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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next town meeting will be held Tuesday evening, September 17th at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall. Guests are alway welcome to attend.

The program will include the investiture of new officers and a display of old pictures from the Historical Archives. The members are invited to bring any old pictures for the SHOW & TELL TABLE.

At this meeting will take place the drawing to determine who is the lucky winner of the hend made quilt.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next town meeting will be:
 Lucy R. Tootell - Coffee, sugar, cream, coffee cups, spoons
 Esther Kenyon - foof
 Marcus Whitford - food, nepkins

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Add to Page 42, Volume VI -- Cemtery No. 38, the following:-

"Located on North Side of Sandy Pond."

TIME FOR DUES

Send \$3.00 family membership dues to Treasurer Charles Edmonds, Carolina, R.I.

1974 - OFFICERS - 1975

President	Ida Card Beder
Vice-President	Paul deGannett
Secretary	Patricia Smith Millar
Treasurer	Charles E. Edmonds
Member-at-large (one year)	Lucy Rawlings Tootell
Member-at-large (two years)	Herny Boucher
Member-at-large (three years)	Captain Marcus L. Whitford

MINUTES OF THE 1974 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Convened in the Wood River Church Committee Rooms June 18, 1974

Thirty-eight members and friends attended the delicious pot-luck supper which annually marks the birthday of the Richmond Historical Society. "Polo cat roast" also known as raccoon was prepared by Capt. Marcus Whitford. This proved to be either a treat to the knowledgeable or an adventure into the unknown for the uninitiated.

Favorite songs of the past were sung with word sheets to help our memories along and Lucy Tootell at the piano to help our melodies along. The songfest concluded with "Happy Birthday" to Earl Smith and Millie Chatalian.

To continue with nostalgia, Lucy introduced two guests who had recently moved to Meadowbrook: Agnes Dohring Moran and John Moran, both of whom had been born in Richmond and chose to return here after retiring from an Army career. When asked why she chose to come back to Richmond, Agnes said "We love the town, we love the people, and desired to return to old friends."

John reminisced back to decisive moments in December, 1944, when General Bradley's two divisions, one of which was the 28th, were preparing for battle. Without warning the Motor Pool was struck by enemy bombs. As the division moved on by, John was reminded of another mean battle in 1918 when under similar circumstances an earlier generation of tanks and trucks had lain stricken by enemy fire in practically the same spot. This made him think that the more the world changes, the more it actually stays the same. The same is true of friends. Our generation can be duly proud that we may never have to have another big war again.

Retirement and the return to their birthplace have kept the Moran's very busy, but John said they have a private saying: "We're never too busy to say 'Hello,' we're never too busy to say 'Hello,' we're never too busy to say 'Hello.' "Hello, hello, hello."

President Ida Bader brought the group back to the present and the future by calling the meeting officially to order. The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the Newsletter. Mr. Edmonds reported that Mrs. Elizabeth Smith had accompanied her dues with an additional \$15.00 designated for the Building Fund, raising that Fund to \$316.50. The check book balance was \$102.94, while the Scholarship Fund stands at \$35.00.

Mrs. Chatalian reported that the annual Handcraft and Food Fair will be held July 20 from 10:00 - 5:00 on the Rawlings Estate lawn. The money from the Fair is designated for the Bell School; the money from the quilt which is to be raffled on September 17 is to go toward publication of the cookbook.

Bell School: Mr. Bill Ryan who has replaced Mr. Bill Cotter with the Department of Natural Resources, visited the site and plans to have Monroe Hoxie bring in fill for grading, hopefully within the next week or two. Herb Arnold, who was reporting, said he hopes we all live long enough to see this project to completion! It is understood, however, that the processes necessary to State cooperation on such a project are very slow and that there has been a lack of interested bidders for work to be done on such a small project.

The question was posed, "Why has the Society not supervised the work thus far?" For the benefit of those who were not with us at the beginning of this project, the building and the land upon which it sits are State owned. The Society will be allowed to use the property only as long as it does so within the stipulations of the State's desires. We will be responsible for the interior restoration and running of the museum as our part of the project. We have no jurisdiction over the exterior restoration whatsoever.

Inasmuch as we are newly incorporated, we must adopt a constitution. To this end, Lucy had prepared copies of a suggested constitution. Marcus, acting as a legal advisor in this matter, pointed out that the articles of incorporation must first be read. There was not a copy available, but they had been read at the previous meeting and it was moved and approved that the articles be accepted as read. The suggested By-Laws were read individually, discussed and voted upon. The Constitutional By-Laws were adopted as read.

A few suggestions were made such as an increased number of public meetings and field trips be considered to keep up active interest.

Charter membership in the Society will not be affected by incorporation.

A point of clarification regarding the Executive Board was made: Committee Chairman are invited to the Board meetings and their participation welcomed, however they are not voting members of the Board.

The Nominating Committee submitted its recommendation to retain the present slate of officers for the 1974-75 year. No additional nominations were presented from the floor; the secretary was directed to cast one vote for the entire slate. A formal installation will be held in the fall for Ida Card Bader, Pres.; Paul deGannett, V. P.; Patricia Millar, sec'y.; Charles Edmonds, Treas.; and Members-at-Large for 1, 2, and 3 years respectively, Lucy Tootell, Henry Boucher, Marcus L. Whitford.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Chatalian, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins comprised the collation committee which was responsible for coordination of the very fine pot-luck supper. Mr. & Mrs. James Niles donated the birthday cake.

Richmond, R.I.

CEMETERY NO, 39
Ichabod Peterson Lot
~~Kenyon-James-Peterson Lot~~

VII.- 4.

(Located on the east side of South County Trail)

M. LIZZIE KENYON, born June 12, 1859. Died Oct. 16, 1936

WALTER KENYON, born December 20, 1865. Died March 2, 1869.

SARAH J. KENYON, died March 2, 1869.

H OXIE KENYON, BORN April 27, 1825. Died Sept. 11, 1891.

MARY JAMES, wife of HOXIE KENYON, born June 6, 1838.
Died September 13, 1918.

BYRON H. KENYON, born November 13, 1863. Died Oct. 29, 1883.

ABBY, widow of ICHABOD PETERSON, died September 12, 1851.
Age 65 years.

ICHABOD PETERSON, died April 10, 1847. Age 76 years.

SARAH, daughter of EBERS AND SARAH JAMES, died Feb. 18, 1862.
Age 78 years.

ELIZA P., daughter of EBER AND SARAH JAMES, died May 24, 1837.
Age 21 years.

ELIZA, daughter of ICHABOD AND ELIZABETH PETERSON, died
September 18, 1883.

SARAH, wife of EBER S. JAMES, died Jan. 31, 1881. Age 76 yrs.

EBER JAMES, died October 15, 1853. Age 43 years.

ELIZABETH, wife of ICHABOD PETERSON, died Feb. 1809.
Age 27 years.

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

Olney John, and Caroline Sheldon; m. by Elder Pardon Tillinghast,
May 22, 1842.
Harriet B. and Nathan Fenner, Sept. 21, 1846.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Olney John, born North Providence, R.I., Nov. 14, 1804
Died Richmond, Dec. 7, 1847

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MARRIAGES

Palmer Eliza, and Matthew Newton, April 12, 1840.
Parker Hannah, and Edward Larkin, Sept. 14, 1764.
Patterson Amos, of Westerly, and Eunice Hall of Richmond;
m. by Sylvester Kenyon, Justice, Dec. 28, 1756.
Pearce Nelson M. and Lydia P. Burdick; m. by Elder C.C. Lewis,
Sept. 13, 1847.
Martha M. and James Woodmansee, Oct. 27, 1849.
Peckham George S. Of Charlestown, and Hannah E.C. Kenyon, of
Richmond; m. by Matthew B. Potter, Justice,
Jan. 13, 1840.
Pendleton Zebulon, of Westerly, son of Amos; and Thankful Wells,
of Richmond, dau. of Joseph, of Hopkinton;
m. by John Pendleton, Justice, Oct. 15, 1780.
Perrin William, and Frances E. Clarke; m. by Elder C.C. Lewis,
Dec. 4, 1847.
Perry Hannah, and Joseph Clarke, Jr., Dec. 26, 1746.
Samuel, Jr., and Anne Clarke, of Joseph, both of Charlestown;
m. by Joseph Clarke, Justice, Dec. 26, 1746.
Simeon, of Charlestown, and Penelope Kenyon, of Richmond;
dau. of John, Jr.; m. by John Webster, Justice,
April 13, 1749.
Benjamin, and Alice Sewell; m. by Joseph Woodmansee,
Justice, Dec. 19, 1779.
Alice, and Presbury Hoxsie, Feb. 27, 1791.
Dorcas, and Thomas James, Jr., May 30, 1805.
Peterson Content, and Joseph Boss, Oct. 27, 1757.
Pettis Charles, and Martha Rogers; m. by Stephen Richmond,
Justice, Jan. 15, 1749.
Robert R. of Richmond and Mary Gardiner, of South
Kingstown, m. at South Kingstown by Nathaniel
Gardiner, Justice, Feb. 7, 1771.
Petty Mary, and William Douglass, May 1, 1760.

(Fifty Years Ato)

Jan. 24 - George H. Clark, until recdly president of the Columbia Narrow Fabric Co., of Shannock, died at his home in that village last Thursday after an illness of several months ... he was born in Carolina, August 6, 1847 ... on Dec. 26, 1877 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Celia E. Carr of Jamestown, R. I. ... four children, George P. and Henry G., Harriet and Florence

Jan 24 - Mrs. Lula E, wife of Chester A. Sherman, died this morning at the Jane Brown Memorial Hospital ...

Feb. 7 - From present indications it would seem that the prospects for an ice crop are somewhat doubtful but a good crop has been gathered in other years as late as March.

Feb. 7 - The bridge over Wood River at Wyoming on the State highway which has been in course of construction since September was opened to traffic Sunday. The bridge is only completed in the highway, the sidewalks yet remain to be built, but when finished the bridge will be of a handsome design. The first Richmond man to drive across the structure was A.J. Dawley.

Feb. 21 - Roy Rawlings of Richmond is chairman of the House committee appointed to investigate the loss of \$5500 from the safe of the State Board of Public Roads.

March 13 - OLDEST RESIDENT DIES. Mrs. Hannah B. Matteson died this morning at her home in this village aged 101 years and 10 days... was the daughter of Col. Edward and Phebe Tillinghast Matteson and was born in the Barber homestead near Hope Valley, March 2, 1823, and was one of a family of thirteen children ...

March 20 - Mrs. Martha Angeline Mathewson, wife of Bowen Mathewson, died at her home near Moscow Saturday morning ... she was 69 years of age and always lived in Richmond and Hopkinton. She is survived by her husband and a son by a former marriage, Henry Whitford and ten grandchildren ...

June 12 - Miss Doris S. Kenyon and Rolend Dow of Wyoming were united in marriage yesterday afternoon in Wakefield by Rev. William L. Talty, pastor of the Baptist Church in that village. Miss Marion Woodbury acted as bridesmaid and Edwin Dumas was best man ...

June 19 - The Bell School in Richmond held its graduation exercises this week. This is the first time such exercises have ever been held in that school. The teacher, Marsden Whitford, is a graduate of the Hope Valley High School.

NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT

The Richmond Historical Society is joining the Richmond Bicentennial in holding a JONNY-CAKE FESTIVAL in Usquepaugh, R.I. during the Veteran's Day Weekend - October 26, 27, 28 (Sat.-Sun.-Mon.) from one to five (1-5 P.M.) each day.

The Festival will be out of doors. The Grist Mill will sell jonny-cakes. Various organizations will have booths and tables of interesting historical and eatable goodies. There will be various open-houses throughout the village of Usquepaugh.

The Richmond Historical Society will share a table with the Richmond Bicentennial Commission.

Volunteers to be present at the table or to bring items for sale are needed. Please call President Ida Bader if you will help.

If you cannot help, try to be present once during the weekend to give moral support to this new community enterprise. Watch the newspapers for more details.

UNSINKABLE MILLIE

It was a lot of hard work but the sale of the quilt was such a success, Millie Chatalian is willing to tackle the project for another year.

She will welcome volunteers to help make the quilt and is particularly interested in donations of small figured print fabrics or remnants to be used in the Quilt. Donations will help cut down the cost tremendously.

NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next town meeting will be held Tuesday evening, NOVEMBER 19th at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall. The main speaker will be Mrs. Roy Rawlings (Lucy I.) who will give a most interesting talk and show some gorgeous pictures of the local scene in Richmond. More complete details in the November Newsletter. Save this date on your calendar and be sure it is the month of November, not October.

TIME FOR DUES

Send \$3.00 family membership dues to Treasurer Charles Edmonds, Carolina, R. I.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF OUR 7TH YEAR

Mrs. Ida Bader called the meeting to order with 16 members present.

Mr. Edmonds, Treasurer, reported: Scholarship Fund, \$35.00; Cookbook Fund, \$208.61; Building Fund, \$347.00; Checkbook Balance, \$170.94 for a total of \$610.50.

The minutes of the June meeting were read in summary for information. Mrs. Chatalian voiced a correction: All the money from the Handcraft and Food Fair and the quilt raffle is designated for the cookbook, not to be divided between the Bell School and the cookbook as stated in the previous Newsletter.

Earl Smith reported that this summer the Youth Work Corps, under the direction of Henry (Skip) Kenyon, had cut the brush on the Town Hall Square for improved visibility, and had leveled and raked the area around Bell School. Henry had hoped to seed the lawn, but the extreme dry weather made this unfeasible. The area also needs more loam.

Ida Bader offered a load of loam, ready for delivery whenever a dump truck is available.

With regard to the windows, Earl had contacted the personnel at Arcadia where, according to John Rego and Bill Cotter, the windows had been stored, only to learn that they knew nothing about them. The secretary was directed to write to Mr. Cotter to learn whether he had any additional information. Mr. Cotter has retired from the Natural Resources Department, but may still be able to help us with information.

A letter of thanks was sent to the South County Director of Youth Corps Workers and Henry Kenyon for the work done at Bell School and clearing of the Reynolds cemetery.

In the spring, members of the Richmond Historical Society and members of the Richmond Bicentennial Committee cleared the Tefft Cemetery. Paul DeGannet inquired whether members of that family would be interested in continued upkeep. Mrs. Dyson will be contacted about the provisions for perpetual care and the matter taken up at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Roy Rawlings is researching early Richmond plantation families, particularly the Richard Baileys and the Maxsons. Mrs. Rawlings remembers the Bailey home well, but has been unable to locate exactly where Richard Bailey is buried. Perhaps someone can add to this data. The Bailey house burned in the 1930 fire. k

Mrs. Rawlings also recollected that in years past a French flag had been placed on one of the graves in Friends Cemetery on Memorial Day. The practice has been discontinued the past few years. She wondered who was responsible for this flag and why attention was no longer being given the grave. Any answers to this one?

It was reported that a member of the Hopkinton Historical Society, Mr. Cundall, had died while in Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Cundall had occasionally attended the Richmond meetings and we were saddened to hear this news.

While some are interested in preserving tradition, some are interested in preserving life, no matter how humble. During the cemetery discussions, Leah (9) and Lorna (8) Millar were busily catching a bothersome moth. When captured, he was paraded to the door by Leah who freed him to the evening breezes and street lights!

Millie Chatalian reported on Fair and quilt receipts:

Net Handcraft Fair receipts	\$153.88
Net quilt raffle receipts	<u>123.98</u>
Net Profit	\$277.86

Lucy Tootell, as chairman of the ~~Nominating~~ Committee, introduced the new officers for the 1974-75 year. They were invested with their duties by Society member and Town Council President, Mr. Herbert Arnold.

The Bicentennial Committee, in conjunction with Mr. Paul Drummond, owner of Kenyon's Mill in Usquepaugh is sponsoring a Jonny Cake Fair to be held October 25, 26, 27 at the mill. The Fair will be from 10:00 to 5:00 each day and members of the Society have been invited to participate.

Miss Lorna Millar drew the winning ticket for the quilt raffle: #450, Wyoming Package Store (Stanley Ponichtera).

SHOW AND TELL TABLE:

Patty Millar read a brief history of the Charbert Fabric Corp. located in the "old Alton Lace Mill" in Alton. That history will appear in a Newsletter when space permits. Mr. Dean Cook, plant manager, whom Mrs. Millar interviewed, donated 9 samples of their current line to the Historical Textiles and Clothing Collection. These samples with descriptions of their fiber content and their use in the garment industry were shown.

PROGRAM:

Archivist, Mrs. Lucy Tootell, explained the filing system for the Society photograph collection. Where size permits, all pictures are kept in a metal file sorted according to the 15 old school districts. People pictures are filed alphabetically according to surname. There is also an album of pictures for which the Society has negatives. Members are urged to expand the collection by submitting pictures. Everyone makes a contribution to history in one way or another and it is a record of these people and their activities that makes an Historical Society viable. We all enjoyed the photo review; hope for more.

(One Hundred Years Ago)

THE EFFECTS OF LIGHTNING UPON THE OLD TOWN HOUSE IN RICHMOND, AND WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT.

One week ago Tuesday, within the walls of the old Town House, was one continual roar of oaths, blasphemies and shouting by a crew under the influence of liquor. Outside were any quantity of beer stands, surrounded by boys and young men, fast plodding their way to ruin, while many an old chap stood by who has already arrived there; and a little further off - just in the woods - liquor was dealt out to all who wished, and freely to those who would vote for certain candidates. Just one week ago Tuesday the ballot box received an handful of votes from a drunken young man while the people were busily voting. An act of this kind is criminal in the extreme, but it was heartily laughed at by his bold associates, who stood by and enjoyed the sport. The moderator emptied the box, and the voting of the candidates commenced anew. A few years ago this very same young man promised well to become an ornament in good society and a blessing to the community; but rum has done its work upon him! For him all hope is gone! In a few short years his friends must follow him to a drunkard's grave, for he is far beyond all reformation.

Last Monday morning another scene took place at the old Town House; it was struck by lightning, and its chimney shivered to pieces! "No wonder that lightning did strike it," say the more superstitious, "for the Lord will not allow the old building to stand much longer for a drunken crew to assemble in from year to year to elect a lot of drunken officers to govern the town." "How many poor souls must have gone to endless misery," say others, "if it had been struck town meeting day." But say the more thoughtful ones: "J---- and D----- would have been placed in a gulf ten times hotter than would those they have been the means of ruining." "May the Lord turn them from their wicked devices, and have mercy on them; or else may He soon remove them, for their traffic is producing discord, misery, crime and death all around us," are the prayers and entreaties of the churches. "Their licenses will soon cease, and then we shall have better times. There will be no drunken men swearing and staggering in the streets; no drunken brawls and fights; no lamentation and tears from mothers and wives for their fallen husbands and boys," is the common conversation of the more hopeful part of the community. "But they will sell on the sly," say those who like it and like to see its sale continue," and the times will be worse." "It can be no worse," say all the women living near J-----'s, "for oh, what swearing and cursing is heard there in the still hours of the night! and, then, when they close up, how horrible to see men so drunk that they cannot get away, thrown out of doors to sleep away their drunkenness in the damp night air!"

Richmond, R.I.

cemetery no. 4074

VII.- 11.

Reynolds- Lillibridge Lot

(Located on the Essex Trail)

LYDIA A. LAMPHERE, died January 14, 1898. Age 67 years.

JULIA A. wife of REYNOLDS LILLIBRIDGE, died September 5, 1872. Age 66 years.

REYNOLDS LILLIBRIDGE, died December 2, 1880. Age 76 years.

HENRY R.; son of REYNOLDS & JULIA LILLIBRIDGE, died January 13, 1861. Age 16 years.

CHARLES A., son of REYNOLDS & JULIA LILLIBRIDGE, died October 6, 1849. Age 2 months and 21 days.

CHARLES T. LILLIBRIDGE, died March 30, 1874. Age 20 yrs.

Infant daughter of JONATHON & MARTHA LILLIBRIDGE, died March 7, 1834.

BENJAMIN, son of JONATHON & MARTHA LILLIBRIDGE, died April 9, 1861. Age 2 years and 1 month.

EDWIN B. LILLIBRIDGE, died May 8, 1926. Age 69 years.

MARTHA, wife of JONATHON LILLIBRIDGE, died March 13, 1861. Age 25 years.

SARAH E., wife of JONATHON LILLIBRIDGE, and widow of BENJAMIN GAVITT, died August 23, 1866. Age 25 years.

JONATHON LILLIBRIDGE, died January 10, 1873. Age 41 yrs.

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MARRIAGES

- Phillips Dorcas, and George Webb, Jr. Nov. 19, 1752.
 Jerusha, and Benjamin Enos, Jan. 14, 1768.
 John, of Joseph, of Exeter; and Elizabeth Clarke,
 of Thomas, of Richmond; m. by Samuel Tripp,
 Justice, Jan. 18, 1768.
 Abigail, and Philip Potter, Apr. 10, 1777.
 Chloe, and Silas Moore, Mar. 7, 1780.
 William E., and Sarah Maxson, m. by Elder Henry Joslin,
 Nov. 12, 1787.
 Mary, and James Pollard, Feb. 1, 1841.
 Martha, and Sylvester Woodmansee, Apr. 21, 1845.
 Pierce Daniel, of Richmond, and Damies Cahoon, of West Greenwich;
 m. by Samuel Tefft, Justice, Feb. 3, 1752.
 Pollard James, of East Greenwich and Mary Phillips, of Richmond;
 m. Elder Thomas Tillinghast, Feb. 1, 1841.
 Potter David, and Susannah Barber; m. by Elder Stephen Richmond,
 Justice, Jan. 5, 1749.
 Martha and Robert Wilcox, Dec. 24, 1749.
 Patience, and Ezekiel Tefft, Oct. 21, 1750.
 Mary and David Kenyon, Jr., Apr. 21, 1751.
 Alice, and John Webb, Feb. 20, 1755.
 Thankful, and John Dye, Mar. 22, 1758.
 Alice, and John Watson, May 17, 1759.
 Daniel, and Lois Clarke; m. by Edward Perry, Justice,
 Dec. 1, 1765.
 Alice, and Nathaniel Pullman, Nov. 20, 1766.
 Desire, and James Griffeth, Dec. 29, 1766.
 Ruth, and John Rice, Oct. 13, 1768.
 Rebecca, and William Potter, Nov. 7, 1770.
 William, of Richmond, son of Nathaniel, of Dartmouth,
 Mass.; (late deceased); and Rebecca Potter, of
 Ichabod, late of Dartmouth, Mass., deceased; m.
 by Aeron Wilbour, Justice, Nov. 7, 1770.
 Elizabeth, and David Nichols, Apr. 7, 1774.
 Susannah, and Stephen Clarke, Nov. 24, 1774.
 Jonathan, Jr., and Martha Lewis, of George, both of
 Exeter; m. by Edward Perry, Justice, Feb. 22, 1776.
 Philip, of David, and Abigail Phillips, of Bartholomew;
 m. by Edward Perry, Justice, Apr. 10, 1777.
 Matthew, of Richmond, and Mary Braman, of Hopkinton, m.
 by Elder Asa Coon, Sept. 8, 1796.
 Lucy, and Peter Barber, Feb. 13, 1814.

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Mrs. Roy Rawlings Senior will speak on RICHMOND RECOLLECTIONS. Her talk will include interesting pictures taken of the family and Family Estate during her lifetime in Richmond.

Guests are always welcome.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

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

GIFTS TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Allen Rathbun, 261 Pettaconset Ave., Warwick, R.I., has contributed a large collection of pictures and negatives of Wyoming, Sheldon family, Sheldon Mill, lower Hope Valley, Punch Bowl School, steps of Bell School, Dr. Ed. Kenyon, trade cards, and Sheldon store in Tug Hollow Mill dated 1839. More details later.

Esther L. Kenyon has given a copy of the booklet by James Irish on the Town of Richmond.

Mrs. Gladys W. Norman, R.F.D. Wakefield, R.I., donated several Richmond Tax Books i.e. 1897, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1916, 1923, 1924, and a copy of the Richmond Ordinances and By-laws as of 1894.

RICHMOND ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS - 1894

TEACHERS

It shall be the duty of teachers, in cooperation with the trustees, to see that fires are made in cold weather, in their respective schoolrooms, at a seasonable hour, to render them warm and comfortable by school time; to take care that their rooms are properly swept, dusted and ventilated, and that a due regard to neatness and order is observed; and they may prescribe such rules for the use of the yards and out-buildings connected with the schoolhouse, as shall ensure a neat and proper condition of the same.

It is recommended that the schools be opened in the morning by reading a portion of the Bible, and by the use of the Lord's Prayer.

PETITION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 13, 1738

To the Honorable Governour, Deputy Governour and House of Representatives now sitting in Genll. assembly at Newport in and for the Colony of Rhode Island this 13th, Day of June 1738.

The Petition of us the subscribers inhabitants of Westerly in Kings County in sd Colony of Rhode Island Humbly Sheweth - That whereas the Town of Westerly where we live is so very large that some of us are oblig'd to go ten miles or more to a Town Meeting and great & difficult Rivers to go over, so that at some times there is no passing over sd Rivers without great danger and sometimes when we can pass it, 'tis not without wetting ourselves and when we come to sd place of our meeting the House will not contain us there being upwards of three hundred Freemen belonging unto said Town and the house small so that if the weather be Cold or Stormy, or the Rivers high many of us are oblig'd to neglect going to Town Meeting and so either Lose our Priviledges or expose ourselves to ye danger of the Rivers and extremity of the weather which we find to be so great an hardship that we are compelled to Petition & rely upon yor. Honrs to relieve us out of these difficulties: Therefore We your Humble Petitioners pray that your Honors would take it into your Considerations and divide this large Town of Westerly into two or three towns, as yours, Honrs shall think best, there being land enough for three Towns, and wou'd be most for ye Conveniency of the People and prevent ye Danger of Riding thro' ye great Rivers, and if your-Honrs shall Think it most beneficiell to divide this large Town into but two Towns, then we yor, Humble Petitioners Pray, that it may be divided by an East & West Line or thereabouts, and for these Reasons above mention'd and for what may be further offered - we hope yor, Honrs will in yous Clemency consider us and relieve us of our difficulties.

FACTS OF INTEREST:

1. 1636 - Providence settled.
2. 1638 - Portsmouth settled.
3. 1639 - Newport settled.
4. 1642 - Warwick settled.
5. 1669 - Westerly made the 5th town in Colony of R.I..
6. 1738 - Charlestown taken from Westerly.
7. 1747 - Richmond taken from Charlestown.

(Fifty Years Ago)

April 10 - WOOD RIVER CHURCH: There is considerable agitation among the members of the historic Wood River (six principle) Baptist Church regarding the moving of the church building from the site nearly two miles from the village, onto the mission lot here near the post office.

The majority of the members and congregation are residents here and in order to attend services in the church they must either ride or walk to and from.

Since the purchase of the property here, and the opening of the mission rooms several years ago, the Sunday school and other meetings have, in a large part been held at the mission.

Believing that for the future growth of the church and the convenience of the present membership, the time has come when it would be well to change the location of the edifice, a large number are in favor of moving; others, because of sentiment and early memories, cling to the old home place and are opposed.

May 22 - WOOD RIVER CHURCH TO REMAIN IN PRESENT LOCATION. At a meeting of the members of the Wood River Church it was decided not to remove the edifice from its present location. There has been a church on this location for 200 years, and a majority of the members are of the opinion that the present location is the best. The desire on the part of those favoring its remaining in its present location is so strong that a subscription has been started to raise funds for the repair of the building and already nearly \$300 has been raised and the roof will be resingled and other necessary repairs made, which will place the building in first-class condition.

Nov. 6 - THE ELECTION. As the result of Tuesday's slection Coolidge and Dawes were elected by large majorities and the largest vote in the history of the nation was cast, and the national Senate and House of Representatives are safely Republican. The enthusiasm of the women voters was greater than four years ago.

RICHMOND. - The vote in this town was large and the women have shown a great deal of interest in getting out voters, even providing transportation. The vote was as follows:

FOR SENATOR

Weaver, R.	410
Dawley, D.	148

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Rawlings, R.	408
Gardiner, D.	145

B E L L
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
1846 - 1903

May 17, 1886

- . . . voted Everet Cahoon be Moderator
- . . . voted I.G.Prosser be Clerk
- . . . voted I.G.Prosser be Trustee
- . . . voted H.T.Cahoon be Treasurer
- . . . voted M. Barber be Collector

Voted the trustee furnish good wood.

Voted to rescind from the vote regulating tuition bill.

I.G.Prosser, Clerk.

April 14, 1888

- ... voted Elijah Hoxsie be Moderator
- ... voted George G. Palmer be Clerk
- ... voted A. B. Moore be trustee
- ... voted William James be Collector
- ... voted R. Moore be Treasurer
- ... voted E. C. Woodmancy be committee to get the record of I.G.Prosser.

... John T. Teft furnish wood at \$2.50 per cord, cut up, is to be good wood.

March 27, 1889

At a special meeting called by the Clerk on March 27, 1889. Owing to the death of the trustee Andrew B. Moore.

... Charles S. Geer was elected trustee for the remainder of the year.

George G. Palmer, Clerk.

1889

... no meeting held and old officers hold over for 1889.

April 5, 1890

Elijah Hoxie - Moderator
 Geo. G. Palmer - Clerk
 Charles Geere - Trustee
 Henry A. Coon - Treasurer
 Maxon Barber - Collector

Trustee report received and a bill allowed and an order on the Treasury for the amount -

1 Handdish	.25
1 Box Crayons	.20
4 Window Panes	.12
	<u>.57</u>

Woodmancy Lot

(Located approximately 150 feet on North Side of Kingstown Road (Route 138) and 300 feet northor east of Hillsdale Road.)

Between 40 and 50 field stone marked graves.

One marble stone of JAMES WOODMANCY has been removed from the lot - probably stolen.

One flagmarker marked G. A. R.

JAMES WOODMANCY'S marker returned as of January 26, 1969. Information on that stone - JAMES A. WOODMANSEE, Private Co A 3rd Heavy Artillery, died July 26, 1868 of disease contracted in U.S. Service during the Great Rebellion. Age 33 years.

CEMETERY NO. 42

(Located on the Hillsdale Road)

JAMES WOODMANCY, died February 12, 1857. Age 76 years.

JOANNAH, wife of JAMES WOODMANCY, died April 9, 1842. Age 62 years.

Four other field stone marked graves.

CEMETERY NO. 43

(Located on the east side of Hillsdale Road.)

EMMA FIELDING, died August 30, 1913. Age 65 years.

MARY ANN, wife of JAMES VILLETT, and daughter of NATHAN AND MARY MOORE, died June 19, 1853. Age 38 years.

CEMETERY NO. 45

(Located on Hoxie Trail.)

One large granite stone, HOXIE, 1747 - 1890.

Enclosed by a rock fence.

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MARRIAGES

Powell Threeliah, and Jonathan Sherman, Aug. 31, 1755.
 Pullman Nathaniel, Jr., now residing in Hopkinton, and
 Alice Potter, of Richmond; m. by Edward Perry,
 Justice, Nov. 20, 1766.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Perry Mary, of Samuel & Anne	Dec. 28, 1747
Samuel, of Simeon & Pnelope	June 6, 1749
Mary, " "	Sept. 18, 1750
Samuel, " "	May 1, 1754
Benjamin, of Edward & Dorcas	Dec. 11, 1754
Susannah, " "	Sept. 25, 1759
George, " "	Feb. 9, 1762
Pettis Mary, of Robert & Mary	May 11, 1771
Elizabeth, " "	May 23, 1773
Robert, " "	May 13, 1775
Pettys Robert, of Nathaniel	Feb. 24, 1739
Elizabeth, " "	Dec. 17, 1741
Nathaniel, " "	Jan. 5, 1743
Ephraim, " "	April 13, 1745
Sarah, of William & Mary	Jan. 10, 1746
Alice, " "	Dec. 5, 1749
Stephen, " "	Nov. 1, 1751
Mercy, " "	Dec. 9, 1753
Joseph, " "	Jan. 4, 1759
Hannah, " "	Feb. 27, 1761
Mary, " "	Aug. 6, 1763
Petty Peleg, of Benjamin & Sarah	April 14, 1751
Lydia, " "	June 17, 1753
James, " "	Aug. 30, 1755
Elizabeth, " "	Sept. 23, 1757
Benjamin, " "	Mar. 12, 1759
Phillips John Edwin, of John & Rebecca	July 31, 1851
Potter Thankful, of William Jr. & Elizabeth	Mar. 15, 1741
Daniel, " "	
Alice, " "	Sept. 16, 1745
Robert, " "	May 9, 1748
Mary, " "	May 18, 1751
Isabel, " "	Nov. 9, 1753
Jonsthan, " "	July 8, 1761

Note. The two first of the above
born in Dartmouth, Mass.

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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next town meeting will be held Tuesday evening, December 17th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall.

President Ida Bader will be in charge of a suitable Christmas Program.

The Show & Tell Table will display homemade quilts which were brought in by Mr. Allen Rathbun and were made by Addie Chase, his sister.

The members are invited to bring any of their own quilts to display on the Show & Tell Table. Also any old Christmas items would be appropriate at this time.

Donations of cotton material is still needed to make the dolls for future sale.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next town meeting will be: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Smith, Co-Chairmen; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Chatalian; and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hawkins.

COMING EVENTS

January: History of the Carolina Fire Company
By Clarence Handell.

February: No meeting because of bad weather.

March: Model Car Collection
By Dick Arnold.

April: Senior Citizens & Honorary Plaque Presentation.

May: History of Taxation in Richmond.
By Carolyn Stoner.

June: Annual Meeting & Covered Dish Supper.

FUTURE COLLATION COMMITTEES

IMPORTANT: First named couple will act as co-chairmen.

1. January: Ray Baders, Herbert Arnolds, Clarence Handells.
2. February:
3. March: Richard Millars, Oliver Stedmans, Paul deGannetts.
4. April: Henry Bouchers, Patricia Clark, Richard Wolkes.
5. May:
6. June:

Family Dues: \$3.00 - mail to Charles J. Edmonds, Carolina, R.I.

(Fifty Years Ago)

Nov. 6 - Beginning Monday the Wood River Branch Railroad will operate under a new time table. The first train will leave Hope Valley at 7:20, five minutes earlier. The 10:25 train will be put back again and the last train will leave at 4:30, fifteen minutes earlier. Putting back the 10:25 train, which will carry the mail will mean a saving of a day in the transmission of the mail going toward Providence and will be a great convenience.

Nov. 20 - THE CHAUTAUQUA * Owing to several adverse conditions not the least among them being the cold weather of Monday, Chautauqua tickets undersold to the amount of over fifty dollars. Hall rent and a few minor expenses makes each quarantor responsible for one dollar and ninety five cents. ... our townspeople who for several years have much appreciated these entertainments will regret to know that Hope Valley next year will have no Chautauqua.

Nov. 27 - RICHMOND PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION: The Bell Schoolhouse was the scene of a real community get together last evening, when the Richmond Parent-Teacher association held their regular monthly meeting. This school, which is one of the oldest and most isolated in the town, has been redecorated throughout, the work having been done under the supervision of the teacher, Marsden Whitford. Mr. Lowe, Superintendent of Schools, enthusiastically commended the initiative of Mr. Whitford in making the school an important factor in the life of the community in which it is located.

The chief discussion of the evening was regarding student government and the advisability of closing the school on election day. Though a legal holiday, it has not been customary to observe election day as a school holiday. The point was brought out that the necessity for closing the schools is brought to attention anew since the women teachers have secured the voting privilege.

Harold L. Hitchcock, a member of the School Committee, was appointed chairman of a committee to confer with the superintendent to have a campaign in the schools for clean speech.

In order that all may have a share in the community Christmas tree for the school children of Richmond, to be held December 19 at Memorial hall, Shannock, a committee was appointed to solicit and receive contributions to finance the affair. This promises to be an exceptional opportunity for the town to come together as a unit to create good fellowship and to know and understand their neighbors.

After the business meeting coffee, sandwiches and candies were enjoyed, and the parents and teachers joined in singing the congress songs, closing with America.

Every person who shall play at ball, coast by sliding down hill on a sled or other vehicle, throw stones or other missile, or shall discharge, ignite, or explode any torpedo, firecracker, or other noisy missile, or play at any other game or sport, in any public street or highway in said town, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding fifteen dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed ten days.

All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, who shall be guilty of habitual truancy or may found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed either to the Sockanossett School for Boys or the Oak Lawn School for Girls in Cranston, for a period not exceeding two years.

Every person traveling with any carriage or other vehicle, who shall meet any other person so traveling on any highway or bridge, shall seasonable drive his carriage or vehicle to the right of the centre of the traveled part of the road, so as to enable such person to pass with his carriage or vehicle without interference or interruption.

The driver of any loaded team, when met or overtaken by any empty team or pleasure carriage, may either stop his team until the team or carriage by which he is met or overtaken shall have passed, if there be sufficient room, or may give half the way as aforesaid.

Every person having charge of any wheel carriage of any kind, or sled or sleigh, with any kind of team, who shall negligently or willfully leave the same to go at large in any highway shall be fined five dollars.

Every person who shall drive any horse over any of the public highways for the purpose of racing or trying the speed of said horse shall be fined not less than three dollars nor more than twenty dollars.

Bonfires in Roads are punishable by a fine of not exceeding ten dollars, if done without leave of the council.

Carrying away fruit or vegetables without the owner's consent is punishable on complaint in behalf of the State by fine or imprisonment.

B E L L
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
1846 1903

April 2, 1891

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- ... Elijah Hoxie be Moderator.
- ... George G. Palmer be Clerk.
- ... William R. James be Trustee.
- ... Henry A. Cahoon be Treasurer.
- ... Everet Cahoon be Collector.

August 9, 1892

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At a special meeting ... Thomas W. Lewis was chosen
Trustee and engaged to his office ...

April 20, 1893

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- ... Elijah Hoxie be moderator.
- ... Geo. G. Palmer be clerk.
- ... Thomas W. Lewis be trustee.
- Henry A. Coon be treasurer.
- ... Elisha P. Coon be collector.

April 14, 1894

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... at a special meeting ...

Moderator	William B. Matterson
Clerk	George G. Palmer
Treasurer	Henry A. Coon
Collector	Elisha Coon
Trustee	William B. Matterson

April 13, 1895

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- ... William B. Matterson be moderator.
- ... Everet Coon be clerk pro tem.
- ... George G. Palmer be clerk proper.
- ... George G. Palmer be trustee.
- ... Henry A. Coon be treasurer.
- ... Elisha P. Coon be collector.

April 11, 1896

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- ... William B. Matterson be Moderator.
- ... George G. Palmer be clerk.
- ... George G. Palmer be trustee.
- ... Henry A. Coon be treasurer.
- ... Elisha P. Coon be Collector.

Richmond, R.I.

CEMETERY NO. 46

VII.-- 23.

(Located 600 feet east of Hoffman House and about 400 feet to south.)

About 25 or 30 graves with field stone markers.

One stone has carved initials J. C. May 15, 1804.

CEMETERY NO. 47

(Located west side of South County Trail)

Unknown names.

CEMETERY NO. 48

Stanton Lot

(Located 100 feet on east side of South County Trail on Holly Acres.)

JOHN STANTON, died January 22, 1762. Age 89.

His father, JOHN STANTON, died Newport, 1728. Age 83 yrs.

His father, ROBERT STANTON, died at Newport, 1676. Age 72 years.

His wife, ELIZABETH, died Newport, 1730. Age 50 yrs.

His last wife, SUSANAH, died Richmond, 1807. Age 92 yrs.

(This stone was erected by B. STANTON, a great grandson, in 1841. This is a marble stone.)

The following stones are slate stones:

DEACON JOHN STANTON, died Dec. 31, 1842. Age 81 yrs.

MARY STANTON, wife of JOHN STANTON, died Sept. 19, 1841. Age 75 yrs.

There are other field stone marked graves with no names.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Potter	Ruth, of Thomas & Martha	Sept. 13, 1746
	George, " "	Oct. 31, 1747
	Peleg, " "	May 14, 1749
	Mary, " "	Nov. 13, 1750
	Thomas, " "	Nov. 23, 1752
	James, " "	Nov. 6, 1754
	Paine, " "	Sept. 10, 175-
	Gideon, " "	Nov. 11, 175-
	Elizabeth, of Jonathan & Mary	Oct. 27, 1749
	Mary, " "	June 20, 1751
	Sarah, " "	Mar. 11, 1753
	Jonathan, " "	Aug. 26, 1754
	Elisha, " "	June 1, 1756
	Susannah, " "	Mar. 31, 1758
	Lyman, " "	May 1, 1760
	Judeth, " "	May 1, 1762
	Martha, " "	Nov. 16, 1764
	Matthew, " "	Nov. 11, 1768
	Income, of David & Susannah,	July 7, 1749
	Silas, " "	April 17, 1751
	Philip, " "	Sept. 13, 1753
	Rhoda, " "	June 20, 1756
	Ione, " "	Dec. 20, 1758
	Mary, " "	Jan. 17, 1762
	David, " "	June 23, 1723 ??
	Stephen, of Stephen & Sarah,	Feb. 8, 1759
	Mary, of Smiteon & Lucy,	Jan. 15, 1766
	Joshua, " "	Aug. 18, 1768
	Hannah, " "	April 18, 1771
	Rachel, " "	April 10, 1774
	Benjamin, " "	May 16, 1776
	Smiteon, " "	Oct. 9, 1778
	Elisha, of Elisha & Susannah,	Jan. 8, 1788
	Perry, " "	Mar. 5, 1789
	Dorcas, " "	Jan. 20, 1791
	Mary, of Matthew & Mary	July 12, 1797
	Matthew Robinson, " "	Oct. 23, 1799
	John Brayman, " "	May 10, 1803
	Judeth, " "	Nov. 8, 1807
	Jonathan, " "	Dec. 26, 1809
Pullmen	George, of Jonathan & Sarah,	May 17, 1776
	Edward, " "	May 17, 1776

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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The next town meeting will be held Tuesday evening, January 21st., at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall.

Mr. Clarence Handell will speak on the CAROLINA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Members and guests are invited to bring any items of interest in connection with the history of fire companies in Richmond or any pictures or fire fighting equipment.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

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

COMING EVENTS

February: No meeting
March: Model Car Collection - by Dick Arnold
Collation Committee: Millars, Stedmans, deGannetts.
April: Senior Citizens & Honorary Plaque Presentation.
Collation Committee: Bouchers, Clarks, Wolkes.
May: History of Taxation in Richmond - by Carolyn Stoner.
Collation Committee:
June: Annual Meeting & Covered Dish Supper.
Collation Committee:

Family dues: \$3.00 - mail to Charles J. Edmonds, Carolina, R.I.

THE ONLY TURNPIKE

The only turnpike ever built in Rhode Island that ever touched South County, was the Providence and London which passed through Exeter, Richmond and Hopkinton. -(Narr. Hist. Register, Vol. LV. No. 2. Oct. 1885)

The above refers to the old New London Turnpike which passed through Richmond at Tug Hollow and continued south into Brands Iron Workd, now Wyoming, past the old New London Stage Coach Tavern, and on into Hopkinton.

LOWER HOPE VALLEY

Hezekiah Carpenter built the works at that place known as the Carpenter Mills, or Middle Iron Works, and also a dam near where the present one is located. His establishment consisted of a saw mill, grist mill, fulling mill and carding mill. (See Cole, Hist. Wash. & Kent Counties, p. 803.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

November 19, 1944
Town Hall

Mrs. Ida Bader, President, called the Richmond Historical Society to order at 7:30 P. M. on the above date, welcoming approximately 25 members and friends to hear a talk on Richmond Recollections by Mrs. Roy Rawlings.

Following a picture-taking session with Mr. Charles Thibault of the Westerly Sun, Mrs. Rawlings gave a brief resume of her early married life on the Illinois plains, the decision to come to Rhode Island, and ultimate selection of the Lillibridge Farm in Richmond as a place to permanently settle and raise a family. The story was charmingly punctuated with Mrs. Rawlings' own dramatic humor, but left the audience with a strong sense of community dedication and loyalty. Mrs. Rawlings also displayed several albums of newsclippings featuring the Rawlings' active theatrical, political, and farm life, photographs of the Lillibridge Farm then and now.

Communications included an announcement that the Stonington High School Choir Group is available for concert programs; a program for the three-day Celebration of Thanksgiving being sponsored by the Charlestown Regional Jr./Sr. High School library on November 25-27; and a letter from Mr. James Jorue, Chief of the Parks and Recreation Department of Natural Resources, requesting the opportunity to meet with the Bell School Committee at Bell School to discuss further restoration details.

Treasurer's Report:	Building Fund	\$1,347.00
	Cookbook Fund	277.86
	Scholarship Fund	35.00
	Interest Earned	19.80
	Checkbook Balance	183.04
		<u>\$1,862.79</u>

Mrs. Bader reported that nearly 5000 people attended the three-day Jonny-cake Festival held in Usquepaugh Oct. 25-27. As a result of the Society's display of old photographs there, a gift of a picture of the now gone Woodville Church was received.

Planning ahead to next year's annual Handcraft and Foods Fair, Mildred Chatalain displayed a "Holly Hobby" doll and a "Flip Doll" which she had made as samples of dolls to be made for the fair. The Holly Hobby is an old-fashioned little girl dressed in print gingham dress and matching sun bonnet. The Flip Doll is headed at each end, when her daytime dress is down in place she is awake and smiling, when her dress is inverted, it exposes a flannel nighty and a happily sleeping night-time head. Both charming. Mrs. Chatalain is accepting immediate orders for Christmas and any offers of help in sewing the dolls.

In December we will be caroling and viewing a gift of quilts from Mr. Allen Rathbun. In January, Chief Handall of the Carolina Fire Department will talk on the history of that department.

Patricia A. Millar, Secretary

B E L L
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
1846 -- 1903

VII.- 28.

April 11, 1897

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At a school meeting of the legal voters of school district No. 9 of the town of Richmond, R. I. held at the school house in said district agreeable to notice and notified according to law on the 11th day of April 1897

Moderator	Henry Whitford
Clerk	George G. Palmer
Trustee	George G. Palmer
Treasurer	Henry A. Coon
Collector	Elisha P. Coon

The officers are duly engaged

Adjourned Sine Die

George G. Palmer, Clerk

April 16, 1898

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Moderator	Henry W. Whitford
Clerk	George G. Palmer
Treasurer	George F. Burdick
Collector	E. P. Coon
Trustee	George G. Palmer

R. I. Moore voted for Henry W. Whitford
W. B. Matterson voted for Henry W. Whitford
J. L. Whitford voted for Henry W. Whitford
H. W. Whitford voted for Henry W. Whitford
R. B. Palmer voted for George G. Palmer
E. Lewis voted for George G. Palmer
E. S. James voted for George G. Palmer
George F. Burdick voted for George G. Palmer
George G. Palmer voted for George G. Palmer

George G. Palmer was elected Trustee..

April 13, 1899

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Moderator	William B. Matterson
Clerk	George G. Palmer
Collector	E. P. Coon
Treasurer	George F. Burdick
Trustee	George G. Palmer

Trustee report received and placed on file ...

Richmond, R.I.

CEMETERY NO. 51
~~Essex~~ - Larkin
~~Essex~~ - Lot

VII.- 29.

(Located on Shippee Trail. Unmarked to date.)

GEORGE W. ESSEX, BORN July 3, 1806, died Feb. 4, 1876.

REBECCA LARKIN ESSEX, born April 2, 1809. Died
January 2, 1899.

DAVID L. ESSEX, born July 8, 1832. Died Feb. 11, 1864.

MARY HOPKINS, born Nov. 3, 1837. Died May 26, 1917.

(Note: four previous were on one stone marker.)

SUSAN CHAMPLIN, wife of CLARK HOXIE, born June 20, 1825.
Died December 28, 1897.

MRS. MARY, wife of THOMPSON LARKIN, died Dec. 19, 1835,
Age 29 years.

CAPTAIN DAVID LARKIN, died Dec. 1, 1811. Age 81 yrs.

MRS. MARY, wife of CAPTAIN DAVID LARKIN, died June 20, 1815.
Age 81 yrs.

(Note: about twenty graves in this cemetery.)

COMMENTS:

Rebecca L. Essex, daughter of Capt. David Larkin, son of
David, son of Edward, son of Edward.

Captain David Larkin, died Dec. 1, 1811 aged 81, was a son
of Edward, Jr., who was a son of the first Edward of record.

His wife's name was Mary Knowles.

Thompson Larkin was a son of David Jr., son of Capt. David
Larkin whose wife's name was Mary Newton.

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MARRIAGES

- Rathbun Anne, and Job Hoxsie, Mar. 25, 1749
Charity, and Nathaniel Barber, Mar. 8, 1753.
Thomas, Jr., of Exeter; and Ruth Clarke, of Richmond;
m. by Samuel Tefft, Justice, June 20, 1757.
Simeon, of Exeter, and Anne Russell, of Richmond;
m. by Edward Perry, Justice, Oct. 26, 1769.
- Record Elizabeth and Benjamin Wilcox, Nov. 14, 1799.
- Reynolds Mary, and John Tefft, Dec. 11, 1721.
Sarah, and Joseph Clarke, Nov. 15, 1727.
Dinah, and William Utter, Nov. 30, 1749.
William, Jr., and Mary Lillibridge, of Benjamin;
m. by Elder James Rogers, April 7, 1771.
Robert, of Richmond, and Jemima Ross, of Charlestown;
m. by Elder Charles Boss, Feb. 14, 1782.
John, of Stephen, of Exeter; and Mary Tefft, of
Benjamin, of Richmond; m. by Elder Henry Joslin,
June 24, 1804.
William, of Richmond, son of Robert; and Abigail
Congdon, of West Greenwich, daughter of James;
m. by Elder Gershom Palmer, Nov. 25, 1810.
Job, of Exeter, son of Stephen; and Joanna Brown,
of Richmond, daughter of Caleb; m. by Elder
Gershom Palmer, Feb. 17, 1811.
Wells, of Robert, and Elizabeth Barber, of Caleb;
m. by Elder Gershom Palmer, May 26, 1811.
Robert, Jr., and Hannah Hoxsie, of Reynolds; m. by
Elder Gershom Palmer, Sept. 17, 1820.
Lucy, and Caleb B. James, May 4, 1823.
Honor, and Barber Kenyon, June 8, 1823.
Thomas, of Robert and Jemima; and Joanna Browning,
of Isaac and Margeret; m. by Elder William
Northup, Oct. 5, 1825.
Robert, of Richmond; and Sarah Torrey, of Exeter;
m. by Elder Nathaniel Sheffield, Mar. 30, 1828.
Clarke H. of Richmond; and Alzada W. Card, of
Charlestown; m. at Norwich Conn. by Rev. D. N.
Beezley, Dec. 25, 1842.
- Rice John, of Captain Richard, of Coventry, R.I.; and Ruth
Potter, of Thomas, of Richmond; m. by Edward Perry,
Justice, Oct. 13, 1768.
- Richmond Mrs. Angeline P. and Thomas T. Barber, July 10, 1843.
Benjamin L., of Exeter, son of Benjamin; and Mrs.
Elizabeth R. Smith, of Norris; m. by Elder
Ezekiel J. Locke, Feb. 21, 1846.

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Collation Committee:

RICHMOND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION EVENT

The Richmond Bicentennial Commission has decided to participate with Hopkinton on the occasion of their historic horse-back couriers ride carrying a bicentennial proclamation to Newport.

On April 12, 1975, at approximately 10 A.M., the members of the Richmond Bicentennial Commission, dressed in period costume, will greet the riders at the Charho Shopping Plaza in Wyoming, on behalf of the people of Richmond.

The whole town is welcome to participate with us which includes an invitation to the Richmond Historical Society.

JOIN OR REJOIN THE RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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