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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The fifty-first Town Meeting will be held Tuesday evening, September 18th, at 8 P.M. in the Committee Rooms of the Wood River Baptist Church, Route 3, Wyoming, R.I.

There will be a special investiture service for the newly elected Officers conducted by Mr. James Skillen, past President of the Charlestown Historical Society.

Mr. James Skillen will also give reminiscences of his experiences as President of the Charlestown Historical Society. Mr. Skillen is an incomparable and fascinating speaker and all members and guests are urged to be present.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Lucy R. Tootell, Chairman; Kenyon; and Captain Marcus L. Whitford.

NEXT FIELD TRIP

On Sunday, October 21st, the Historical Society is planning a canoe and row boat trip up Wood River, the western boundary line of the town of Richmond. At this time the fall colors should be at its best. The boats will be launched at the State Park at Wyoming. The trip will proceed northerly to the boat landing at Mr. Morgan's Woodworking property where Lucy's self-contained camper will be waiting for emergency services and a place for a picnic lunch furnished by each individual participating in the trip. The canoists can continue on up the river, end their trip there, or wait and return to Wyoming on the trip homeward bound.

At the next meeting, there will be a discussion as to where boats can be obtained and how many people are interested in going.

NEXT DEADLINE FOR NEWS LETTER

The deadline for any stencils to be run off for the next News Letter must be turned in to the editor by the first Friday of the Month which is October 5th. This is necessary so that the completed News Letter can be turned over to Henry Boucher by the following Tuesday so that he can assemble it for mailing in time to reach the Members. Extra stencils can be obtained at the Town Hall, in the Office File.

IMPORTANT

This will be the last News Letter mailed to any member who has not paid his dues. Sorry but stamps cost too much. Dues-\$3.00

Eleven members were present. President, Lucy R. Tootell, opened the meeting leading directly into communications. The secretary reported that Mr. Dutra, Chief of Planning for the State Department of Transportation, had responded to a letter regarding the desired preservation of the Punch Bowl on Hillsdale Road and Punch Bowl Trail intersection in the event that the proposed relocated Rt. 138 should go through that particular section. Mr. Dutra indicated that such preservation would be taken into consideration by the Environmental Impact Study group and also welcomed any other comments the Society might have on the alternate alignments now under study for Rt. 138 in the Richmond area.

The secretary had also received a phone call from Washington, D. C. regarding our request for funds from the America the Beautiful Foundation. In answer to the inquiry about progress since November, the secretary had been forced to admit that work on the Bell Schoolhouse had been at a standstill. However, the following week work had begun on the exterior of the building and a letter so indicating was sent post-haste to the Foundation!

Mr. Charles Edmonds, treasurer, reported the following financial situation:

Balance on hand	\$98.47
Scholarship Fund	35.00
Building Fund	10.00
Cookbook Fund	49.05
Interest	4.55

There is an outstanding bill of \$15-16.

In accordance with a request at the last Executive Meeting, Mr. Edmonds contacted the Westerly Sun with regard to printing Hall of Fame citations. He reported that the Westerly Sun does no color printing of its own. They do, however, have a certificate similar to a stock or bond which could be printed. The form is 10 x 12 and comes with a brown or a green border. Mrs. Tootell felt that the certificate forms would have to be seen before we could make a decision on using them.

Mrs. Esther Kenyon had displayed on the Show and Tell Table an 1880 copy of the school census, a vaccination record dated 1902 (smallpox) and an 1895 superintendent's report to the school committee.

Lucy cautioned everyone not to throw away old books and papers. The Town Clerk is particularly trying to develop a complete set of Richmond Tax Books and also of Hope Valley Advertisers.

NEXT MEETING: The annual pot luck supper is to be held at the home of Ray and Ida Bader in Woodville. Don't forget the date, Tuesday, June 19th, and bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Program

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Lucy led us in a nostalgic look at an evening or Sunday afternoon of the past. Poetry was a popular form of entertainment and was often written about morals of the time or everyday happenings: Esther Kenyon read from a collection edited by Whittier on child life, "I Remember; I Remember" by Thomas Hood. Food was an important topic, too, so-o-o several stanzas of "Johnnycake" were read by Paul deGannet.

A variation of musical chairs was won by Esther Kenyon who received as her prize a modern version (plastic) of a hand-carved wooden soldier who did hand stands on the end of a stick full of candy pills.

Narda Millar starred in a game of "coffeepot" in which one person leaves the room, a verb is selected, then 'it' must ask questions substituting the word "coffeepot" for the missing verb until he guesses the correct word. In this case, the word was sleep.

Lorna Millar and Esther Kenyon won at blind man's bluff.

A sampling of familiar riddles were read by Narda Millar.

Lucy played a very interesting American Heritage record of the song "Old Sushanna" on which the story of the song's spread throughout the world led into renditions of the song in many different languages.

From such music the simple dance evolved. We all joined in a circle and did a simple back and forward step then swung into the grand right and left.

For a breather, Ida Bader read a poem about "Kitty."

Synonym was the word which stumped not one, but three people in a brief spelling bee typical of one-room school presentations.

A poem about school was read by Hope Blaine.

Eight hands around, "pop her through" was the call for the simple square dance which left us red-cheeked, breathless, and laughing at our success in ending up in the right places at the right time.

As a grand finale, it was a genuine pleasure for all of us to join in the Virginia Reel. It was heartwarming to see how smoothly Charlie, and Esther, and Hope were able to execute the moves of the dance, and to see the glow on the face of Lorna (age 7) because she could participate, too.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

June 19, 1973

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Raymond and Ida (Card) Bader hosted the Fifth Annual Pot Luck Supper meeting of the Richmond Historical Society at their pastoral home in Woodville on the above date. Neat old-fashioned gardens against a placid background of sheep pastures, poultry range, and sparkling white buildings provided appropriate atmosphere for a group concerned with preserving our Richmond plantation heritage.

Following a buffet featuring favorite receipes contributed by the 26 members present, Mrs. Tootell, President, cut the rose festooned anniversary cake made by the hosts' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Raymond R. Bader, Jr.

Mrs. Tootell formally opened the business meeting by thanking the Bader's for their hospitality, observing that a private home lends a much friendlier atmosphere for our anniversary gatherings than a public hall.

A Relic Sale is to be held on Saturday, July 14th, from 10:00 to 4:00 on Rt. 138 in front of Marion and Paul Hawkins' home. All relic contributions and help will be gratefully accepted. It was observed that an early start should be planned as many people start coming as early as 9:00 A. M. inspite of the advertsied later hour.

The purpose of the sale is to defray the costs of the cookbook publication. Proceeds from the cookbook itself are designated for Bell School House interior renovation and maintenance of the museum.

Pick up for items will begin July 1st. So clean out your attics, basements, drawers, closets, and spare rooms! Contact Eleanor Smith, Ida Bader, Patty Millar, or Mildred Chatalian for pick up and receiving station information.

Under new business Henry Boucher made a motion that the secretary to instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Joseph Traveris for the two 75-year-old school desks and seats which he donated to the Society. The motion was seconded and passed.

Previously the question had been raised as to what period the school should be furnished. It was generally agreed at this time that since several replacements of furnishings and modernization had taken place within the school over the years it served the community, any school furnishings dating between 1828 (earliest official date Lucy has been able to find thus far in her research) and 1935 would be applicable to the school and would enhance the educational value of the museum.

A formal investiture of officers ceremony has been lacking in the past. Lucy suggested that this might be an appropriate time to set a tradition since several officers were being replaced this year. Paul DeGannett made this suggestion into a motion which Ida Bader seconded for approval.

The following slate of officers was submitted for consideration by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Harry Chatalian:

President:	Ida Card Bader	VI. - 5.
Vice President:	Paul O. DeGannett	
Secretary:	Patricia S. Millar	
Treasurer:	Charles J. Edmonds	
Member-at-large:	Henry Boucher	
Member-at-large:	Lucy R. Tootell (to replace Mrs. Bader)	

In the absence of further nominations from the floor, Hope Blaine and Earl Smith seconded Paul DeGannett's motion to have the secretary cast one ballot for the proposed slate. A hand vote unanimously declared the election.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Society, Charles Edmonds presented Lucy with a dozen red roses in appreciation for founding the Society and serving as its president for five growing years. Lucy stated that red roses were her favorite flower and held sentimental significance for her as her late husband often gave them to her.

She expressed pleasure at having been president of the Society and thanked her Executive Board for having been most helpful during hectic times and fun times. She feels that this type of organization is one that should be enjoyed and the projects fun as well as meaningful to the community. We should give all that we can, but pressure which takes away pleasure from a project should be avoided.

Any organization needs variety and change for continued stimulus. Lucy said that Ida Bader was a good choice for president because of her background in the community life, her active participation in civic affairs, and her keen interest in living history. Lucy also stressed that those leaving office were not becoming inactive, but would be helping in other areas of the organization.

With the Bell School still looming ahead as our Big Project, Paul DeGannett said that everyone could contribute a little something and that the older people, by adding continuously their smaller efforts, could lead younger people in this way, illustrating that much can be accomplished in bits and pieces. Many times things go undone waiting for time or a big check or an expert.

By the same token, Paul noticed that the School House Bank often stood idle when people had nickles, dimes or pennies which they could be dropping in--every bit counts. Pat Clark quickly acted upon this, sweeping up the school and passing it among the members who readily dropped in coins.

Our guest for the evening was Rustin Steele, a member of the Richmond Rascals 4-H Club and a 9th Grader at Chariho High School. Rusty's interest is coin collecting and he had given a very informative talk on his hobby at the Southern District 4-H Demonstration Night recently. Rusty led into his talk with a brief history of currency development in this country, then discussed coin making referring to illustrative charts. Lastly he discussed the development of denominational coins in this country, illustrated by drawings and dates.

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Reference: James N. Arnold, NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER:
Vol. VI, No. 3 - page 275.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Kenyon Martha, of David, Jr., & Lydia	Oct. 11, 1746
Lydia " & Mery (2nd.w.)	Aug. 17, 1752
Mary " "	July 26, 1755
William " "	April 1, 1758
Deborah " "	Mar. 27, 1763
Potter " "	Mar. 25, 1768
Thurston, of William & Hannah	June 8, 1755
David " "	June 24, 1758
Thankful " "	Sept. 30, 1763
Jarius, of John & Elizabeth	Feb. 1, 1756
Thomas Webster " "	Mar. 9, 1758
Mercy " "	Oct. 29, 1763
Philip, of Thomas & Ruth	May 17, 1768
Esther " "	Mar. 26, 1760
Patience " "	Jan. 12, 1763
Sprague " "	May 19, 1766
Mary " "	April 8, 1768
Pardon " "	Mar. 19, 1770
Edie, of Benedict & Amie,	Aug. 11, 1760
Samuel " "	April 17, 1762
Remington " "	June 17, 1764
Silas " "	Aug. 28, 1766
Benedict " "	Dec. 26, 1768
John " "	Mar. 9, 1771
Corey " "	April 13, 1773
Amie " "	Sept. 26, 1774
Betsey " "	Jan. 3, 1778
Mary " "	June 30, 1780
George " "	Feb. 9, 1783
Thomas, (3d. son) of Thomas Jr. & Sarah	Feb. 3, 1765
Steadman " "	Sept. 20, 1767
Hannah " "	May 3, 1771
Simeon " "	May 16, 1773
Sarah " "	July 17, 1778
Jonathan, of Jonathan & Sarah	July 13, 1782
Asa " "	May 7, 1784
Beriah " "	May 20, 1786
Beriah " " Died	Nov. 30, 1792
Elizabeth " "	Feb. 28, 1789
Samuel J. " "	Nov. 18, 1791
Samuel J. " " Died	Dec. 17, 1793
Samuel B. " "	Dec. 16, 1793
Martha " "	May 27, 1794
Mary " "	July 2, 1796
Dorcas " "	July 23, 1801
Soloman " "	Aug. 8, 1804

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NEXT FIELD TRIP

The next Field Trip will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14th., at 10 A.M.. Members and guests are invited to assemble at the Wyoming Pond Area Park, adjacent to the Old Stagecoach Tavern in Wyoming, R.I. for a delightful boat trip up Wyoming Pond and Wood River which is the western boundary of the town of Richmond. The Autumn colors should be at their peak at this time.

Bring you own boat and picnic lunch. The trip will start at Wyoming heading North for about one mile to the boat landing at Morgan's Woodwork Shop located on the K D Ranch Road where there will be picnic tables and Lucy's self-contained Camper for Rest Room emergencies.

From there, the Navigators can row as far upstream as they wish, visit Morgan's Woodwork Shop, or return back to Wyoming.

A canoe can be rented for \$7.50 or an individual boat ride for \$2.50. If boat or ride is needed, contact President Ida Card Bader immediately. (364-6254.

ANTIQUES, HANDCRAFTS & FOOD FAIR

Mildred Chatalian, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for the Bell School, announces a Fair will be held on Saturday October 13th, from 9:30 A.M. to 4 P.M to raise money for the interior of the Bell School. It will take place on the property of Marion Dawley Hawkins, Rout 138, three miles east from Rt. 95, opposite the Hillsdale Road. In case of rain, the date is changed to October 20th.

The Fair is based on an consignment basis i.e. 25% to the Historical Society. If interested in participating, call Chair. Chatalian. Food is always welcome. Also contact Eleanor Smith.

COMING EVENTS

November 20, 1973 - Illustrated Talk:Colonial Lighting.
By Paul R. Ladd
Also Exhibit items
At the Wood River Church
This is costing the Society money
Donations gratefully accepted.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

The Richmond Historical Society Archives is located in the Richmond Town Hall. Historical data is filed in the Town Clerk's Office or in the large Vault in the Basement. Page 10 is the first page of 1973 gifts. Under WHERE FILED, symbols are used for convenience. A description sheet of symbols will be included in the next News Letter.

Meeting League of R.I.Hist.Soc. October 13-call Archivist for data.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER PUBLIC MEETING

Mrs. Lucy Rawlings Tootell welcomed 15 members and six guests from Charlestown and Hopkinton to the meeting being held at the Wood River Baptist Church on September 18th. She introduced Mr. James Skillen, past president of the Charlestown Historical Society who had been invited to install the new officers.

Mr. Skillen called a roll of the officers and invited them to join him by the lecturn where he led them in promises to faithfully execute the duties of the offices to which they had been elected. Mrs. Ida Bader then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Edmonds reported a balance of \$100.93 in the checking account, \$238.21 in the savings account, and an outstanding bill of \$4.24.

Mrs. Chatalain reported receipt of \$72.60 from the Relic Sale, \$31.00 from later sale of left-over items, \$2.00 donation, and a \$15.00 gift for "cat sitting." Mrs. Chatalain suggested a return gift of Society membership to the Rogers and their cat. The Cookbook Committee chairman stated that she wished all cookbook funds to be put in the general treasury for immediate use on the interior of the school as the book would be slow in coming to fruition because of currently high printing costs. Mr. Edmonds moved the Cookbook and Building Funds be combined. The motion was seconded and passed.

Work on the cookbook continues, however, and to this end an Antique and Handicraft sale is being held on Saturday, October 13th from 9:30 to 4:00 on Mrs. Paul Hawkins' lawn off Rt. 138. 25% of all sales will go to the Society.

Mrs. Paul DeGannett was reappointed chairman of the Sunshine Committee. She volunteered to supply the cards herself. Any other gifts, if needed, will come from the general treasury.

Volunteers are needed for newspaper article clipping and for the position of Membership Chairman.

Mrs. Tootell has had some enlargements of the Leslie Palmer Bell School photo made and they are available to Society members: 8x10 size, \$1.00; 5x7 size, \$.75

The contract for foundation work on the Bell School has been awarded to Mr. Spears for \$950.00.

Some question had arisen as to the official capacity of the Cookbook Committee with regard to money making. The secretary's records were reviewed and it was established to the satisfaction of the members present that the Cookbook Committee was indeed a bonafide committee endowed with fund-raising rights.

Because some members would not be available to participate on the proposed canoe trip up the Wood River on the October 21st date, the date was changed to Sunday, October 14th. Members and paddlers are to meet at 10:00 A. M. at the edge of Wood River below the Stagecoach House in Wyoming.

The proposed November program, "Colonial Lighting" by Mr. Paul Ladd carries a fee of \$25.00. Since the treasury is not strong enough to support programming, Mr. DeGannett suggested that the money we would donate for the use of the church building be applied instead to the speaking program and that the church would give the rest because the church members also were particularly interested in this type of program. The meeting would be held at the church and a letter is to be sent to Mr. Ladd describing the lamps which were in the church (one of which is now in the Society archives) in the hopes that he would be able to shed some light (!) on the origin of the lamps.

Mrs. Tootell was presented with a gift on behalf of the members of the Society from the Executive Board members for founding our Society and preserving history in our town as well as establishing a new unifying interest in the town. The gift was a rustic hand-painted ceramic plaque featuring Lucy's present home in Richmond with the words "Lucy Rawlings Tootell, Founder, Richmond Historical Society, President 1969-1973" printed below. Mrs. Roy (Verna Dawley) Pearson and Mrs. Howard (Lynn Pearson) Shakleton did the ceramic work.

Lucy thanked the group, remarking how much she enjoyed working with the Society members and that although the group was small, it was a heart-warming experience for her.

Mr. James Skillen was asked to share a few of his Charlestown Historical Society experiences with us. Mr. Skillen brought greetings from Charles town and reminisced about the beginnings of their group, particularly the organizational meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Lucy Tootell; she acting in an advisory capacity. The year was 1968 and saving the Indian School was the impetus for the group. The Indian School was eventually moved to a safer location, led on its way by a parade of antique cars, the lead car being driven by Clifford Pendleton who was visiting with us this evening.

Mr. Skillen complimented Mrs. Bader on handling the agenda for the evening.

SHOW AND TELL TABLE featured an old set of building specifications for a house which is believed to have been built on the Switch Road. These were found and shared by Mr. and Mrs. Caddick. Also there for comparison with today were some old price lists.

These excerpts respectfully submitted by Patty Millar

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ARCHIVES

<u>ACCESSION NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION & DONOR</u>	<u>WHERE FILED</u>
73.1.1	Book:Journal of Major John Hawks, 1759-1760	Book Case
73.1.2	Book:Biographical Notes, By Finley & Bacon	Book Case
73.1.3	Book:The Golden State, By Caroline Hazard	Book Case
73.1.4	Book: Letters from Helen. Hazard to brothers	Book Case
73.1.4d	Book: " "	Book Case
73.1.5	Map:Rhode Island 1881-Framed	B
73.1.6	Map:Rhode Island 1855 On Canvas Back <u>Donor:</u> Frank & Yvonne Dawley.	B
73.2.1	Postcard:Wyoming <u>Donor:</u> Mrs. F. Warner, Vir.	BF-Dist.No.7
73.3.1	History:Wood River Junction <u>Donor:</u> Mrs. Alice Burdick	
73.4.1	R.I. Gov Inaugural Message, 1973 <u>Donor:</u> Lucy Rawlings Tootell	
73.5.1	Book:Pupil Activity Text <u>Donor:</u> Mrs. Janet House King	Book Case
73.6.1	Report:American Historical Society Vol. 2 - 1902	Book Case
73.7.1	Report:Dept. of Interior - Comm. of Education - Vol. II - 1917	Book Case
73.8.1	Xmas: Box of trimmings <u>Donor:</u> Mrs. Eleanor House Smith.	BQ
73.9.1	Booklet:Vaccinations 1902	BN
73.9.2	Report:School Committee 1895	BN
73.9.3	Report:School Census 1880 <u>Donor:</u> Mrs. Esther L. Kenyon	BN
73.10.1	Clipping:Prudence Crandall	MB
73.10.2	Post Card:Home of Prudence Crandall	BF-No.16
73.10.3(a-g)	Clippings:Prudence Crandall	MB
73.10.4	Clippings:Richmond Historical Soc.	MA-Organ.
73.10.5	Invoice:A.M.Olney, Watches, Jewelry	BG-No.7
73.10.6	Trade Card:Hope Valley Root Beer	B0
73.10.7	Music:Story of Star Spangled Banner <u>Donor:</u> Mrs. Lucy Avery James	MA-Music
73.11.1	Booklet:Story of America's Historic Flags <u>Donor:</u> Lucy Rawlings Tootell	MA-Flags

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 1973 SEASON SPRING 1974

1973	September	Investiture of Officers James Skillen, Speaker	Lucy R. Tootell, Chair. Esther Kenyon Capt. Marcus Whitford
1973	October	Canoe Trip-Wood River	Bring own lunch
1973	November	Lamps	E. Brunskills, Chair. C. Edmonds Eliz. Smith
1973	December	Christmas	L. Kelly, Chair. M. Schunke O. Stedmans
1973	January	Senior Citizens	R. Baders, Chair. H. Arnolds C. Handells
1974	February	Field Trip: Alton Patricia Clark	
1974	March	Trappers	R. Millars, Chair. R. Warrens P. deGannetts
1974	April	Senior Citizens	H. Blaine, Chair. M. Taylors H. Bouchers
1974	May	Field Trip: Sturbridge	
1974	June	Annual Meeting	E. Smiths P. Hawkins H. Chatalians

Samuel Clarke Lot

SAMUEL R. CLARKE, died July 25, 1859. Aged 27 yrs. 10 mo. 5 days

SAMUEL CLARK, died Jan. 5, 1857. Age 79 yrs. 1 mo. 23 days.

RENEWED CLARK, wife of SAMUEL CLARK, died Feb. 14, 1860.
Age 88 yrs., 9 mo. 10 days.

GEROGE C. RATHBUN

His 1st wife PHEBE TRIPP CLARKE, died May 1, 1873. Age 43 yrs.
3 months, 27 days.

His 2nd wife CARRIE E., died Oct. 10, 1874. Age 44 yrs.
1 month, 10 days.

BENJAMIN S. CLARKE, son of SAMUEL & RENEWED CLARKE, died
May 24, 1878, age 72 yrs., 7 months, 10 days.

JOSHUA CLARKE, born Sept. 24, 1796, died April 18, 1840.

DORCAS, wife of JOSHUA CLARKE, born Feb. 7, 1808, died
Feb. 1, 1885.

EDWIN KNOWLES, born May 15, 1837, died March 11, 1900.

DORCAS ELIZABETH CLARKE, wife of EDWIN KNOWLES, born June 17,
1839, died March 22, 1917.

EDWIN JR., son of EDWIN & DORCAS ELIZABETH CLARKE KNOWLES,
born Sept. 26, 1871, died March 11, 1930.

ELIZABETH STANTON, born Oct. 18, 1874, died Feb. 16, 1950.
Daughter of EDWIN KNOWLES & DORCAS ELIZABETH CLARKE KNOWLES,
of JOSHUA & DORCAS CLARKE.

SAMUEL CLARKE, died Oct. 5, 1829, aged 32.

SAMUEL REYNOLDS, born Sept. 20, 1831, died July 25, 1859.

CHARLES BOSS, born April 6, 1836, died Jan. 4, 1899.
Buried in St. Louis,

JOSHUA CLARKE, born Aug. 31, 1833, died April 22, 1867.
Buried in New Orleans.

(Located on Link Farm, Kenyon, R.I.)

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Reference: James N. Arnold, NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER:
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BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Kenyon	Joseph, of John & Anstis	Nov. 6, 1793
	George " "	April 23, 1795
	Alice " "	March 25, 1797
	Amie " "	Feb. 7, 1799
	Charity " "	May 7, 1801
	Gardiner, of Silas & Mary	May 4, 1796
	Hannah Champlain, of Silas & Mary	June 8, 1801
	Elizabeth, of Benedict & Orpah,	Feb. 9, 1798
	Barber " "	Oct. 4, 1799
	Leander A., of Jarvas & Julia	Feb. 22, 1847
Knowles	Kate B., of Charles A. & Abbie S.,	Dec. 20, 1852
	James Leroy " "	May 16, 1855

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MARRIAGES

Lane Joseph, of Preson, Conn., and Mary Dake, of Richmond;
m. by Edward Perry, J. P., April 19, 1781.

Larkin Lydia, and Caleb Church, July 29, 1753

John Jun. and Amie Enos, of Richmond; m. by Sylvester
Kenyon, J.P., March 30, 1755.

Ruth and Sylvester Hall, May 1, 1760.

Ephraim, of Hopkinton, and Susannah Collins, of Richmond;
m. by Elder Thomas Tillinghast, March 24, 1762,

Abigail, and Thomas Adams, July 10, 1764.

Samuel Jun. of Hopkinton, and Sarah Larkin, of Captain
Nicholas, of Richmond; m. by John Burdick, J.P.,
July 16, 1764.

Sarah, and Samuel Larkin, July 16, 1764.

Edward, of Richmond, and Hannah Parker, of Hopkinton;
m. by Edward Perry, J.P., Sept. 14, 1764.

Lucy, and Benjamin Wilbur, March 23, 1777.

Jesse, of Capt. David, and Mary Enos, of Benjamin, dec.,
m. by Elder Henry Joslin, Feb. 18, 1790.

William, of Samuel, and Bathsheba Webster; m. by Elder
Henry Joslin, Jan. 21, 1798.

Daniel, of Samuel, and Ruth Crandall, of Joseph, of
Westerly; m. by Nathaniel T. Wilbur, J. P., Sept. 5,
1842.

Lewton, Joseph Jun., of Westerly, son of Joseph, and Abigail
Foster, of Jonathan, of Richmond; m. by John Webster,
J. P., March 17, 1749.

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The fifty-second Town Meeting will be held Tuesday evening November 20th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Committee Rooms of the Wood River Baptist Church, Route 3, Wyoming, R.I. (Just north of the State Police Barracks)

The guest speaker will be MR. PAUL R. LADD, East Greenwich, R. I., an authority on antique lamps. He will give an illustrated talk on COLONIAL LIGHTING and also bring some rare examples from his extensive collection. Among them is a loom light which has a candle socket and a rush holder made of wrought iron and supported by a ratchet with which to adjust the height, and a round cast iron BETTY LAMP unusual in its shape and material.

The meeting is being sponsored jointly by the Richmond Historical Society and the Wood River Baptist Church. The Church Members are hoping to have Mr. Ladd authenticate the date of several antique lamps belonging to the Church.

Members and guests are invited to hear this interesting and educational program, inspect the beautifully preserved historic Wood River Baptist Church, and partake of calorie laden refreshments. Bring any unusual lamps for the SHOW & TELL TABLE.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting will be: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brunskill, Co-Chairmen; Mr. Charles Edmonds, and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

THE ARCHIVES

Any Archives is only as valuable as its filing system. Members should know what is in the Archives, who made the gift, and where it is filed. To fulfill these obligations, the Archivist, Lucy R. Tootell, carrying on the good work of the past Archivist, Eleanor House Smith, is developing the following system:

1. Donor's Index File-name of donor, gift description, Acc.No.
2. Accession Book-Acc.No., gift description, donor, where filed.
3. Index card file

Symbols will be used as reference to various filing locations i.e. -metal files, drawers, boxes, etc. For meaning of symbols, refer to page 16. Using the symbols, any member should be able to go to the Archives and find any available data.

Archives data is available to Members only and must not be removed from the Town Hall without permission from the Archivist or Society President.

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HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN COIN by Rustin Steele

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Up until 1792, America had no set system of coinage. People of the U. S. colonies needed items such as food and clothing to trade with Europe for farming implements and supplies. For a while wampum made of beads made of clam and mussel shells was used, but it was too cumbersome, and the colonists needed a more accepted form of coinage.

The general Court of Massachusetts ordered metal coins to be struck in 1652 (without permission from England). These first coins in America were known as the New England or NE coins. Other coins minted slightly later were the Willow Tree, Oak Tree, and Pine Tree coins.

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HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN COIN

VI.- 15.

Over 100 different types of coins have been minted since 1792, including half cents, cents, two cent pieces, three cent pieces, nickels, half dimes, dimes, quarters, half dollars, silver dollars, quarter eagles (\$2.50 gold piece), half eagles (\$5.00 gold piece), eagles (\$10.00 g.p.), and double eagles (\$20.00 g.p.). Factors which make so many different varieties of coins are: the alloy of the metal used, the increasing demand for more and newer types of coins, and laws governing U. S. coinage.

The general Court of Massachusetts ordered metal coins to be struck. Today the minting of coins is restricted to specially designated U. S. minting plants. The raw stock used consists of a bar of the alloy of the particular coin being struck, measuring 18 ft. by 16 in. by 6 in. From these bars 10,000 coins are struck per minute for a total volume of 8 billion coins produced per annum. A rash of coin minting came upon the colonists, and a flood of metal coins from England as well as the ones minted in the colonies were used. Once again there was economic confusion.

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Written by Mrs. Patricia Clark

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The village organized a brass band which was very popular. They had a volunteer fire company which was very effective. The mill gave turkey s and fixings to each family on Thanksgiving. The mill also gave sums of money for the Christmas tree exercises held at the church, also free clambake in the summer.

In the 1890's bike racing was a very popular sport.

The mill and village were both in a very flourishing condition when, one cold December night in 1899, the mill was discovered to be on fire. Just at that time the boilers were being cleaned and so there was no steam up. In consequence of this it was impossible to make any effective resistance to the spread of the fire. It was not known how the fire originated, but being one of the barns burned the previous winter, under somewhat similar circumstances, it was suspected that the fire which did so much damage was of incendiary origin.

Alton, after the fire, became known as the deserted village. Most of the houses were untenanted because of the inhabitants moving away to get work. William Walton, because of his many other business dealings, did not choose to rebuild the mill. G. L. & H. J. Gross held an option on the property after the fire. The mill, when it was reopened after the fire, was called the Alton Manufacturing Company. In 1908 the name was changed to Richmond Lace.

Mr. Shepherd started Richmond Lace, believed to have been at one time Ambassador to France. Front part of the mill was rebuilt in 1910, this was not connected to back part of mill. Dye house built to join two together. Long addition built in 1914 to dry lace.

Most of the help came here from England. The mill was very successful when they took the tariff on lace machines off.

The mill owner built between 1910-20, ten houses, the four barracks houses going south out of the village, three in the middle of town and three on the back road. These were the last houses built in the village. Tenements ranged from \$10.00 amonth for the front houses to \$4.00 a month for the ones on the back street.

James Greenhalgh who lived all of his life in the village was propriator of the mill store for 48 years. He retired in 1956.

A new dye and finishing plant was added to the mill in 1950. The mill employed over 200 workers, turned out some of the finest lace made in this country. The mill supplied a boss farmer and when work was slow in the mill, the workers worked on the farm. The mill supplied the water to the homes.

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ARCHIVES SYMBOLS

- M Main Floor Richmond Town Clerk's Office.
- B Basement Vault at Richmond Town Clerk's Office.

SMALL METAL CARD INDEX FILE (Main Floor)

Subject
 Genealogy
 Land Evidence: Owners
 Land Evidence: School Districts
 Probate (Wills)
 Vital Statistics (Births-Marriages-Deaths)
 Chronology

METAL FILES (Main Floor)

- MA Subject File (A-Z)
- MB Genealogy File (A-Z)
- MC Land Evidence File (Land-Buildings-Sites-Facts)(School Dist.No.)
- MD Office File

LONG DRAWERS (Extra large items) (Basement Vault)

- BA Miscellaneous
- BB Documents
- BC Maps (large) and Plats
- BD Newspapers
- BE Pictures (large)

METAL FILES (Basement Vault)

- BF Pictures: People (A-Z);School Districts.
- BG Original Documents:People (A-Z);School Districts;Subject.
- BH Land-Buildings-Sites-Facts (Filed by School District numbers)
- BI Subject File: (A-Z)
- BJ Maps: Chronological or School District Numbers.
- BK Office File (includes Accession Books and card files)

METAL CARD FILE DRAWERS (Basement Vault)

- BL Film Negatives:Slides; Pictures for sale.
- BM Tax Books;Treasurer's Reports.
- BN Education:Reports;School Committee;School Census.
- BO Trade Cards
- BP

OTHER

- BQ Object Box
- BR Costume Box
- BS Hope Valley Advertiser Boxes
- BOOK CASE (Basement Vault)

Kenyon Lot

(Located on the west side of the community of KENYON, near the Railroad Tracks)

ELIJAH KENYON, born February 24, 1815. Died Dec. #, 1881.

MARY A. LEWIS, wife of ELIJAH KENYON, born Nov. 28, 1838. Died September 3, 1914.

LEONORA P. KENYON, daughter of ELIJAH & MARY A. KENYON, born Jan. 10, 1871. Died September 6, 1896.

MARY L. KENYON, daughter of ELIJAH & MARY A. KENYON, born Dec. 3, 1862. Died Aug. 4, 1922.

ISSAAC DENNISON, son of ELIJAH & MARY A. KENYON, born Feb. 24, 1838. Died Dec. 12, 1870.

FREDDIE ELIJAH, son of ELIJAH & MARY A. KENYON, born Nov. 15, 1875. Died Feb. 9, 1876.

JOHN S., son of ELIJAH & MARY A. KENYON, born Aug. 2, 1860. Died March 8, 1931.

ALICE H. HAGADORN, wife of JOHN S. KENYON, born April 24, 1864. Died Dec. 16, 1925.

CAPT. ISAAC D. KENYON, Co. B 21st. Reg. C.V., born in Richmond, R.I., Aug. 14, 1831. Died at the Base Hospital 18th Army Corps, Broadway Landing, Sept. 1, 1864.

LEWIS KENYON, died Feb. 17, 1839. Age 55 years, 8 months, 10 days.

ANN SHERMAN, wife of LEWIS KENYON, died Sept. 2, 1871. Age 80 years, 3 months, 11 days.

SUSAN ELIZABETH, daughter of LEWIS & ANN KENYON. Born May 21, 1834. Died April 13, 1909.

HANNAH GRISELDA, daughter of LEWIS & ANN KENYON, born Aug. 15, 1822. Died October 15, 1893.

LUCY SHERMAN, daughter of LEWIS & ANN KENYON, born April 1, 1813. Died June 2, 1886.

MARY ANN, daughter of LEWIS & ANN KENYON, died Jan. 15, 1842. Age 21 years, 10 months.

THOMAS RANDOLPH, son of LEWIS & ANN KENYON, died Nov. 8, 1832. Age 3 years, 4 months, 27 days.

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Reference: James N. Arnold, NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER:
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MARRIAGES

Lewis, Izreal, and Jane Babcock, both of Westerly; m. by Tobias Saunders, J.P. about 1696.
 Thomas, of Exeter, and Mary Bailey, of Richard, of Richmond; m. by John Webster, J.P., Sept. 1, 1748.
 Nathan, of Charlestown, and Mary Adams, of Richmond; m. by Thomas Kenyon, J.P., Dec. 16, 1756.
 Elmathan, of Richmond, and Margeret Tourgee; m. by Elder Joseph Torrey, Mar. 22, 1767.
 Mary, and Joseph Woodmansee, Jan. 19, 1760.
 Martha, and Jonathan Potter, Jun., Feb. 22, 1776.
 Isreal, of Richmond, son of Enock, and Amie Gardiner, of Thomas; m. by Elder John Pendleton, Feb. 24, 1780.
 Elizabeth, and Joseph Card, Oct. 8, 1789.
 Lillibridge, Thomas Jun. and Mary Hoxsie; m. by Stephen Richmond, J. P., Dec. 12, 1754.
 Edward and Patience Tefft; m. by Stephen Richmond, J.P., Dec. 4, 1755.
 David, of Exeter, and Marian Moore, of Richmond; m. by Thomas Lillibridge, J.P., Oct. 28, 1762.
 Edward and Thankful Wells, m. by Edward Perry, J. P., Jan. 6, 1765.
 Mary and William Reynolds, April 7, 1771.
 Sarah and Hezekiah Tefft, March 23, 1775.
 Deborah and Jeresh Mumford, March 14, 1776.
 Thomas, Jun., of Thomas, and Alice Sweet, of Joshua, dec., m. by Robert Stanton, J.P., June 10, 1781.
 John, of Richmond, and Mary Kenyon of Charlestown; m. by Elder Henry Joslin, Nov. 2, 1789.
 Willett R., of Exeter, and Chloe Barber, of Richmond; m. by Elder Levi Meed, May 13, 1832.
 Edward, and Mrs. Mary Clarke; m. by Elder Thomas Tillinghast, Aug. 30, 1840.
 Locke Ezekiel J. and Mrs. Chloe Woodmansee; m. by Elder Henry C. Hubbard, Oct. 27, 1833.
 Elizabeth, and Simeon C. James, Oct. 3, 1841.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Larkin Sarah, of Nicholas & Sarah,	Sept. 13, 1741
Edward, " "	Nov. 18, 1742
Abigail, " "	Nov. 16, 1743
Kenyon, " "	May 14, 1750
Lydia, " "	Feb. 3, 1753
Nicholas, " "	Apr. 4, 1756

FIELD TRIP

The Richmond Historical Society will make a pilgrimage to the Mystic Seaport Museum on Sunday, December 23rd. All admission is free and there will be a special Christmas Program.

Members and guests are invited to assemble at the home of the President, Ida Card Bader, Woodville Road, Woodville, R. I., at twelve noon. Arrive with your lunch under your belt.

The Calvacade will then proceed to the Seaport to enjoy the Christmas program.

The buildings at the Seaport are open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

On our return to Rhode Island, Mr. & Mrs. Bader have graciously invited everyone to stop at their home in Woodville for light refreshments and pleasant Holiday chit-chat.

IMPORTANT

Any stencils to be run off for the next News Letter must be turned over to the Editor or left at the Richmond Town Hall in the Office File MD by the first Friday of the Month. Extra stencils can be found in this same file.

CHRISTMAS ON THE OLD PLANTATIONS

"Christmas was jolly in the olden time. Three great young gobblers used to be roasted at my grandfather's on that occasion, two for the kitchen folks and one for the great-room folks, with warm cranberry sauce, dumplings, and onions to match. ... As I remember, there was, in the good old time, always a terrible snow-storm on Christmas night, and the whole of the next day. But who cared for that! There was a great pile of logs and wood stowed away in the big washroom to burn, and plenty of roast turkeys, and mince and pumpkin pies to eat, to say nothing of the scores of other good things. As I have before hinted, the Christmas backlog was a heap sight bigger and longer than the boiler of a seventy-five horse power locomotive. Pomp always sat on one end of the log on the occasion with his fife, and Scip on the other with his fiddle! And such music! Talk about your opera music! ... And then the dancing! Why! Old Phillis, my grandfather's cook, was as rotund and fat as any other cook in Narragansett, and yet I have seen her, when full dressed in her big white homespun apron reaching clean round her middle and tied behind, and from her chin down to her ankle; I have seen her, I say, when a small boy, start at the hearth and whirl around in the air six times before she reached the farther end of the kitchen, which was at least fifty feet long, if I remember, and then make a whirl the other way, and so whirl back again in the air just as she went, to where she started from." (Hazard, THE JONNY-CAKE PAPERS, page 82)

ARCHIVES

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73.12.1	Slide:Shannock Station Donor:Leonard J. Panaggio	BL
73.12.2	Slide:Shannock Station	BL
73.12.3	Slide:Shannock Mill	BL
73.12.4	Slide:Horseshoe Falls Donor:Leonard J. Panaggio	BL
73.13.1	Box:Sherman's Store Donor:Eleanor House Smith	BQ
73.14.1	Picture:N.A.Collins Store Wood River Junction,R.I. Donor:Elmer Clarke	BF-Dist.No.14
73.15.1	Document:Hall Specifications for W.A.Walton Donor:Mr. & Mrs. Donald Caddick	BG-Dist.No.14
73.16.1	Old Record Book:David Northup 1832	BG-N
73.16.2	Book: A Meery Drive,ca.1905	Book Case
73.16.3	Tax Book:North Kingstown,1912	BM
73.16.4	Tax Book:Coventry,1904	BM
73.16.5	Booklet:Disease,Dr.Caldwell,1910	BI-Medicine
73.16.6	Book:Fourth Reader,Sargeant,1869	Book Case
73.16.7	Book:Little Pilgrim Question Book,Wm. Barrows, 1880.	Book Case
73.16.8a	Farmer's Almanac 1896	Book Case
73.16.8b	Farmer's Almanac 1898	Book Case
73.16.8c	Farmer's Almanac 1899	Book Case
73.16.8d	Farmer's Almanac 1900	Book Case
73.16.8e	Farmer's Almanac 1904	Book Case
73.16.8f	Farmer's Almanac 1907	Book Case
73.16.8g	Farmer's Almanac 1909	Book Case
73.16.8h	Farmer's Almanac 1910	Book Case
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73.16.8j	Farmer's Almanac 1912	Book Case
73.16.8k	Farmer's Almanac 1913	Book Case
73.16.8l	Farmer's Almanac 1914	Book Case
73.16.8m	Farmer's Almanac 1915	Book Case
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73.16.8o	Farmer's Almanac 1917	Book Case
73.16.8p	Farmer's Almanac 1923 Donor:John Machon	Book Case
73.17.1	Picture:Old Dawley Tavern Donor:Lucy Rawlings Tootell	BF-No.7
73.18.1	Picture:Parker House,Wyoming	BF-No.7
73.18.2	Picture:Mill Workers,Wyoming	BF-No.7
73.18.3	Picture:Group Men,Wyoming Donor: Henry Boucher	BF-No.7

Kenyon Lot

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ABIEL S. KENYON, died Sept. 15, 1875. Age 62 yrs., 5 mo., 14 d.

MARGARET M. TAYLOR, wife of ABIEL S. KENYON, died July 17, 1900. Age 80 years, 1 month, 4 days.

LEWIS PERRY, son of ABIEL S. & MARGARET M. KENYON, died Feb. 25, 1871, Age 19 years, 3 months, 25 days.

Infant daughter, died November 27, 1845.

LEWIS RANDOLPH, Son of ABIEL S. & MARGARET M. KENYON, died July 6, 1850. Age 3 years, 4 months, 27 days.

JOHN STANTON CLARKE, born Oct. 9, 1816. Died June 23, 1894.

PARMELIA CLARKE KENYON, wife of JOHN STANTON CLARKE, born Sept. 4, 1817. Died November 13, 1900.

JESSIE M. STEVENS, born June 23, 1863. Died March 16, 1916, servant of the ELIZAH KENYON family for 40 years.

CHARLES H. KENYON, born Aug. 21, 1824. Died Sept. 20, 1891.

MARTHA CATHARINE YORK, wife of CHARLES H. KENYON, born May 29, 1830. Died Aug. 5, 1857.

Infant son of C.H.K. & MARTHA C. YORK, died Aug. 5, 1857.

EMELINE NEWELL BENTLEY, second wife of C.H.K., born May 4, 1835. Died May 11, 1911.

Infant son of C.H.K. & E.N.K., died May 1863.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Larkin John, of Sollansett & Prudence,		Mar. 18, 1767
Thomas, " "		Mar. 15, 1768
Sarah, " "		May 13, 1769
Joseph, " "		Sept. 19, 1770
Prudence, " "		Aug. 24, 1772
Lot, " "		Mar. 14, 1774
Susannah, of Edward & Hannah,		Sept. 13, 1767
Tabitha, " "		Feb. 4, 1770
Nicholas, " "		April 19, 1772
Sarah, " "		July, 6, 1774
Edward, " "		Aug. 23, 1776
James, " "		Mar. 16, 1781
John Martin, " "		Mar. 16, 1781
Kenyon, " "		June 21, 1783
Lewis Abigail, of James & Abigail,		Mar. 28, 1717
Hannah, " "		Aug. 5, 1720
Ruth, " "		Feb. 2, 1724
George B., of George & Sarah,		Mar. 30, 1735
Eleazer, " "		Jan. 11, 1737
Ezekiel, " "		June 17, 1739
Elnathan, " "		Jan. 4, 1742
Samuel, " "		May 20, 1744
Sarah, " "		Mar. 17, 1746
Benjamin, " "		April 10, 1748
Martha, " "		July 16, 1750
Tacy, of Enock & Mary		Sept. 29, 1743
Mary, " "		Mar. 26, 1745
John, " "		May 15, 1747
Isreal, " "		Mar. 28, 1750
Bathsheba, " "		Jan. 24, 1752
Enock, " "		Feb. 19, 1754
Elizabeth, " "		Mar. 31, 1757
Benedict, " "		July 11, 1759
Joshua, " "		Sept. 24, 1762
William, of James & Susannah,		May 26, 1748
Gideon, " "		Dec. 15, 1749
Patience, " "		Dec. 15, 1752
Thomas, of Thomas & Mary,		Jan. 14, 1748/9
Benoni, " "		Sept. 28, 1752
Mary, " "	n.s.	April 14, 1755
William, " "		Sept. 18, 1757
William 2nd., " "		April 9, 1763
Abigail, " "		Mar. 26, 1765

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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next Town Meeting will be held Saturday evening, January 12th, 1974, at 8 P.M., in the Richmond Town Hall. The public is always welcome to attend.

At this meeting we are going to have as our guest speaker, MR. DONALD WILCOX, a Richmond Trapper and Fisherman. He will show us one of the largest collections of antique and modern traps.

Donald has spent most of his spare time, trapping up and down the streams and rivers of Hopkinton and Richmond.

Our Richmond ancestors were great trappers. They ate the meat and used the pelts for bed covers and rugs. They also sold the extra pelts to the fur traders for a profit.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting will be: Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bader, Co-Chairmen; Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Arnold; and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Handell.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 1974, at 7:30 P.M., at the home of President Ida Card Bader, Woodville, R.I.

HISTORIC PROVIDENCE FREIGHT HOUSE MAY GO

In 1847 the Providence & Worcester Railroad built the largest railway station in the nation. The Railroad hired Thomas A. Tefft, then a sophomore at Brown University, to design the passenger station, the freight stations and other buildings in the complex.

Mr. Tefft, whose work became internationally known, designed the structures in the Romanesque style reminiscent of churches in the Lombard region of Italy. It is one of a small number of buildings designed by Mr. Tefft that are still standing.

Thomas A. Tefft was born in Richmond near the site of the Washington County Fair Grounds. He attended and later taught at the old Quarrelsome Corner District School No. 5. He designed the Baptist Church in Wakefield and the Old Ferry Church at South Ferry, Narragansett, as well as laid out the plans for the Swan Point Cemetery in Providence where he is buried. He was an example of a local boy who made good, becoming one of Rhode Island's outstanding architects. He died in his early thirties.

The Freight House may also be doomed to early destruction.

SECONDS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SECRETARY

Public Meeting

Wood River Baptist Church

November 20, 1973

Mrs. Ida Bader welcomed 30 members and guests at a joint meeting of the Richmond Historical Society and members of the Wood River Baptist Church on the above date. Guests from out-of-town included Mr. & Mrs. Cundall from Hopkinton, Mr. & Mrs. Pendleton from Charlestown, and non-members Mrs. Meta Stevens, Emily Cruthers, Mary Purcell and Mr. Beauteau.

Mildred Chatalain, Cookbook Committee Chairman, reported that the October 14th annual Antiques, Handcraft and Food Fair netted \$54.01 plus a \$5.00 donation. Concessionaires were Ida Bader, Patty Millar, Eleanor Smith, Marion Hawkings, Mildred Chatalain, Priscilla Pride, and Judi Millar, participating on a 25% commission basis.

Treasurer's report: \$151.94 checking, \$264.66 Building Fund, \$35.00 Scholarship Fund, \$2.00 Publication Fund, \$6.56 Interest earned.

Mrs. Tootell, Archivist, had arranged the Show and Tell Table with photographs and papers contributed by Hope Blaine, and some miscellaneous notes donated by Henry Boucher. She reminded everyone that the Society does have reprints of historic areas for sale and that there are extra Newsletter sheets available at 5¢/page and 30¢/set.

Mrs. Olga Nimmo is no longer keeping the scrapbook of Oliver Stedman's column in the Spectator and Mrs. Tootell asked for a volunteer to continue this work. Anyone interested should contact her. She also had on display a collection of notebooks which were student history research projects done by members of a South Kingstown Social Studies class at which Mrs. Tootell lectures annually.

Among the items to be accessioned is an invoice from a Providence Co. Does anyone know who donated it?

Virginia Arnold reported that just today she had seen men working on opening the round window above the door on Bell School.

For comparison purposes in this time of energy crises and everything, shortage, the price of paper used in the Newsletter has risen from \$1.25 to \$2.75 per ream in two years.

Mr. Cundall warned the members against sending money to the Halbert coat-of-arm people as much of their information is false. This had been quite a topic of discussion at a recent genealogical convention.

There is to be a spinning demonstration held on December 3rd from 1:00 - 3:30 at the Watson House at N. R. I. Mrs. Kate Edgerton from Edgerton Handcrafts in Norwichtown, Conn. will be giving the demonstration on the great wheel, the flax wheel, and the drop spindle.

COLONIAL LIGHTING

Mr. Paul Ladd, guest speaker, opened his program by having Mrs. Bader light a rush lamp to help him throw some light on light of the past. The rush lamp is the symbol of the Rush Club to which he belongs. The rush is a marsh reed soaked in oil or grease and held in a wrought iron clamp. It gives off quite a bright and interesting light.

Light came in the first place from the fire-place. One could sidle up to the blazing logs for reading light. When the heat became too intense, the reader then could light a piece of pitch wood and fasten it into a holder to carry with him away from the fireplace. If an outside light was desired, a larger piece of pitch wood was used and placed into a cage-like affair to serve as a lantern. These were also placed into baskets fastened on an exterior wall for street lights.

Candles made of tallow from both wild and domestic animals soon followed. These were either molded or dipped, either singly or in quantity. A 144 candle mold was photographed by Mr. Ladd.

Colonists brought lamps from the Continent for holding grease. These started with a simple pan lamp which was saucer shaped to hold the melted grease and a wick to hold the flame. They usually had a pinched crimp on the edge into which the wick lay so that the flame itself was off the edge of the saucer. These were known as Phoebe lamps and gave birth to the Betty lamp which was more graceful in line, had a cover, and a wick pick for adjusting the wick.

A socket candlestick had a lever inserted so that the candle could be raised as it burned down. This candlestick had a bracket so that it could be hung on the back of a ladder back chair. Hogscraper candlesticks either derived from the convenient shape of the hog scraper or as was so often necessary with tools, served a dual purpose and was indeed also used to scrape the bristle off the pigskin to be used for leather. Another type of kitchen candlestick had an open spiraled shaft so that the burning candle could be swiveled upward as necessary.

In 1810 whale oil was introduced and 1- and 2-wick tubes were used under the theory that two lights were better than one in a single lamp. (Mr. Ladd ruminated that perhaps this was also one theory behind the institution of marriage!). Whale oil was also used in sconces made of glass and brass. The so-called petticoat lamp (two bell shaped skirts, one above the other) could be placed on a peg lamp for greater elevation.

camphine was a fuel derived from turpentine; as this could be explosive, it was used in especially designed glass bell-shaped lamps with handle.

The tinder box was another light container, but this was used primarily when fire was needed where it was not. It

contained tinder, flint, and steel for making fire and was also used to transport embers. A larger version of the tinder box looks like the tin cornpopper used on open fires.

Another interesting item was a portable lamp possibly used by George Washington in his travels. From a very small compact affair similar to a large pocket watch unfolded and unscrewed two saucers and sockets, ready for candles to light one's way along the unlighted Wayside Inn passages.

The sparking lamp was very similar to the camphine lamp in shape. It, however, served a definite purpose other than light. When the fuel was gone and the light went out, sparking time was also over and the young swain for whom the lamp was lit was expected to say his good-nights and depart!

Lanterns were originally called lan-thorns, the windows of which were made from very thin layers of cow horn.

Since all lamps required extinguishing as well as lighting, snuffers were necessary. An unusual piece owned by Mr. Ladd was a tray with built-on cones for holding two cone snuffers and a scissor-like snuffer and wick trimmer.

The above lamps were all on display as Mr. Ladd delved into the history of early lighting in America. He has been collecting lamps for nearly 20 years and has accumulated approximately 2000 colonial lamps. He started his collection with a \$5.00 tin lamp and for a long period of time kept his purchases within the \$5.00 limit set for himself. While in England one time, however, he spotted a hanging ratchet lamp which folded for compact storage. As the lamp unfolded into working position, a candle moved to either side of the ratchet and the supporting arms formed rush holders. This was high priced, but a highly prized addition to the collection.

Mr. Ladd concluded his program with a series of slides which also included views of his home as backdrops for the collection. He lives at Windmill Cottage, a cottage that at one time belonged to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and was given by him to his friend, George Washington Greene. At that time the windmill was located on Mill Street. It, too, belonged to Longfellow and he had it moved to its present location where it serves as a study and collection room for Mr. Ladd. The cottage is listed in the National Register of Historic Houses, and over the years has welcomed numerous political and literary dignitaries at its hearth.

Mr. Ladd identified several lamps brought in by the members and labeled the church lamps as Angle Lamps dating from c. 1880. This particular type of lamp was used primarily in churches and stores.

Colonial lamps were not only functional, but were also very decorative and the more elaborate ones made lovely contributions to the decor of the homes.

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73.19.1	Picture:Dawley Tavern Donor:	BF-No. 7
73.20.1	Picture:Wyoming,Brand House	BF-No.7
73.20.2	Picture:Wyoming,Mill	BF-No.7
73.20.3	Picture:Wyoming,Falls	BF-No.7
73.20.4	Picture:Wyoming,Falls & Mill	BF-No.7
73.20.5	Picture:Wyoming,Sheldon Store & group of men.	BF-No.7
73.20.6(2)	Picture:Wyoming,Flood 1886	BF-No.7
73.20.7	Picture:Wyoming,Skunk Hill Bridge Donor: Henry Boucher.	BF-No.7
73.21.1	Picture:Tug Hollow Center	BF-No.9
73.21.2	Picture:Tug Hollow Center	BF-No.9
73.21.3	Picture:Tug Hollow Mill	BF-No.9
73.21.4	Picture:Tug Hollow Falls	BF-No.9
73.21.5	Picture:Tug Hollow Children McElroys & Whitfords Donor: Lucy Rawlings Tootell.	BF-No.9
73.22.1	Picture:Arcadia School	BF-No.13
73.22.2	Picture:Children,Arcadia School Donor: Lloyd Cook.	BF-No.13
73.23.1	Book:Jolly Santa Claus	Book Case
73.23.2	Brochure:The Court & Practice Act 1905.	Book Case
73.23.3	Report:R.I.Gen.Treasurer 1907	Book Case
73.23.4	Public Law:1894 Act Lotteries & Policy Lotteries.	Book Case
73.23.5	Booklet:The Old Court House at Kingston.	MA-State Houses
73.23.6	Report:R.I. & California Oil Co., 1905	Book Case
73.23.7	Address:J.Howard McGrath,1945	Book Case
73.23.8	Speech:Hon.C.B.Landis,1906	Book Case
73.23.9	Telephone Directory,1934	Book Case
73.23.10	Copy:Declaration of Independence Donor: Henry Boucher.	MA-Documents
73.24.1	Concert:Thneksgiving 1896	BI-Music
73.24.2	Newspaper:The Well Spring 1887 Donor: Patricia Clark	BI-Religion
73.25.1	Picture:Wyoming,Oyster Saloon	BF-No.7
73.25.2	Picture:Folder of Arcadia, R.I.	BF-No.13
73.25.3	Post Card:Hope Valley Mill Donor: Hazel Travers.	BF-No.16

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Lewis Benjamin, of George & Sarah,	Oct. 11, 1757
Elizabeth, of Nathan & Mary,	July 5, 1764
Nathan, " "	Mar. 18, 1767
Benjamin, " "	July 4, 1770
Thomas, " "	Oct. 17, 1772
Sarah, " "	Jan. 3, 1774
Hannah, " "	Mar. 23, 1776
Anna, " "	June 17, 1779
Note. 3 first b. Charlestown, the others Richmond,	
Lillibridge Thomas, died, in his 63rd. year,	Aug. 29, 1723
Sarah, his wife, died,	Jan. 1761
Thomas, Jr., d. in his 55th. year,	Feb. 8, 1757
Mary, d. of Thomas, d. aged 14 d.	Jan. 23, 1729
Sarah (Barber), dau. of Thomas Jun.,	Sept. 3, 1758
died, in her 32d. year.	
A son of Thomas 3d.	Aug. 29, 1755
" " Died	Sept. 8, 1755
Sarah, " " Died	Aug. 1758
" " " Died	July 3, 1760
A son " " Died	Mar. 31, 1760
" " " Died	April 3, 1760
Deborah, of Thomas & Mary	July 8, 1756
Thomas, " "	Mar. 6, 1761
Joseph, " "	Mar. 16, 1763
Edward, " "	April 3, 1765
Champlain, " "	Mar. 9, 1767
John, " "	April 22, 1769
Mary, " "	Mar. 20, 1771
Thankful, " "	April 25, 1773
Sarah, of Edward & Patience,	July 16, 1757
Lester, " "	Sept. 25, 1759
Sally, of John & Mary,	July 2, 1790
Thankful, " "	April 22, 1792
Thomas, " "	Mar. 24, 1794
Deborah, " "	Oct. 27, 1796
Polly, " "	April 28, 1800
Nabby, of Amos & Phebe,	Sept. 17, 1798
Darius, " "	Nov. 13, 1799
Clara, " "	June 27, 1801
Amos, " "	Mar. 24, 1803
John H., of John & Hannah	Mar. 20, 1818
Nancy, " "	Dec. 1, 1820

SECRETARY'S NOTES

PUBLIC MEETING

JANUARY 12, 1974

President Ida Bader opened the meeting at 8:15 P. M. by welcoming 34 members and guests. Visitors were present from Carolina, Bradford, Woodville, Alton, Hope Valley. Mrs. Bader introduced Mrs. Earl Smith as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Richard Millar.

Ida commented briefly on the pleasant field trip to Mystic Seaport on December 23.

Eleanor Smith read the necrology to Roy Rawlings, copies of which have been sent to the family.

On behalf of the absent secretary, Mrs. Smith brought the Tanner barn to the attention of the group. It is a very old barn, once used as a wagon factory, and is located on the property of the Carolina Fish Hatchery. It has not been used for many years and is in such poor condition (the roof collapsed with the recent heavy snow accumulation) that the Carolina Volunteer Fire Company has been requested to burn it. Since this is to be done very soon, members were urged to visit the barn and take pictures; permission having been given by Walter Eddy, manager of the Fish Hatchery. Mr. Eddy said that some of the original panes of glass had been preserved; these would be donated to the Society, if the Society so wished. The Society wished, and Clarence Handell offered to pick up said gift.

Herbert Arnold reported that he and Earl Smith met on Jan. 6 with Robin Spears, who is going to place the foundation stones. Earl showed him the numbers on the stones, which were marked consecutively as they had been placed in the original foundation. Mr. Spears said he will do the work as soon as he can get to it and should be done within a couple of weeks after starting.

Ida stated there will be a meeting of the Executive Board on February 14. She questioned whether the public meeting for February should be cancelled because weather in February is unpredictable. Lucy Tootell made the motion that the February meeting be cancelled; Clarence seconded the motion. Lucy suggested that summer meetings be considered.

People 75 years of age or older, Senior Citizens, or rather, Golden Agers, are to speak at the March and April meetings. Wooden plaques to be presented to them are well under way.

Mr. Donald Wilcox of Hopkinton, a professional fur trapper, was introduced as guest speaker. The meeting was adjourned.

During the social hour after the meeting, a printed flyer was given to Archivist Lucy Tootell for the Richmond Historical Society. It was donated by Stella Stewart of the Hopkinton Historical Society. It advertised an Auction to be held March 21, 1867, at the residence of Joseph C. Kenyon at Richmond Switch.

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Alton, December 25, 1855

Editor of the Narragansett Times: -

During the past week I have seen an item going the rounds in a number of papers as follows:

"CHANGE OF NAME, - We see it stated that the name of the Post Office at Brand's Iron Works has been changed to Wyoming. A few months ago its name was published as Alton. What name is to come up at the end of the next quarter, we wonder?"

The above evidently needs some explanation, as there is in it both truth and error. The name of the Post Office has been changed to Wyoming, though unexpectedly to the people here, and was a petition with perhaps a dozen signers, forwarded to the P.O. Department to have the name of the Post Office of this place changed to Wyoming. Very few people here, if any, thought there would be any notice taken of it on account of its very limited number of signers. Time rolled on and as there was still no change made, no one thought there would be any. And I think no one here was more surprised than he who drew up, signed and circulated the petition, when some ten days ago, the papers were received authorizing the change.

The statement above that it had been previously changed to Alton is an error; and probably originated in the fact of the change of the name of the village to Alton, and not the name of the Post Office. Last April, notices were posted in some half dozen places in the village calling on the citizens to meet in the school house on a certain evening, to consider the propriety of changing the name of the village. At that meeting it was unanimously resolved to change the name of the place, and Alton was the name finally adopted. Subsequently a petition, with some forty signers, to have the name of the Post Office changed to that of the village viz., Alton, was forwarded to the Post Master of Providence, who said he would forward it to the Post Office Department and give it his influence.

Alton is the name of the village, and is so laid down on that beautiful and valuable map of the State just published by Mr. Walling; a map which is to grace every school house in the State, and nearly every man's dwelling, and more or less of which are to be distributed to every state in the Union.

All must see the necessity of having the name of the Post Office the same as the name of the village, and should the name Alton "come up at the end of the next quarter" as the name of the Post Office no one need "wonder."

A Citizen

Among the things to be auctioned were "two Rocking Chairs . . . one set of white dishes . . . one Rooster and six Hens . . . two Pitchforks . . . one Fat Hog." John Baggs, Auctioneer.

These notes and the following account of Mr. Wilcox's talk were respectfully submitted by Eleanor H. Smith, secretary, pro tem.

FUR TRAPPING IN AND AROUND RICHMOND

In addition to being a professional fur trapper, Mr. Wilcox collects traps as a hobby. He has more than 100 in his collection; 50 to 75 of which were on display. He exhibited examples described.

Since the late 1800's, fur traps have been machine made or stamped out. Previous to this time, they were handmade. Machine production started in 1859 with the manufacture of the under-spring trap, followed in 1860 by the long spring.

Newhouse is one of the oldest and most important trap manufacturers; the business was started in Kenwood, N. Y., in the 1860's. This company makes the strongest traps on the market; trappers relying on trapping for a living stick with Newhouse. Their traps made in the early 1900's are still-usable today. Other good brands were Triumph, Blake and Lamb, Victor, Diamond, Bibbs.

The traps were described variously as:-

Single Spring	Long Spring Triple Clutch
Two Spring	Easy Set
Long Spring	Little Jump
Double Long Spring	Shurehold
Triple Clutch	Stop Loss

The traps were in a wide range of sizes to trap animals of any size from mink to bear. Each style of trap has a number. A Victor No. 2 is used for foxes; a No. 3 for otter or beaver. There were oval traps, round ones, square ones.

A tree trap is one of the oldest traps made. It was nailed at right angles to a tree; bait was hung from the center. The animal reached for the bait, the trap would spring and clamp him to the tree. This also caught cats and dogs so the use of this trap was done away with.

Most traps catch the animal by the foot but the foot, but the Coninbear C-110 is a humane trap: a square trap without teeth that trips down on the neck of the animal and kills it.

A different type of trap is used for animals which gnaw off their feet; such as the Victor Stop Loss No. 1 jump and No. 1 long spring or the Blake and Lamb Shurehold No. 1 jump and long spring or No. 1½ long spring.

A U. S. wolf trap, now antique, was shown. This trap was used by government trappers at the time the west was being settled and wolves were numerous and caused great damage to domestic animals. At the present time, troublesome wolves are still trapped under government supervision. The antique wolf traps are quite valuable.

There was also a back breaker trap which lost favor because it damaged the pelt.

Triumph made a three-jaw trap for muskrats so the animal couldn't twist. "Most people think the muskrat gnaws off his foot to get out of the trap. He doesn't gnaw it off. He twists around and around until the foot comes off. This is called 'footing'."

Occasionally trap-copying cases arise, usually ending in court.

The major trap manufacturers today are still Newhouse, Victor, Blake and Lamb and Coninbear.

Traps cannot have a human taint so they are prepared in different ways. Some people hang them to rust for a length of time; some dip them in beeswax. Mr. Wilcox dyes his with a special dye which turns them black. He then melts beeswax in hot water and dips the traps.

Answering a question as to how he'd go about trapping a muskrat, Mr. Wilcox explained, "You find where he is running or feeding and set the trap under no more than two inches of water so that he'll be caught by his hind foot. If the water is shallower, he tends to step in the trap with his front foot. If the water is deeper, he will be caught only by a toe and get away. If the water is deep enough, he will drown. The muskrat is a vegetarian, likes grass, occasionally eats fresh water clams, has made himself a nuisance by coming up on the Meadow Brook Golf Course. It is illegal now to trap otters in Rhode Island and they chase away the muskrats. We have otters in two colors here: black and brown.

Jeanne Lees, a guest from Hopkinton Historical Society, asked what was used for bait. "My father used to use rooster heads." Mr. Wilcox replied that he uses only purchased bait especially prepared, or scent.

It should be mentioned that the wax on traps may last five years but that fox traps have to be rewaxed every year. A fox trap is set in the area where he hunts; a little hole dug in which to place the bait. Behind that, a spot is cleared where the trap is buried with a few leaves scattered over it. As with all traps, it is chained to a metal stake which has been driven into the ground. In the case of the fox trap, the chain is only five or six inches long. For other animals, like muskrat, mink, etc., the chain is left the length as it is purchased with the trap, about 18 inches. The fox is usually caught by his front foot. To trap the fox, Mr. Wilcox uses a Victor No. 2 double coil spring trap.

Animals trapped by their feet have to be killed. Mr. Wilcox grasps the animal, stretched it full length, presses a forked stick over it's neck to hold it down, then steps on the area of the animal's heart. The heart stops immediately. There is no damage to the pelt with this method.

Mr. Wilcox related: "A year ago, a fox was caught loosely in one of my traps; the foot was all but torn off. I didn't notice this. When I started to work with him, he tore completely out of the trap and started off across the field; me right after him! A fox can run fast, but pelts were \$18.00 then and I wasn't