

I N D E X

RICHMOND HISTORY

VITAL STATISTICS
(1747 to 1850)

COMPLETE

Reference: James N. Arnold, NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER.

MARRIAGES - BIRTHS - DEATHS

- A. = Vol.III.53
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 Z. = Vol.IX.20. (None)

Richmond, R.I.

TOWN MEETINGS

IX.- 28.

Ref: R.L.E.No.3 - page 531

August 27, 1776

At a town meeting held in Richmond in Kings County in the State of Rhode Island this 27th day of August 1776 ...
Voted Edward Perry be moderator for this present meeting ...
Voted Robert Stanton Esq. be the first & Mr. Samuel Knowles be the second deputy or representative for the town of Richmond to set in the general assembly to be holden at Providence on the last Wednesday in October next ...

Ware drawn Ezekiel Tefft grand jurier & Oliver Colegrove petty jurier to attend at the superiour court to be holden at South Kingstown on the first Monday in October next ...

Voted the report made by the committee that audited the treasurer's account with the town is received & ordered to be recorded ...

Voted that of the towns stores that are in Esq. Webb's possession to be removed to Major Richard Bailey's, he giving his receipt for the same ...

Voted that the old useless shedstels made before the revival of the late laws be used to the making of cartouches ...

Voted Jonathan Potter have an order to the treasurer for the sum of two pounds fifteen shillings & nine pence one farthing it being for the supporting of Samuel Bailey family.

Voted Nicholas Larkin have an order on the treasurer for the sum of eleven shillings & one penny it being for sawing plank ...

Voted Samuel Mory have an order on the treasurer for the sum of L 1-1-3, it being for his service as town sargeant ...

Voted William Sheldon ... sum thirteen shillings it being for house rent ...

Voted Jonathan Potter ... sum of two pounds, eight shillings ... for wood for said Bailey ...

Voted Thomas Lillibridge & Edward Perry ... sum of four shillings ... for service in auditing treasurer's account ...

Voted the rate makers be allowed twelve shillings & six pence ...

Voted Thomas Lillibridge be allowed the sum of fourteen shillings & two pence ...

Voted Capt. David Potter have ... six shillings.

Voted Capt. Joseph Tefft & Capt. David Potter be a committee to receive of the state the towne proportion of salt & bring it into the town ...

Voted that the vote for choosing Mr. Samuel Knowles for a second deputy be receeded from ...

Voted that Capt. Simeon Clarke Jr. be the second deputy to set in the general assembly to be holden at Providence on the last Wednesday of October next ...

Voted this present meeting be adjourned to the dwelling house of George Webb Esq. on the third Monday of September next.

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Vol. IX. No. 7 L.R. Tootell, Wyoming, R.I. #2898 APRIL 1977

NEXT HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next Richmond Historical Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 19th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Richmond Town Hall.

Mr. Richard A. Greene, Wyoming, R.I. will talk on the HISTORY OF SURVEYING.

Members and guests are invited to bring any items of interest in connection with surveying or the Easter or Spring season for the SHOW & TELL TABLE.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the above meeting will be: The Baders, Co-Chairmen; The Millars; and Gladys Segar.

FIRST FAMILIES OF RICHMOND

In the interest of developing a complete file on the residents of Richmond, the News Letter will, from time to time, publish a Personal Record Sheet and a Description Sheet of a particular individual including all known facts both traditional and authentic. It is hoped that the reader will inform the Editor, Lucy Tootell, as to any corrections or additions which will be published in future News Letters.

This will be a worthwhile project as it will help to clear up errors or omissions previously to be found in current publications.

The personal record sheet and a description sheet of JOHN MOORE is included in this News Letter - see pages 32 & 33.

Also a blank Personal Record Sheet is included so that the reader may fill in with the first member of his or her family to reside in Richmond and accompanied with a description sheet, send to Editor Lucy for future publication.

INQUIRIES

Who are living members of the Moore family still in Richmond?
 Are there still Moore residences still standing in Richmond?
 Where are there any Moore cemeteries?
 Do you know any facts of interest about the Moore family?
 Have you visited the cenotaph in the old Quaker cemetery?

FUTURE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

May 17, 1977 Tues. The Dorr War & the History of Political Parties by Miss Carolyn Stoner.

June 21, 1977 Tues. THE ANNUAL MEETING

Notes From The Secretary's Desk

The Richmond Historical Society held meetings in February and March. Herbert Arnold, President, opened the February 15, 1977, meeting giving a special welcome to 13 members. Vice. President Patricia Millar, called the March 15, 1977 meeting to order, with 11 members and 5 visitors present.

Charles Edmonds Treasurer reports, as of March 1, 1977, we have total assets of \$3464.46.

Richmond Historical Book Committee;

Lucy Tostell reports; The book is coming nicely. It is back at the Westerly Sun's office, to be re-printed, and maps to be set up. There will be over one hundred pictures and it will be a good size book. Paul Phillips accompanied Lucy to the Westerly Sun, as she is working on the cover. Lucy would like the names of anyone who has donated pictures or information for the book, so that they may receive recognition.

Visitors from the Hopkinton Historical Society were asked for comments. Mrs. Jeannie C. Lees replies and thanked the Richmond Society for attending the Hopkinton Historical Society's 20th. anniversary celebration.

Show and Tell Table;

Earl Smith showed a plaque he made for the Richmond Historical School. It is a replica of the Richmond Historical Society's seal and is an excellent job of craftsmanship, done on white pine, with a router. The seal depicts, first the Indian, second the Plantations and third the Industries.

Ida Bader displayed band lace, which was made in the Richmond Lace Works, in Alton, about 1954. She also showed photographs of lace weaving machines being operated by the weavers. There was also a photograph taken in the mending room, showing Mrs. Elsie Schulz mending holes in the lace, and a large photo of a banquet at the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel, in Providence. Close to the head table is the representatives of the Richmond Lace Works. This was a Business - Labor & Government Meeting held August 30, 1950.

Program for March Meeting;

Mr. Paul Michaud and Mr. Carl Becker, members of the Kentish Guards, gave an illustrated talk on their experience of the re-enactment of the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Paul was attired in the Kentish Guard Uniform and Mr. Becker was dressed in the R. I. Regiment Uniform of 1775. General Nathanael Greene's R.I. boys were well equipped. Over the white cotton uniform was a leather belt, attached to this belt was a cartridge box, hunting knife and a pick and brush to clean the musket every third or fourth shot. He also wore a powder horn and a black neck stock. He carried a musket which shot about 50 to 80 yards.

Paul Michaud said that about 2000 men participated in the re-enactment and there were about 15000 spectators.

Refreshments were presided over in Feb. by Eleanor Smith, Virginia Arnold and Mildred Chatalian and in March by Carolyn Stoner and Mrs. Earl Brunskill.

Ida Card Bader Sec'y

Ref: R.L.E.No.3 - page 532

At a town meeting held ... 14th day of October 1776 ...
Edward Perry Esq. moderator present ...
Voted the report presented to this town by the committee
that received the towns proportion of salt of the State is received
and ordered to be recorded ...
... at a town meeting ... 16th day of Sept. 1776, ...
Edward Perry Esq. Moderator present ...
... voted that George Webb & William Tefft be ... appointed
a committee to receive of the state the towns proportions of salt
and to deliver it to the inhabitants of this town ...
... voted that the soldiers ordered to be raised in this
town by the committee appointed to act during the recess of the
General Assembly on the 12th day of Sept. ... have their wages ad-
vanced to three shillings per day including what is paid them by
the government which shall enlist into the service ...
... voted that the Captains of the companies in this tow
n and they are hereby directed to call their respective companies
together according to the alarm list at one or more places on the
19th day of this instant Sept. in order to raise the above mentioned
troops. ... voted this meeting be adjourned until the 20th day of ...
this instant Sept. at George Webbs Sept the 20th day, 1776, the town
met according to the above adjournment, ... Edward Perry, Moderator
present ...
... voted that Major Richard Bailey and Samuel Clarke be
appointed a committee to receive of William Tefft ... twenty-one
guns, bayonets, and cartouche boxes and deliver them to the soldiers
raised in this town at this present time giving and taking receipts
for the same and that the same be branded with the letter R before
delivery ... and that they are also directed to receive of the said
William Tefft the remainder of the towns proportion of the guns and
(when finished) - giving their receipt for the same and also that
the town treasurer give security to the general treasurer for the
same when received and that the sd. committee furnish the ensign
and each soldier taking receipts for the same - provided that every
soldier who finds himself with a blanket and snapsack shall be
allowed the sum of six shillings therefor -
... voted that if there is not a sufficient sum of money
in the treasury to procure the above blankets and snapsacks that
then the treasurer be directed to hire a sufficient sum for that
purpose.
... voted the clerk notify the next town meeting warrant
for making a town rate. ...
... voted Capt. Maxson be allowed the sum of one shilling
per day for the space of three months if not discharged sooner ...
... voted Mr. Nathan Kinyon be the first and Capt. Simeon
Clarke be the second deputys or representatives to set in the Gen-
eral Assembly at South Kingstown on the last Monday in Oct. next ...
... voted Mr. Caleb Barber be surveyor of highways and
viewer of fences for the remainder part of the year in the room of
Ezekiel Tefft who declined serving & engaged ...
... voted William Tefft and George Webb Esq. be & they are
hereby impowered to receive of the State the towns proportion of
salt and to store the same ...
... voted this present meeting is adjourned to the second
Monday in October next ...

NAME: MOORE, JOHNGENERATION IN RICHMOND: I

OF: _____

FATHER: _____

MOTHER: _____

BROTHERS & SISTERS: _____

BIRTH: _____

WHERE: _____

DEATH: 1753

WHERE: _____

CEMETERY: Cenotaph quaker cemetery RELIGION: QuakerMARRIAGES: (1) MERCY EASTON

WHEN: _____

WHERE: _____

OCCUPATIONS: Immigrated from England - cooperRESIDENCES: Newport-Kingston-Northeast part of RichmondBought land in 1704 from John Hoxsie-in 1728 became freeman in Westerly.

CHILDREN:

1. Robert Moore

M. _____

B. _____

D. _____

2. Stephen Moore

M. _____

B. _____

D. _____

3. George Moore

M. _____

B. _____

D. _____

4. David MooreM. Mrs. Mary Barber James, 1745 Nov. 24B. 1721 Sept. 13D. 1805 Dec. 5

NAME: MOORE, JOHNGENERATION IN RICHMOND: I.

Ref: Representative Men & Old Families of Rhode Island.
Chicago: J.H.Beers & Co.; 1908. Pages 1642,1664.

"The Moore family, like that of Hoxsie, is one of the oldest ones of South County, and originated in John Moore, a cooper by trade, who emigrated from England. He and his wife, Mercy Easton, who was also of English birth, removed from Newport to what is now the town of Richmond, and he bought land in the northern part of Richmond in 1704, from John Hoxsie. In 1728 John Moore was a freeman of Westerly. He survived his wife, and died and was buried in Richmond in 1753, and in 1903, a cenotaph in his memory was erected in the Friends' Burial Ground in Richmond by his great-great-grandson, Benjamin Barber Moore. The children of John and Mercy (Easton) Moore were: Robert, Stephen, George, and David."

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Ref: Research by Lucy Rawlings Tootell:

1286 Kingstown Road, Kingston, R. I.

As former archivist of the Little Rest Archives, Kingston, R.I., the land evidence records in South Kingstown give the following facts about the house in the village of Kingston, R.I. just west of the Village Store which was originally a stone ended house before additions were made over the years:

- 1657 Jireth Bull bought land from the Pettaquamscutt Purchasers. (S.K.L.E.2 - 320).
1709/10 Feb. 9 - John More (Cooper) bought land from Ephraim (Hannah) Bull (N.K.L.E.3-38 & S.K.L.E.Old 3-111) - for six pounds current silver - two acres - bounded north and west by a road (Kingston Main street & South Road) - east by Joseph Case, and south by Ephraim Bull.
1714 Mar. 22 - Abraham (Tabitha) Perkins bought property from John Moore. (N.K.L.E.3-37). This deed is the first to mention a house and shop on the land.

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Ref: William D. Miller, Early Houses in the Narragansett Country:

"Abraham Perkins, blacksmith, purchased this lot from John Moore in 1714. As no house is mentioned in the deed it is to be presumed that Perkins built after purchase. It was the first house known to be built upon the main street of Little Rest ..."

Comment by Editor Tootell: The deed in North Kingstown, which was the Senior Town and would have had the original deed, definitely mentions buildings in the 1714 deed when John Moore sold the land. Perhaps Mr. Miller found a copy of said deed in the South Kingstown records or the State Archives. In my opinion, John Moore erected the first known house in Little Rest (Kingston), R.I.

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The cenotaph is still to be seen in the northeast corner of the old Quaker Cemetery on the north side of Route 138 between Beaver River and Usquepaugh.

NAME: MOORE, JOHNGENERATION IN RICHMOND: I.

Ref: Smith, DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN FAMILY NAMES, page 148

English - dweller in, or near, the marsh or high wasteland.

In Scotch, a moorman is the official in charge of the cattle on the marsh or wasteland.

Ref: Friend's Cemetery on Route 138-north side-between Beaver River and Usquepaugh. Cenotaph in northeast corner reads:

"Freeman of the town of Westerly, 1728 - in memory of - JOHN MOORE & His Wife Mercy Easton - Pioneer Settler of English birth who bought land in northern part of this town, 1704 - Died & was buried there 1753 - This cenotaph given 1903 by Gr. Gr. Grandson BENJAMIN BARBER MOORE."

Comment: John Moore actually buried in old Moore Cemetery No. 13.

MOORE CEMETERIES IN RICHMOND:

Cem. No. 13 - located west side of Gardiner Road - about 3/4 mile in - this is oldest cemetery - see News Letter, Vol. III. - pp.44,45.

Cem. No. 5 - located south side Hoxsie Road - see News Letter, Vol. III. - page 20
Beautiful grove of Hemlock Trees set out in this cemetery by the Moore family.

Friend's Cemetery, Route 138 - has cenotaph of John Moore and other members of the family.

Ref: Mary Lillibridge Bliven, BARBER GENALOGY. Westerly Library, p.30.

I. JOHN MOORE

- ca.1753

m. Mercy Easton (Of Thomas & Priscilla Harding Easton)
Residence: Homestead owned by B. B. Moore

Children:

1. Robert Moore d. 1787 m. a James
2. Stephen Moore B.4-20-1716 d. at sea
3. George Moore B. 5-28-1719 d. unmarried
4. David Moore B.9-13-1721 m. Mary James, widow
of Thomas James - daughter of Samuel
& Anna Barber.

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L.R.Tootell,Wyoming,R.I.02898

MAY 1977

NEXT HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next Richmond Historical Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, May 17th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Richmond Town Hall.

Miss Carolyn Stoner, Richmond Town Clerk, will speak on THE DORR WAR IN RHODE ISLAND.

Members are invited to bring any items of interest in connection with the Dorr War for the SHOW & TELL table.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the above meeting will be: Yvonne Dalley, Chairwoman; the Stedmans; and the Bouchers.

FIRST FAMILIES OF RICHMOND

The description sheet for JOHN MOORE is numbered IX.-33A so that it can be placed in the appropriate sequence in your news letter

Where did the Websters live in Richmond?

The Millar residence?

The Dawley residence?

Where did the Moore family live in Richmond?

Where was the SILAS MOORE house?

Was the DAVID MOORE homestead the Chatalian home?

Please make the following additions to the personal record sheet of JOHN MOORE - Vol.IX. - page 32

DEATH WHERE: Richmond, R.I.

Robert Moore = D: 1787

M: _____ James

Stephen Moore = B: 1716 April 20 D: Died at sea

George Moore = B: 1719 May 28

The Society thanks the following members for sending in data on the following first family member to reside in Richmond:

John Webster = by Marjorie Webster Schunke

Thomas Lillibridge = by Mrs. Milton Young Warner

Data on first family members will be published in the order received by the Archivist.

FUTURE MEETINGS

June 21, 1977 Tues. THE ANNUAL MEETING

JOIN THE SOCIETY

Send your three dollars dues to the Treasurer Charles Edmonds, Carolina, R. I. 02812.

Ref: Richmond Land Evidence Book No.3 - page 533.

October 14, 1776

We the subscribers being appointed by the town of Richmond a committee to receive of the state of Rhode Island the town's proportion of salt and deliver the same to the inhabitants of the town do report that we have received 123 bu. & 5/8 which was the town's proportion and that we have delivered out 152 bu. & 3/4 and that there are several families in the town who have not applied for their salt -

Signed William Tefft & George Webb.

November 29, 1776

At a town meeting especially called and held in Richmond in the state of Rhode Island the 29th day November 1776 at the dwelling house of Joseph Tefft Jr. ... voted Edward Perry be moderator ...

... voted that this town give to the soldiers now to be raised one shilling per day over and above the state's pay as an encouragement for their enlistment during the time they are in the service.

... voted that William Tefft, Esq. be a committee to act in conjunction with the committee of safety in equipping the soldiers now to be raised.

... voted Capt. Richard Bailey Jr. be chosen 2nd Lieut. in the room of Christopher Clarke who was appt. by the General Assembly of this State & declined serving.

... voted this present town meeting is dissolves -

December 3, 1776

R.L.E.No.3 - p.534

At a town meeting held in Richmond in Kings County in the state of Rhode Island the third day of December 1776 at the dwelling house of George Webb Esq. - ... voted Major Richard Bailey be moderator ...

... were drawn Jonathan Boss, Grand & Peter Hoxsie, Petty Jurior to attend at the superiour court of Judicature to be holden at South Kingstown in the county on the 1st Monday in April next.

... were drawn James Clarke, Grand & Thomas James, Petty Jurior, to attend at the inferiour court of common pleas to be holden at South Kingstown ... the 3rd Monday in February ...

... voted that there be a rate or tax of the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds lawfull money upon the ratable estates & poles of this town of Richmond to be assessed, collected & paid into the treasury on or before the 3rd day of March next. And that the pole tax be in the above rate nine pence ...

... voted Samuel Stanton be allowed six pounds to collect the above rate he agreeing to take that sum for his fees for collecting the above rate ...

... voted that George Webb & William Tefft Esqs. have an order upon the treasurer for the sum of nine shillings & ten pence, three farthings ...

(To be continued)

NAME: WEBSTER, JOHN GENERATION IN RICHMOND: I.

OF: _____

FATHER: James WebsterMOTHER: Mary

BROTHERS & SISTERS: _____

BIRTH: ca. 1684

WHERE: Boston??

DEATH: 1781 Jan.

WHERE: Richmond, R.I. (see will)

CEMETERY:

RELIGION:

MARRIAGES: (1) Sarah Kenyon

WHEN: ca. 1709

WHERE:

(2) Rogers

WHEN: ca. 1719

WHERE: Westerly

OCCUPATION: _____

RESIDENCES: _____

CHILDREN:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Hannah Webster (oldest daugh.) | m. Ezekiel Barber 1736 Nov. 28 |
| B: | D: |
| 2. Mary Webster | M: Joseph Woodmansee 1741 Aug. 17 |
| B: | D: |
| 3. Elizabeth Webster (youngest daughter) | M: John Kenyon 1748 Jan. 18 |
| B: | D: |
| 4. James Webster (oldest son) | MM Hannah Woodmansee |
| B: | D: |
| 5. John Webster, Jr. | M: Elizabeth Mosher 1751 Dec. 6 |
| B: | D: |
| 6. Thomas Webster (by 2nd wife) | M: Patience Adams 1765 Aug. 17 |
| B: | D: |

NAME: WEBSTER, JOHNGENERATION IN RICHMOND: I.

1724 - 1731 = Town Sargeant in Westerly.

1727 = On committee to lay out Post Road from Pawcatuck Bridge
to South Kingstown

1747 - 1754 = Richmond's first town clerk

Ref: Richmond Historical Society News Letter, Vol.I. - p. 4:

1747 Aug. = chosen Richmond Town Councilman

1747 Oct. = chosen deputy to the General Assembly.

1781 Jan. 15 - Will of John Webster (Richmond Probate Book No.2-303)

... to ... son James Webster ... 74 acres & 3/4 ...
part of my homestead farm in said Richmond ... bounded ...beginning at the north east corner at Beaver River
thence running west $7\frac{1}{2}$ degrees north 214 rods by Joseph
Woodmansee land - thence southerly to Thomas Lillibridge
land to white oak tree - thence east $7\frac{1}{4}$ degrees south
225 rods to said Beaver River - thence northerly by said
Beaver River to the first mentioned bounds to ... son John Webster ... 94 acres & a half of
land .. in Richmond ... part of my homestead farm & is
bounded ... beginning at the southeast corner at Beaver
River - thence south 63 degrees west 136 rods by John Knowles
land - thence north 74 degrees west 133 rods by Joseph
Tefft Jr. land - thence north 30 degrees west about
8 chains by Joseph Tefft land - thence north 84 degrees
east by land herin after given to my son Thomas Webster to a large
rock - thence north 63 degrees east 100 rods to a maple
tree by said Beaver River - thence southerly by said
Beaver River to the first mentioned boundes to ... son Thomas Webster ... 94 acres & a half ...
the remainder of my homestead farm in sd. Richmond bounded
easterly on Beaver River - southerly on land herinbefore
given to my son John Webster - westerly on Joseph Tefft
land & northerly on land herin before given to my son
James Webster according to a draft made Dec. 15, 1775
by Robert Stanton to ... daughter ... Hannah Barber ... Mary Woodmansee
... & Elizabeth Kenyon ... all the remaining part of my
personal estate of every kind whatsoever to be equally
divided between them ... and I constitute, ordain, &
appoint my loving son John Webster my whole & sole exec-
utor of this my lat will ...

Signed John Webster.

Notes From The Secretary's Desk.

April 19, 1977, Herbert Arnold, President, called the meeting to order with 13 members and 2 visitors present. Reports of committees was given .

Archivist, Lucy Tootell, reports on the history of the Moore family. The information, starting with John Moore, the first member of the family in Richmond, was placed on index cards and attached to a large poster board. Lucy would like information, personal records, generations in Richmond, and occupations of the early settlers in Richmond.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Richard Greene, who entertained us with a very interesting talk on the History of Surveying, Richard displayed a large Aerial Survey of the Richmond Town Hall area, for every-one to view and discuss. He also had with him a field tape, which was valued about \$200.00 and a Swiss transit valued about \$4000.00. He then showed how each instrument was used when surveying.

Boundary lines are difficult to find, when an old deed refers to a heap of stones, stone wall, Virginia rail fence, large oak or elm tree. In Johnston, the deed referred to a white birch tree with initials on it. Richard found this tree.

Many old deeds gave measurements in chains and links. 100 links or 66 feet equal 1 chain.

The transit is a telescope which is set up on a tripod. To it are attached both horizontal and vertical arcs, used in measuring horizontal and vertical angles. The tripod and the telescope may be made level with the aid of attached bubble levels. Hanging from the center of the tripod is a weight which drops to the ground at the exact point where the survey is made.

The surveyor will note all property lines, boundary marks, names of former owners, buildings, easements and all rights of ways.

All data is brought into the office and the information is checked and then fed into a computer. All errors are adjusted. The computer will do 40 acres in 10 minutes. A scale drawing is then drawn of the survey. Cost will vary from one job to the other. The average cost is about \$50.00 per acre..

The audience was amused when Richard said, 'place 16 men as they come out of church, short and tall, in front of each other so that one man's shoe will touch the other man's shoe, in a straight line, this will equal a rod!

Richard also read a survey from an Old Time Diary of an Old Time Forest Ranger, of Crooked Creek, Arizona, Aug 15, 1906. Copies of this survey were left for the Historical Society.

Refreshments were presided over by Ida Bader, Patricia Millar and Gladys Segar.

Ida Card Bader Sec'y

ANNUAL MEETING

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Richmond Historical Society will be held on Tuesday evening, June 21, 1977 at 6:30 P.M. in the Carolina Fire Station, Route 112.

The meeting will be preceded by a POT LUCK SUPPER. All members are asked to bring food as drinks will be furnished. Also bring your own dishes and cutlery.

There will be election of officers for the coming year and an interesting program.

Guests are always welcome.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the above meeting will be: the Earl Smiths, the Herbert Arnolds, and the Clarence Handells.

ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues are owing as of June 1, 1977. Mail: \$3.00 to Treasurer Charles J. Edmonds, Carolina, R.I. 02812

GIFTS TO THE ARCHIVES

From Lucy R. Tootell: Recent picture of the Richmond Town Pound
Recent picture of the former Nelson K. Church House.

From Elwot T. Avery: copy of the newspaper WOOD RIVER ADVERTISER
Vol. 0 No. 0 December 1875.
Note: This was sample sent to local people to find out if the public would be interested in the publication of such a local newspaper.

From Dorothy J. Pearce: picture of Quarrelsome School No. 5
picture of Wanton Lillibridge House
picture of Roy Rawlings' house which was built by Wanton Lillibridge.

- I. Thomas Lillibridge 1st.
- II. Thomas Lillibridge 2nd.
- III. Edward Lillibridge
- IV. Amos Lillibridge
- V. Wanton Lillibridge
- VI. Mrs. Hattie E. Lillibridge Joslin
- VII. Mrs. Dorothy J. Joslin Pearce

BOOKS FOR SALE

From The Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation, 150 Benefit St., Providence, R. I. 02903 (Add 25¢ per book for postage, etc.):
THE DORR REBELLION - RHODE ISLAND'S CRISIS IN CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT - Dr. Patrick T. Conley - 13 pages - \$1.25
ANTHOLOGIE DE LAS POETES FRANCO-AMERICAINE DE LA NOUVELLE-ANGLETERRE (The anthology of Franco-American Poets of New England) in French By Paul R. Chasse - 285 pages, index - \$2.95

Ref: Richmond Land Evidence Book No. 3 - page 534.

December 3, 1776

(continued from Vol.IX. 35.)

... George Webb & William Tefft Esq. appeared in town meeting and reported that they had the sum of two pounds, nine shillings, & ten pence, three farthings in their hands of the town's money due upon the act of the salt. -

... voted that Edward Perry have an order on the treasurer for one pound sixteen shillings, it being for timber for the new bridge ...

Voted Robert Stanton have an order on the treasurer for four shillings and nine pence it being for timber -

voted Edward Perry be town treasurer for the remainder part of the year in the room of Richard Bailey, who was the former treasurer but resigned - he doing the office as treasurer for two pence per pound -

... voted Thomas Lillibridge & Joseph Woodmansee Jr. Esqs. be a committee to audit the former treasurer's accounts & make report to the next town meeting ...

... voted Capt. Richard Bailey, Jr., be allowed by this treasurer one shilling per day for 3 months above the state's pay if not discharged before that time -

... voted the treasurer be directed to hire 63 pounds to pay the soldiers now at Rhode Island the town advance money to them by their return -

... voted Capt. Simeon Clarke Jr. be & is hereby appointed to receive the town's stores now in the possession of George Webb Esq. & that he keep the same for the town -

... Capt. Thomas Tefft & Ensign Samuel Clarke two of the committee appointed to take care of the town's stores of ammunition declined serving any longer -

voted Mr. Caleb Barber have an order on the treasurer for the sum of 6 shillings with the interest thereon from June 1775 until paid it being for the lead he purchased for the town.

... voted Benjamin Tefft ... one pound sixteen shillings ... & Thomas Tefft ... one pound twelve shillings one penny half-penny it being for blankets for the town -

... voted Major Richard Bailey ... seven pounds four shillings it being for blankets for the soldiers -

... voted Benjamin James be surveyor of highways & viewer of fences in the room of Incom Potter for the remainder of the year.

... voted George Webb be surveyor of highways & viewer of fences in the room of William Potter who is dismissed by the assembly.

... voted this present town meeting be dissolved.

NAME: LILLIBRIDGE, THOMAS GENERATION IN RICHMOND: I

OF: _____

FATHER: _____

MOTHER: _____

BROTHERS & SISTERS: Edward

BIRTH: 1662 or 1666 WHERE: England

DEATH: 1723 August 29 WHERE: Richmond, R.I.

(Richmond Town Meeting Book No. I - p.149)

CEMETERY: Richmond Cem. No. 19 RELIGION: Episcopal

MARRIAGES: (1) Mary Hobson (cf Henry & Mary)

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

(2) Sarah Lewis

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

OCCUPATIONS: Weaver and baker of "sea bread" - farmer

RESIDENCES: Newport-Richmond, R.I.

CHILDREN:

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| 1. <u>Catherine Lillibridge (1st w.)</u> | <u>M. Robert Wilcox</u> |
| <u>B. _____</u> | <u>D. _____</u> |
| 2. <u>Thomas Lillibrige (1st.w.)</u> | <u>M. Mary Woodmansee (1726)</u> |
| <u>B. 1703</u> | <u>D. Feb. 8, 1757</u> |
| 3. <u>Sarah Lillibridge (2nd. W.)</u> | <u>M. George Fitch (1720)</u> |
| <u>B. Ca. 1709</u> | <u>D. _____</u> |
| 4. <u>Elizabeth Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. _____</u> |
| <u>B. Ca. 1709</u> | <u>D. _____</u> |
| 5. <u>Robert Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. (1) Alice</u> |
| | <u>M. (2) Sarah Dunbar</u> |
| <u>B. ca. 1710</u> | <u>D. _____</u> |
| 6. <u>Mary Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. Jonathan Clark (1728)</u> |
| <u>B. _____</u> | <u>D. _____</u> |
| 7. <u>Esther Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. (1) James Martin (1735)</u> |
| | <u>M. (2) William Peckham 1763</u> |
| <u>B. _____</u> | <u>D. _____</u> |
| 8. <u>Benjamin Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. Amie Sherman (1743)</u> |
| <u>B. 1712 July 11</u> | <u>D. 1800 Aug. 11 (Exeter, R.I.)</u> |
| 9. <u>Edward Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. Esther Hill (1739)</u> |
| <u>B. ca. 1724</u> | <u>D. 1786 May 1</u> |
| 10. <u>John Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. Marcy Enos (1743)</u> |
| <u>B. ca. 1724</u> | <u>D. _____</u> |
| 11. <u>Patience Lillibridge (2nd.W.)</u> | <u>M. Paul Tew (1734)</u> |
| <u>B. 1716</u> | <u>D. 1736 Aug. 10</u> |

NAME: LILLIBRIDGE, THOMAS GENERATION IN RICHMOND: I.

Ref: Joel N. Eno, THOMAS LILLIBRIDGE OF NEWPORT, R.I. AND HIS DESCENDANTS. Boston: Press of David Clapp & Son; 1909. Page 1

" 1. Thomas Lillibridge, the founder of the Lillibridge family in the United States, was born in England in 1662. His name first appears in this country attached to a petition, dated Newport, Sept. 26, 1699, to the Earl of Bellomont, to use his influence with "his Majesty" William III for the establishment of an Episcopal church at Newport (S.G. Arnold, History of R.I. vol.1, p.599). This was Trinity church, in which Thomas Lillibridge was a warden till 1713, and where he owned pew 8 till 1719. He was a vestryman in Narragansett church, 1718. He settled in old Westerly (now Richmond) in 1720, where he died Aug. 29, 1724. Besides personal estate inventoried at £ 1160, 18s., and two slaves, he left by his will, 1724, two houses in Newport, land in the "Narragansett country," and old Westerly, besides other "unsettled lands"; also a maintenance to his brother Edward, "if he shall come into this country"; and a bequest "unto John my brcther's son" - perhaps he who married Mary joslin in South Kingston, Mar. 29, 1730. Many of the records in Newport being destroyed by the British during the Revolution, the records of Thomas Lillibridge's Newport life are meagre, but indicate that he married first Mary, daughter of Henry and Mary Hobson (Austin, Genalogical Dictionary of R. I., additions and correction concluded, under Hobson); and secondly Sarah Lewis, who died Jan. 22, 1760, aged 85, her name being signed as wife, with his, to a deed of Newport land, July 5, 1706."

Ref: Notes from Miss Marjorie V. Lillibridge (of Dr. Byron Jesse, Jesse R., Jonathan, Clark, Jonathan, Benjamin, Thomas Lillibridge, Ist.) (Marjorie is a member of the Richmond Historical Society)

"THOMAS LILLIBRIDGE, the founder of the Lillibridge family in the United States, was born in England in 1662. The reference in East Greenwich, Rhode Island Land Evidence, vol.II., page 190, to his oldest daughter "Elizabeth Easton, the wife of Richard Easton of Great Britain in ye county of Devon in ye parish of Chaldon (i.e., Cheldon in Chulmleigh, North Devon)" offers a clue to the locality whence he emigrated; there is also a "Lillibridge Road" in Brompton, near London. His earliest known American record is as a signer of a petition dated Newport, R.I., September 26, 1699, to the Earl of Bellomont, then in Newport, to use his influence with His Majesty, William III, for the establishment of a Church of England at Newport. This is the original Trinity Church, in which Thomas was a warden 1709 and 1713. He settled in old Westerly in 1715, the part originally called Shannock, and incorporated August 22, 1728 as Charlestown in the section north of the Pawcatuck River which was set off August 18, 1747 as Richmond, R. I., where he died August 29, 1724. His will left "one of my homestead farms" to his eldest son Thomas. This contains the family burying ground of this son west of Richmond Town Hall which is now (1915) known as the "Nelson K. Church place." A second farm adjoining he gave to his son Robert and it still (1915) remains in the Lillibridge family."

By Eleanor H. Smith

Tucked away in the heart of Richmond is a family industry will know to few - Meadowbrook Lace - owned and operated by Ray and Ruth Bradley. This gentleman, who enjoys country privacy and feels uneasy among "crowds of people", nevertheless kindly opened his shop to the Richmond Historical Society on April 24.

Minimizing the importance of his business, he was somewhat overwhelmed by the twenty-three people who suddenly filled his driveway. He beckoned us to "come in": the machines were immediately surrounded by people and Ray was peppered with questions from all sides.

The building houses three Leaver's go-through looms. Built by Wallis and Longden of England, they are seventy years old, at least. There are only some two hundred of these machines in the entire United States.

*Leavers machines have 40,000 moving parts; a single machine weighs more than 30,000 pounds, requires 500 feet of floor space. Despite its size, it produces some of the finest, most delicate fabric known.

In the late 1700's or early 1800's, Joseph Marie Jacquard invented a loom, partly mechanized, to make damask and brocades; using the principle of punched cards to control the designs. This same principle is used for lace-making.

In 1813, John Heathcote Leavers produced a machine which he and his brothers continued to improve until 1837 when they incorporated the motion of the Jacquard loom attachment. The resulting product, the Leavers lace-making machine, remains essentially the same today as it was in 1837.*

The lace buyers bring to the mill charts which are drafted by a draftsman. These charts, drawn in colored lines (each line numbered) look to the layman like so much doodling but which are in fact very intricate patterns. The buyers also furnish the coordinating cards to install on the machines.

The pattern cards on the Meadowbrook Lace machines were of hard fiber board, about two feet long and two inches wide. Quarter inch holes were punched out of the cards, seemingly at random to the untrained eye. A series of these cards were linked parallel to each other, the solid areas on the whole series determining the pattern of the lace. When the "droppers" are blocked by the solid areas, they are pushed up and caught by the driving blade which moves the steel bars on which the threads are used, leading from 3500 flat round bobbins and a long steel "beam" the width of the machine looking like a very long spool. The bobbins are threaded with 40 denier nylon, the beam with 70 denier, all white.

* DENIER is a unit of yarn number.

YARN NUMBER is a measure of linear density, indicative of diameter when yarns of the same fiber are compared.

The word "denier" dates back to early Roman times when a coin, the denier, was the medium for buying or selling silk.*

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Only band lace is produced at Meadowbrook Lace; it is manufactured as a whole piece of fabric the width of the loom but it is actually bands of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, one inch wide with acetate thread joining them. When the completed lace is removed from the machine, it is examined for small holes resulting from thread breaks. A few breaks inevitably occur even though * yarns used in making lace are stronger and more firmly twisted than those used for other types of fabrics".

Holes are mended by one of the Bradley daughters, then the fabric is bundled and sent away to be cleaned (scoured) and finished. The whole piece is put through an acid bath which does nothing to the nylon lace bands but dissolves the joining threads. When the bundled lace leaves Meadowbrook Lace mill, it never returns; it continues on its way to the garment industry.

"In recent years, Raschel knit machines have been producing fabrics with the same general appearance of true laces which are less expensive. A true lace has knotted yarn while Raschel laces are made by interlooping patterns."

The making of lace is complex; great patience and skill is demanded from those who are involved in its manufacture. Ray entered this field in 1935 at the Richmond Lace Works in Alton, R.I.. In 1958 he set up his own shop with one machine. With six people, his mill now runs sixteen hours a day.

We are grateful to Ray for his patience in answering our questions and demonstrating the machines. It was a fascinating glimpse into an industry unknown to most of us and mostalgia for those who, st some time, had worked in the lace industry.

Meadowbrook Lace is quietly adding to the history of Richmond.

* The starred notes are taken from INTRODUCTORY TEXTILE SCIENCE, SECOND EDITION, by Marjory L. Joseph - San Fernando State College.

ERRAT

(Eleanor H. Smith requests the reader to change the wording on page IX.- 25 paragraph 5 to read as follows:

"A bed was given to Leona by the Mullen and Fanning families of Norwich, Connecticut. At the time of the 1938 Hurricane, some of the Mullen family had a house at Misquamicut. It was swept from the waterfront to a corner near St. Clare's Church. The lot on which the house came to rest was purchased and the house was set on it. In the house was a bed on whose footboard was the information that, "this was the property of my great grandmother, A. Ann Eldred Nash, brouhgt from Kingston, R.I.," - Mrs. Nash was an ancestor of John R. Eldred of Kingston, R.I."