# 2023 HISTORIC MONTGOMERY CALENDAR



Clapp Farm



MANSFIELD HOUSE (BLACK LANTERN)



### Montgomery Historical Society JANUARY

February 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day' day off	3	4 1776: Gen Richard Montgomery Interred in Quebec	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 1835: Union Church consecrated.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



BAPTIST CHURCH (MONTGOMERY CTR FOR THE ARTS)



### Montgomery Historical Society FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 1751: Joshua Clapp Born in MA. First Settler w/ wife Naby
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 • Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 1902: Pudvah diary. Victrola entertainment at the hall.	27	28	1	2	3	4



"LAKE" GOODSPEED (TROUT RIVER DAM)



### Montgomery Historical Society MARCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5 1895: First Library established	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 1802: First Town government organized	13	14	15 1780: Montgomery granted by Governor	16	17	18
19 1804: First school funds appropriated.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1





DODGE FAMILY & FARM (ROSSIER ROAD)



## Montgomery Historical Society APRIL

May 2023

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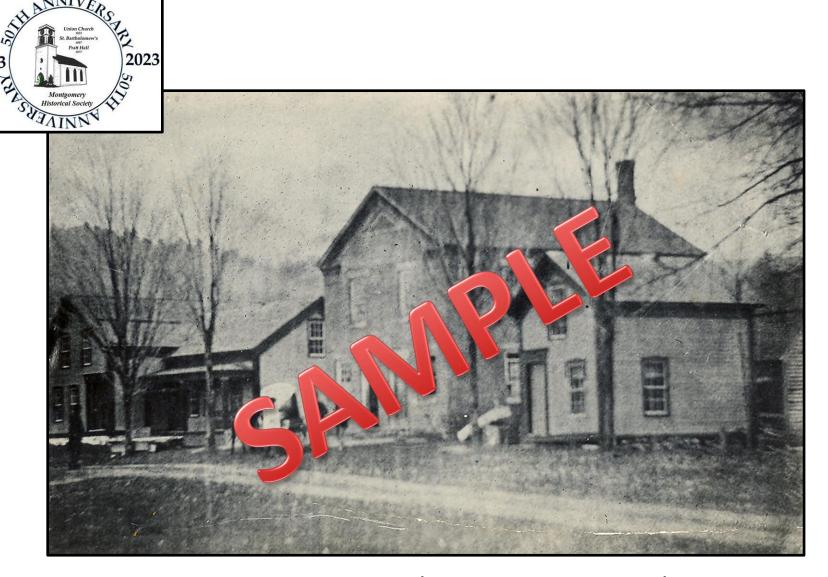
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1865: Moris Braman Last town casualty in Civil War.
2 1796: First girl born in Montgomery, Harriett Clapp.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 1984: Village store lost to fire.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



VILLAGE SCHOOL (OLD TOY FACTORY)



### Montgomery Historical Society MAY

June 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4 1958: Town votes to remain "wet" (beer & liquor)	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 1802: First postal service. Weekly from Lowell via Hazen's Notch Road.	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 • Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3



HIGHWAY BRIDGE (JCT ROUTES 58 & 118)



#### Montgomery Historical Society JUNE

July 2023

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16	17	18	19	20	21	2
23	24	25	26	27	28	2
30	31					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 • Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3
4 1833: Town votes 7 farms equals 1 school district.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 1956: Ground broken for Montgomery-Jay highway.	14	15	16	17
18	19 • Juneteenth	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



**VILLAGE SCHOOL** 

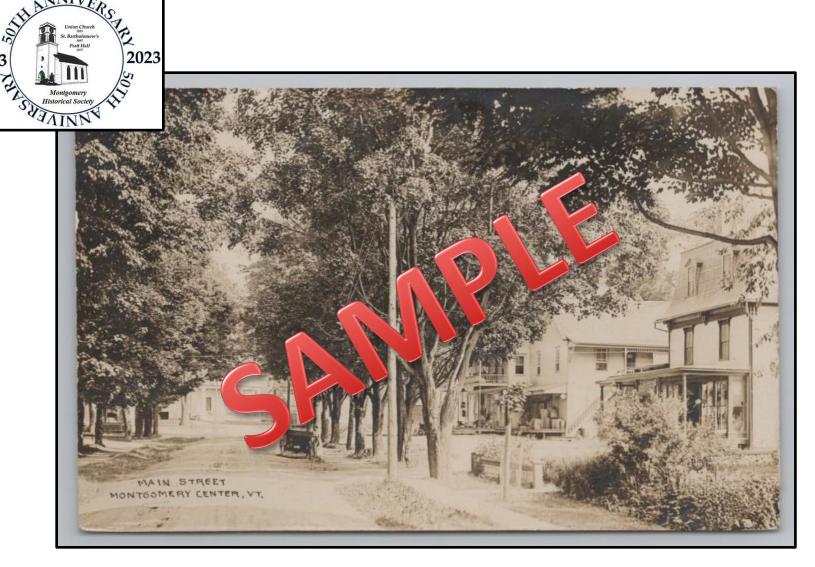


#### Montgomery Historical Society JULY

August 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 ● Independence Day	5 1817: First church congregation organizes Congregationalist.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 1952: Juvenile Court, Catholic Order of Foresters established.	31	1	2	3	4	5



**CENTER MAIN STREET** 



#### Montgomery Historical Society **AUGUST**

September 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4 1914: Hutchin lost to fire.	s Mill 5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 1973: First meet of group to become Historical Society	ing ne 24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2



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#### Montgomery Historical Society SEPTEMBER

October 202

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 ● Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	1 11958: Immunization clini at Center School. Polio	∘12	13	14 1793: Joel Clapp born. First native born Montgomerian.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



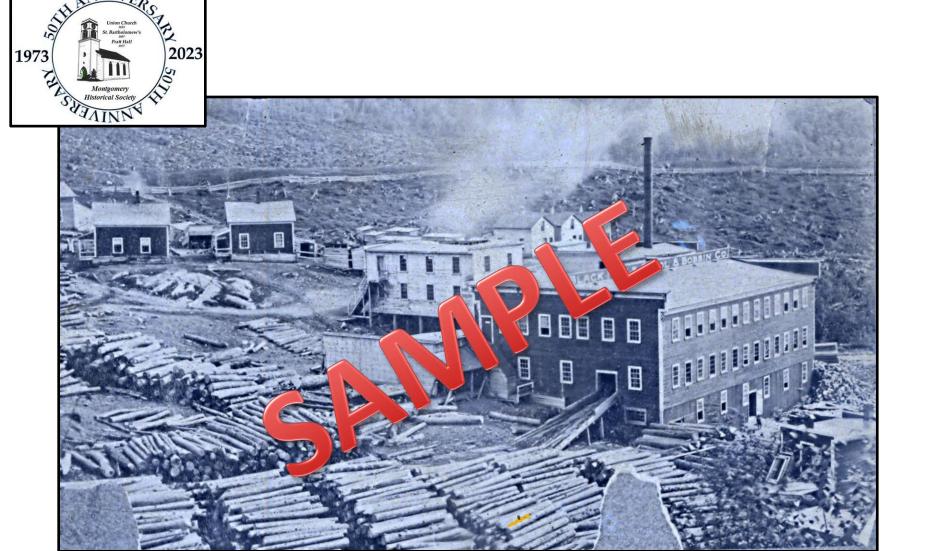
CENTER SCHOOL (PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING)



#### Montgomery Historical Society OCTOBER

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 1898: West Hill Post Office opened.	4	5	6	7
8 1789: Montgomery's charter approved.	9 • Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



BLACK FALLS SPOOL AND BOBBIN CO.



#### **Montgomery Historical Society NOVEMBER**

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 1941: Grange 548 established.	7	8	9	10 • 'Veterans Day' day off	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28	29 <sup>1898:</sup> First electricity.	30	1	2



**CENTER HOTEL (COACH HOUSE)** 



#### Montgomery Historical Society **DECEMBER**

January 2024

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9 1977: St. Barts renamed Pratt Hall
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The Montgomery Historical Society was formed in 1973 in a grass roots effort to save the Town's former Episcopal Church from demolition. This community landmark, initially completed in 1835, was Montgomery's first church. It underwent major improvements between 1870 and 1890 when stunning stained glass windows, a clock, and bell were installed. The church was purchased by the newly formed Society for \$1.00 in 1974.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places and renamed Pratt Hall, the Society has carried on several major projects including; adding electricity, heating and plumbing, a new roof; removing the clock, bell, and top two sections of the tower steeple in 1976 and reinstalling them in 1985; cleaning and restoring the stained glass windows from 1990-1995; and making structural repairs since then.

In 2010 the Society began preservation and structural work on the entry vestibule and bottom section of the tower. The project took three years and involved over \$80,000 direct costs, donated goods and services, and volunteer labor. An estimated \$130,000 of additional structural work on the west wall was completed in 2016. It involved repairs to the attic/roof truss, wall, and foundation. Three stained glass windows were also removed, restored and reinstalled during that project, and two of the west wall's clear lancet windows were removed and restored as well. In 2016 the tower's bell and clock stages were renovated and roof was painted.

Pratt Hall was purchased with not only preservation in mind, but also to serve Montgomery and surrounding communities as a venue for a variety of events. Considered a "living artifact", over the years the Society has hosted quilt shows, speakers, concerts, funerals, weddings, plays, Christmas programs, exhibits, school visits, meetings of regional groups, a community farmers market, and more. Our summer "Concerts By The Common" series brought an eclectic mix of music (mostly by Vermont artists) to the area for 25 years. All of this is done at no cost or for modest fees meant to defray costs.

While preservation and repair of Pratt Hall is the focus of much of what the Society does, we also have a limited capability to document, store, and exhibit the treasures of Montgomery's past. The Society published the Town's first history in 1976 and an updated second edition in 1991. A third edition was published in early 2014 with over 100 pages of new material. Small scholarship grants are awarded annually to two Montgomery high school seniors. The Society also boasts an award winning web site, montgomeryhistoricalsociety.org, that's chock full of information and is part of our outreach mission, and we participate in regional and State history meetings. In the future, the Society hopes to add to our archives and mount more frequent exhibits.

#### The Montgomery Historical Society **Mission** is to:

- preserve Pratt Hall, artifacts, structures and memorabilia of historical interest.
- provide a venue for local exhibits and artisans to share their talents.
- sponsor programs that assist in preserving town history and cultural events.
- award scholarships to students on an annual basis.

#### Why not join us?

