

Colchester Historical Society

2024 Winter Trivia Game



Questions:

Multiple choice (please select one):

(1) What year was Colchester chartered?

- (a) 1776
- (b) 1850
- (c) 1763
- (d) It never had a charter.

(2) The Colchester Historical Society has its offices in a historical building at 828 Main Street. What is the name of this building and what was its original purpose?

- (a) It was a funeral home called the Village Mortuary
- (b) It was an orphanage called the Home for Foundling Children
- (c) It was a home for the Baptist minister and his family called the Parsonage.
- (d) It was Colchester's original library, called the Village Library.

(3) Coates Island located at Malletts Bay celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 2022. What was it previously named?

- (a) Mather's Head
- (b) Brownell Island
- (c) Munson's Island
- (d) All of the above.

(4) Fanny Allen was:

- (a) A Catholic nun and the daughter of Revolutionary War patriot Ethan Allen.
- (b) Famous for her chocolate candy recipe.
- (c) One of the first teachers at the Log Schoolhouse.
- (d) A popular Colchester comedienne, singer, theater and film actress.

(5) Once – and only once – upon a time, the famous Pony Express delivered an envelope to only one town in Vermont. What town? Who was the recipient?

- (a) Castleton. The recipient was William L. Stokes, a lawyer and politician who served in the United States House of Representatives 1885-1891.
- (b) Chittenden. The recipient was Thomas Chittenden, the first Governor of Vermont.
- (c) Cornwall. The recipient was Enoch Cobb Wines, a Congregational minister and prison reform advocate.
- (d) Colchester. The recipient was John Hovey Lyon, a distinguished Civil War veteran. He later served as assistant judge for Chittenden County Court, and as Colchester's postmaster in the years leading up to his death.

True or False? (Select either “True” or “False” for each of your answers):

(1) Mazza's General Store on West Lakeshore Drive first opened in 1954.

True _____ False _____

(2) Bayside Park was originally a popular and well-known horse racing track.

True _____ False _____

(3) The Colchester Log Schoolhouse is open to visitors only during the winter months.

True _____ False _____

(4) In August of 2023, the Town of Colchester was awarded a Vermont Historic Roadside Marker to honor the First Special Service Force who trained at Fort Ethan Allen prior to World War II.

True _____ False _____

(5) Airport Park got its name from having once been an airport.

True _____ False _____

Fill in the Blank:

(1) Historically speaking, the Colchester Causeway served as a _____.

(2) Though long gone from Colchester waters, the Colchester Reef Lighthouse can still be visited at _____.

(3) Colchester is home to one of only three remaining outdoor movie theaters. The name of it is _____.

(4) St. Michael's College in Colchester was founded in 1904 by _____.

(5) The Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Ethan Allen were _____.

Matching: Match items in the first column with related items in the second column.

(1) “The Alrite Night Spot”

A. State Park

(2) Indoor roller skating

B. Site of an early Boy Scout cabin

(3) Local cemeteries

C. Broad Acres

(4) Niquette Bay

D. Places to visit with lots of history

(5) Colchester Pond

E. Nourse's Corner

Thank you for participating in this Colchester History Trivia Game! We hope you enjoyed it and learned about some of Colchester's significant local history.

For more information about Colchester's history, please visit the Colchester Historical Society's website at <https://www.colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society>. You are cordially invited to become a member.

And, please visit our popular Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ColchesterVermontHistoricalSociety>

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