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NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the Richmond Town Hall on Tuesday evening, September 20th, at 7:30 P.M. The public is always welcome.

Ursula Luth, a Richmond resident from Arcadia, R.I., will favor us with a fascinating illustrated talk on her summer experience entitled, ADVENTURES ON A TRAMP FREIGHTER.

This will be a most timely program as she visited both Columbia, South America, and the Panama Canal area, both countries being mentioned in the current newspapers for totally different reasons.

Don't miss this meeting and bring a friend!

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the above program will be: The Baders, co-chairmen; the Bouchers, and Edmund Britland.

JOIN OR REJOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Won't you join or rejoining our Historical Society and help to promote such worthwhile projects such as: interesting programs, field trips, local history facts of interest, monthly News letter, publications, maps, research projects, historical archives, and good fellowship!

Send \$3.00 dues to Charles Edmonds, Treasurer, Carolina, R. I. Thank you.

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR A SUCCESS

Chairwoman Mildred Chatalian reported that the fair held on the Rawlings Homestead Estate in July made a profit of \$154.31. The Society thanks Mildred for her splendid cooperation in making this annual event a worthwhile project and also extend thanks to all those who had booths, etc. at the event.

DRIFTWAYS INTO THE PAST

We are all eagerly awaiting the book, Driftways into the Past, to arrive from the publishers. There will be only one printing which means that the book will eventually become a rarity such as the "History of Washington and Kent Counties", which will raise the value as the years go by.

The enclosed flyer will give all details about the purpose and purchase of the above book. To date, money has been received for 99 books credited to - Marcus Whitford=56-Lucy Tootell=28-Carolyn Stoner=5-Ida Bader=5-Eleanor Smith=3-Hazel Dyson=2- How about you?

NEXT FIELD TRIP

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The next field trip by the Richmond Historical Society will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 11, 1977, at 2 P.M.

Members and guests are invited to meet at Richmond Historical Cemetery No. 1 located on Dawley Park Road near the intersection with the New London Turnpike in Tug Hollow, Richmond, R. I.

The Richmond Historical Society will present a citation to Mr. Herman Reynolds for caring and beautifying Cemetery No. 1 and putting Richmond's No. 1 cemetery in No. 1 condition. Hopefully this will inspire others to do the same to other historic cemeteries in the town.

From there the guests will be taken on a brief tour of the once time center of Tug Hollow and also the only commercial enterprise still active there i.e. the Tug Hollow Ceramics run by Stanley and Marilyn Jusczyk.

Directions to Cemetery No. 1 = At Wyoming, take the Route 95 north to Exit 4 - take exit 4 to old route 3 north - at Dawley Park (ca. 3.4 miles), turn right on Dawley Park Road - proceed about .9 miles eastward to Cemetery No. 1 to be seen on your left - receive your parking instructions from guide at the cemetery.

COMING EVENT

Save Sunday, October 30, 1977 for an all day program at Peace Dale, R. I. presented by the Rhode Island League of Historical Societies and hosted by the Richmond Historical Society. Richmond Historical Society member Leona McElroy Kelley is our Chairman of the affair and she will offer a most interesting program. The next news letter will furnish more details and cost.

COMING EVENT

The newly organized Rhode Island Commemorative Committee for Major General Nathanael Greene will hold an open meeting at the Hopkinton Town Hall, old route 3, on Sunday afternoon, October 9th, at 3 P.M. All interested people are invited to attend and contribute to the program.

This meeting will concern itself with building a slide collection of transparencies pertaining to the life and career of General Greene and his family. These slides will be used for talks and programs to make the adults and children of this state more aware of the importance of this great General to the American Revolution and develop a pride of Rhode Island's native born son in the hearts of Rhode Islanders and the Nation as a whole.

Diana T. Harvey, School librarian at the Forest Park Elementary School in North Kingstown, R.I. will present a film strip used in the school program on "Nathanael Greene, famous patriot of the American Revolution." to illustrate what can be done in the educational field with slides.

Anyone having any slides which would pertain to Gen. Greene, are invited to bring them to the meeting to be viewed with the idea of having copies made if the donor does not wish to donate them. Leona McElroy Kelley is Chairman of the Educational Aids comm.

Notes From The Secretary's Desk

June 21, 1977, Twentyfive members and visitors were present to enjoy a delicious Pot Luck Supper, held before the annual meeting at the Carolina Fire Station.

President Herbert Arnold called the meeting to order and reports of committees was given.

Lucy Tootell gave a report on the Richmond Historical Book. It takes about a year to publish a book. We have all data ready and the pictures were done by the Westerly Sun. The book will contain about 312 pages and 200 pictures or illustrations. Lucy also showed a photostatic copy of the cover for the book. The design was black letters on a white background and the title is Driftways Into The Past. Driftways is referring us to the old roads and paths. White with black letters refers us to the authors memory of the past, of white houses with either black or green trim, which was a tradition in Richmond.

Special Event;

Annual Handcraft and Food Fair was held July 23 on the Rawlings Lawn from 10 A.M. to 5 P. M.

The Richmond Historical Society would like to say thank you to Mildred Chatalian chairman and her Committee and all of those members and their friends who helped in any way with our sale. The arrangements take a great deal of time and thought. As a result of the excellent preparation everything was a success.

A Board of Directors meeting was held July 10, 1977 at the home of Lucy Tootell, with 9 members present. At this meeting a motion was made, voted and approved that Charles Edmonds call the Secretary of the State Office, to find out what we should pay for our cooperation assessment and Charles is to pay the bill.

A motion was also approved that the treasurer Charles Edmonds and Lucy Tootell be authorized to set up a special Richmond Historical Book account at the Washington Trust Co.

Earl Smith was elected chairman of the Historical Sign Committee. Carolyn Stoner was appointed to help Lucy Tootell as Archivist and Patricia Millar was appointed chairman of Historical Costumes.

Many interesting programs were planned for this year and we hope to have some of the historical meetings on a Sunday afternoon. Also an open house program at the Bell Schoolhouse.

Congratulations are extended to Lucy Tootell our new President, and all of the other officers, which remain the same as last year, except Carolyn Stoner. She was elected to serve 1 year on the Board of Directors to replace Lucy, and Marcus Whitford 3 years on the Board of Directors.

Ida Card Bader Sect'y

NAME: PERRY, EDWARD GENERATION IN RICHMOND: _____Reference: Beers, REPRESENTATIVE MEN AND OLD FAMILIES OF
RHODE ISLAND, Vol. I - page 482.

" Ezra, Edmund, Margaret and Hannah Perry, all of record in Sandwich, Mass., some five years after the town was settled, it is believed, were brothers and sisters, and tradition points to their former home as Devonshire, England. Of these Edmund Perry, who left Devonshire about 1650, to escape persecution, was a grand juryman in 1653, surveyor of highways in 1657, 1668, and 1674, and also recorder of deeds in the last named year. He was prominent member and speaker in the Society of Friends, and an earnest defender of its doctrines.

He married Mary, born in 1590, daughter of Gov. Edmund Freeman. His children were: Corcas, Mary, Samuel, Deborah, Sarah, Peace, Edward, Rest (became Mrs. Jacob Mott, and was the mother of a daughter Mary who married Nathanael Greene and became the mother of General Nathanael Greene of Revolutionary fame), and Benjamin. Mrs. Perry died in 1682.

Page 256: ... Samuel and Benjamin settled in South Kingstown and were, it is believed, the progenitors of practically all of the Washington County Perrys. From Benjamin Perry descended the two brothers Commodore Oliver H. and Mathew C. Perry, of Lake Erie and Japan Treaty fame, respectively, who have given distinction to the Perry name in their native town of South Kingstown, R.I.

NOTE: For some reason, references to EDWARD or EDMUND, apparently refer to the same first generation PERRY.

Page 399 ... He (Edward Perry) married about 1653, Mary, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth Freeman, Edmund Freeman being lieutenant governor of the colony ... he was first clerk of the first monthly meeting of the Society of Friends held at Sandwich, Mass. ... Edward Perry published a book of addresses as early as 1688, said to be the first book published in this country ...

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| I. Edward Perry m. Mary Freeman | |
| II. Benjamin Perry m. (2) Susannah Barber | |
| III. Edward Perry m. Dorcas Gardiner | |
| IV. George Perry m. Anna Perry | |
| V. Lois Perry m. Newberry Card | Susannah Perry m. David Clarke |
| VI. George Perry Card m. Desire Slocum Lillibridge | Halsey Perry Clarke
m. Mary Allen |
| VII. Reynolds Lillibridge Card m. Geneva J. Hadfield | Mabelle Perry Clarke
m. Charles Kenyon |
| VIII. Ida Jane Card m. Raymond Bader | Halsey Clarke Kenyon
m. |
| IX. | Harold S. Kenyon |

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the Hazard Memorial Library, Route 108, Peace Dale, R.I., Sunday, October 30, 1977 at 9:30 A.M.

The Historical Society will act as the host for the fall meeting of the Rhode Island League of Historical Societies.

The program is entitled SOUTH COUNTY NEIGHBORS ENTERTAIN YOU and will have talks on the Hazard family of Peace Dale, R.I., the Nathanael Greenes of Coventry, R.I., and the new society book soon to be published, "Driftways into the Past." A delicious lunch will be served at the Larchwood Inn, Wakefield, R.I., followed by a conducted tour of Peace Dale, R.I.

Mail your reservation for \$7.50 to Norman E. Wright, Treasurer, Box 6, Lincoln, R. I. 02865. The reservation deadline is October 25th.

Leona McElroy Kelley is the chairwoman for the affair. She would like to have volunteer society members help her with the program. Why not call her at 783-4695.

INTERESTING PROGRAM

Read the enclosed notice on the interesting program to take place at the Hopkinton Town Hall, October 9th, at 3 P.M. on assembling a master collection of slides on General Nathanael Greene. Members should enjoy this so save the date.

DRIFTWAYS INTO THE PAST

Sorry to say the books, DRIFTWAYS INTO THE PAST are still not back from the publishers. It has been three months now and they should be here any day now.

Members should keep in mind that the pre-publication price of \$10.00 will rise as soon as the books do arrive and so do not miss the opportunity to obtain a bargain while it lasts!!!!

JOIN OR REJOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dend you \$3.00 dues to Charles Edmonds, Treasurer, Carolina, R. I. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Miss Virginia Lacey, Hoxsie Road, Richmond, R.I.
Mr. & Mrs. Roland A. Morgan, Wyoming, R.I.
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Markham, Wyoming, R.I.

ANECDOTE

When a reporter walked into the Richmond Town Clerk's office in Carolina yesterday afternoon and asked Town Clerk Oscar Barber what was doing, the town clerk replied, "I don't know, you're the first person I've seen today." (Westerly Sun, 6-20-77)

NAME: BENJAMIN PERRY GENERATION IN RICHMOND: I.

OF: Edward Perry

FATHER: Edward Perry

MOTHER: Mary Freeman (of Edmund, Vice-Governor of Colony)

BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1.Dorcas, 2.Mary, 3.Samuel, 4.Deborah,
5.Sarah, 6.Peace, 7.Edward, 8.Rest.

BIRTH: 1677 WHERE: Sandwich, Mass. ???

DEATH: 1742 WHERE: South Kingstown, R.I.

CEMETERY: Family plot-Perry Homestead RELIGION: Quaker

MARRIAGES: (1) Daughter of an English Surgeon

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

(2) Susannah Barber (of Moses & Susannah West Barber)

WHEN: October 11, 1727 WHERE: South Kingstown, R.I.

RESIDENCES: Sandwich, Mass. - South Kingstown, R.I.

Owned Perry Homestead Farm, Richmond, R.I. -apparently never lived there.

OCCUPATIONS: _____

CHILDREN: (by 2nd. wife)

1. Benjamin Perry M. _____

B. 1728/9 D. Died in infancy

2. Edward Perry M. (1) Dorcas Gardiner (1754)

(moved to Richmond, R.I.) M. (2) Ruth Perry (1770)

B. March 28, 1731 D. 1798

3. Freeman Perry M. Mercy Hazard (1755)

B. January 23, 1733 D. 1813

4. Mary Perry (twin) M. Thomas or Daniel Steadman (twin)

B. November 19, 1735 D. _____

5. Susannah Perry (twin) M. Above Thomas or Daniel (twins)

B. November 19, 1735 D. _____

NAME: BENJAMIN PERRYGENERATION IN RICHMOND: I.

Reference: Mrs. Ida Card Bader's comments:

Benjamin Perry married twice. The name of his first wife is unknown. There were no children by the first marriage. He married a second time on October 11, 1727 to Susanna Barber, (B: 1697-D:1748), daughter of Moses and Susannah West Barber, granddaughter of Francis and Susannah Soule West and great granddaughter of George and Mary Beckett Soule. George Soule was a passenger on the Mayflower.

Benjamin Perry moved to Kings Towne, R.I. shortly after his brother Samuel where he bought land as early as 1702. He was made a freeman of the Colony from Kings Towne, May 1, 1716.

Benjamin Perry's will was dated Aug. 13, 1748. The first appraisement was made Feb. 13, 1749 and finally closed Aug. 17, 1749. He mentions in the will two sons and two daughters and made special provision for the care and maintenance of his widow by his sons. To Edward he left all his Richmond land except 100 acres, "which begin at a pond called Lillibridge Pond, and lying north-west." This 100 acres, with "all my houses and lands in South Kingstown", he gave to his son Freeman. To his daughters he left household goods and money. He had them by his second wife.

(Halsey P. Clarke homestead, Route 138, Richmond, R.I.) - the farm where Halsey P. Clarke lived was bought in 1747 by Benjamin Perry, a part of the house now standing was then on the place. This was afterwards the home of his son Edward Perry, then of his grandson George Perry, grandfather of Halsey P. Clarke, who was the son of David and Susannah Perry Clarke.

On the chimney of the house was a large brick with this cut in it: -

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This house was probably built by Nathan M. Lewis. It was later owned by Ebenezer Niles, Jr., who had married, in 1730, Sarah Kenyon, and had six children.

It could also have been the home of Nathaniel and Mary Lewis, as in some cases the letters on the left were for the man's name and the letters on the right were for his wife's name. One of the important old houses in Kingston has dates on the chimney like this - and letters are for man and wife.

Ebenezer Niles committed suicide in this house. He cut his throat in the East Chamber, after moving a bureau into the fireplace in the East room downstairs and setting fire to it. The West part of the house is of more modern construction.

Ebenezer Niles was buried in the meadow, north of the house all by himself. The David Lewis family are buried a few rods from him. Sarah Niles, his widow, was appointed administrator of his estate, August 4, 1746, her brothers John and Thomas Kenyon were her bondsmen.

Other references:

Beers, page 482

Dutton, page 3

Cole, pages 700, 1265

"Notes upon the Perrys" by Mrs. E. R. Smith & Col. T. L. Casey

Richmond Historical Meeting
Public Town Meeting

Sept. 20, 1977
Town Council Chambers

Lucy Tootell, president, called the meeting to order with 19 members and visitors present.

Henry Boucher installed all officers for the year of 1977 through to June 1978 except Patricia A. Millar, our Vice President. She was attending the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Pres. Tootell asked the secretary to reas the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of June 21, 1977, were read and approved. Lucy stated that the minutes of prior meetings will not be read at the meetings, but will be in our news letter and corrections can be made at the meeting.

Special Announcements;

President Lucy Tootell, showed a duplicate of the citation that was presented to Mr. Herman Reynolds. Lucy said, 'Mr. Reynolds received the No.1, citation and when a citation is presented, their name and a gold seal will be placed on the parchment.

Important Dates.

Sunday, October 9, 1977, The Newly organized R. I. Committee for Major General Nathanael Greene will hold an open meeting.

Sunday, October 30, 1977, An all day program at Peace Dale R. I. presented by the R. I. League of Historical Society.

Note;

So as not to have repetition in our news letter, please read Lucy's report on the coming events.

Book Publication;

Fliers are out and we expect the book soon. We have sold 132 books and the price is reasonable for all the information that is in this book.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Ursula Luth, a Richmond resident from Arcadia, R.I. Mrs. Luth took her Masters degree in Library Science at the Univ. of Rhode Island. She has done graduate work in this field, particularly in Children's Literature at Boston Univ., Oklahoma State Univ., and Loughborough College, in England. She established the Library - Media Centers in the four elementary schools of the Chariho area.

Mrs. Luth entertained us with a very fascinating illustrated talk on her summer experience entitled, Adventures On A Tramp Freighter..

Mrs. Luth went aboard the freighter at New York Harbor. The ship was 800 feet long and had 5 hatches. The first stop was at Oyster Bay, then to Camden Philadelphia where they docked and took on one pilot and one tug, then down river and up the Baltimore Canal to Fort McHenry,. This is where Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the 'Star - Spangled Banner;. At this port, tractors were auto-matically loaded on the freighter.

In Wilmington North Carolina, Mrs Luth showed beautiful slides of battleships in the harbor. The freighter then went to Charleston South Carolina, where the 12 passengers took a tour of Charleston. They went into town and saw many fine arts and crafts, beautiful

colonial homes and had lunch at a Charleston Ice House.

The freighter was at the port in Miami, Florida at 7:30 P. M. and had stopped at 7 ports before it left the United States.

In Uribia the land was like a desert, the sand was very white and at Santa Marta Mrs. Luth could see the Andes Mountains. Also in Santa Marta she visited an Indian fishing village. Most of the Indians carved their boats from the trees. The next stop was at Ecuador and Lima. At Ecuador the freighter was loaded with bananas. The men loading the ship would carry two boxes on his shoulder and run and deposit them as fast as possible, this goes on day and night. In Ecuador the ship picked up eight stow-a-ways, five took off in Panama.

It was quite an experience going through the Gatun Lock. The ships are lifted and lowered through locks, as they cross the narrow isthmus. A ship in the lock may be twenty feet below another ship.

Mrs. Luth's friend met her at the pier in Panama, so she had a chance to visit other friends and see the Canal Zone.

The trip was for 38 days and her room on the freighter was air-conditioned. All of the passengers was on their own and the Capt. was an unusual man.

Mrs Luth displayed some of the handcraft work she brought back, consisting of a carved figures of a Llama and a mountain man, both from Ecuador, a crib with the Christ child and Mary and Joseph, (the three Wise men (one of the Wise men was black) and a hand woven tapestry.

The evening was concluded with refreshments presided over by Ida Bader and Henry Boucher while chatting with Mrs Luth. She was very enchanting, dressed in a long black gown with hand embroidery in red, yellow and blue flowers on the skirt.

The show and tell table featured Mrs. Luth's handcraft display.

Respectfully Submitted
Ida Card Bader Secretary;

Rhode Island Commemorative Committee for
MAJOR GENERAL NATHANAEL GREENE
News Letter

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NEXT MEETING

A meeting of the Rhode Island Commemorative Committee for Major General Nathanael Greene, will be held Sunday afternoon, October 9, 1977, at 3 P.M., at the Hopkinton Town Hall, Route 3, Hopkinton City, R.I. This meeting is open to the public.

In order to make the public more aware of Rhode Island's greatest Revolutionary War Hero, Nathanael Greene, a collection of slides of various aspects of the life and times of General Greene and the Revolutionary period will be assembled. Eventually slide talks will be developed for use as an educational media for schools and other organizations.

Diana T. Harvey, who holds a Master's Degree in Library Science from U.R.I., and is school librarian at Forest Park Elementary School, North Kingstown, R.I., will show a professional film strip on Nathanael Greene which is currently being used in the schools.

Anyone having slides which have any connection with Nathanael Greene i.e. names of places, buildings, location, monuments, family history, life and times, etc., and anyone interested in helping to take pictures, is invited to bring them to this meeting where there will be a projector and slide trays available.

This is a 'labor of love' by volunteers who take pride in their state history and love to take pictures. The public is urged to attend and contribute.

Leona McElroy Kelly, Rodman St., Peace Dale, R.I., is Standing Committee Chairwoman of the "Educational Aids Committee." Please refer your inquiries to her (783-4695) or to Lucy Tootell (539-7581).

There will be a brief business meeting. Will the following chairmen be ready to report on -

1. Highlights of last Secretary's report.
2. The state of the treasury.
3. Blank forms for the incorporation of the organization.
4. Response to request for national proclamation honoring Gen. Greene on Nov. 14, 1902/1977-75th anniversary of his re-burial at Savannah, Georgia.

The enclosed notice is a date that should be saved by all Rhode Islanders - Sunday, October 30, 1977 - and be attended by everyone who desires to commemorate General Greene. Helen and Lewis Greene will be our star performers. Let's back them up all the way!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vice-Chairman Nathan Kaye made arrangements with Mr. Lee Spencer, Curator of the Greene Homestead, Coventry, R.I. and Ethan Pendleton, Bradford, R.I. (former President of Westery. Camera Club), to meet with Lucy Tootell, Leona Kelly, and Diana Harvey at the Greene Homestead last Saturday, Sept. 17th, to take slide pictures. Unfortunately it rained very heavily. Mr. Spencer was most gracious and hopefully there will be some interesting slides of the interior of the homestead to add to the collection. Thank you gentlemen!

The next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the Richmon Town Hall on Tuesday evening, November 15th, at 7:30 P.M. The public is always welcome.

Our new members of the Historical Society, Jane and Pete Markham, Wyoming, R.I., will speak and illustrate THE ROMANCE OF THE SPINNING WHEEL and MASTER GARDENING. Jane will have a real spinning wheel there and a collection of assorted yarns colored by natural dyes.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The collation committee for the above meeting will be: Charles J. Edmonds, Chairman, and Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brunskill.

DRIFTWAYS INTO THE PAST

Hurrah !!!! The book on our Richmond History is here !!!! Most of the books have been delivered to the nice people who sent in their orders ahead and the books to be mailed are being sent out now so you in other states should receive them shortly.

For a while the books are still being sold at the pre-publication price of \$10.00 plus 75¢ postage. As soon as members have an opportunity to make their purchases, the price will rise. A report on our donors will be in a later issue. Without them we could not have been able to finance this project!

Mail your \$10.75 per book request to Lucy Rawlings Tootell, Editor, Wyoming, R. I. 02898, or pick up your own copy for \$10.00 at the Washington Trust Company, Hope Valley, R.I., or the Richmond Town Hall, or the Langworthy Public Library.

CHAIRWOMAN LEONA McELROY KELLEY DID A WONDERFUL JOB LAST MEETING

To President Lucy Rawlings Tootell
From President Seebert J. Goldowsky, M.D.
The League of Rhode Island Historical Societies

I want to thank you and the Richmond Historical Society both personally and in behalf of the League of Rhode Island Historical Societies for sponsoring and arranging the very successful meeting in Peace Dale and Wakefield last Sunday. It was both profitable and entertaining. I heard many favorable comments.

We look forward to having your continued interest and participation in League affairs ...

(Note: there will be a more detailed report on the affair in next issue)

JOIN OR REJOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Send your \$3.00 dues to Charles J. Edmonds, Treasurer, Carolina, R. I. Thank you.

Presentation of A Citation To Herman E Reynolds

Sunday, September 11, 1977

A deligation of twenty four Historical Society members and friends gathered in Tug Hollow to witness the presentation of a citation to Mr. Herman E Reynolds , for beautifying Richmond Historical Cemetery No1.

The presentation of the citation in the form of a framed parchment was made by Lucy Rawlings Tootell, president and founder of the Richmond Historical Society. It recognizes Herman E Reynolds for the care and attention he has given the cemetery, which contains about 50 graves, mostly of his relatives, going back over six or seven generations.

Lucy Rawlings Tootell States;

In spite of family deeds specifying that ' one quarter acre, more or less, shall be maintained as a cemetery' down into perpetuity, neglect and the ravages of time make them vulnerable to inroads by forests, vandalism, housing developments, road construction and animals.

Not only is a family cemetery of importance to the family of the deceased, it is also part of a town's history and tells a story about the community.

Notice that this cemetery is surrounded by local granit posts connected by iron rods made at Brand's Iron Works (now Wyoming). Notice the gravestones made of slate or marble. Notice the local family names such as Reynolds, Tefft, Edwards, Clarke, Moore, Letson, Champlin, Terry, Northup, Young, James, Barber, Cottrell, Crowell, Sloan and Whitford.

The oldest stone is for Lucy Tefft, wife of Benjamin Tefft, who died Sept. 11, 1811 - exactly 166 years ago to day.

The newest grave is for Whitman G Reynolds, who died Nov.11, 1936.

Nathaniel Reynolds was the youngest to die at five months, and Abigail Cottrell Reynolds, Mrs. Stephen, the mother of ten children, was the oldest to die, in her ninety first year.

Abigail's husband, Stephen Reynolds, Esq. (1749 - 1826), great great grandfather of Herman Reynolds, was the town clerk of Exeter, R. I. for forty years.

The 'Esq' after his name on the stone stands for 'Esquire' a medieval term for the armor bearer to a Knight and became in R. I., a title used to honor professional men, Justice of the Peace and public officials.

The family of Herman E. Reynolds;

Apparently there were three early settlements of Reynolds in Rhode Island, Jonathan at Bristol, James at South Kingstown and John, a carpenter, at what is now Exeter, R. I. Sherman.

John Reynolds of South Kingstown, married Abigail Cottrell of I do not beleive he is buried in this cemetery.

His son, Stephen Reynolds, married Abigail Cottrell of Exeter. Their children are recorded as being born in Exeter. They are buried in this cemetery. They had ten children. He was town clark of Exeter for forty years.

Their son Almond F. Reynolds, married H annah M. Perkins and both are burried here.

Their son Whitman Reynolds evidently married twice, first to Mary A. Champlin, and second to Mary E. Edwards. They are all buried here. His son George Reynolds married Mary Whitford. Our honored guest today, Herman E. Reynolds, is the son of George and Mary Whitford Reynolds.

It is of local history interest that Herman's collateral cousin, Benjamin A. Reynolds, in 1858 ran a general store in Carolina Mills, now called just Carolina. He later moved to Mapleville, R.I. he is not buried here.

Several of the Terry family are found buried here. They were not natives of Richmond, I do not know much about them. However, there is Terryville, Conn, just West of Hartford, where an Elis Terry was the first man to test the system of interchangeable parts on clock-works that were cut from wood, as early as 1809. He was mass producing clocks using machine methods. James Terry, son of Eli, carried on and eventually Seth Thomas became famous at the same location where now is a clock museum. Are these people related/?

Lucy Tootell, President of the Richmond Historical Society, presented the No.1, Citation to Mr. Herman E. Reynolds. He made no remarks except 'thank you' and gave a pleasant smile.

Lucy introduced her brother, Sen. Rob Roy Rawlings, who said, you take a vacation to see history and you won't see anything better than right here.' He also extended greetings to all and praised Mr. Reynolds for his volunteer efforts.

Next to speak was Roland A. Morgan, representing the Richmond Town Council. He said, 'I too wish to express appreciation for all you have accomplished and I am sure he can look with pride at his work.' "Well done good and Faithful Servant".

Next Lucy called on Richmond Town Clerk, Miss. Carolyn M. Stoner, Saying, "Carolyn is a wonderful Clerk and I hope she can reign as long as Stephen Reynolds, Esq. (40 years);

Carolyn said, "I personally would like to thank Mr. Herman Reynolds. for all of his efforts in maintaining this cemetery. This brings back pleasant memories of her father Carl J. Stoner, as they spent years tracing down old cemeterys and not one out of sixty was in good condition".

Mr. George Allen was recognized next and praised for helping Mr. Reynolds with the cemetery work. Herman Reynolds called him, his trail blazer.

Capt. Marcus Whitford, U.S. Army retired, was the last speaker. Capt. Whitford said, "I have seen you laboring in this cemetery even in the rain. Strange as it may seem, The Lord Taketh away and giveth, A new baby calf was born, in the meadow just back of the cemetery, as the Richmond Historical Society was presenting Mr. Herman Reynolds his citation.

After the ceremonie Capt. Marcus Whitford led the group on a walking tour of the area of Tug Hollow.

It was a beautiful day for a walk, the sun was shining bright and the air was a little crisp. We walked eastward until we reavhed a large farm house, with a big ahimney in the center of the roof. Our guide Marcus said, "this was the old Reynolds farm and the Wilkins family now live here". A little further down the road was the foundation of the old blacksmith shop, just across the road was a large stone which

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covered a well. A little further down, past the well, on the right was where the large wagon shop stood. All around this area were beautiful willow trees. This area was once known as Willow Valley. Turning left at a fork in the road, we could see where there was a dam and flume. This supplied power for a mill. The old foundation of the mill is on the right hand side of the road. The water comes from the James pond and flows across the highway into a stream which travels into Beaver River. On the opposite side of the road once stood an ice house. In back of where the dam was, is now a dense swamp. The dam was demolished by Stephen Metcalf years ago. In the mill, during the Civil War, woolen cloth was made to supply uniforms for the soldiers. At one time pewter plates and spoons were made in the mill, also counterfeit silver dollars. The mill wheel remained on the site for many years. Turning right and walking past the mill, on the left side of the road was a grocery store. The scales remained on the site when Capt. Whitford was a small boy. He said, "I spent many hours playing with them". Next to the store was a boarding house owned by a Mr. Remington.

Walking further up this road was the old Cahoon farm. This farm had a smoke house where many hams and buckeyes were smoked and fed to the boarders at the boarding house. Over the wall, in back of the smoke house is Reynolds Cemetery No. 2. One day the smoke house caught on fire and burned down. The house burned also. A new house and other buildings have been built on this site and this is where we visited the only enterprise still active in Tug Hollow. The Tug Hollow Ceramics, run by Stanley and Marilyn Jusczyk.

We were greeted in the yard by Mr. and Mrs. Jusczyk and introduced by Capt. Marcus Whitford. Mrs. Jusczyk invited us into her ceramic shop. There we saw about a thousand green molds in various shapes, ready to be painted and fired. Lessons are given to anyone that desire to make ceramics. We also saw rows of chairs placed along a bench where the students work. Mrs. Jusczyk explained, when a mold is taken from the kiln it is very easy to break and when it is painted and fired it becomes very hard. Next we were invited into their home to see the piano she had painted. It was painted all over the front with small yellow, green and blue flowers. She also had stools, chairs and tables all beautifully painted with flowers and fruit. Mrs. Jusczyk said "I started my business with just 8 jars of paint, 20 pieces of green ware and 4 students."

After saying good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Jusczyk at the ceramic shop, we started our walk back. Again at the fork in the road we decided to go up the Old New London Turnpike, to the Exeter Town Line, to see the Toll-house foundation. We found the old foundation of the Toll-house, wagon shed and well. Retracing our steps back to the parking lot, we had a chance to view the many wonders of nature. There was wild apple trees with yellow and red apples on the ground, bartlet pears, barberry bushes and the fields were yellow with goldenrod.

Ida Card Bader; Secretary

COSTUME CLOSET REPORT

"Will any freedom here from you be borne,
Whose clothes are threadbare, and whose cloaks
are torn?"

.....Dryden

Spots and stains are disappearing, tears are being mended, new linings going in! This is only part of what's happening in the costume closet.

An historic textile and costume collection adds greatly to the knowledge of a people's way of life, of their attention to fashion, as evidence of needlework talents as times and circumstances change. In order for such a collection to be of value, it must be preserved in the best and most professional way possible; it must also be available to persons interested in research; and it should be accessible for display.

All these are goals of your present curator. Historic garments must be hung without strain, wrapped to prevent damage from atmospheric fumes, moth proofed, bacteria proofed, and mounted for display. This is being done.

It is our hope that the collection will continue to grow. The collection should be representative of all phases of history in our town, of all ages, and of all life styles. Remember, the 1970's are almost past history so today's fashions are as representative as those of the 1870's. Shoes, bags, hats, and jewelry all have a place in a costume collection. We are preparing to receive them all, so please check your wardrobes, attics, and trunks. A historical background for the items would also be greatly appreciated.

Restoration and conservation work requires textiles of natural fiber (cotton and silk, preferably), silk and cotton thread. Do you have grandma's thread box around? We could use these materials to the best advantage. Just give me a call after 5:00 P. M.

A FASHION SHOW is planned for our June, 1978, meeting. This program will require a lot of preparation. If you have a costume you would enjoy seeing used in this event, either as a permanent donation, or as a loan, please let me know soon. If you'd like to help with the needlework, let me know sooner!

Yours in fans, hats, and gloves,
Patty Millar, Textile Curator
539-7676

NAME: EDWARD PERRY GENERATION IN RICHMOND II.

OF: Benjamin - Edward

FATHER: Benjamin Perry

MOTHER: Susannah Barber

BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1.Benjamin 2.Freeman 2.Freeman
3.Mary and 4.Susannah (twins)

BIRTH: 1731 March 28 WHERE: _____

DEATH: 1798 WHERE: _____

CEMETERY: _____ RELIGION: _____

MARRIAGES: (1) Dorcas Gardiner

WHEN: 1754 WHERE: _____

(2) Ruth Perry (of Samuel & Susanna Hazard Perry)

WHEN: _____ WHERE: (No children)

OCCUPATIONS: _____

RESIDENCES: South Kingstown - Richmond, R.I.

CHILDREN: (By first wife)

1. Benjamin Perry M. Alice Sewell 1779

B. 1754 December 11 D. _____

2. Susannah Perry M. _____

B. 1759 September 25 D. _____

3. George Perry M. Anna Perry

B. 1762 February 9 D. _____

COMMENTS BY IDA CARD BADER:

Edward Perry took the oath in South Kingstown, April 30, 1754 and shortly after moved into RICHMOND, from which town he was a Deputy to the General Assembly, 1769, 70, 71, 72, and 78. He was a Justice of the Peace in Richmond as early as 1756, and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Kings County, 1780, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85. He held other responsible offices in his town and in the Colony. Feb. 28, 1774, he was on the committee of Correspondence in Richmond concerning the tax on tea.- April 17, 1777, he was President of the Town Council in Richmond. From 1779 to 1780, he was clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature. During the Revolutionary War, he was appointed on several occasions to pay bounties, receive recruits, and collect continental loans. His last public service seems to have been in October 1787.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be a CHRISTMAS PARTY and no business will be transacted - all fun and good cheer!

The party will be held at the Carolina Fire Station, Route 112, on Sunday afternoon, December 11th, at 2 P.M.

The Herbert Arnolds and the Clarence Handells will set up tables, and furnish coffee, sugar, cream, and napkins.

The members are asked to bring a finger food such as sandwiches or a sweet.

Members are invited to bring anything to do with Christmas for the show and tell table or a favorite poem, story, or special talent for the program such as singing, playing a musical instrument, or appropriate game, etc.

NEW MEMBERS

Stanley and Marilyn Jusczk, Tug Hollow, R.I.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jordan, Shannock, R.I.
Donald B. and Anna F. Crndall, Pawcatuck, Conn.

GIFTS TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Carolyn Stoner: picture of Wood River Church; post card of Alton; History of Wood River Church.
Lusy Tootell: family bible; booklets, What They Wore - Costume, and The Home Book for Genealogists.
Vetta Scudder: Iron Corn Husker made at Brand's Iron Works.
Harold Kenyon: Handmade book on marriages by Edward Perry. Handmade book of justice's record.
Henry Boucher: Scrapbook after 1890 - pictures and clippings.
Richmond Elementary School: miscellaneous data on the Richmond School.
Leona M. Kelley: Abstracts on the Reynolds Family in South Kingstown.
Mary McElroy Palmer: Richmond Tax Books (1854 - 1890)
Earl Smith: items for Bell School i.e. signs - cabinet - flagpole.
Byron Smith: Cabinet for Bell School originally in school.
Robert Jordan: separate Arrow shirt collar.

THANK YOU

ERRATA

Mr. Arnold in his Narragansett Historical Register made a mistake. In the official Richmond Town Records, change the RICHMOND HISTORY news letter, Vol. VII. page 30 to read:
DINAH REYNOLDS married WILLIAM WITTER (not UTTER)

PLEASE!!!! - Only two members have not renewed membership by paying their current dues - surely an oversight - are you guilty?????

Richmond Historical Meeting
Public Town Meeting

November 15, 1977
Town Council Chambers

Lucy Tootell, President, called the meeting to order with 20 members present. Pres. Tootell, welcomes all and a special welcome to our new members. Virginia Lacy from the Hoxie Road and Robert Jordan of Shannock.

A motion was made and approved that the secretary's report, in the September 20, 1977 news letter be accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report;

Charles Edmonds states as of Nov. 15, 1977 we have a total of \$2041.82. Charles also reported receiving an electric bill, with a charge for fuel but no charge for electricity. A motion was made by Harry Chatalian that Charles call the Narragansett Electric and ask for an explanation. Motion was second by Raymond Bader and was carried.

Richmond Historical Book Committee;

Pres. Lucy Tootell, reports; "Driftways Into The Past" are being mailed out as soon as they can be wrapped and Margaret Niles is helping her. Lucy also reports of receiving letters of congratulations on a wonderful publication, from Mrs. Grace Oppy in New Hampshire and Mrs. Ethel K. Perry in Jacksonville Florida.

Correspondence;

Motion made and approved that we send a brief note to Gladys Segar and Gladys Palmer, congratulating them on their issue of "Hopkinton Notes".

We received an invitation from the "R.I. Black Heritage Society" to their 2nd annual meeting in Providence Dec. 7, 1977 and Lucy received a telephone call requesting to purchase "Driftways Into The Past".

New Business;

Pres. Lucy Tootell reports attending the funeral for Miss. Florence Richmond. There were sprays of flowers from the Richmond Historical Society and the Bell School Alumni. Our book "Driftways Into The Past" was dedicated to Miss. Richmond, beloved teacher at Bell District School, No. 9, 1901-1918 inclusive. Miss. Richmond missed the dedication by one hour, but she did recognize Marcus Whitford four or five days before the presentation and carried on a conversation with him. Marcus left the book at the nursing home for her.

A motion was made and approved that we reimburse Marjorie Schunke \$15.75 for a bill she had paid to the Wakefield Printing Co. Jan. 1, 1972.

Representing the Historical Preservation Com. Patricia Millar reports that data on old buildings in Richmond is being accumulated. This Com. would like to advise and help restore some of these colonial buildings. The Historical Society went along with these thoughts but when Patty mentioned Historical Zoning some members disapproved.

Bell School Committee;

Eleanor Smith reports for chairman Earl Smith; Mr. Edward Barske had the roof on the school repaired. Earl has donated a iron sink and part of a book cabinet to the school. His brother Byron is donating the other part of the cabinet. This book cabinet is the original one that was in the school.

Discussion on the December meeting: Plans were made to have a Christmas party on a Sunday afternoon at the Carolina Fire Station. Herbert and Virginia Arnold volunteered to secure the date and take charge.

The meeting then was turned over to our new members, Jane and Pete Markham. Jane entertained us with a very fascinating talk of shearing their own sheep and then spin the wool into yarn. After their Dorset sheep are sheared the wool is put into a large container and washed in a mild detergent then dried. Jane illustrated how to card and comb the wool into straight fibers. She also had a drop spindle and her spinning wheel, which was designed in New Zeland. Jane illustrated how to spin the wool into yarn from which she makes many items, such as wool caps and beautiful shawls. A Lazy Kate is to ply the yarn and there is 66 yards in a skein. Flowers from her herb garden provide the natural dye for the wool which makes softer yarn and more beautiful colors than artificial dyes..

Pete Markham told about master gardening which was very helpful and inreresting. He told us what to use for sprays, why a fruit tree doesn't bear fruit and how to plant a black walnut tree. Pete states that an apple from our tree, with the rough skin is much better for us to eat, than the shiny red apple in the store as they are diped in acid or a chemical. Pete assists the County Agent and he would be glad to help us with any problem.

Rhode Island League Of Historical Societies Meeting
Sunday, October 30, 1977 was a beautiful day for the meeting at the Hazard Memorial Library, in Peace Dale. We were greeted by Yvonne Dawley, with steaming cups of coffee and delicious cakes and breads. The Richmond Historical Society acted as host for the meeting. It wasn't long before Carolyn Stoner and I were put to work passing out booklets of the progeam and showing people where to register.

Our Pres. Lucy Rawlings Tootell gave the introductions. She did such a good job telling about our book "Driftways Into The Past" that Marcus Whitford spent most of the day selling our book.

A illustrated talk on the Hazards Of R.I. was given by Mrs. Leona McElroy Kelly. She showed many nice slides of the Peace Dale Mill, the Homestead, Hazard School and the 7 stone bridges.

Lewis R. and Helen T. Greene dramatized the 18th Century Greenes, (Kitty and Nathanael Greene) Kitty was great and had the audience all laughing as she lifted her hoop skirt to reveal the tobacco and tea she had in the pockets of her long petticoat which she was taking to her husband Major General Nathanael Greene.

After the meeting we had a delicious roast beef luncheon at the Larchwood Inn. The R.I. League sponsored awards and Marcus Whitford received a membership certificate to the Sons Of The American Revolution.

After the luncheon there was a conducted tour of Peace Dale and the Hazard Estate. Six of us got into Patty's car and we went to see the Town Hall, Lily Pads, The Weaver and the Neighborhood Guild.

Respectfully Submitted
Ida Card Bader Secretary: