

The Board of Assessors are also continuing to work out in the community to record project progress up to the January 1, 2013, deadline date that becomes the bases of all the assessments for the 2014 tax bills.

Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, Assessors' Clerk, has office hours Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The Board of Assessors meet alternate Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. 413-863-0138

## Office of the Tax Collector

Reminder that the Actual Real Estate bills for 2013 were mailed out in December and are due on April 1, 2013. The Collector's office will be open that day from 9 AM to 6:30 PM. Late payments are subject to interest at the rate of 14% per annum, charged on the unpaid and overdue amount. Also, a demand fee of \$10 will be charged. To obtain a receipted bill, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and both copies of your bill with the payment. If you have any questions on your valuation or assessment, contact the Board of Assessors at 413-873-0138. If you have questions on payments, contact the Collector's office at 413-863-2105.



## Friends of Gill

A Volunteer Supper was held at the Gill Church on January 26, 2013, in recognize those who have volunteered their time in assisting the Friends of Gill at the annual Fall Festival, Pancake Breakfast, and Concerts on the Common. At the supper, Roger Augustine, a member of the Agricultural Commission, showed a sign that says, WELCOME TO GILL, A RIGHT-TO-FARM COMMUNITY with a picture of Flagg's Barn. This sign will be put by the Kuzmeskus bus garage on Main Road. A second sign has a picture of Hastings Farm and will be placed at the far end of West Gill Road. The AgCom is hoping to get a couple more signs for other locations.

## Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Friends of Gill will be having their Annual Pancake Breakfast on March 23, 2013 from 8-10:30 AM at the Gill Church.

## Fire Department

The burn season is here so please use care while burning brush. Please use the online burn program application the morning you wish to burn as it frees up the county dispatchers for emergency calls. The application may be found at <http://www.fcburnpermits.com>. All regulations regarding

burning are posted on the Town of Gill web page and on the opening page of the online application. Burn season is between January 15 and May 1, conditions permitting. Please make sure that you have a house number visible from the road for responders to identify your residence quickly in case of an emergency. If you are interested in becoming a member of the fire department, please stop by the fire station any Thursday night, get a tour, and pick up an application.

## Health News

Flu is still much higher than previous years. The latest numbers posted on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website show a decrease in Influenza Like Illness between weeks two and three of the new year. Great news! It seems almost everyone has had the flu themselves or has known someone who has been affected by flu in the last weeks. The number of ill people is still far higher compared with last year at the same time. For western MA, the difference is between 1 and 106 cases of laboratory confirmed flu.

More good news is that it is NOT too LATE to get a flu vaccine. Through the Franklin Regional Cooperative Public Health Service, Gill has a town nurse who can provide it. If you still need a flu shot, please contact Lisa White, RN at 413-665-1400, x 114.

Both injectable and mist formulas are still available. No out of pocket cost and all ages 6 months and above are served.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent seasonal flu, but of course frequent handwashing, regular disinfecting of potentially contaminated surfaces, covering your cough with your elbow (might have seemed weird at first but this is getting to be common etiquette) are also strong prevention practices.

If you do get sick, in most cases the best course of action is to stay home and rest. Drink lots of fluids, eat a healthy diet, keep the room cool while there is an elevated temperature and limit contact with others for 5-7 days. Call your doctor if the fever of an infant under 3 months is over 100.4°, or if a child under age five is over 102°, or if the treated fever of a child over 5 or an adult is over 104° two hours after acetaminophen (Tylenol®), Ibuprofen (Advil® or Motrin®), or aspirin (aspirin OK for adults only!). Additional reasons to seek medical help are if there is a stiff neck or pain in bending, not feeling better in 3-5 days, unable to take in and hold down fluids, any fever more than 3 days, or other worsening or unusual symptoms or concerns.

DPH puts out a helpful booklet you may pick up at the Town Hall called "Flu: What You Can Do." This helpful guide is handy to keep



in your home for when you or someone you are caring for is sick.

## Energy Commission

The Gill Energy Commission will hold an educational Energy Fair at the Gill Town Hall on Saturday, April 6 from 9:30 AM - Noon. The Fair will kick off a campaign to reduce energy use in Gill by 13% in 2013. The event is FREE to both attendees and exhibitors.



Campaign sign up will begin at the Energy Fair. The first 100 homes in Gill that sign up to commit to this pledge will receive a Gill Energy reduction lawn sign. There will be exhibitors and demonstrations on practices and techniques to track and reduce energy use, develop a more sustainable lifestyle, live more comfortably, save money, and reduce your carbon footprint.

From 10-10:45 AM, there will be three featured speakers followed with a question and answer segment at 10:45 AM. This program series will be repeated again from 11 AM – Noon.

Laura Biddulph, Community Outreach Specialist for the Center for EcoTechnology will talk about building science, how it relates to the need to weatherize, and solutions including winserts. Amy Donovan, Program Director, Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, will speak about recycling, composting, hazardous waste, with a special focus on the climate change/waste diversion link. John Walsh, Supervisor - Residential C&LM, Western Massachusetts Electric



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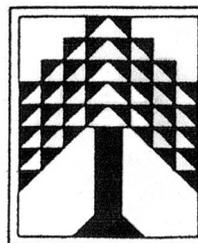
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Company, will speak about WMECO programs and ways that people can track and reduce energy consumption. Steve Damon, Gill Agricultural Commission Chair, has arranged a Farmers Market to take place outside of the Town Hall on the morning of the Energy Fair. Please plan to buy local produce to take home with you following the Energy Fair. In addition, Steve has registered this event with Bicycle Benefits. Bicycle Benefits is a progressive bicycling program designed to reward individuals and businesses for their commitment to cleaner air, personal health, and the use of pedaling energy in order to create a more sustainable community.

Keep the morning of April 6th open and plan to make a sustainable commute to attend the Gill Energy Fair and Farmers Market.

### Welcome to Businesses That Promote Energy Reduction or Sustainable Living

You are invited to participate in the Gill Energy Fair on Saturday, April 6. The Energy Commission would like you to be a part of this event, by promoting your business with \$10 – \$50 gift certificates to be used as prizes at the Energy Fair. We are also seeking participants to set demonstration tables that show ways that their business is a green one and offers energy reduction and sustainability solutions to home owners.

Please contact Energy Commission members Janet Masucci @ (413) 863-8694 or Pamela Lester @ (413) 222-9674 for more information.

### Agricultural Commission

As maple sugaring season comes to Gill, the AgCom will present two special sugaring activities.

On Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 PM in the Gill Town Hall, we will show local filmmaker Steve Alves' Sweet Traditions sugaring documentary. After the movie, there will be a Q&A time with Jim Graves (former President of Massachusetts Maple Producers' Association) and



Steve Damon (Franklin County Representative of Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions).

Saturday afternoon, March 9, brings the Gill Sugarhouse Tour. We expect to include maple producers NMH, Turkey Ridge, Rolling Ridge, and Upinngil. Details will follow on posters throughout town.

If you would like to contact the AgCom, simply write to [agcom@gillmass.org](mailto:agcom@gillmass.org).

*Steve Damon, Chairperson.*

## Gill Elementary School News

### Celebrate Service

Carole Lafleur has greeted Gill students for many years with a lunch tray containing a healthy mid-day meal. In recent years, she has been there with a ready breakfast as well. She initially came to work in the kitchen with her mother-in-law and continued serving children from longtime Gill families and welcomed the newcomers. It would be interesting to calculate how many meals she has served in her years in our kitchen!

Everyone is welcome to help us honor Carole's dedicated service and important role. She has requested that a lasting gift be made in her name for Gill's students. New books on chefs and

cooking, foods will be purchased as part of our library updating. If you would like to honor Carole with a contribution, please send to Gill Elementary School, 48 Boyle Road. Another option is to purchase a book in Carole's honor and drop it off at the school.

The students will celebrate Mrs. Lafleur with her favorite meal, spaghetti, on March 1 and later in the day will honor her at Sing. Even though she will not be able to join us that day, we will sing to her with the traditional "Magic Penny" and food-themed songs. Everyone who would like to share in this celebration is welcome to join Sing at 2:30.

### Art News

I am from a town  
where the horses run free.  
They run so fast all I can see  
is a blink of brown.

We are from Gill.

A place where you can do  
as you need.

A place for bluejays, wilderness,  
cows, and tractors.

A place for you and me.

*5th graders, Gill Elementary School*

Students at Gill and Montague elementary schools have created thousands of postcard-sized drawings that represent their towns. In addition, they worked with a poetry project titled "River of Words in the Connecticut River Watershed" ([ROW.ctriver.org](http://ROW.ctriver.org)) and added

poems to their artwork.

Noah Wile's colorful drawing of a Gill cow and an accompanying poem are now available on a sleek coffee mug. A black and white cow stands in a green background while the poem on the opposite side encourages you to "drink milk, it does the body good." Enjoy your morning coffee in a "Moo Cow Mug" available at the Gill school and the Gill Farmer's Market.

### News Snippets

The December music concert was beautiful, and Ms. Swanson made a presentation to the School Committee about the music program with an audio of the chorus and band.

Sledding during recess and Mr. Wood's sledding relays during physical education are supported by PTO's much appreciated sled purchases.

Brenda Gravelle is our new kitchen manager having gained experience under Carole's tutelage.

In a recent Learning Walkthrough exercise in which Gill teachers, Mrs. Adams, district curriculum coaches, and a department of education coach visited six classrooms to observe teaching activities, the team observed "in 100% of our classrooms a wide range of techniques being used to support the posted mastery objectives. In some classrooms, there were multiple



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mastery objectives supporting diverse learning activities; in others, a single objective was achieved through differentiated strategies and activities.” These efforts are part of the work to elicit high level thinking for learning.

Mrs. Rinaldi’s third grade class learned about taxation without representation by earning money for class work and being taxed to go out to recess. Students quickly understood the concept!

Each Friday Spanish students from Northfield Mount Hermon teach Spanish to each grade. ¡Que bueno!

Want to give to our growing school library by shopping locally? World Eye Bookshop in downtown Greenfield is offering a 10% discount on books that have been chosen by Mrs. Rigollaud, our librarian. When you purchase a book, you may leave it at the store for delivery or bring the book to the school. Students are enthusiastic about recent purchases that are arriving on the library shelves.

### Wheelchair at Gill School

There is no wheelchair at school for emergency situations. Our nurse, Ms. Doyle, is wondering if anyone has one that might be donated. Please call the school at 863-3255 if you can help.

Thank you to all the people in various roles who support Gill School, our students, and families.

## HONORS For Gill Students

### Franklin County Technical School Trimester 1 Honor Roll

#### Grade 12

Honors: Steven Gaines and Leslie Kozma

#### Grade 11

Honors: Shelbie Williams

#### Grade 10

Honors: Ryan Bezio

#### Grade 9

Honors: Fallyn Adams



## Dean's List

Andrew Turban, a freshman attending the University of New Haven in Connecticut, was named to the Dean's List.

*If you are a Gill student who has not been included in this list, please let us know so that we may commend you in the future.*

## Slate Library News

Come in and take a break from the cold at Slate Memorial library. We have many new titles to share with our patrons. In the fiction section, mystery lovers may find Archer Mayor's latest, *Paradise City*, as well as Janet Evanovich's *Notorious Nineteen*. Other titles include *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter and *Gold* by Chris Cleave. Non-fiction fans will find titles like *Talking Back to Facebook* and *Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success*. The musicophile will be happy to see the latest biographies by Neil Young and Pete Townsend looking down at them from the shelf.

If you are too busy to read (say it isn't so!), check out a DVD from our growing collection. We have Woody Allens latest *To Rome With Love* as well as the noted documentary *Searching for Sugarman*. Of course we also have the latest *Downton Abbey* (Season 3), and if you are a fan of *Downton*, you may

also enjoy *Call the Midwife*, another gem produced by the BBC.

The children's room has lots of puzzles, puppets and picture books. We have been hard at work growing our graphic novel collection for teens. Some new titles in that area include the *Bride* series by Kaoru Mori and *The Secret of the Stone Frog* by David Nytra. We also have graphic novels by Rick Riordan and Eoin Colfer so you can re-read *Percy Jackson* and *Artemis Fowl* with illustrations.

Please note the library is now open an extra day—every Wednesday from 3-7 PM! Stop by after school or on your way home from work. You will not leave empty handed. If you know any little ones, consider having them join us for story hour, each and every Friday morning at 10 AM. All families are welcome to join us for company, popcorn, stories, and fun in the center of Gill at Slate Library.

## Favorite Books

Of Peter Fayroian, Head of Northfield Mount Hermon

*The Odyssey* by Homer

*A Sand and County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold

*What Work Is* by Philip Levine

*The Complete Stories* by Flannery O'Connor

*I am One of You Forever* by Fred Chappell

## Gill Historical Commission

The Gill Historical Commission (GHC) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Riverside Building on Route 2. The Commission is charged with planning for the preservation of historical sites and records within Gill. In addition to various projects, the Commission maintains records and artifacts of Gill history in the Riverside municipal building. If you have information or questions about Gill and its history, please contact Kit Carpenter, Bev Demars, Stuart Elliott, Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, Pam Shoemaker, or Ivan Ussach.

After reading the grant proposal from Montague, the GHC wrote a letter of support to be included in the 2013 Battlefield Mapping Grant Proposal to the National Park Service. The GHC enthusiastically supports the project on the Battle of Turners Falls (Wissatinnewag-Peskeompskut) on May 1676. Our support for the project is based on our commitment to accurate historical research and understanding as well as to active education about Gill history and preservation of our historical sites. We also endorsed the amendment that provides for a multi-town and tribal advisory board and look forward to regular communication from that board so that the GHC may be



actively involved. We see collaboration and communication with the towns of Deerfield, Greenfield, and Montague as well as with tribe representatives as an exciting part of this project to gather information. The National Park Service will announce grant awards between late spring and early summer. The Gill Cultural Council has awarded a grant to the Cemetery Commission and the Historical Commission to create a digital photo inventory of the gravestones in the three Gill Town cemeteries. This inventory will provide a pictorial inventory to accompany the lists of graves and so preserve the images of the stones for reference and for protection from any destruction. The awarded grant from the Gill Cultural Council is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. We hope that you enjoy another excerpt from the Myrtle Jones Diary, written when she was 16 and living with her parents and sister Mabel in Riverside.

**DIARY 1905  
MYRTLE LEONA JONES,  
AGE 16 YEARS.**

*Fri. Feb. 3*

A nice day. Papa went to Gill and to Greenfield in evening. Mamma worked at the store this afternoon. Alice Connelly and Mrs. Johnson called. I wrote a letter to

Miss Morss. Received a letter from Grandma Jones.

*Grandma Jones is Martha M. (unknown) who is probably living in Vermont.*

*Sat. Feb. 4*

A nice day. Mamma worked at the store a little while this afternoon. Emilia came and brought over some of her music and played to me this evening and Will and Ernest Blake came this eve and we played "Pitch" till about twelve and then had Will's phonograph going until about two and they went home about two too.

*Sun. Feb. 5*

A nice day. Mabel went to church and S. S. Papa had to go to Greenfield to a Masonic Rehearsal. Bessie Purple called this p.m. and rode up home with Mr. Lowe.

*Mon. Feb. 6*

Snowed quite a lot last night and some this morning so it is very deep and bad out. Mabel didn't go to school this morning but did this afternoon. Mama worked at home all day. Mr. G. L. Rist of T.F. who kept the shoe store died this morning of ecysema.

*Gilbert L. Rist was born in July 1837 in Montague, MA, according to the 1900 census. He married Martha H. (unknown) in 1864; she was born in Maine. On page 245 in Stoughton's History of Gill, the following is*

*described: Due largely to his acquaintance with Mr. Holmes, Gilbert L. Rist came to Riverside in 1869 and opened a shoemaker's shop in a small building that stood on Ferry Road opposite Pine Street. Mr. Rist, however, soon moved to the growing village of Turners Falls, where he later became one of the leading merchants and a man of respected business abilities.*

*Tues. Feb. 7*

A nice day. Quite cold. Papa went to Gill and to Greenfield in evening. Mamma worked at the store this afternoon and evening.

*Wed. Feb. 8*

Quite a nice day. Mamma worked here this morning and went over to the Falls this afternoon. She got herself a pretty black skirt and black and white cloth for waist and me a green sweater and Mabel a pair of corsets.

*Sat. Feb. 18*

Very windy and rough day. The papers did not come. This evening Will and Rob LeVitre and Ernest Blake came and played cards. I received my reading glass and centerpiece for getting subscribers to Hearthstone. Freda was here.

*Sun. Feb. 19*

A nice bright day. Mabel went to church. Papa put moulding up in D.R. and we've got a few pictures up already Mabel went and called on Bessie Clark this evening.



## Mon. Feb. 20

Rather cloudy morning. Squalled a little but fine afternoon. This morning Will and Rob. L.V. and Uncle Clate and Bessie called to borrow several articles for the stage for to-morrow evening. Mamma worked at home all day and Lyman Hale and Bessie Clark called this p.m. The papers came and worked on the hall.

## Tues. Feb. 21

A crowd at the hall. A lovely warm day. Papa went to Gill and this evening the whole of us with Grandma (as we went and got her) went up to the Play here in the Hall. "Penalty of Pride" and staid to the dance after. Got home about one. Alton LeVitre took and brought me home in his sleigh so I got there all right. Papa took tickets. I had a nice time. Bessie, Miss Eaton, Miss Marion Adams, Uncle Clate, and Will L. called on errands. Maggie Connelly called.

*Alton Harold LeVitre, born 13 May 1879 – died 30 March 1945, is a brother of Will and Rob LeVitre and son of Joseph and Celia (Williams) LeVitre in Gill.*

*The 1900 census shows Marion M. Adams, born July 1882, living in Vernon, Vermont as well as Marion Adams, born 1890, living in Athol, MA. The reference in Myrtle's diary is unclear.*



## NEXT GILL NEWSLETTER

Copy for the April newsletter should be sent to pshoe27@gmail.com no later than March 20, 2013



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