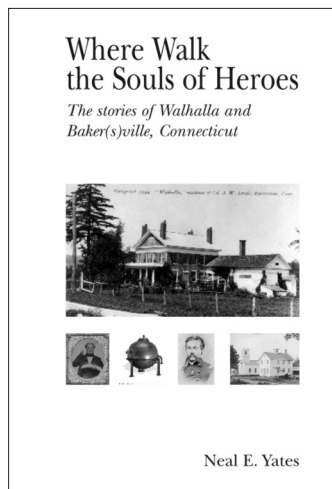


Bakerville Library is now a state-recognized historic building.

Making History

On May 5, 2010, the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism's Historic Preservation Council voted to list the Bakerville Library on the State Register of Historic Places. Elaine Carmelich was instrumental in helping this to happen, researching documents in the library and conferring with Neal Yates, whose book *Where Walk the Souls of Heroes*, a history of Bakerville and his house here, includes the history of the library.



This means that not only does the state now recognize what we've known all along, but also that we are now eligible to apply for state historic preservation grants previously unavailable to us. The library board is interested in applying for grants to help stabilize the building's foundation.

As you may have read in Kari Banach's *Waterbury Republican-American* article (May 19, 2010; a copy is kept in the library if you missed it), "Buildings on the state register are examples of specific architectural periods, longtime local landmarks, or are sites of significant historical events, state records show."

The Bakerville Library, established in 1949, was built as a Baptist church in 1824, and then known as the Academy and Bakerville School from 1832 to 1941. From 1941 to 1949 it was the Bakerville Community Association. It was in 1949, as we all know, that Barbara Yedlin famously started the library with her son's storied little red wagon.

If you have received our fundraising brochure in the mail ("Bakerville Library: An Historic Treasure") and haven't yet sent in your donation, please consider doing so. Or if you've misplaced the brochure, you may fill out the form below and send it, with a check made out to "Bakerville Library Annual Fund" to the library at 6 Maple Hollow Road, New Hartford CT 06057. You can help ensure that the history of the Bakerville Library continues. 🏠



The library building (front) as the Bakerville School, and the old Bakerville Methodist Church (back), where the former firehouse is now.

Yes, I/we want to support our historic community treasure with a gift of:

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Check enclosed, payable to: **The Bakerville Library.** My employer has a matching gifts program.

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