

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK / PATTEN FROM PATTY MILLAR!

At our December meeting we were delighted to welcome Frank, Yvonne, and Steven Dawley who were back in Richmond for a month's visit with Frank's brother, Link, who was also present, to the pleasure of many of his old acquaintances.

The Charlestown Historical Society expressed interest in our Newsletter and requested the back copies. Eleanor Smith moved that we procure a suitable notebook to house the copies of the Newsletter and send them as a gift to Charlestown.

Two diamond pattern quilts, one velvet, one cotton, made by Addie Chase and donated by her brother, Allen Rathbun, were on display for all to admire. Mr. & Mrs. Paul DeGannett donated a picture of the Quarrelsome Corners School and three Westerly Suns, one of which was dated 1934 and carried a story of the Moore family fire on the Old Mountain Road in which Phil Moore perished; another bore the date 1938 and covered the famous hurricane. Earl Smith had drawn a sketch of the village of Hillsdale as he remembered it in his youth. We hope this is the first of a collection of such village sketches of the Town of Richmond.

It should be noted that a number of people have designated historic items as gifts to the Richmond Historical Society, but are holding them until such time as the Society has a suitable place to store and/or display the items. We would like to remind you that good things come slowly, but in due course! The "behind-the-scenes" work goes on steadily.

January activities of the Bell School Committee prove the above. Mr. James Jerue, Chief of Parks and Recreation and his restoration foreman visited the site of the Bell School, discussed the construction and placement of the belfry, measured for new windows assuring us they would make the panes as small as is feasible for the size of the windows as they are now, and discussed the availability of a brick mason for the chimney work. Mr. Jerue again warned that the money for this project is being eeked out from here and there and that the work would necessarily have to progress slowly. He, however, was most interested in the project from a historical standpoint, and from a personal standpoint as part of his family came from the Richmond area!

A lock was some time ago placed on the Bell School door and a key left with the Town Clerk should anyone desire to get into the building. Ray Bader has another key. As work progresses, hopefully this information will be of value!

Clarence Handell, our guest speaker on the history of the Carolina Fire Department, was ill. His program will be given at the March meeting on the 18th.

Ida quickly filled the void with slides of her trip to the State of Wyoming through some gorgeous scenic countryside, and slides of some of our own local countryside as seen on field trips.

On January 21, 1975, the following resolution acknowledge the contributions of Mrs. Esther H. Kenyon to the Town of Richmond was read and passed. Copies will be sent to her children.

NECROLOGY

January 9, 1975

Resolution

Be it resolved that

Whereas, Esther (Lea) H. Kenyon, member of the Richmond Historical Society, died on January 1, 1975, and

Whereas, she was a charter member of the Richmond Historical Society, and

Whereas, she had taught school in the Richmond School system for more than 30 years, and

Whereas, she also taught in the Beaver River one-room school house, and

Whereas, she was a member of the Kingston Congregational Church and the Chariho Senior Citizens, and

Whereas, she was the wife of Charles Clifford Kenyon, Director of Public Welfare and Town Auctioneer, and

Whereas, she was the mother of Gilbert G. Hillman, and

Whereas, she was the mother of Jack L. Hillman, and

Whereas, she was the mother of Harry A. Hillman, and

Whereas, she was the mother of Charles D. Kenyon, and

Whereas, she was the stepmother of Norman B. Kenyon, and

Whereas, she was the mother of Judith D. Healy, and

Whereas, she was the mother of Carol K. Ulmschneider,

the Richmond Historical Society does hereby express most sincere regrets at the death of Esther Kenyon, directing the secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to each of her children.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
1846 - 1903

April 7, 1900 (page 106)

At a school meeting of the legal voter of School District Number nine of the town of Richmond ...

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| Moderator | R.B. Palmer |
| Clerk | George G. Palmer |
| Treasurer | E. Sam James |
| Collector | Smuel England |
| Trustee | Geo. G. Palmer |

Attest
Geo. G. Palmer

April 13, 1901 (page 107)

Same officers.

April 4, 1902 (page 108)

Same officers.

April 3, 1903 (page 109)

A school meeting notified according to law and no coram present and same officers hold over.

Geo. G. Palmer, Clerk

June 15, 1904 (page 110)

A special meeting of District No. 9 for the purpose of taking action in regard to the disposition of the school property in said district was called on June 11 day, 1904. No coram and adjourned to June 15, 1904.

Geo. G. Palmer, Clerk

(Handwritten paper)-"Southerly until it comes to land of Wm. H. Palmer, thence westerly and southerly bounded on the south and east by land of Wm. H. Palmer until it comes to land of Sylvester James and Robert Johnson, thence westerly to land of James L. Lewis bounded on the south by land of said James and Johnson thence northerly and westerly until it comes to the highway bounded on the west and south by land of James L. Lewis, thence southerly on said highway until it comes to the northeast corner of land of Rowland G. Hazard, thence westerly bounded on the south by land of said Hazard A., Fannie Ki James and Maxson V. Woodmensee until it comes to the northwest corner of said Woodmensee land, thence northerly bounded on the west by land belonging to heirs of John Kenyon until it comes to the highway called the Mountain Road, thence easterly & northerly on said highway until it comes to the southeast corner of the David Moore saw-mill lot, thence around said lot to Beaver River. (Book ends here)

Richmond, R. I.

CEMETERY NO. 61
William Green
Hoyle Lot

VII.- 35.

(Located on Beaver River Road on a hill in back of Henry Hoyle's house.)

SARAH, widow of JOHN HOYLE, born February 7, 1830. Died June 20, 1913.

JOHN HOYLE, born March 23, 1835. Died May 9, 1890.

WILLIAM, son of SAMUEL AND MARY GREEN, Died May 21, 1855. Age 23 years.

WILLIAM GREEN, born May 21, 1865. Died February 12, 1886.

SARAH, widow of WILLIAM GREEN, died February 17, 1889. Age 77 years, 7 months, 7 days.

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Reference: James N. Arnold, NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER:
Vol. VI. No. 4 - page 338.

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MARRIAGES

- Richmond Nathan L., of Exeter, and Levina Kenyon, of Richmond;
m. by Elder C. C. Lewis, Sept. 21, 1846.
- Robbins Sophia, and Ebenezer K. Church, Nov. 27, 1817.
- Rogers Thomas, and Serniah Woodmansee; m. at Westerly by
Samuel Wilbour, Justice, Oct. 3, 1734.
- Martha, and Charles Pettis, Jan. 15, 1749.
- Hannah, and John Hull, Dec. 28, 1749.
- Abigail, and Joseph Austin, Aug. 26, 1750.
- Stephen, and Sarah Wilcox; m. by Stephen Richmond, Justice,
Jan. 26, 1752.
- Mary, and John Tenner, Jr., Mar. 15, 1752.
- Thomas, and Dinah Austin; m. by Stephen Richmond,
Justice, Sept. 7, 1755.
- Hannah, and Samuel Church, July 18, 1756.
- Thomas, Jr., and Elizabeth Hoxsie; m. by Thomas Lilli-
bridge, Justice, Mar. 20, 1763.
- Mary, and Joseph Austin, Dec. 8, 1777.
- Avis, and Thomas Rogers, Dec. 10, 1797.
- Thomas, of Brookfield, N. Y.; and Avis Rogers of Richmond;
m. by James Potter, Justice, Dec. 10, 1797.
- Ross Jemima, and Robert Reynolds, Feb. 14, 1782.
- Russell Anne, and Simeon Rathbun, Oct. 26, 1769.
- Albert H. and Harriet N. Babcock; m. by Elder Daniel
Avery, Aug. 25, 1845.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

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| Record Jonathan, of Thomas (dec.) & Abia, | Aug. 18, 1775 |
| Reynolds Thomas, of Thomas and Jemima, | Dec. 2, 1791 |
| Reynolds Clarke H., of Robert & Hannah, | Dec. 1, 1821 |
| Gideon, " " | Aug. 29, 1823 |
| Mary, " " | Oct. 23, 1825 |
| Hannah, " " | Mar. 19, 1828 |
| Reynolds Robert Thomas, of Thomas & Joanna, | Sept. 26, 1826 |
| William Henry " " | Aug. 27, 1828 |
| Harriet Newell, " " | Apr. 14, 1830 |
| Lillian J., " " | Dec. 17, 1831 |
| Mary Elizabeth, " " | Aug. 9, 1833 |
| Frances W. " " | Oct. 23, 1835 |
| Richmond Edward, of Stephen & Mary, | Dec. 15, 1746 |
| Anne, " " | June 8, 1750 |
| Rogers Hannah, of Thomas & Serniah, | Sept. 21, 1735 |
| Thomas, " " | Mar. 10, 1741 |
| Sarah, " " | Apr. 1, 1744 |

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Excerpts from the minutes of the March 18, 1975 meeting held at the Town Hall.

Mr. Paul DeGannett, acting as President pro tem for Ida Bader who was recuperating from recent surgery, welcomed 18 members at the regular Public Town Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account, \$150.69; Scholarship Fund, \$35.00; Cookbook Fund, \$277.86; Building Fund, \$1357.00; Interest, \$33.40, for a total of \$1853.95.

Communications

Earl Smith has been in touch with Mr. James Jerue, Chief of Parks and Recreation regarding progress on the Bell School. Mr. Jerue indicated that work on the belfry and chimney would begin as soon as his foreman, Mr. Larson, has completed his present project. The windows were estimated to cost \$1000.00 which Mr. Jerue considered too high so he is looking into other avenues of resource. Mr. Larson suggested that he might be able to make them himself, but time would be a factor equal in importance to cost.

An invitation was received from the Richmond Bicentennial Committee to participate in the Hopkinton ride to Newport which would be held April 12th in response to Newport's invitation to Hopkinton to share in the Revolutionary War activities. The group is to meet in full Colonial Dress at the Chariho Shopping Plaza at 10:00 A. M.

Bell School Committee

Earl Smith had been requested to make a sign to place at the Bell School for identification. He brought the sign for an early preview. It is a 2-inch thick slab of pine with letters routed out: Bell School, In use 1826-1934, Moved to this location 1971, Restored R. I. Dept. Natural Resources, Richmond Historical Society. Each line is spaced nicely on the sign, the letters are orange against a dark stained background. Earl plans to put the sign on two cedar posts so that it stands free of the building. Earl also feels that in its new location, the single stone step is not adequate; he is going to look into the possibility of getting another stone from another school site to make a more satisfactory entranceway. He is also going to check further on a previous offer of a school stove from one of the members.

When questions arose regarding the slowness of work on the building, it was again explained that funds for the project were being drawn from various other fund sources and that all the work to date had to be bid upon, a process which in itself is slow. Mr. Jerue will be seeing to most of the rest of the work himself if this can possibly be worked into the work schedule of his men. It was noted that Mr. Jerue is related to Enoch and Everett Jerue of Richmond and that he owns around 50 acres of land on the Kenyon Hill Trail. He is, therefore, personally interested in the project.

An article entitled "I Remember, I Remember," by Ruth Tirrell appeared in the December 1974 issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. The story is a reminiscence of Thanksgiving on the Clark Farm in Richmond. A zerox copy of the article is on file with the Archives and available for reading.

Paul DeGannett noted that because of lack of State funds, the minibus program for Senior Citizens is to be discontinued. He wondered what approach could be taken on the legislative level to rectify this situation as this represents quite a loss in the lives of the Senior Citizens.

Rep. Lucy Tootell reiterated the fact that funds are tight on all levels, and went on to explain that many such programs are the result of Federal programs which match funds with State or Town appropriations to get ideas and programs started. Then when the programs are well established, the Federal withdraws its funds to use in other areas, leaving the State or Town to fully support the programs. Often this is not possible. The elderly, education, and transportation programs have all suffered in this way.

It was also noted that minibus drivers used to be volunteers, but now they must be members of a union and paid not less than \$8.00 per hour.

Letters to your congressmen expressing your views on these issues do help influence the direction in which funding and budget allocations provide supportive help.

Archivist Report

A scrap book of photographs depicting the development of the Chariho Regional Jr./Sr. High School physical plant during construction prepared by Earl and Eleanor Smith and donated to the Society was displayed. This will be stored on the bookcase in the Town Hall vault, and available for viewing on request.

Lucy has received from the Rhode Island Reservation Commission a map of the Town of Richmond on which all areas and buildings of historic interest had been pinpointed. Accompanying the map was a separate sheet for each designation, with a picture of the structure and detailed information regarding the history and use of the structure. These are to be studied and corrected where necessary and returned to the Commission for their records. They are now at the Town Hall; please stop at your earliest convenience if you have any information concerning the older homes and places in Richmond. Your input is needed to bring this information up to date. We do not want the State Commission to be publishing inaccurate information because we couldn't be bothered!

For those who are wondering---The Rhode Island Preservation Commission not only keeps records, but provides funds and services for various worthy projects. When the fire destroyed a portion of the Dawley Tavern (Stagecoach House) in Wyoming on the evening of February 8, 1975, a letter was written to the Commission regarding the possible availability of funds for repair. Funds would have been available, but townspeople who were concerned

about the building, felt they would rather take up local donations and get the work done immediately rather than take the time to file the necessary forms and wait for meeting date for approval. Donations are still being accepted for this community interest project.

Program

Mr. Clarence Handell, Chief of the Carolina Volunteer Fire Company presented a brief history of fire fighting in the Town of Richmond, concluding with a history of the development of the Carolina Fire Department. An outline sketch of this history follows. Mr. Handell and the Richmond Historical Society would like any additional information you may have to compile a more concise history of fire fighting in Richmond.

THE RICHMOND FIRE TRUCK

March 9, 1918

Voted that the sum of \$3000.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a Fire Chemical Engine or Truck from the Combination Ladder Company, when said truck is put in first class condition and after a satisfactory demonstration has been made of said apparatus by said Company; the above was voted after the committee made a report. (Committee appointed to investigate purchase of Fire Truck: Amos J. Dawley, Roy Rawlings and Fred W. Smith.)

The same committee was given authority to have charge of the housing of the truck and the expense incident to the same be paid from the miscellaneous account.

March 8, 1919

Owing to the expense of maintaining the fire truck it was voted to charge a flat rate of \$100. for each trip outside the boundaries of the town, to be paid by the town calling for it. Theakston deCoppet was appointed to take the matter up with the Town of Hopkinton and Charlestown.

March 17, 1928

Voted that all sums received for the use of the fire truck up to \$500. be placed in a fund to be known as the Fire Truck Fund to be used at such time as the taxpayers should so elect toward the purchase of a replacement fire truck.

March 16, 1929

Arthur L. Gardiner made a motion that Town appropriate \$900. for maintenance of its fire truck and \$600. of the appropriation be spent for salary and \$300. for supplies and upkeep, and that the Town further appropriate the sum of \$2000. which is to go toward the purchase of a fire truck for the Charlestown-Richmond Vol. Fire Co.

(Motion declared out of order.)

Special Financial Town Meeting
August 11, 1930

Theakston deCoppet presented the following: That the Fire Chief be authorized and empowered to purchase a new fire truck on which is to be mounted the pump now on the Town fire truck, the whole cost to be approximately \$2300., that the funds now in the special Fire Truck account be appropriated in part payment and that \$1000. in addition be appropriated or if not available to be borrowed, such loan to be eventually paid out of future earnings of the truck.

Voted to approve by paper ballot. 36 in favor. 27 against.

October 14, 1930 Bills paid.

Fred W. Smith - Painting new fire truck, \$50.00.

Combination Ladder Co. - Diamond T Chassis, \$2254.87.

March 19, 1932

Voted that the Fire Truck Fund be placed in the General Fund.

March 2, 1943

Hope Valley Fire Co. adopted resolution to purchase fire truck from the Town of Richmond for \$2500. to be paid at the rate of \$500. per year for fire protection (per Fred Stanley).

(Ed. note. This refers, I believe, to Diamond Tillie).

"Hank" reminisced about fire fighting in the town within his memory. Fred W. Smith was a deputy ranger and was a generous contributor to fire fighting in the community. During the 1939's forest fires ran rampant in Rhode Island because fire fighting equipment was limited. During this time Ann Kenyon flew a fire spotting plane to help detect flames before they got out of hand and to help direct fire fighting equipment during fighting operations. At this time the fire truck was a chain drive vehicle which also served to break open snowy roads whenever there was an emergency of any kind.

Nat Lewis was fire warden, a position no longer existant.

In 1950 the State loaned two tank trucks with hand-cranked sirens which the Town stored in the shed at the Town Hall where Carolina now maintains its #2 Station; the Town was responsible for the maintenance of the two trucks.

"Sug" Hoxsie of Exeter was remembered as the fire fighting instructor whom all firemen revered. Firemen received a 50¢ raise when they mastered the "one-lick method" of fire fighting.

"Whip" Smith was also very active in fire fighting operations.

In late 1950's 10 volunteer fire companies in southern Rhode Island formed the Southern League. A \$100. assessment to belong was established to pay for the construction of a main station, radios, etc.

NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next town meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 15th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall.

The program will be the RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN AGERS.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next town meeting will be: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wolke, Co-Chairmen; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Boucher; and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clark.

COMING EVENTS

- April 12 Richmond Bicentennial Commission and Richmond Residents meet the Hopkinton Horseback Couriers on their way to Newport at the Wyoming Shopping Center at 10 A.M.
- April 15 Richmond Historical Society meeting.
- May Richmond Historical Society meeting. History of Taxation in Richmond by Carolyn Stoner.
- June Annual Meeting & Covered Dish Supper.

CORRECTION

Please change the page number of article on THE RIGHT NAME FOR THE RIGHT COUSIN from 32 to 42. Thank you.

JOIN OR REJOIN THE RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Family dues are only \$3.00. Mail to Charles J. Edmonds, Treasurer, Carolina, R. I.

SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR CHILDREN

- Alderman, Clifford L. Retreat to Victory. Philadelphia; Chilton Book Co., 1967.
- Alderman, Clifford L. The Rhode Island Colony. Toronto: Crowell-Collier, 1969.
- Beals, Carleton. Colonial Rhode Island. Camden: T. Nelson, 1970.
- Carpenter, Allan. Rhode Island. Chicago: Children's press, 1968.
- Cheney, Cora. The Incredible Deborah, a Story Based on the Life of Deborah Sampson. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1967.

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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next town meeting will be held Tuesday evening, May 20th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall.

The program will be on the HISTORY OF TAXATION IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND given by the Richmond Town Clerk Miss Carolyn Stoner.

Members and guests are invited to bring any items of interest such as old tax books or documents to be found in the Town Clerk's Office, etc.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next town meeting will be notified by President Ida Bader.

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FROM THE DITOR

The news letter will be only one sheet this month because the Editor is tied up with late legislation and cannot issue a full number of sheets this month. However, she will make up for this lack at a later date. Be patient.

SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR CHILDREN

Cool, Robert, Editor. The Boat (Published during the school year).

Curtis, Alice Turner. A Little Maid of Narragansett Bay. Philadelphia: The Penn Publishing Co., 1915.

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Gleeson, Alice Collins. Colonial Rhode Island. Pawtucket: Automobile Journal Publishing Co., 1926.

Gleeson, Paul F. Rhode Island, The Development of a Democracy. Providence: R. I. State Board of Education, 1957.

Hale, Edward Everette. Christmas in Narragansett. New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1884.

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H A N D C R A F T A N D F O O D F A I R

July 26, 1975

10:00 - 5:00

Plans and publicity are well underway for the annual Handcraft and Food Fair sponsored by the Richmond Historical Society. Bob Smith is again going to be with us with his delicious clam chowder, we are planning numerous tables featuring handcrafted items, there will be an antique car display and possibly short rides for the kiddies, there will be working demonstrations of handcrafts.

A great many arrangements have yet to be made; if you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact the committee members: Mildred Chatalain, Virginia Arnold, William Stetson, Johanna Wolke, or Patty Millar.

If you would like to participate in the fair by having a table of handcrafted items for sale, please contact a committee member. The Fair Committee asks a small commission of your profits; you keep the rest!

ALL MEMBERS We are soliciting baked goods from each and every one of you (one batch or recipe) so that you will all have participation in the Fair and so that the food table will be truly representative of the Society. This will, of course, be a donation on your part. Members may also have foods on their own tables.

PLACE: The Rawlings Estate Lawn, same location as last year.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening at 6 P.M. at the Carolina Volunteer Fire Company headquarters on Route 112. This will be a Pot Luck Supper and everyone is asked to bring a main dish, salad, or dessert. Also bring your own place setting i.e. plate, fork, knife, spoon, and cup and napkin.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Herbert Greene Gardner who will talk on FLINT CORN AND JONNY-CAKES.

TIME FOR DUES

Annual dues are owing as of June first. If you plan to pay the treasurer \$3.00 at the meeting this will save the Society the cost of a ten cent stamp to mail a bill later. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR CHILDREN

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- Miner, Lilian Burleigh. Our State: Rhode Island. Providence: Oxford Press, 1925.
- Monahan, Clifford P. R.I. Students Guide to Localized History. New York: Teachers College Press, Columbia Univ., 1965. Localized History Series.
- Monjo, F. N. Slater's Mill. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1972.
- Otis, James. When We Destroyed the Gaspee. Boston: Dana Ested and Co., 1901.
- Peckham, Howard H. Nathanael Greene. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1956.
- Providence Institution for Saving. "The Old Stone Bank" History of Rhode Island. Providence: Providence Institution for Savings, 1929-1944. 4 vols.
- Pyle, Katherine. Once Upon a Time in Rhode Island. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Page and Company, 1914.
- Seifert, Shirley. Let My Name Stand Fair. Lippincott, New York, 1956. (Not in RIHS).

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TOWN MEETINGS

Ref: R.L.E.No.2-p.362

April 19, 1775

At a town meeting held in Richmond in Kings County in the Colony of Rhode Island at the dwelling house of George Webb Esq. this 19th day of April 1775 & 15th year of his majesty's reign George the Third, King over Great Britain.

Voted Majr Richard Bailey be Morderator for this present meeting.

Voted Peleg Willcox, Hezekiah Tefft, David Larkin Jun., Gideon Mosher, George More, Bartholomew Phillips & George Webb Jun. be freemen of this town of Richmond.

Voted Jonathan Boss & Charles Boss stand propounded in order be made free at some succeeding meeting.

Voted George Webb Esq. be the first and Capt. Richard Bailey Jun. be the second Deputies or Representitives for the town of Richmond to set in the General Assembly at Newport on the first Wednesday in May next.

Voted George Webb, Robert Stanton & Edward Perry have an order to the Treasurer for the sum of one pound eight shillings & four pence $\frac{1}{2}$ peny it being for proportioning the Colony & town rate. Order granted.

Voted Peter Clarke have an order to the Treasurer for the sum of four shillings & seven pence it being for Joseph Dakes & Levi Crandal rates with the interest from May 1774 untell paid. Order Granted.

Voted Jonathan Potter have an order to the Tbeasurer for the sum of five pounds three shillings & nine pence half peny it being for the support of Samuel Baileys' family - order granted.

Voted David Potter have an order to the Treasurer for the sum of five pounds eight shillings & nine pence it being for his service in the sute Steven Webster & town - order granted.

Voted Thomas Lillibridge have an order to the Treasurer for the sum of one pound four shillings it being for service done for said town as Clerk - order granted.

Voted the proxys be delivered to the first Deputy in order to be carried to Newport on the first Wednesday in May next & deliver them to his Honour the Govener in open assembly.

Voted the Treasurer of this town receive the guns belonging to this town of the Cornal & give his receipt therefor to return them to the General Assembly in good order when called for.

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TOWN MEETINGS

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April 19, 1775

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Voted Thomas Lillibridge & Edward Perry be a committee to audit the accounts with the Treasurer & the town & make report to the next Town Meeting.

Voted this present meeting is desolved.

AUTHENTIC LOCAL HISTORY

Authentic local history can only be learned by going back to actual local town records. These records can tell a most interesting and factual story if the reader takes the time to do a little research.

For example - the above Richmond Town Meeting minutes of April 19, 1775 suggests many items of historical interest for both the adult and student and the source of several research papers or organization programs.

Some Richmond Research reports might be: -

1. Quaint spelling and education
2. History of Town Meetings - meeting in private dwellings
3. Why called Richmond in Kings County in the Colony of Rhode Island
4. George the Third of Great Britain
5. Bailey family in Richmond - where they lived
6. Willcox family in Richmond - where they lived
7. Tefft family in Richmond
8. Moore family in Richmond
9. Phillips family in Richmond
10. Webb family in Richmond
11. Freeman
12. Boss family in Richmond
13. General Assembly in 1775
14. Stanton family in Richmond
15. Perry family in Richmond
16. Monetary exchange - what it would be worth in current exchange
17. Colony rate proportioning - interest
18. Clarke family in Richmond
19. Potter family in Richmond
20. Colonial Welfare
21. Suits against the town
22. Town Clerks
23. Proxys
24. State Governor & State government
25. Auditing accounts

Ezekiel Phillips ~~Barber~~ Lot

(Located off Punchbowl Trail. Approx. 72 ft. square. The family of Nichols Phillips was taken up from this lot and removed to Wood River Cemetery.)

EZEKIEL BARBER. Born March 6, 1710. Died April 1772.

SUSANNAH WEBSTER BARBER. First wife.

BATHSHEBA BRIGGS BARBER. Died October 17, 1854. 40 years.

EZEKIEL BARBER PHILLIPS. Died April 30, 1865. 81 yrs. 6 mo.

PENELOPE WOODMANSEE PHILLIPS. Died May 22, 1847. 47 yrs.

SUSANNAH BARBER PHILLIPS, wife of JOSEPH PHILLIPS. Died Jan. 20, 1849. 93 yrs.

EZEKIEL BARBER.

SUSANNAH BOSS BARBER. First wife.

BENJAMIN BARBER.

NANCY WOODMANSEE. Second wife of EZEKIEL BARBER.

JOB BARBER.

PHILENA JOHNSON BARBER. His wife.

HANNAH BARBER. Single woman. Always a cripple.

JOB BARBER JR.

HAZARD BARBER. Son of JOB. Killed on R.R. at Shannock, R.I.

WHITMAN PHILLIPS.

ABIGAIL WOODMANCEE

HAZARD WOODMANCEE

SUSAN WOODMANCEE

MARY BARBER. Wife of JOSHUA BARBER. (oldest son of Ezekiel Barber buried in New York State).

Child SARAH BARBER. (daughter of Joshua & Mary).

REBECCA SUNDERLAND. Wife of Fisk Smith.

EMELINE PHILLIPS SUNDERLAND.

Twin of _____ 2nd. MARTHA PHILLIPS WOODMANCEE.

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| | Elizabeth, " " | July 7, 1750 |
| | Benjamin, of Jeremiah, Jr., & Patience, | April 3, 1752 |
| | Anne, of Thomas Jr., & Elizabeth | Jan. 28, 1764 |
| | Zuriah, " " | April 29, 1765 |
| | Elizabeth, " " | May 31, 1767 |
| | Thomas, " " | May 31, 1767 |
| | James, " " | May 13, 1769 |
| | Stephen, " " | April 12, 1771 |
| | Amie, " " | May 31, 1773 |

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MARRIAGES

Sabins Elizabeth and William James, May 14, 1767.

Sanford George C., of North Kingstown, and Clarissa Kenyon,
of Richmond; m. at Wickford, by Rev. John C.
Rouse, Oct. 29, 1847.

Saunders Sylvia, and Thomas Kenyon, Nov. 30, 1779.

Sewell Alice, and Benjamin Perry, Dec. 19, 1779.

Sheldon William Jr., of Richmond, and Eleanor Foster of
Hopkinton; m. by William Petty, Justice,
Jan. 21, 1765.

William and Anne Bailey, of Samuel; m. by Edward
Perry, Justice, June 7, 1767.

Elizabeth, and Samuel Clarke, June 4, 1801.

John T., of William J., of Coventry; and Ruth T. Hoxsie
of Reynolds, of Richmond, m. by Elder Matthew
Stillman, May 10, 1829.

Caroline, and John Olney, May 22, 1842.

Sherman Jonathan, of Benjamin, of South Kingstown; and
Terceiah Powell, late of Plainfield, Conn., m.
by Elisha Babcock, Justice, Aug. 31, 1755.

Mary, and Richard Corey, Oct. 25, 1773.

Smith Abigail, and John Corey, Nov. 7, 1773.

Mrs. Mary, and Ray G. Tefft, Sept. 24, 1826.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. and Benjamin L. Richmond, Feb. 2, 1846.

Stanton Susannah, and Samuel Clarke, Sept. 16, 1761.

Thomas, of Charlestown, and Susannah Barber, of Exeter;
m. by Elder Samuel Albro, Dec. 10, 1761.

Elizabeth, and John Fordice, Dec. 6, 1764.

John, of David, of Exeter; and Sarah Fordice, of
Richmond; m. by William Pattery, Justice, Dec. 24, 1764.

Elizabeth, and Peleg Kenyon, Oct. 1, 1766.

(Fifty Years Ago)

Mar. 5 • Itch! Itch! Itch! - Scratch! Scratch! Scratch!
The more you scratch, the worse the itch. Try Doan's Ointment.
For eczema, any skin itching. 60¢ a box - Adv.

April 2 • The State Police bill, over which there has been considerable controversy, passed the House on Tuesday and will become a law when signed by the Governor.

April 2 • The work of removing one end of the old Dawley Tavern in Wyoming was started yesterday. The new cement road will cut in where the building now is, necessitating the removal of part of the historic landmark.

April 2 • All the privileges for bus lines from Providence to Westerly via Nooseneck and Narragansett Pier were refused by the Public Utilities Commission except that of H. L. Cummings who has run a line from Providence to Narragansett Pier. None of those who petitioned for that line cared to operate a line from Westerly to Hope Valley. The Commission is of the opinion that if there is to be a bus line across Washington county it should be carried in conjunction with either the Mooney interests, who now operate a line as far as Ashaway, or the Cummings interests, which are located at the other end of the county, as they fear that an independant line would not pay.

At present time the Wood River Branch stands somewhat in the way of securing the privilege of a bus line from this village to Westerly, as the people do not want to have anything done which will take away the railroad. The bus people believe that their line will take care of the passenger traffic only, and that if the freight is left for the railroad, the loss would be very small.

April 2 - The funeral of Almon K. Parker was held on Thursday, with burial in Wood River cemetery, Rev. O.F. Wedeman, officiated. The bearers were Jodeph Briggs, William Moon, Liffie Andrews and Ernest Fecto.

The cedeased was onr of the youngest volunteers in the Union army during the Civil war. When but fifteen years of age he ran away from home, enlisted in company H, 7th Rhode Island infantry and served three years.

He was born in West Greenwich, December 28, 1846, the son of Noah Parker, the deceased was eged 79 years and four months. He had been a resident of Richmond and Hopkinton since early boyhood.

A textile mule spinner by occupation he was employed for many years in the local mills. He has made his home for years with his son, Almond Parker, in Wyoming, who has done all possible for his care and comfort.