



The Hebron Historical Society

September 2018

Sat., September 15 -
COLONIAL DAY - at
Country Carpenters,
10:00am - 4:00pm
"Experience life in
Hebron over 200 years
ago as you see history
first hand." FREE

Sun. September 16 -
18th Annual Farm Day,
Welles-Shipman-Ward
House, 972 Main St., S.
Glastonbury, Historical
Society of Glastonbury,
1:00 - 5:00, FREE

Thurs., September 20
"Amazing Smith Sisters",
7:00 pm, Old Town Hall,
Diane Hoover, Speaker,
FREE, **Brief** HHS Annual
Meeting with Election of
Officers and Directors.

Thurs., October 11
"Hebron's First Two
Churches, One Minister",
Speakers: Pastor Jordan
Brown, Congregational, &
Fr. Ron Kolanowski,
Episcopal, 7:00, OTH, FREE

Sun., October 21
Bob & Mary-Ellen Gonci
sponsor: **"Portrayals of**
Some Old Cemetery
'Residents'", Hebron's Old
Cemetery on Wall Street,
1:00 - 4:00 pm, FREE



Abby & Julia Smith, from Hist. Society of Glastonbury collection

"Glastonbury Ladies Fight to Save Cows and Land"

Seven cows belonging to Julia and Abby Smith were confiscated by the Town of Glastonbury due to non-payment of taxes. The Town Assessor had increased assessments only on two widows and two spinsters. This did not sit well with the Smith Sisters. Julia and Abby Smith, not allowed to participate in local government, became vocal adherents of "no taxation without representation". By the way, the sisters, and there were five, lived on Main Street in Glastonbury between 1787 and 1886. Among them were an artist, a Bible translator, a horticulturist, a musician, and the youngest a public speaker. Did they ever win back their cows? What else did the sisters accomplish?

The Hebron Historical Society heard about Glastonbury's Amazing Smith Sisters, and knew that all would enjoy the ladies' story. "Julia Smith" (portrayed by Diane Hoover, retired history teacher and present Education Director of the Historical Society of Glastonbury) will discuss the lives and times of these amazing five women. A PowerPoint presentation with local pictures and photos of the sisters will provide an insight into the Smith Sisters' lives and struggles. All of the sisters, in addition to their mother, were ardent abolitionists. After the Civil War, Abby and Julia continued their struggle for equality through active participation in the Women's Suffrage Movement.

Join the Hebron Historical Society at Old Town Hall, Hebron Center, 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 20th to hear about the "Amazing Smith Sisters: Hancy, Cyrinthia, Laurilla, Julia & Abby". Although contributions are always appreciated, our programs are free and open to the public. A brief business meeting, including election of officers and directors will precede the program.