

Richmond, R.I.
Genealogy

PERSONAL RECORD

X.- 20.

NAME: GEORGE PERRY

GENERATION IN RICHMOND: LII

OF: Edward - Benjamin - Edward

FATHER: Edward Perry

MOTHER: Dorcas Gardiner

BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1. Benjamin 2. Susannah

BIRTH: February 9, 1762 WHERE: Richmond, Rhode Island

DEATH: 1817 WHERE: Richmond, Rhode Island

CEMETERY: _____ RELIGION: _____

MARRIAGES: Anna Perry

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

OCCUPATIONS: _____

RESIDENCES: Homestead farm, Route 138, Richmond, R.I.

CHILDREN:

1. Robert Perry

M. _____

BORN: _____

D. _____

2. George E. Perry

M. _____

BORN: _____

D. _____

3. Lois Perry

M. Newberry Card

BORN: 1786

D. 1859

4. Dorcas Perry

M. _____

BORN: _____

D. _____

5. Susannah Perry

M. David Clarke (1817)

BORN: 1798

D. March 27, 1890

6. Nancy Perry

M. _____

BORN: _____

D. _____

COMMENTS:

George Perry lived and died in Richmond, R.I. upon the homestead farm of his parents and left to him by his father Edward. This same farm was later known as the Halsey Perry Clarke farm.

Officers and committee chairmen

(1977 - 1978)

OFFICERS:

President: Lucy Rawlings Tootell
 VICE-PRESIDENT: Patricia Smith Millar
 SECRETARY: Ida Card Bader
 TREASURER: Charles J. Edmonds
 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: Marcus L. Whitford (3 years)
 Henry Boucher (2 years)
 Carolyn Stoner (1 year)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: (alphabetical order)

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Archives: | Lucy Tootell and Carolyn Stoner |
| 2. Arts & Crafts Fair: | Mildred Chatalian |
| 3. Bell School: | Earl Smith |
| 4. By-laws review | Marcus L. Whitford |
| 5. Collation | |
| 6. Flags over Richmond | |
| 7. Historic Cemeteries | |
| 8. Historic Costume | Patricia Millar |
| 9. Historic Signs | Earl Smith |
| 10. Naming of Richmond Highways: | |
| 11. Membership | |
| 12. News Letter Editor | Lucy Tootell |
| 13. Sunshine | Eleanor Smith |

IMPORTANT FACTS:

Incorporation of the Richmond Historical Society, Inc.
 April 22, 1974 = date of incorporation.
 \$35.00 = fee paid
 R.I. General Laws 7-6-14 = Biennial Report.
 ... shall file in the office of the secretary of state during the month of FEBRUARY in each EVEN year a report certified by some officer of the corporation to be correct, setting forth 1. name of corporation, 2. location, 3. name & addresses of all officers and term office expires, 4. date appointed for next annual meeting, and 5. pay fee of ten dollars.

Internal Revenue Employer Identification Number - 05-0373207
 August 4, 1977 = date recorded
 Richmond Historical Society, Inc.
 Filed: Town Hall Archives office file.

Insurance: Aetna General Liability No. 478395 (Aug. 23, 1977) = \$94.00
 Starkweather & Shepley, Inc. (Tel: 421-6900)
 155 South Main Street, Providence, R.I. 02903

C H R I S T M A S

X.- 22.

Christmas began as Christes Masse, a beloved religious festival which began with the angels' song on the plains of Beth-lehem - "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

December 25 was set for the observance of the observance of the birth of Christ in 350 by Julius I, Bishop of Rome. Since this season of the year coincided with many of the pagan festivals, it is natural that attempts to combine pagan and Christian events led to difficulties.

In 1620 at Plymouth the Puritans showed disdain for the season which they considered a pagan festival and planned a day of hard work to prevent celebration. They also passed a law forbidding the celebration of Christmas.

The Pilgrims, on the other hand, had absorbed some of the spirit of the season through having lived in Holland the previous year; and the Mayflower brought over a barrel of holly, ivy, laurel with which to decorate the tables and from which to weave wreaths for the children.

It can be assumed that the town of Richmond always celebrated Christmas as the residents came over after the Puritans; in most cases - the Plantation owners followed the customs of Great Britain and the Mayflower descendants were much more liberal as to this holy festival.

One custom is to use Holly. It has been used for centuries for decorative purposes. Of the 150 varieties of holly, some grow in practically every country in world.

It has long been considered as a symbol of immortality because it bears fruit in the winter.

At Christmas it is thought to represent the crown of thorns worn by Christ, the red of the berries representing blood. In Denmark it is called the Christ-thorn.

In the booklet on RHODE ISLAND WILDFLOWERS by Irene H. Stuckey, the University of Rhode Island, page 54, she says:

" The prickly evergreen leaves and persistent red berries (of American Holly) have made this one of our most popular ornamental trees. Sensitive to slight differences in temperature, it is fairly common in Rhode Island in wooded areas south of Route 138 (a climate line) but rare north of this road. Male and female flowers, blooming in late June, are borne on separate trees. Berries develop only when plants of both sexes grow near each other; they reach peak color in late fall and remain until spring. (Plant 20-40 feet)

According to tradition, the reason for using tinsel on the Christmas tree is because many years ago, a good woman with a large family prepared the Christmas tree according to custom, trimming it profusely. During the night, spiders visited the tree, crawling from branch to branch and leaving beautiful webs. To reward the good woman for her efforts, the Christ-child blessed the tree and all of the spider webs were transformed into shining silver.

The American Christmas, as it is known to most of us today, even in Richmond - is composed of threads from many countries woven into a beautiful tapestry reflecting in modified form the customs of many and widely separated lands. The first Christmas tree in the United States was set up by soldiers in Fort Dearborn, Illinois in 1804. To the ancients, the tree was a symbol of "life over death" - just as the sun is "reborn".

And so - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd., 1978, at 2 P.M.

Promptly at 2 P.M. the members will make a quick visit to the Bell School house and then return to the Town Hall for a business meeting to REVIEW THE PAST AND PLAN THE FUTURE.

Oral or written reports of the various committees are to be given at this time. Committees and chairmen are listed in the previous news letter - Vol. X., page 21 - if a chairman cannot be present, be sure that a written report is sent to the Society secretary Ida Bader to be read at this meeting.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the above meeting will be Carolyn Stoner and Lucy Tootell.

GIFTS TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

- ROBERT JORDAN: a homemade quilt (more details about it later.)
and a pamphlet of the Burnside Post No. 2, GAR, Shannock,
Rhode Island, Roster 1894.
- LUCY TOOTELL: a family bibli belonging to the Allen Family.
- GLADYS W. NORMAN: several tax books from 1897 to 1924.
- UNKNOWN: (If you know the giver, please tell Archivist Tootell)
Metal ice pick
roll of black material
carpenter's leveler

JOIN THE SOCIETY: Send three dollars to Treasurer Charles Edmonds.

BUY A BOOK: \$10.00 at the Washington Trust Company, Hope Valley, R.I.
\$10.75 mailed anywhere in the United States.

HELP! HELP! - WHICH IS CORRECT? - A or B ???

- | | | | |
|-------|----------------|----|----------------|
| | (A) | | (B) |
| I. | John Clarke | | John Clarke |
| II. | John Clarke | | John Clarke |
| III. | Thomas Clarke | | Thomas Clerke |
| IV. | Joseph Clarke | | Joseph Clarke |
| V. | William Clarke | or | Joseph Clarke |
| VI. | William Clarke | | William Clarke |
| VII. | William Clarke | | William Clarke |
| VIII. | Joshua Clarke | | Joshua Clarke |

Column B - see Beers, pp. 478,597,1422,1780.
See Cole, pp. 699

Column A - See DRIFTWAYS INTO THE PAST
See Genealogy of Valerie Felt.

NAME: JOSEPH CLARKE GENERATION IN RICHMOND: _____

OF: Thomas - John - John

FATHER: Thomas Clarke

MOTHER: Rose Herridge

BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1. Thomas 2. Dr. John

BIRTH: December 9, 1618 (Ref.2) WHERE: Westhorpe, Hartesmere, Suffolkshire, England.

DEATH: June 1, 1694 (Ref.2) WHERE: _____

CEMETERY: _____ RELIGION: _____

MARRIAGES: (1) _____

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

(2) Margaret

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

OCCUPATIONS: _____

RESIDENCES: Newport, R. I. - Westerly, R.I.

CHILDREN:

- | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Joseph Clarke | Born: February 11, 1642 | M. (1) Bethiah Hubbard (1664) (2) Hannah Weeden Peckham, Mrs. D. January 11, 1726/27 |
| 2. William Clarke | Born: 1676 | M: Hannah Knight D: February 2, 1767(Richmond) |
| 3. Mary Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
| 4. Sarah Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
| 5. John Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
| 6. Susanna Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
| 7. Joshua Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
| 8. Thomas Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
| 9. Carew Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
| 10. Elizabeth Clarke | Born: | M: D: |
- Reference: Beers, pp. 308,478,1422,1780.

Richmond, R.I.

DESCRIPTION SHEET

X.- 25.

NAME: JOSEPH CLARKE

GENERATION IN RICHMOND: _____

Reference: Beers, REPRESENTATIVE MEN AND OLD FAMILIES OF
RHODE ISLAND, Vol. I. - page 308.

"... The ancestors of Joseph Clarke have been traced, according to Morrison, the author of the work on the Rhode Island Clarkes, to the Parish of Westhorpe, County of Suffolk, England, where the name of Clarke is of great antiquity. Westhorpe is a manor in the Hundred (or township) of Hartismere, Suffolkshire, of great antiquity, and at the Domesday Survey, 1081-1087, belonged to Gilbert de Bund. It was once the seat of Charles Brandern, Duke of Suffolk.

In the early settling of New England there came hither Thomas, John and Joseph Clarke, brothers, all settling at Newport, R.I., and two of them figured prominently there. Thomas was admitted an inhabitant of the Island of Aquidneck in 1638, and became one of the original members of the First Baptist Church in 1644. He died in 1674, leaving no issue.

John Clarke, a physician and minister, is of record at Boston in 1677; of Portsmouth, R. I., in 1638; and of Newport in 1639. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church in 1644, organized that year. He was assistant for a couple of years, and treasurer of the four towns for three years, 1649-1650-1651. He was deputy for some seven years and deputy governor from 1669 to 1672. He died in 1676, leaving no issue that lived long.

The remaining brother, Joseph Clarke, of Newport, was admitted an inhabitant of the Island of Aquidneck in 1638. He was one of the original members of the First Baptist Church in 1644; was a member of the General Court of Trials in 1648; was Commissioner in 1655, 1657, 1658, and 1659; was assistant in 1658, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1678, and 1679. His name appears in the charter granted Rhode Island in 1663 by King Charles II. He was a freeman of Westerly in 1668, and deputy from that town from 1668 to 1672 and in 1690. Mr. Clarke was twice married, the name of his first wife being unknown, while only the Christian name of his second wife is known, Margaret. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clarke died in 1694. Mr. Clarke's children are learned, says Austin, from the following memorandum which is appended to the record of the will of his brother, Thomas Clarke.

"The names of the children of Joseph Clarke, of the town of Newport, that are living this 19th day of December, 1674: Joseph Clarke, William Clarke, Mary Clarke, Sarah Clarke, John Clarke, Susanna Clarke, Joshua Clarke and Thomas Clarke."

The three Clarke brothers of Newport alluded to were sons of Thomas Clarke of Westhorpe, Suffolk, England (1570-1627), and his wife Rose Herrige or Keridge (died in 1627); grandsons of John Clarke, of Westhorpe, County of Suffolk, England (bapt. 1541-1598), and his wife Catherine Cooke (bapt. 1546-1598); and great-grandsons of John Clarke, of Westhorpe, County of Suffolk, England, who died in 1559.

PROGRAMS FOR THE SEASON 1977 - 1978

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- SEPTEMBER 20, 1977 (Evening)
 Program: Ursula Luth, ADVENTURES ON A FREIGHTOT
 COMMITTEE: Lucy Tootell
 COLLATION COMMITTEE: Baders, Britland, Bouchers.
- OCTOBER 15, 1977 (Daytime)
 PROGRAM: Hosts of R.I. League of Historical Societies
 Committee: Leona Kelley
 Collation Comm. None.
- NOVEMBER 15, 1977 (Evening)
 Program: The Romance of the Spinning Wheel & Master gardening
 Jean and Pete Markham
 Committee: Patricia Millar
 Collation comm: Edmonds, Brunskills
- DECEMBER 11, 1977 (afternoon)
 Program: Christmas party and pot luck supper
 Committee: games - Lucy Tootell
 Collation comm; Arnolds, Handells
- JANUARY 22, 1978 (afternoon)
 Program: Review the past-plan the future - business meeting.
 Collation comm; Stoner, Tootell
- FEBRUARY 19, 1978 (afternoon)
 Program: Local Railroad Stations - Robert Jordan
 Collation Comm. Yvonne Dawley,
- MARCH 19, 1978 (afternoon)
 Program:
 Collation comm: Millars
- APRIL 18, 1978 (evening)
 Program: Family History and genealogy
 Collation: Chatalians
- MAY 16, 1978 (evening)
 Program: Bell School
 Collation comm: Smiths
- JUNE 20, 1978 (evening)
 Program: Annual Meeting
 Collation comm;
- JULY
 1978
 Arts & Crafts Fair
 Committee: Chatalians
- AUGUST 18, 1978
 Incorporation date of the town of Richmond, R.I.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the Richmond Town Hall, Sunday afternoon, February 19th, 1978, at 2 P.M.

Due to inclement weather, the January meeting had to be cancelled and so the business meeting scheduled for January will take place in February provided it does not storm again!!! Please refer to page 23 for the details.

The program on Local Railroad Stations by Robert Jordan will have to be moved ahead to the March meeting.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The January collation committee will still hold forth. Lucy Tootell will furnish coffee and cream and sugar and Carolyn Stoner will bring a ginger food.

INCORPORATION DUES

Let us not forget that the corporation dues are to be paid in the month of February.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

In response to the "Help Help" request on page 23 asking the correct line of the Clarke-clark family in Richmond, Marjorie Schunke and Valerie Felt sent in some valuable information.

The personal record of JOSEPH CLARKE (fourth generation) was printed on page 24 according to Beers. A second version by John Austin has been printed on page 28. The reader will notice several difference.

On page 29 is the personal record of his son JOSEPH CLARKE (fifth generation) because his son William is believed by some to be the progenitor of the Richmond Clarkes.

On page 30 is the personal record of WILLIAM CLARKE, son of the first Joseph and brother to the above mentioned William, who is believed by others to be the progenitor of the Richmond Clarkes.

Page 31 includes the section on the Richmond Clarke family in the HISTORY OF WASHINGTON & KENT COUNTIES, page 700, which concurs with the page 29 version.

Most of the data on the above mentioned persons would have taken place before the incorporation of the town of Richmond in 1747 and, therefore, would not be in the Richmond town records.

The only way to prove the fact from the fiction is to have the actual town record references. If any members have these please send them to Lucy Tootell. At present it appears that Cole and Beers may be in error. If so, for posterity, this should be made known.

NAME: JOSEPH CLARKE REF. NO. _____

GENERATION IN AMERICA: IV. GENERATION IN RICHMOND: _____

OF: THOMAS-JOHN-JOHN

FATHER: Thomas Clarke

MOTHER: Rose Kerrige

BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1. Margaret 2. Carew 3. Thomas 4. Mary 5. John
6. William

BIRTH: December 9, 1618 WHERE: _____

DEATH: June 1, 1694 WHERE: _____

CEMETERY: _____ RELIGION: _____

NARRUAGES: (1) _____

WHEN: ca. 1642 WHERE: _____

(2) Margaret

OCCUPATIONS: _____

RESIDENCES: Newport, R.I. - Westerly, R.I. (1668)

CHILDREN:

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Clarke | M. Bethiah Hubbard (1664) |
| B. April 2, 1643 | D. January 11, 1727 |
| 2. John Clarke | M. |
| B. | D. April 11, 1704 |
| 3. William Clarke | M. Hannah Weeden |
| B. | D. September 30, 1683 |
| 4. Joshua Clarke | M. Alice Phillips |
| B. | D. ca. 1702 |
| 5. Thomas Clarke | M. Elizabeth |
| B. | D. ca. 1705 |
| 6. Susannah Clarke | M. |
| B. | D. |
| 7. Mary Clarke | M. Tobias Saunders |
| B. | D. ca. 1695 + |
| 8. Sarah Clarke | M. Thomas Reynolds (1683) |
| B. January 29, 1663 | D. |
| 9. Carew Clarke | M. Ann Dyre (1693) |
| B. | D. |
| 10. Elizabeth Clarke | M. |
| B. | D. |

Reference: John Osborne Austin, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ALLIED FAMILIES.
Published 1893. See page 61.

The above version of Joseph Clarke (Generation IV) is by Mr. Austin who is considered very reliable.

Another version in Beers, (Sec Vol.X-page 24) gives a slightly different interpretation.

Question = what are the true facts?

Richmond, R.I.
Genealogy

PERSONAL RECORD

X.-29.

NAME: JOSEPH CLARKE REF: _____
GENERATION IN AMERICA: V GENERATION IN RICHMOND: _____
OF: Joseph - Thomas - John - John
FATHER: Joseph Clarke
MOTHER: Margaret
BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1. John 2. William 3. Joshua 4. Thomas 5. Susannah
6. Mary 7. Sarah 8. Carew 9. Elizabeth
BIRTH: April 2, 1643 WHERE: _____
DEATH: January 11, 1727 WHERE: _____
CEMETERY: _____ RELIGION: _____
MARRIAGES: (1) Bethiah Hubbard
WHEN: November 16, 1664 WHERE: _____
OCCUPATIONS: _____
RESIDENCES: Newport, R.I. - Westerly, R.I.

CHILDREN:

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| 1. Judith Clarke | M. |
| B. Oct. 12, 1667 (Westerly) | D. |
| 2. Joseph Clarke | M. |
| B. April 4, 1670 (Westerly) | M. |
| 3. Samuel Clarke | M. |
| B. Sept. 29, 1672 (Westerly) | D. |
| 4. John Clarke | M. |
| B. Aug. 25, 1675 (Westerly) | D. |
| 5. Bethiah Clarke | M. |
| B. April 11, 1678 (Westerly) | M. |
| 6. Mary Clarke | M. |
| B. Dec. 27, 1680 (Newport) | M. |
| 7. Susannah Clarke | M. |
| B. Aug. 31, 1683 (Westerly) | D. |
| 8. Thomas Clarke | M. |
| B. March 17, 1686 (Westerly) | D. |
| 9. William Clarke | M. |
| B. April 21, 1688 (Westerly) | D. |

Reference: John Osborne Austin, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ALLIED FAMILIES.
Published 1893. See page 61.

Reference; Arnold, NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL RECORD, Vol. I-No, 1, page 61.

According to Beers, REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF R.I., Vol. II-page 1422:
GENERATION VI-WILLIAM CLARKE, son of Joseph (2), and one of the first
settlers of Richmond, was born at Newport, R.I., May 27, 1670, and
died at Richmond, Feb. 28, 1767, in his ninety-seventh year. He had
six sons: William, Thomas, Jonathan, Caleb, Robert and Elisha.

NAME: WILLIAM CLARKE REF: _____

GENERATION IN AMERICA V GEN. IN RICHMOND: _____

OF: Joseph - Thomas - John - John

FATHER: Joseph Clarke

MOTHER: Margaret

BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1. Joseph 2. John 3. Joshua 4. Thomas 5. Susannah
6. Mary 7. Sarah 8. Carew 9. Elizabeth

BIRTH: _____ WHERE: _____

DEATH: September 30, 1683 WHERE: _____

CEMETERY: _____ RELIGION: _____

MARRIAGES: (1) Hannah Weeden (of William)

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

(2)

WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____

OCCUPATIONS: _____

RESIDENCES: _____

CHILDREN:

- | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | B. _____ | M. _____ |
| 2. _____ | B. _____ | D. _____ |
| 3. _____ | B. _____ | M. _____ |
| 4. _____ | B. _____ | D. _____ |
| 5. _____ | B. _____ | M. _____ |
| 6. _____ | B. _____ | D. _____ |
| 7. _____ | B. _____ | M. _____ |
| 8. _____ | B. _____ | D. _____ |
| 9. _____ | B. _____ | M. _____ |
| | B. _____ | D. _____ |

Reference: John Osborne Austin, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ALLIED FAMILIES. Published 1893. See page 61.

According to Schunke, George Clark, ^{***} and Valerie Felt, the Richmond Clarkes came down through this William (See Vol. X-page 23)

If anyone has official records pertaining to this William and his children, please send them to Lucy Tootell as most of the information would be outside the town of Richmond. However this William is important to Richmond because he would be an ancestor.

GENEALOGY:

CLARKE - CLARK FAMILY

X.- 51.

Reference: Cole, HISTORY OF WASHINGTON & KENT COUNTIES, page 700

The Clarke family, now so very numerous in Richmond and vicinity, can be traced back to 1559 as follows: William Clarke, one of the first settlers in what is now Richmond, was the son of Joseph Clarke, who died at Westerly, January 11th, 1726, aged eighty-three years.

This Joseph was the son of Joseph Clarke, who was born December 9th, 1618, and died June 1st, 1694. He was named an assistant in the charter of 1663, and was brother to Doctor John Clarke of Newport, who procured the charter from the Crown.

Doctor Clarke was a man of wealth and renowned for integrity and patriotism.

The last named Joseph Clarke was the son of Thomas Clarke, who was born on All Saints' Day, November 1570. He died July 27th, 1627. His father, John Clarke, was born February 1514, and was buried April 7th, 1598. He was the son of John Clarke, of whom all that is known is that he was buried March 3rd, A.D. 1559.

We will now return to the record of William Clarke. He was born in Newport in 1670 and died in Richmond February 28th, 1767, aged ninety-seven years. He had four brothers, Samuel, Thomas, Joseph and John. His son William was born at Newport in 1702, and died at Richmond, March 28th, 1786. He had five other sons: Thomas, Jonathan, Caleb, Robert and Elisha. The sons of the last named William were: James, William, Gideon, Joshua, Peter and Weeden. Gideon was the grandfather of John G. Clarke, of South Kingstown. Jonathan was the grandfather of Halsey P. Clarke. Weeden lived and died at Shannock Hill in Richmond, leaving four sons: Weeden, Peleg, Doctor Pardon, and William.

The children of Jonathan Clarke, above named, were: Jonathan, Abraham, Josiah, Nathaniel, Tablitha, Sarah, Benjamin, Hannah and David. David was born October 14th, 1756, and married Mary Cross. Their children were: Sarah, Ann and David. This David Clarke married Susannah, daughter of George Perry, and their only living child is Halsey P. Clarke.

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L.R. Woodell, Wyoming, R.I. 02898

MARCH 1978

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the Richmond Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1978, at 2 P.M.

One of our members, Robert Jordan, Shannock, R. I. will talk and show illustrations from his collection of local Railroad Stations.

Collecting railroad stations has long been a hobby of Robert's and he has some very interesting pictures of vital interest to residents of Richmond and vicinity.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the above meeting will be: Yvonne Dawley and the Millars.

CONGRATULATIONS VIRGINIA

Virginia A. Lacey of Hoxsie Road, Richmond, R.I. has been promoted to the position of assistant treasurer, financial planning and control group, it was announced by President Theodore W. Barnes of Old Stone Bank. Ms. Lacey, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, joined Old Stone in 1971 as a work measurement analyst. In 1974 she was named a departmental officer and she is currently manager of Management engineering at Old Stone. Ms. Lacey is active in the Richmond Historical Society.

WOOD RIVER ADVERTISER - MAY 6, 1880

Courtesy of Gladys Palmer

"... while ploughing over the place where once stood an old house, on his farm in the town of Richmond, Mr. Wanton Lillibridge turned up a pine tree shilling dated 1652. The house where this coin was found was down when Mr. Thomas Lillibridge, great-grandfather of the present occupant, first settled on the place in 1711. ..." (Wanton Lillibridge built the Rawlings Homestead which was the third house in that area).

RAILROAD STATIONS

"... the station is the heart of traffic; no comparison is as correct as the analogy of a country's railroads with the circulatory system of the human body. The main lines of a network are often referred to as 'arteries'. Small stations are generally transit stations, have one or two main tracks, only one secondary track, and a small freight yard."

Richmond Historical Meeting

February 19, 1978

Lucy Tootell, President, called the meeting to order Sunday afternoon, February 19, 1978 with 10 members present. Lucy welcomes all and asked the Secy. to read the minutes from the November 15, meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

Marcus Whitford Reports;

At the funeral for Miss. Florence Richmond, he asked Harold Kenyon what he did with her estate. Harold said, "she had nothing but a few trinkets." Marcus then went to the Watch Hill Manor Nursing Home (where Miss Richmond died) and the head nurse gave him, Miss Richmond's book, Driftways Into The Past, book No.1. Marcus has given this book to President Lucy Tootell and she will put it in the vault in the Town Hall.

Treasurer's Report;

Charles Edmonds states, as of February 19, we have a total assets of \$2304.45. Charles also reports we have 50 paid members. Lucy remarks of these members 18 are active, 23 nonactive and 9?.

Committee Report; Driftways Into The Past;

President, Lucy Tootell, reads the complete report. Cash on hand February 15, 1978. \$316. 19.

Richmond Historical Society Budget;

Income (dues) \$150.00. Expenses \$251.90. To balance this budget we depend upon interest from our savings and donations.

New Business;

President, Lucy Tootell states, Earl Smith came to her and said, "I would like to step down as chairman of the Bell Schoolhouse committee." Motion made by Edmund Britland and second by Raymond Bader that we accept Earl's request with regrets and instruct the Secty. to write a letter of thank-you to Earl. Motion was made and approved that the present Bell Schoolhouse committee be dissolved.

Discussion about a new chairman for the Bell Schoolhouse committee. Edmund Britland made a motion, second by Charles Edmonds, that Raymond Bader be chairman of the Bell Schoolhouse committee. Motion was approved. Ray was authorized to select his own committee and report to the Society every two months. Ray was also instructed to have extra keys to the schoolhouse door made.

Discussion; Charles Edmonds would like to know why we have to pay electric bill, when we are not using electricity. Herbert Arnold volunteered to talk to Mr. Mulligrn about the bill.

Charles also states he has sent in the corporation dues.

Carolyn Stoner remarks about the dampness in the Town Hall vault and all materials such as papers and books are covered with mildew and subject to spoilage.

A motion was made by Herbert Arnold and second by Marcus Whitford that the Society send a letter to the Richmond Town Council, informing them of the condition of the vault and request they correct this condition.

Motion was made by Edmund Britland and second by Marcus Whitford we adjourn. Motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted;
Ida Card Bader
Secretary

NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER: VOL. III No. 1 Page 6.

"BREAKING GROUND FOR THE STONINGTON RAILROAD - Mr. Daniel Stillman relates this interesting fact. He said the ground was broken for the Stonington Railroad in August, 1833. Gov. Francis of Rhode Island drove down from Providence in a coach drawn by four white horses driven by a negro coachman. He met Gov. Edwards of Connecticut and they broke ground at Stonington Point. They came to Westerly and again broke ground, Gov. Edwards at Stonington and Gov. Francis in Rhode Island close to the river in Westerly. He (Francis) had a small wheelbarrow that would hold about a peck and a spade that seemed well fitted for the use of a small boy. The barrow was very highly apinted and the spade beautifully polished. He loaded his barrow and wheeled it to the river's bank and then dumped it. Speeches followed this great feat of dirt moving. Governor Francis put up at Benjamin Frink's Tavern which stood on the spot where the Dixon House now is. The bar took \$110 that day.

WOOD RIVER ADVERTISER - March 21, 1878

"RICHMOND - the bell on the school house in District No. 9 rang out a joyous peal Wednesday 13th seeming to invite us to go up to the exhibition on the 'last day' so we went up and mingled with the youthful students and was young once more. Miss Hoxsie has taught the school with her usual success the term just closed, and had prepared an interesting and attractive program for the close. About 200 people were present and were highly pleased with the exercises; but would have been more comfortable if they had had more room. The speaking was very good and some of the tableaux another novel, not to say startling; for when the flour or flour of the family raised the barrel head and exposed a countenance beautifully ornamented with burnt cork and the youngest and best speaker of the day, Miss Eva Barber, was frightened and screamed lustily. The best of order prevailed. The teacher read an excellent and affecting speech to the pupils which closed the exercises

WOOD RIVER ADVERTISER - March 21, 1878

"WOODVILLE - Our last Friday night meeting was quite largely attended. Mr. Eldred and family from the Junction, and a little band from Plainville, added much to the interest of the meeting. We were considerably disturbed during much of the evening by the spasmodic actions of two lamps that threw up fire and smoke like eminiature volcano, until they were extinguished. Other lamps refused to give a steady light and darkness hovered over the faces of the people, but the mandate, 'Let there be light' has since gone forth, so that our next meeting we promise the people that we shall have light. Come all and see."

Richmond, R.I.
Genealogy

PERSONAL RECORD

X.- 35.

NAME: JOHN KENYON REF. NO. _____
GENERATION IN AMERICA: II GEN. IN RICHMOND: I
OF: JAMES KENYON
FATHER: JAMES KENYON
MOTHER: ESTHER SMITH
BROTHERS & SISTERS: 1. James 2. Mary
BIRTH: April 26, 1655 WHERE: _____
DEATH: 1732 WHERE: Westerly, R.I.
CEMETERY: Unmarked in Wyoming, R.I. RELIGION: _____
MARRIAGES: (1) Anna Mumford (of Thomas & Sarah Sherman Mumford)
WHEN: _____ WHERE: England

OCCUPATIONS: _____
RESIDENCES: Wells Place - three miles south of Wyoming, R. I. -
in 1905 called "Clear Water Trout Farm"-owned by American Fish Co.

CHILDREN:

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. John Kenyon | M. Elizabeth Remington (1704) |
| Baptized Dec. 26, 1682 | D. 1735 Westerly, R.I. |
| Oldham, England | |
| 2. Sarah Kenyon | M. John Webster Westerly, R.I. |
| Baptized Feb. 22, 1684 | D. |
| Oldham, England | |
| 3. James Kenyon | m. (1) Mary Place (1716) |
| | (of Thomas) |
| | M. (2) Sarah Gardiner (1719) |
| | (of Benj. & Abigail) |
| | D. Sept. 23, 1774 |
| 4. Enoch Kenyon | M. (1) Sarah Eldred (of Thomas & Susannah Cole) |
| B. 1684/5 | M. (2) Ann Auckmudy (Charlestown, R.I.) (1747) |
| | D. 1781 |
| 5. Joseph Kenyon | M. Marcy G. Hazelton (1724) |
| B. | D. 1766 |
| 6. Samuel Kenyon | M. No evidence of family |
| B. | D. 1724 |
| 7. David Kenyon | M. Mary Sanford (of Wm. & Hope Sisson) |
| B. 1693 | D. 1772 |
| 8. Jonathan Kenyon | M. (1) Sarah Rogers (of Capt. James & Eliza) Wes. |
| B. 1695 | M. (2) Mary Gardiner (of Benoni & Mary) |
| | D. 1766/7 |

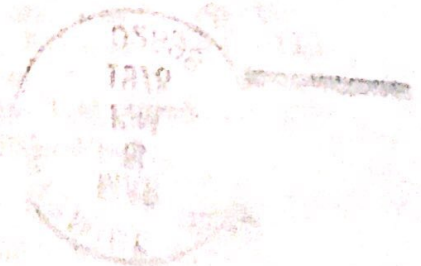
Richmond, R.I.
NAME: JOHN KENYON

DESCRIPTION SHEET

GENERATION IN RICHMOND: I X.- 36.

REFERENCES: Capt. Howard N. Kenyon AMERICAN KENYONS
Rutland, Vt., Tuttle Co., 1935
Pages 53, 47.

- 1683 = Came to colony before family
1687 = started living on land of Mr. Killum
1687 = Sept. 6, taxed in Kingstown, R.I.
1712 = Oct. 16, deeded 170 acres in South Kingstown to son John
Bounded by Peleg Mumford, brother-in-law.
1709 = Dec. 13, acquired firs land in Westerly from Joseph Brown
1711 = Aug. 11, land from Jabez Tucker
1711 = Aug. 21, land from Francis Robinson
1716 = Nov. 26, deeded land to John Webster, Westerly, son-in-law
1719 = Aug. , deeded land to son James Kenyon
1719 = Aug. 8, deeded land to son Samuel Kenyon, Westerly, R.I.
1721 = July 10, deeded land to son Enoch Kenyon
1724 = Feb. 3, deeded land to son Jonathan Kenyon
1724 = Feb. 6, deeded land to son David Kenyon, Westerly, R.I.
1724 = Dec. 30, deeded land to son Jonathan Kenyon, Westerly, R.I.
- Carried on extensive land dealings for his day.
1727 = on list of Freemen of Westerly Town as "Old Mr. John Kenyon".
1727 = Sons contributed to build Episcopal Church of Westerly
Most Kenyons joined local Baptist Churches.
1683 = ca. - he testified that he lived on Stephen Northup Farm,
North Kingstown - paid rent to Major Smith in behalf of
Mr. Killum of Boston - lived ther 8 years.
1732 = June 12, will proved in Westerly, R. I.
Executor was Jonathan Kenyon
Will mentions sons John, James, Enoch, Joseph, David.
Personal Property = 180 pounds 8 shillings.



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the Richmond Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 16, 1978 at 2 P.M.. The public is welcome.

Edwin C. Whitford, Jr., son of the former State Representative Edwin C. Whitford, will tell of his fascinating experiences travelling throughout the United States in search of over 2,000 of his ancestors to be included in a future family history publication.

There will also be a discussion as to practical ways to record genealogical facts and guests are invited to bring data on their family background, especially those who ever resided or owned property in Richmond, R. I. which will be invaluable additions to fulfilling the aim of the Richmond Historical Society in assembling a complete authentic record of all past and present Richmond residents.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the above meeting will be: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Chatalian and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jordan.

PLEASE BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING

Please fill in the DIRECT ANCESTORS SHEET with your surname (the maiden surname of females) and bring to the next meeting. If the person ever lived or owned land in Richmond, write it in red ink - otherwise write in dark ink. Write your own name on the top line and go back as far as you can. Thank you. Mailed sheets will also be welcomed toward developing an authentic record of Richmond residents.

NEW MEMBER

The Society welcomes a new member - Valerie Boldt Felt of Saunderstown, R.I., 02874. Her Richmond ties are through her great-great-grandfather Luke Clarke (of Luke, Joshua, William, and the William Clarke who was one of the Shannock Purchasers). The cemetery near the Newman Estate contains many of her ancestors.

GIFT

Wondering how she could contribute something to the Richmond Historical Society from her great distance, Mrs. Ethel K. Perry, Jacksonville, Florida, has sent her two volume genealogy of around 100 pages. It is beautifully arranged and recorded and contains the names of many Richmond ancestors as well as English Kings. This will be on display at the next meeting and should inspire others to do the same for their own family history. We are deeply indebted to Ethel for this time consuming and expensive contribution.

Richmond Historical Meeting
Public Town Meeting

March 19, 1978
Town Council Chambers

Lucy Tootell, president, called the meeting to order with 16 members present. Lucy welcomes all and asked the members for correction and approval of the minutes of the February 19, 1978 meeting. There was one correction to be made in the next to the last motion. It should read, a motion was made by Herbert Arnold and second by Marcus Whitford that the Society send a letter to the Richmond Town Council informing them of the condition of the vault and request they correct this condition. The motion was approved.

A motion was made second and approved, that the secretary's report in the March news letter be accepted, with the correction, as printed.

Lucy Tootell, president, explains items on the Show and Tell Table which contained a set of clippings from Eleanor Smith, of Oliver H Stedman's writings that were published in the Spectator. Extra copies of the last news letter. An envelope addressed to John W. Noyes. The envelope stated that it contained \$15.43 purchase money paid by the State of Rhode Island for the tribal lands of the Narragansett Tribe of Indians, the proportional share of five Thousand Dollars, for each of the 3024 members. The commissioners were Dwight R. Adams, George Carmichael Jr. and William P. Sheffield Jr. An American Heritage Magazine containing a interesting article on The Right To Bear Arms.

Treasurer's Report;

Charles Edmonds states as of March 19, we have a total assets of \$3176.86. A motion was made, second and approved, that the treasurer's report be accepted as read.

Committee Report; Driftways Into The Past;

Lucy Tootell states, she is still receiving requests for the book. Lucy read a letter from Ruth Tirrell, requesting a book and she said in her letter that she was related to the Perry family. She is a niece of Mrs. Arthur Slocomb.

Archivist;

Carolyn Stoner reports; She received a letter from the Richmond Historical Society's secretary requesting heat in the vault in the Town Hall. Carolyn reports receiving prices from H.C. Woodmansee and O'Neill Oil Co. The charge was from \$529.13 to \$772. 50. Discussion on the high cost of installing heat in the vault. Carolyn said, "she thinks the dehumidifier is not working right' it is making ice." Markus Whitford volunteered to bring in his dehumidifier to see what it will do. Robert Jordan suggests we could try dry granules.

Bell School Committee Reports;

Raymond Bader states; He has had 2 keys made up for the schoolhouse door and has given one to Lucy Tootell. Ray also gave a full report

on the restoration of the school. He and Edward Barske went over to the school and measured the 10 windows for shutters, but they can't be put on the West windows' so the alternative will be to go to Providence to see what is available to make the windows secure against vandals. A motion was made by Edmund Britland, second by Marcus Whitford, that Raymond Bader be authorized to obtain prices to secure the windows and report back to the Society. The motion was approved. Ray states, there is 3 floors in the class-room, which are in poor condition. It may be possible to remove the first two floors and use this to repair the bottom floor if the floor joists are sound. A motion was made by Edmund Britland, second by Robert Jordan, that Raymond Bader go down under the floor and inspect the floor joists and timbers. The motion was approved. Raymond reports, he has three more members to his committee, they are Robert Jordan, Edward Barske and Edmund Britland.

Lucy Tootell, president, states she received a telephone call from Richard Wolke, a member of the Richmond Town Council, and he would like to know if some one in the Historical Society was interested in the Historical Preservation Committee in the Town of Richmond. Virginia A. Lacy said she was interested.

The program was an excellent talk and display of local Railroad Stations given by Robert Jordan of Shannock R.I. Robert displayed more than 125 pictures, postcards and reproductions of R.I. passenger depots. Among the little known facts Robert explained to the Society was that in the late 1800s a total of 156 railroad passenger stations were in operation in this state alone. Currently, only stations now operating are in Westerly, Kingston and Providence. There were pictures of many local railroad stations, such as Hope Valley and Woodville and they were a collectors dream.

Motion was made by Raymond Bader, second by Marcus Whitford we adjourn. Motion was approved.

Refreshments were presided over by Yvonne Dawley and Patricia Millar.

Respectfully Submitted

Ida Card Bader Secy.