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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The forty-fifth town meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, September 19th, at 8 P.M.. in the Richmond Town Hall.

THE YEAR FOR WOMEN TO RUN - so said the Providence Journal on July 3, 1972. It went on to state that "throughout the state, women of all political persuasions are considering running for public office ... it is time that qualified women used their knowledge and skill in political service to effect the kind of government our state and local communities sorely need."

From "the local history" standpoint, how do our local ladies fit into this idea of women in politics?

Who can answer that better than our guest speaker at the next Town Meeting - MRS. SARAH J. BROWNING OF CHARLESTOWN, R.I.

Sarah has been active in working toward good government for nearly 30 years and has just returned from the recent Republican National Convention as a Rhode Island Delegation.

Her talk on WOMEN IN POLITICS should prove most fascinating based on her own active experiences and her trip to the National Convention. Come and bring your friends.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Lucy R. Tootell, Chairman; Mr. & Mrs. Roy Rawlings Senior; Marcus L. Whitford. Instructions can be found on page 27, Volume III.

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JOIN OR REJOIN THE RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Family membership is \$3.00 per year. Send money to our membership Chairman, Mrs. Ida Card Bader, Woodville Road, R.F.D. Hope Valley, R.I.

There are still a few members who have not sent in their dues. Please check to see if you are guilty!

As long as they last, complete copies of data on the BELL SCHOOL will be mailed to new members. If you have not received your copy to date, notify Lucy R. Tootell. We do not want to miss you possessing this important local history information.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia A. Millar, Secretary

On June 20, 1972, twenty-seven members of the Richmond Historical Society leisurely visited, and enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper held at the home of Allan and Deborah Warren on North Road, Shannock. The Warren home is a renovated barn (Old Wright Farm) high on a hillside. The view overlooking Kenyon is quite breathtaking from their windowed living room and decks.

Outstanding features of the supper were roast raccoon with fruit sauce offered by Capt. Marcus Whitford, and the anniversary cake baked by Eleanor Smith, decorated in white, yellow, and aqua by Patty Millar. Added attractions were two small cakes similarly decorated--one dedicated to Mildred Chatain, the other to Earl Smith. Following supper these cakes were presented to their respective owners while everyone joined in the singing of "Happy Birthday" accompanied by Danny Warren on the flute.

Mrs. Lucy Tootell formally opened the business meeting with greetings to all and words of appreciation to the Warren family for generously opening their lovely home to us. Mrs. Tootell then introduced our surprise guests for the evening, Mr. John Walker, Curator of the South County Museum; Mrs. Harold Friend whose late husband had been curator of the museum for 20 years; and Mrs. Friend's daughter, Florence.

The secretary's report was accepted as published in the newsletter.

Mr. Edmonds reported a treasury balance of \$104.00; with an additional sum of \$25.00 in the scholarship fund; and \$1.00 in the Building Fund.

Committee Reports

Mr. Charles Edmonds, reporting for the Bell School Moving Committee, reported for Herb Arnold that the building is about to be moved onto its new foundation.

Dues chairman, Ida Bader, reported that people have been quite prompt about sending in their dues for the year 1972-73.

Communications

A recent request sent to the Rhode Island Foundation Charitable Community Trust for information concerning application procedures was answered by Mr. Robert W. Kenny, Secretary of the Foundation. His letter stated that "The request for grant should be contained in a letter indicating the need for the grant and stating that the organization is tax-exempt. Naturally, the letter should be couched in terms which will indicate the need and importance of the project." An original and six copies should be addressed to him. The members present felt that we should follow through with the material requested: roster of trustees, financial statement, pictures and literature concerning the project if available. The Foundation's next meeting will be in October. Material received in the early fall will appear on their agenda the first meeting in 1973.

Guests and Program "The Bell is Passed"

Our special guest, Mr. John Walker, was recognized. He commented that while we were settling our museum-to-be on its new foundation, they were in the process of shoring up their foundations. His observations were that the innumerable efforts expended by small groups were often far more effective and enduring than massive efforts expended by large super-up state organizations; that preservation of backyard artifacts is adding pages to the books on local history. Local groups collecting local history contribute to the whole. Interaction and cooperation between these groups is essential to the chronological recording of the whole picture of life-styles passed.

At this juncture, Mr. Walker excused himself momentarily and returned bearing the bell from Bell School which had been housed in the South County Museum for a number of years. Mr. Walker, on behalf of the Rhode Island Historical Society and the South County Museum, presented the bell to the Richmond Historical Society as a permanent loan as long as the Bell School is to be used as a one-room school museum. Letters acknowledging the transfer were duly signed by Mr. Walker and Mrs. Tootell and the members echoed and thanked their appreciation.

Mrs. Tootell spoke on behalf of the Society, expressing their appreciation of the cooperation with the South County Museum and stressed the Society's desire that the school should be restored in as original and authentic manner as possible. The bell will be stored in the Town Hall vault until the belfry is restored to the roof of the school building, then the bell will be hung in place.

A slide program followed, showing our camera buffs' lens' eye view of the moving of Bell School from its location on Hillsdale Road to the new site. Moving began promptly at 8:00 A. M. with cameras recording the action all the way. It was noted that Mr. Warback, one of the movers, backed the entire four miles, on foot, guiding the truck between trees and under wires and past mailboxes. The photographers did a fine job recording the techniques used to ease the building through some very narrow passages. Moving was concluded at 12:20 P. M.

We had also received from Mr. Leslie Palmer in Florida an earlier photograph of the school taken by his aunt between 1905-10 when she taught there.

Still in the spirit of mutual help, the secretary recalled an earlier conversation with Mr. Walker during which he had requested information on barn construction contractors. Work is being done on the 60 ft. long, 35 ft. high South County Museum barn which requires knowledge of heavy construction (wood). Hope Blaine suggested Mr. Walker contact the Glens of Windswept Farm for information concerning their renovations and Earl Smith suggested George Phillips and Ray Grinnell who had recently built the Charlestown Gift Barn. A few words often bring forth a wealth of helpful information!

Lucy suggested perhaps a field trip to the South County Museum would be enjoyable. Patty Millar moved that the Executive Board establish a date in the fall for such a trip. Mr. Walker suggested that an off-season Sunday visit would permit more leisure and allow the museum personnel more time to spend with our group.

Nominating Committee Report and Elections

Capt. Marcus Whitford, Paul deGannet, and Henry Boucher presented their recommendation that the present slate of officers remain in office, with the addition of Capt. Whitford to the Executive Board for three years to replace Henry Boucher whose term has expired. Nominations were requested from the floor. Upon hearing none, Mildred Chatalain moved that the proposed slate be accepted unanimously. Ida Bader seconded the motion and it was so carried.

Conclusions

Charles Edmonds, delegated by the Executive Board, offered a bouquet of flowers to Lucy in appreciation for her past four years in office, and hoped she would be as successful in her next four!

Lucy thanked everyone for his fine cooperation and extended a particular thank-you to the collation committee who had worked so diligently on the pot-luck supper.

Eleanor Smith, chairman, responded that all the recipes would be gratefully appreciated for the new cookbook!

JARVIS KENYON

Located:

JARVIS KENYON, died October 22, 1852.

LYDIA REBECCA, wife of JARVIS KENYON, born October 16, 1854, died April 22, 1908.

DAISY M., daughter of LYDIA AND JARVIS KENYON, born September 28, 1885, died May 7, 1897.

ELSIE A., daughter of JARVIS AND LYDIA KENYON, born March 8, 1889, died June 27, 1890.

LIZZIE MAY, daughter of LYDIA AND JARVIS KENYON, born March 15, 1882, died November 8, 1887.

ELWIN KENYON, son of JARVIS AND LYDIA KENYON, born August 29, 1875, died November 2, 1887.

LENA R., daughter of JARVIS AND LYDIA KENYON, born _____, Died August 20, 1865, Age 1 year and 9 months.

JARVIS KENYON, died March 10, 1875. Age 56 years.

JULIA L. KENYON, wife of JARVIS KENYON, born July 25, 1825, died November 6, 1920.

LENA F., daughter of LEANDER AND SUSAN B. KENYON, died November 20, 1871. Aged 2 years and 10 days.

WILLIAM KENYON, died January 29, 1868. Age 54 years, 9 months and 15 days.

MARIA, wife of WILLIAM KENYON and daughter of JARVIS KENYON of Richmond. Died September 7, 1883. Age 68 years and 21 days.

JARVIS KENYON, died December 8, 1850. Age 64 years.

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

- Eldred Mrs. Elizabeth, and Stephen Burdick, Oct. 17, 1839.
 Enos Hannah, and Samuel Wilbur, Mar. 16, 1755.
 Enos Amie, and John Larkin, Jun., Mar. 30, 1755.
 Enos Joseph Jun., and Dinah Barber, both of Richmond;
 m. by Edward Perry, J. P., Jan. 21, 1759.
 Enos Catherine, and Joseph Kenyon, June 14, 1759.
 Enos Benjamin, and Jerusha Phillips, both of Richmond;
 m. by Edward Perry, J. P., Jan. 14, 1768.
 Enos Elizabeth, and William Bentley, Apr. 1, 1778.
 Enos Mary, and Jessie Larkin, Feb. 18, 1790.
 Enos Park, of Benjamin, of Richmond (dec.), and Margaret
 Carpenter, of Daniel, of Richmond; m. by Elder Henry
 Joslin, Mar. 29, 1790.
 Enos Benjamin, of Benjamin, of Richmond (dec.), and
 Penelope Kenyon, dau. of James (dec.), of Charlestown;
 m. by Elder Henry Joslin, Jan. 13, 1791.
 Essex Lucy, and Rowland Hiscox, Oct. 4, 1840.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

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| Enos Mary, of Joseph, Jun., and Kezia | Sept. 1, 1739 |
| Catherine, " " " | Sept. 12, 1741 |

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MARRIAGES

- Fenner Nathan, of Richmond, and Harriet B. Olney, of Fall River;
 m. by Elder Christopher C. Lewis, Sept. 21, 1846.
 Fenner Gilbert, of Hopkinton, and Martha S. Tuck, of Richmond;
 m. by Elder Steadman Kenyon, Oct. 30, 1847.
 Fenner, Hildah A., and Rufus J. Johnson, Apr. 10, 1849.
 Ford James, of Foster, R. I., and Anstis T. Hoxsie, of Richmond;
 m. by Elder Daniel Webb, May 15, 1838.
 Foredice John, of Richmond, and Elizabeth Stanton, of David, of
 Exeter; m. by William Petty, J.P., Dec. 6, 1764.
 Foredice Sarah, and John Stanton, Dec. 24, 1764.
 Foster Abigail, and Joseph Lawton, Mar. 17, 1749.
 Foster Caleb, and Abigail Watson, both of Richmond; m. by
 Stephen Richmond, J. P., Feb. 9, 1752.
 Foster Elizabeth, and Jabez Tucker, Jan. 16, 1754.
 Foster Gideon, of Hopkinton, and Judeth Mumford, of Richmond;
 m. by Samuel Tefft, J.P., Oct. 12, 1758.
 Foster Eleanor, and William Sheldon, Jun., Jan. 21, 1765.
 Foster Lawton, of Jonathen, late of Stonington (dec.), and
 Susannah Tefft, of Samuel, of Richmond; m. by
 Edward Burdick, J. P., Nov. 4, 1792.

July 23: POLISH WOMAN APPLIES FOR WAAC. A Polish woman who served as a guard on convoy duty with the Polish army from 1910 to 1921, now living in Rhode Island, was among the 30 women applying for membership in the WAAC, at City Hall since Monday morning.

She is Mrs. Kazemera M. Olzanska Dziekonski of Wyoming. While she had left the army information centre before she could tell her story directly, officials on duty there said that Mrs. Dziekonski, from her experience driving a motor convoy in her native Poland not only can drive a truck but knows how to lubricate the engine, change the oil, and change a tire.

But she had rather cook for the U.S. Army, she told recruiting officials.

Her immediate reason for wanting to enlist in the WAAC is that her husband is trying to get into the Army. If he goes, she wants to go too. At the present time the couple is operating a farm together in Wyoming. Mrs. Dziekonski left her Polish Army service record papers with the recruiting officials to prove her service there.

Aug. 27: The Wood River Branch Railroad is having a busy week. Fourteen carloads of trap rock will have arrived for the Nooseneck road and is being unloaded with a crane and carted by truck to the job. The cars are probably the largest ever hauled over the road and weigh from 60 to 80 tons to the car.

Sept. 3: NO INCREASE IN TAX RATE. The Richmond 1942 tax rate will be \$1.82 per \$100, the same as for 1941, has been announced by Town Clerk Oscar E. Barber ... the paring of appropriations at the annual financial town meeting last March to \$36,375 enabled the assessors to set the same rate. ... Exemptions for soldiers showed an increase of \$3750, from \$17,805 to \$21,555 ... largest taxpayers are the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, the Richmond Lace Works and Columbia Narrow Fabrics Company, in that order ... the board of Tax Assessors comprises George P. Clark, Fred W. Smith and Hollis W. Chase. Town Clerk Barber is also collector of taxes.

Sept. 10, MRS. MARY TUCKER. Mrs. Mary Ann (Worden) Tucker, wife of Warren A. Tucker, died at her home in Rockville Sept. 7, after a long illness. ... She was born in Richmond Feb. 14, 1876 the daughter of James J. and Nancy (Potter) Worden and has lived in the town of Hopkinton 35 years. ... is survived by a daughter, Mrs. George V. Crandall of Hopkinton and a son, James Tucker of Wyoming ...

Sept. 24: ENDORSED FOR THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR. Oscar E. Barber, who is now serving his 34th year as Town Clerk of Richmond, has again been endorsed for renomination on the Republican ticket of the town offices. Mr. Barber is assured of election by the failure of the Democratic town committee to file a slate for town offices. For the last 130 years the Town of Richmond has had only three Town Clerks. Prior to Mr. Barber's 34 years in office, Reynolds Hoxsie served for 40 years and Halsey P. Clarke for 56 years. Mr. Barber was first elected town clerk June 8, 1908 ...

NEXT HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT

At the time the Bell Schoolhouse bell was presented to the Richmond Historical Society during the last annual meeting, it was understood that the Society would be invited at some later date to visit the South County Museum.

Mr. John Walker will act as the host to escort us through the South County Museum.

Members and Friends are asked to assemble at the Richmond Town Hall on Sunday, October 29th, at 2 P.M. wearing warm clothes as there is no heat in the Museum. The motor cavalcade will proceed to North Kingstown to the Museum which houses many objects of interest to the local historian, especially South County.

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NEXT FIELD TRIP

The Richmond Historical Society should show it's appreciation to the Hopkinton Historical Society for honoring the name of a local person who has relatives all over South County, by attending the special dedication of a stone marker in the name of PRUDENCE CRANDALL. The event will take place on Sunday Oct. 15th, at 3 P.M. in front of the Washington Trust Company, Hope Valley. In case of rain the ceremony will be held in the Hope Valley Baptist Church.

AN APOLOGY

The Editor wishes to correct an error in the last Secretary's Report. The Member-at-large on the Board of Directors whose term of office ended last June was Earl Brunskill and not Henry Boucher.

R S V P

The Richmond School Volunteer Parents are seeking people who would be willing to contribute an hour and one-half occasionally to bring local history to the Richmond Elementary School. This could be in the form of talks, movies, slides, field trips, etc. If you are interested, notify Lucy Tootell. The above mentioned time would be divided into two 45 minute periods. One for Grades one, two, and three; and one period for Grades four, five, & six.

So many requests have been made for a copy of the introduction to the last Society program on WOMEN IN POLITICS, the Editor is including it elsewhere in this News Letter.

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 1972

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Respectfully submitted by P. A. Millar

Mrs. Lucy Tootell, President, welcomed 14 members, 2 guests, and two reporters to the first meeting of the new year. No one was quite sure who invited the press--their presence must indicate a public interest in "Women in Politics!"

The minutes of the June annual meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter, with the following correction: Mr. Henry Boucher is still very much a member of the Executive Board, and not retiring as stated. Capt. Marcus L. Whitford was elected to the Board to replace Earl Brunskill whose term had expired. My apologies, Henry and Earl.

Mr. Charles Edmonds reported the status of the treasury: Building Fund, \$11.00; Scholarship Fund, \$35.00; Interest on Savings, \$2.91; and a working balance of \$154.00.

Eleanor Smith, Archivist, reported that Ida Bader and Jean Handell have been clipping newspapers and filing same in the public file which is in the Town Clerk's office. She had placed a picture of a dam designated as Horseshoe Falls and maps depicting the development of townships within the county on the Show and Tell Table. There was some discussion that the photo was actually not the present Horseshoe Falls in Shannock as some of the buildings look very unfamiliar from the particular vantage point. Earl Smith suggested it might be the dam in Burdickville. Something to investigate, folks.

Gifts: Marion Hawkins had donated a hand-pieced crazy quilt which dates from the 1800's. It is fragile so Mrs. Smith will bring it on a more clement evening for display. Hope Blaine displayed a school desk ink well donated by Mary E. Tourgee of Peace Dale to our Bell School Collection.

Paul deGannet suggested that people interested take pictures of the iron bridge now at Horseshoe Falls because the present bridge is to be replaced by a 30' wide span in the spring. Mrs. Tootell reiterated this suggestion and asked for volunteers both within and without the Society to research this bridge and report to the Society.

Today's newspaper contained a shocking surprise: Mrs. Eva Hinchliffe, one of our charter members, has died. Following her announcement, Lucy elaborated upon Mrs. Hinchliffe's contributions to the community through school committee, educational, civic, and library work. She was a charming person, outgoing. She had been guest speaker at our Society meetings and had been as active sharing her interest in history as health would permit these last few years. Further recognition of Mrs. Hinchliffe by the Society will be taken. She was Honorary President of the Society in 1969.

By way of introduction of the program for the evening, Lucy stated that "Local history is living history; what goes on today is history tomorrow." And that "knowledge of our past is necessary to judge the

future." Women are making history in politics, not as politicians, but as contributors to the science of government and influencing policy which is the concern of all. For many years women have been active in formulating good government, but not until recently have women been prominently accepted as the political arena. To this end, the proposed 27th Amendment to the Constitution deals with the equal rights of women. The Town of Richmond has not been without its women in government: Mrs. Hazel Dyson and Mrs. Elizabeth Searle have held the Town Clerk's position; Mrs. Edith Dawley and Mrs. Eva Hinchliffe were elected to the School Committee; and it was recalled that Mrs. Veda Scudder at one time headed the Red Cross-- a politically appointive job.

However, it was Charlestown that provided an elected woman delegate to the 1972 Republican Convention in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Tootell introduced Mrs. Sarah J. Browning to speak on her experiences at the convention.

Mrs. Browning remarked that historically, women were able to vote in the State of New Jersey prior to 1790, a freedom which they enjoyed until 1807 when the law was changed to limit the voting privilege to men. Voting at the 1972 Republican National Convention indicated that only 13% of the male population there were really against women in legislature. Recognition for women was evidenced by Ann Armstrong's (Texas) position as vice-chairman of the National Committee and a dinner held for women of achievement. Black women are also coming into prominence in government. The Northeast is currently represented in Congress by three women: Margaret Heckler, Mass.; Margaret Chase Smith, Maine; and Shirley Chisholm, N. Y. President Nixon has named numerous women to fill Federal jobs.

Mrs. Browning worked on the Rules Committee and spoke very highly of all the young people who were active at the Convention. They were very well informed, worked hard, and worked well with the other, older people -- "They really knew what they were doing."

Mrs. Browning stressed that women in government have to be aggressive. They must have demanding voices because they have to prove themselves, that they have a well-informed backgrounds from which they speak--they must continually show their worth.

Paul deGannett questioned whether the presence of more women at the Convention had a stabilizing effect on the Convention as a whole. Mrs. Browning admitted that she felt they did. Paul went on to say during the discussion that although there were cases in history dating from Biblical times when women were often the cause of agitation between nations, that for the most part she brought tranquility and wisdom to here surroundings.

Harry Chatalain pointed out that the original Constitution was all encompassing in distributing equality to Americans. He questioned the sudden need to change this document with an amendment especially for women. He also questioned why women were denied political participation in the first place. "There must have been a good reason for taking the vote away from them." Harry made it clear he did not agree with the decision but wondered if anyone present had a historical explanation for it.

Much discussion followed, but no one seemed to know what prompted our early parliamentarians to exclude women from voting. It was generally agreed that if women had talents in the area of government she certainly should take her rightful place with men in legislature.

Located on the north side of Shannock Hill near Taney Brook.

SARAH B., wife of STEPHEN BATES, died August 21, 1850.
Age 32 years, 7 months, 19 days.

Two infant graves of the above persons.

SIMEON BABCOCK, died September 21, 1806. Age 61 years.

Also a large field stone with W.G. carved on it.

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MARRIAGES

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John Avery, of Sanford W. & SarahJune 7, 1747
April 25, 1841

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Gardiner Amie, and Samuel Tefft, Jun., Dec. 9, 1770.

Gardiner Mary, and Robert Pettis, Feb. 7, 1771.

Gardiner Amie, and Isreal Lewis, Feb. 24, 1780.

Gardiner David, of Exeter, son of Nicholas (dec.) and
Martha Boss, widow of Jonathan, of Richmond; m. by Elder
Gershom Palmer, Nov. 26, 1812.

Greene Catherine, and Phillip Kenyon, Mar. 13, 1780.

Greene John, of Charlestown, son of Allen, and Elizabeth Hoxsie;
m. by Thomas Tefft, J.P., Oct. 28, 1802.

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J.P. Mar. 25, 1799.Griffeth Phillip, of John and Mary Minturn, of Jonas; m. by
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By Lucy Rawlings Tootell

What is Politics?

Politics is not essentially parties, such as the Democratic Party or the Republican Party - Politics is the science of government - it is the science concerned with guiding and influencing governmental policy. Politics is the concern of all thinking people.

And now comes the question - who are the thinking people of a country? Who are the thinking people of the United States?

As early as 1723, those considered eligible to guide the government were called Freeman who were freeholders of land to the value of 100 pounds or forty shillings per annum, or the eldest son of such a freeholder. Not too many changes took place until the close of the Civil War.

After the Civil War, to protect the civil rights of the Negro, the 14th amendment was passed July 1868.

Suddenly another group of outraged individuals was heard from. Women!! When Women read that the 14th amendment clearly stated that, "But when the right to vote ... is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state, being twenty-one ... etc.", which left no doubt that Women were not to be included in the extension of the citizenship rights to Negroes, that wives, mothers, and female relatives, were an inferior branch of the human race, the lid flew off the tea pot - not even the tea pot dome scandal caused more consternation throughout the Nation! Women were humiliated.

Still concerned that the South would abolish Negro Suffrage, the 15th amendment was adopted in 1869 declaring that, "the rights of Citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude ... ". Still no mention of Women!

During the same year of 1869, a proposed amendment enfranchising Women was introduced in Congress but failed.

It was not until August 26, 1920 that the Woman Suffrage 19th amendment passed saying that, "The right of Citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

War and Industry contributed to the enfranchisement of Women.

When the men went off to the Civil War, the ladies had to take over the care of the plantations and keep the mills going as well as take full charge of family affairs. It was found that they did an extremely commendable job, but, it was not so easy for them to become helpless, ignorant females when their loved ones returned. Then came World War I, at which time, the Women really began to realize that they might not have the physical

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strength of men, but, they could definitely think as well and make worthwhile decisions on governmental policy, that government should be set up for the benefit of females as well as males and certain so-called minority groups which also included Women. As a result of wars forcing women to take over and finding that they could survive very well on their own, the Women Suffrage Amendment came into being. It is difficult to realize that the vote came to Women merely a half century ago. Something modern youth now takes for granted.

In spite of the vote, Women still have a long way to go before the Supreme Court will recognize that Women are persons in the legal sense.

The present Equal Rights 27th Amendment to the Constitution is trying to change the legal status of women by proposing the wording, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

In one form or another, a Woman's Equal Rights Amendment has been introduced in every session of Congress since 1923. With so many women in business and comprising approximately 50% of the voting population, the time for legal equal rights has arrived. It is a matter of time and the time is now. Without this new amendment, a law can be passed by Congress or by any state discriminating against women and it would not be unconstitutional.

Some injustices to Women under the 14th amendment are as follows: -

Women are barred from jury service in some states and prostitution is a crime for which only women are prosecuted. In Louisiana, the husband has power over the persons of his wife and children. In Georgia a man may legally collect his wife's wages. In South Carolina, a wife's clothing belongs legally to her husband. In Kentucky, the wife must prove that adultery on the part of the husband was habitual, while he may secure a divorce on mere suspicion of misconduct. In Florida the husband can manage and control his wife's separate property. In Nevada and New Mexico, when a husband and wife own common property, the husband is permitted to will away his half, but the wife cannot leave a dollar of her half to anyone, not even her children. In California, the husband is in charge of the joint income (Community property) and has the sole right to invest same.

These are only a few of the present inequalities toward Women and is reason enough for the ladies to concern themselves with Politics. Regardless of her occupation, in business or as a homemaker, she can participate in the science of government - she can listen - she can think - she can suggest and help implement answers and laws to make our Nation a better place in which to live for all people - and I emphasize the word all.

To implement good laws, it is necessary to hold public office. How have Women fared here?

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There has never been a Woman President.

In 1970, only 75 women had served in Congress. Many of these were widowed wives who filled the term of their deceased husbands. 66 women served in the House of Representatives. Noteworthy is Shirley Chisholm of Brooklyn, first Negro Woman.

There have also been five secretaries of state, 11 state treasurers, 2 state supreme court justices.

Locally women have been elected Town Clerks, School Committee Chairmen, and Town Council members.

Woman's progress has been a gradual one - becoming more marked as both men and women learn that one cannot advance far without the other. Most uncivilized races hold women inferior to men, but as civilization progresses it is recognized that all people, men and women alike, must be fitted to bear a share in the Nation's support and betterment.

The day has come when the World is beginning to give women credit for having the mental ability to judge what is the best for all people including men, children, and other women. This is evidenced by the fact that more women are assuming the responsibility of positions where they help to select the representatives to carry on the science of good government within these United States. Television viewers were much aware of the role Women are playing at both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. Women in Politics does not mean Women in Political Parties - it means Women in the role of formulating good government.

A Rhode Island Woman delegate to the recent Republican National Convention was Mrs. Sarah J. Browning, Charlestown, R.I., who has been active in the science of good government for the last thirty years which is three fifths of the entire span for VOTING WOMEN. She is an outstanding example of a woman who is charming and feminine and yet can think. The above article was the introduction to her talk on WOMEN IN POLITICS, given at the Richmond Historical Society meeting in September 1972.

There have been so many requests for a copy of the above introduction, the Editor is including it in the Richmond News Letter.

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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The forty-sixth town meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, November 21st, at 8 P.M., in the Richmond Town Hall.

The program will be in charge of our Board Member Captain Marcus L. Whitford, US Navy (Ret.), who will present a beautiful color sound movie on the FLIGHT TO THE SOUTH POLE WITH ADMIRAL BYRD. Come and learn the local history tie-in between the town of Richmond - Admiral Byrd - and the South Pole. The public is always welcome.

VERY IMPORTANT - A Food and Craft Silent Auction for the Bell School Cook Book Committee will be held at the above meeting. Please come early to allow time for bids. You are invited to donate items such as home cooked goodies and hand made items of any kind. Bring these items directly to the meeting.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dawle, Co-Chairmen; Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brunskill, and Charles Edmonds. Instructions can be found on page 27, Volume III.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Executive Council Meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the home of Lucy Rawlings Tootell on Tuesday Evening, December 19th, at 8 P.M.

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

January 16, 1973 Richmond Potatoes By Jean Drake
 Merch (3rd Tues.) 1973 Village of Alton By Pat Clark

JOIN OR REJOIN THE RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Family membership is \$3.00 per year. Send money to our membership Chairman, Mrs. Ida Card Bader, Woodville Road, R.F.D. Hope Valley, R. I.

LOCAL HISTORY: The action of the Richmond Town Meeting in the 1700's shows that political servants were disposed to be fed at the public crib more than the people were willing to ratify. The following act was passed i.e. "Whereas, the Town Council of this town has been at considerable charge to the town, for a remedy whereof for the future: - Be it enacted by said town, That from and after the first Tuesday in June next ensuing, That said Town Council bear their own expenses for the future."

The early Town Councils usually met at some Tavern in the Town. Was the expense for hot food or hot toddies????

Watch for us in the "Ask Us" column of the Providence Evening Bulletin with a question and, hopefully, an answer regarding House Bill #5378 relating to disclosure of vital statistics. The Bill, introduced in January of this year, limits all vital statistic research to members of legally incorporated genealogical societies, attorneys at law, title examiners, and the parents or guardian of an individual, as well as the individual himself. According to this Bill, as we understand it, no other persons may do any research in this area.

Since such a legislation severely cripples the goals and purposes and effectiveness of an historical society such as ours; and since incorporation procedures are prohibitive, it was felt that the passage of this Bill was blatant discrimination against the taxpayers. Therefore, members of your Executive Board have begun to do a little investigating and have learned only that opinion regarding local interpretation of the Bill cannot be given us from the State level! We feel that some kind of rectifying action should be taken in behalf of all small historical and genealogical groups. However, more information must be collected before a carefully considered action can be taken. Our first step was to "Ask Us."

You will very definitely be hearing more about this in the near future.

Save Your Recipes!!

At our recent Executive Board meeting, Mrs. Mildred Chatalain reported that the Cookbook Committee is doing some comparison shopping with regard to printers. One estimate received was \$600.00 for 500 books. The Committee is looking further! It was suggested that publicity and advertised advance sales would not only promote the book, but provide some working funds. To this end, the Board voted to provide advertising funds not to exceed \$20.00. Other printers are being contacted and alternative methods of reproducing the cookbook are under consideration.

The proposed format of the cookbook is a 6 x 9 inch plastic binder with semi-hard cover, typewritten pages. Recipes will be accompanied by a historical story written by Virginia Arnold, and sketches done in a rural motif by Eleanor Smith. The cover is to have a grey or silver schoolhouse (Bell) with children approaching as the school bell tolls on a soft green background.

Several means of financing the cookbook are being considered: a food sale for one, a silent auction, for another. Help and suggestions for some money-making events

of a festive nature are welcome.

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Field Trip

For those of you who were unable to be with us last Sunday at the South County Museum, we highly recommend that you plan a spring visit there when the barn reopens for a new season.

Seventeen society members browsed and poked, quired and reminisced for a good two hours and left saying they'd definitely have to come back again because they had not begun to see it all! Kitchen devices of yesteryear which no doubt were as labor saving to the times as our mechanized appliances are today boggled the mind, a carriage of state carried the children away on fanciful imaginary adventures, dress forms with 18-inch waist lines were cause for reflection, a store-post office unit spoke of simpler lives, the handicrafters spend long minutes at the spinning wheels and loom, while others pondered the patience required to make floral pictures from human hair. For the nature minded there was even an exposed (under glass) bee hive found in the barn during renovation. Of course, machinery and tools abounded throughout.

An enjoyable, if rainy, afternoon was had by all and we have added to our store of early home-history in South County. The hospitality of Mr. John Walker was very generous.

Bell School

The progress of our own museum seems to be somewhat at a standstill. The State Department of Parks and Recreation have indicated that they will soon be shingling and clapboarding, but we are all getting anxious for action again!

As with all projects, there is always behind the scene action which few are aware of--such is the case with Bell School. Application is being made to the Discover America Beautification Fund for a grant to be used in restoration work. A letter has already been sent and answered. Our project would seem to meet all the qualifications for consideration. Material is being collected for the formal application, then all we have to do is wait in line! Our project may well be publicized in a national newspaper which the Discover America people send out to such groups as ours for the purposes of idea exchange and a people-to-people kind of contact.

(Located on south of Shannock Hill Road)

SUSANNAH R. BURLINGAME, born October 24, 1834, died
October 18, 1909.

STERRY BURLINGAME, born January 28, 1796, died December
30, 1885.

ELIZA A. COLEGROVE, wife of STERRY BURLINGAME, born June
14, 1813, died November 16, 1883.

Lot is enclosed by an iron fence.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Griffeth, John, of James and Desire	Nov. 12, 1767
Ladd, of Phillip, (of Charlestown) now of Richmond,	Dec. 31, 1769
Desire, of Phillip	Feb. 22, 1771
Griffin, Stephen C., of Joseph and Mary	May 27, 1797
Susan, " "	June 4, 1801
Peleg, " "	Dec. 8, 1802
Emiline, " "	Apr. 11, 1806
George W., " "	Sept. 28, 1808
Sarah, " "	May 9, 1812
Phillip, Died " "	May 9, 1832

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MARRIAGES

Hall John, of Westerly, and Hannah Rogers, of Richmond;
m. by Samuel Tefft, J.P., Dec. 28, 1749.

Hall Eunice, and Amos Patterson, Dec. 28, 1756.

Hall Susannah, and John Tanner, Aug. 14, 1759.

Hall Sylvester, and Ruth Larkin, both of Richmond;
m. by Edward Perry, J.P., May 1, 1760.

Hall Mrs. Anna, and Valentine Hall, Nov. 22, 1764.

Hall Valentine, of Richmond, and Mrs. Anna Hall, of Stonington,
Conn., at Stonington; m. by Rev. Charles Phelps, Nov. 22, 1764.

Harrington Hannah, and John Watson, Oct. 31, 1756.

Harrington Paul, and Thankful Webster, both of Exeter;
m. by Edward Perry, J.P., Oct. 12, 1764.

Hazard Anthony, and Patience Woodmansee, m. by Elder
Weeden Barber, Jun., Jan. 6, 1842.

Hide John, and Hannah Stewart, both of Westerly; m. by Stephen
Richmond, J.P., June 9, 1751.

Hill John, and Jane West, m. by Benjamin Randall, J.P.,
1751.

Hiscox Rowland, of Hopkinton, and Lucy Essex, of Richmond; m.
by Elder Daniel Coon, Oct. 4, 1740.

Holloway George, of Richmond, and Mercy Baker, of South
Kingstown; m. by Thomas Lillibridge, J.P., Dec. 5, 1762.

Holway Elizabeth, and Hopson Wilcox, Dec. 10, 1761.

Hoxsie Stephen, of John (dec.), and Elizabeth Kenyon, of John
(dec.); m. by Rouse Helme, J.P., Feb. 27, 1734-5.

Hoxsie Job, of Richmond, and Anne Rathburn, of Exeter, at
Richmond; m. by John Webster, J.P., Mar. 25, 1749

Hoxsie Mary, and Thomas Lillibridge, Jun., Dec. 12, 1754.