



Jamestown Historical Society

HERITAGE

Fall 2009

To collect, preserve, and share with others the heritage of Jamestown, Rhode Island.

January Program: The Battle of Rhode Island

The JHS, in cooperation with the Friends of the Jamestown Philomenian Library, is co-sponsoring a talk by Larry McDonald about the Battle of Rhode Island. The program will be presented on January 20, 2010, at 7:30 PM in the meeting room of the library.

The Battle of Rhode Island took place on August 29, 1778, and was the largest land battle fought in New England during the American Revolution. Speaking from the viewpoint of Captain Thomas Cole, Commander of the Third Company 1st Rhode Island (the Black Regiment), who participated in the battle, Larry will tell of the efforts of Generals Sullivan, Greene, and Lafayette to combine forces with the French fleet under Admiral d'Estaing to drive the British, Hessian, and loyalist forces from the bases that they had established in Newport and Jamestown in 1776.

The battle was significant as the first demonstration of the alliance between French and American forces that would bring victory at Yorktown three years later.

Larry plans to bring to his talk physical reminders of the Revolutionary War era, including a musket, books, and miniatures of those involved in the Battle of Rhode Island.

A member of the JHS and the Friends of the Conanicut Battery, Larry has – in the uniform of Le Regiment de Bourbonnais –

represented the French at the JHS Battery Day at Conanicut Battery Historic Park. A committed re-enactor of Revolutionary War events, he is the Line Major for the Varnum Continentals of East Greenwich and participated in the 225th anniversary commemorations of the battles of White Plains, Saratoga, Rhode Island, Yorktown, and The Hook, 2001-2006.

Larry graduated from Providence College with a degree in history and has a masters and CAGC from Rhode Island College in Rehabilitative Therapy. He is a United States Army veteran and retired from the reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel.



Larry McDonald in the uniform of Le Regiment de Bourbonnais directs the firing of a salute as the American, British, and French flags are raised at the Conanicut Battery on Battery Day 2009.

From the President

by Rosemary Enright

As reported at the annual meeting on August 13, the following goals are guiding most of the board's actions this year:

- Solidify the financial and membership gains achieved during the Capital Campaign
- Make our collection more easily accessible
- Complete the rehousing of objects and archives
- Catalog what we have
- Update the catalog on the internet
- Ask for additions to the collection
- Increase our educational outreach – to the public generally, but especially to young people
- Continue and expand our programming at the battery, the museum, and the windmill
- Modernize the displays at the windmill

As you will learn as you read the reports of the committee chairs, we have moved forward during the summer and fall on all but the last effort – the modernization of the displays at the windmill.

Signage at the Windmill

The first steps toward expanding exterior signage at the windmill have been taken, as Linnea Petersen describes in her report. We have, however, decided to move slowly on interior signage and displays. We are hoping to take advantage of modern exhibit techniques and computer technology to immerse visitors in the experience of a miller at work, rather than use the simpler graphic models of the past. Planning has begun, though we are still searching for volunteers with the expertise to refine and implement the ideas that have been put forth.

The tentative schedule for completion of the windmill signage and display is the summer of 2012. 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Jamestown Historical Society and its acquisition of the Jamestown windmill. While collecting and preserving artifacts and information that illustrate the history of the island has always been the mission of the society, the preservation of the windmill was the driving force behind its founding. It is appropriate, therefore, that

the windmill be the focus of our 100th anniversary celebration.

Your Board

At the annual meeting, the members select offices and directors for the coming year. The officers of the society, who also serve as the Executive Committee, remain unchanged: Rosemary Enright, president; Harry Wright, vice president; John Horton, secretary; and Tricia Evangelista, treasurer.

Three directors left the board this August after several years during which they made important contributions to the society:

- Deb Foppert has been our in-house reviewer for all things legal, which we have definitely needed in the past few years.
- Mary Heath was our Programs chair, and her superb organizational skill ensured that all events sponsored by the society went smoothly.
- Shawn Mayers led our development efforts. She's been responsible for the membership campaigns and for the introduction of members-only events.

Deb, Mary, and Shawn will all be missed and we thank them for their hard work.

Seven directors are returning to the board and four directors were elected for three-year terms.

- Greg DiGasper was elected to a second term, continuing his work as chair of the Buildings and Grounds committee.
- Erica Gregg, who has worked for the past few years with Shawn on the Development committee, has now taken the lead in that area.
- Linnea Petersen is hardly new to the JHS board, having served as treasurer or director from 1981 to 2008. She is returning after a yearlong break during which she continued to serve on the Windmill committee.
- Deb Swistak, who appeared in one of the society's ads during our 2008 membership campaign, will be coordinating volunteers. If you volunteer at the windmill or the museum, you can expect to hear from her in the spring.

Honor Roll of Volunteers for 2009

Each year we acknowledge the people who have contributed time and energy to the society's endeavors. Volunteers help the JHS in many different ways – as greeters at the windmill and the museum, as staff for events, as members of boards and

committees, and as specialists who contribute their expertise to accomplish a particular action.

Many of the 131 individuals listed below have served in several different capacities. The society thanks them all for their hard work and dedication.

Dick Allphin	Rosemary Enright	Anne Livingston	Sue Potter
Joyce Allphin	Tricia Evangelista	Bruce Livingston	Betty Purdum
Craig Amerigan	Bob Florentino	Joe Logan	Sav Rebecchi
Stephanie Amerigan	Paula Florentino	Nancy Logan	Dianne Rugh
Suzi Andrews	Deb Foppert	Michael Loo	Jim Rugh
Rita Antine	Caroline Frank	Fran Lopes	Mary Pat Ryan
Stacey Antine	Danny Frank	Diana Luth	Bob Saunders
Jeanne Archambault	Judy Garlick	Sue Maden	Ginny Saunders
Carolyn Armington	Marcia Glassie	Kathy Maloney	Sally Schott
Joyce Hooley Bartlett	Tom Goff	Pede Manchester	Judy Smith
Fran Basso	Janet Grant	Myrna Maxfield	William W. Smith
Judy Bell	John Grant	Jay Mayers	Deb Swistak
Nancy Bennett	Eleanor Gravdahl	Shawn Mayers	Betty Ann Taylor
Jane Bentley	Erica Gregg	Tim Mayers	Gayen Thompson
Judith Boone	Shanna Gregg	Larry McDonald	Barbara Trout
Fran Boyer	Betty Gulley	Jeff McDonough	Bob Trout
George Boyer	Pam Haas	Kim McDonough	Shirley Utterback
Joan Briggs	Brookie Harding	Frank Meyer	ViVi Valentine
Aaron Brunelle	Mary Heath	Jill Meyer	Patti Vandal
Paul Brunelle	Steve Heath	Martha Milot	Pat Venable
Carol Buglio	Dick Hines	Heidi Keller Moon	Sue Vincent
Jim Buttrick	John Horton	William Mullins	Skip Walls
Patti Cassidy	Betty Hubbard	John Murphy	Chris Walsh
Isabel Coyle	Rose Karentz	Vaungh Nelson-Lee	George Warner
Ann Crompton	Varoujan Karentz	Ken Newman	Linda Warner
Alexandra de Koranyi	Bill Knapp	Alice Noble	Dennis Webster
Greg DiGasper	Judy Knight	Gloria O'Laughlin	Harry Wright
Donna Drago	Winston Knight	Karan Osenton	James Wright
Joe Drago	Carol Lake	Roland Parent	Anthony Wrubleski
Art Dutton	Anne Lane	Linnea Petersen	Ann Zartler
Wooley Dutton	John Leyon	Paul Petersen	Greg Zeek
Connie Payne Enright	Teddy Leyon	Marion Pierce	Deede Zeek
John Enright	Marcie Lindsay	Paula Pollard	



There is always at danger in assembling a list like this that someone who has worked hard for the organization is unintentionally omitted.

Please let us know, so that we can correct the omission. Send an email to jhs@jamestownri.com or call 423-2674.

Windmill Hill

by Linnea Petersen

The 2009 season at the windmill brought over 540 visitors from 28 states and 6 foreign countries. Comments recorded in the guest book include “A grand piece of American History!” “Very beautiful and interesting to see old technology. Thank you for opening it for us – the Public,” “Amazing history – wonderful place,” and several appreciative comments about the friendly welcome our docents extended to visitors and compliments on their knowledge of the history and operation of the mill.

On opening day, a tour bus filled with members of a fraternal organization of emigrants from Barbados who now live in the Boston-Cambridge area parked on Weeden Lane. After visiting the Conanicut Friends meetinghouse, they walked up North Main Road to the windmill to be among our first visitors of the season.

This year – instead of closing soon after Labor Day as we have in the past – we kept the windmill open through Columbus Day. Over 100 visitors toured the mill during those beautiful fall weekends.

As always, our docents fostered an understanding of the mill and an appreciation of the beauty of the site in those who stopped to visit. Their contribution of time and their care and appreciation of the mill are very important parts of the society’s goal of sharing the history of the mill.

They are all listed in the Honor Roll on page 3 and each of them deserves our heartfelt thanks.

Windmill Day 2010

We are very excited to be in the planning stages for a Windmill Day during the summer of 2010. On Windmill Day, the cotton sails will be raised on the wooden vanes – looking much as they would have appeared when the miller was grinding grain – and, if the

wind favors us, the brake will be released to allow the sails to drive the mill.

We would like to unveil new signage in the field near the mill at the same time. The new signs – still under development – will tell the history of the mill and explain at a high level how it works. They will also include the times the mill is open and how to arrange private tours.

Windmill Day is a wonderful time to taste a small piece of the 19th century in the picturesque setting of Windmill Hill.

We are forming a committee to organize the Windmill Day event and we need your help! As the old saying goes, “many hands make light work.” Please call me at 423-1820 if you would be willing to assist us in this effort. I promise it will be fun and the time and energy you offer will be respected and appreciated.

Quaker Meetinghouse

by Harry Wright

2009 has been a relatively quiet year so far for the Quaker Meetinghouse. The Friends held regular meetings for worship – open, as always, to all – from April until late October. In addition to four larger

scheduled tours in the spring and early summer, there was a small but steady stream of individuals visiting the building, often because of prior family or personal connections.

The repairs made in 2008 withstood the challenges of last winter very well. There are still problems of deterioration, largely stemming from the continually wet ground underneath the building, but the exceptional efforts of 2008 have made them much more manageable.

Once again, the JHS is most grateful to the community of Friends, particularly Marcie Lindsay, for its continual support and cooperation.



**The Jamestown windmill with sails in place.
Windmill Day, 2004.**

Buildings & Grounds

by Greg DiGasper

The Buildings and Grounds committee works with the other committees to maintain all JHS properties and keep them in good repair. No major repairs were required at the museum this summer. Harry Wright reports on the continuing maintenance at the meetinghouse in the Meetinghouse committee report on page 4.

Windmill Repairs

Jamestown's beloved windmill will be going into the shop for repair this winter. At least the wooden structure of the sails will be removed and housed indoors while repairs are carried out. Dry rot developed on the windmill side of the arm that was tied to the ground. That structure is the only one that is visibly damaged, but all sails will be removed next month, evaluated, and fixed as necessary.

Andy Shrake, our millwright, reported that both the interior and exterior of the mill are in good order, but recommended that the shingles be treated and stained to increase their life.

Treatment for powder post beetle infestation was completed at the beginning of the summer. Andy Shrake applied a second and somewhat different treatment in October. We will continue to monitor for signs of these pests and treat the mill accordingly.

We have hired a new landscaper to take care of both the mill and the meetinghouse grounds. You may have noticed the native grasses, immediately around the mill, growing longer than usual. In addition to giving our visitors a sense of how the mill grounds may have looked in the past, we are trying to entice birds and pest-eating insects to return in order to control ticks and other unwanted bugs.

Conanicut Battery Historic Park

Hydro-seeding at the Conanicut Battery, reported in the Spring newsletter, has been successful in covering up the "trail-pattern" baldness. The new grass will help to preserve the Revolutionary War battlement.

We are grateful to the State Legislative Grants program and to Senator Teresa Paiva Weed for funding this project.

Unfortunately, there have been a few instances of vandalism this year. During the spring and autumn, several holes were created by a trowel. Someone was apparently looking for buried treasure. More recently, paintball remnants were found near and around the open field at the battery. Fortunately, there was no permanent damage and the Parks Department cleaned up the debris left by the paintball battles. In each instance, we notified both the Town Administration and the Jamestown Police.

Vigilant users are the best protection for the park. We learned of the paintball incident from one such user, who after observing the activity noted the license plate numbers of the cars in the parking lot. If you notice any vandalism when you visit Battery Park, please let us know immediately either by telephone (423-0784) or email. (jhs@jamestownri.com). The sooner the evidence of vandalism is erased, the less likely it is to continue.

Eagle Scout Projects

On a more positive note, several Boy Scouts are beginning Eagle Scout projects this autumn and early spring that will benefit historic sites on the island. One project is to blaze a new trail loop at the Battery from the parking lot heading north and then looping around to the northeast side of the field.

The other project, which is not associated with a JHS site, entails cleaning out the old Jamestown animal pound on North Road to allow visitors access to the site. The animal pound was used to confine escaped farm animals, such as cows and sheep, when Jamestown was a primarily agricultural community.



The new grass on the battlements at the Conanicut Battery protects the earthworks from erosion and, because it reaches a relatively low height, does not require regular mowing.

Programs

Annual Meeting, August 13

The speaker at our annual meeting, Dr. Kathy Abbass, is the Director of the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project (RIMAP). The purpose of RIMAP, which she helped found in 1991, is to locate, identify, and study submerged cultural resources in Rhode Island waters.

Dr. Abbass explained that cultural resources include shipwrecks, debris fields, submerged man-made structures, and inundated terrestrial sites. She is currently studying the remains of the British Revolutionary War Fleet, including transports and Royal Navy ships sunk in 1778, and ship remains revealed by dune erosion at Charlestown.

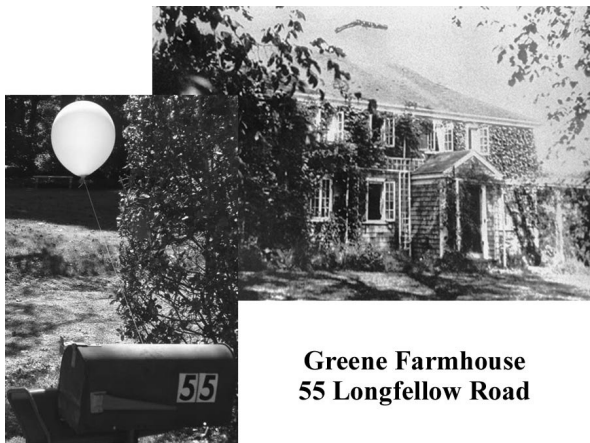
Her talk was followed by a question and answer period and a short reception.

House Tour, September 19

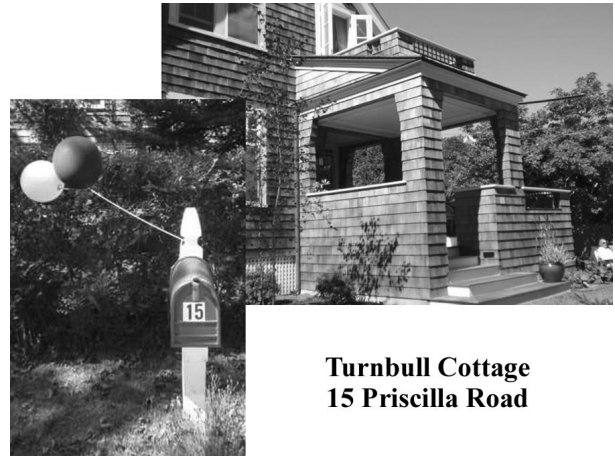
The annual House Tour, with its Preview Party coordinated by the Development Committee, is the only fundraiser conducted annually by the society. Its success depends, in part, on the weather. Saturday, September 19, was cool and sunny – a perfect day for visiting the three Shoreby Hill houses on the tour.

Black and silver balloons marked the houses. Handouts at each house explained the history and structure of the building. The houses were close to each other, and most of the 190 visitors and workers chose to walk along Shoreby Hill's quiet streets.

The most popular starting place was the 17th century Greene farmhouse. The wide plank floors and low ceilings immediately transported the visitors to an earlier time. The huge fireplaces – five of them on



**Greene Farmhouse
55 Longfellow Road**



**Turnbull Cottage
15 Priscilla Road**

two floors using the same central chimney – spoke to a bygone era with different measures of comfort.

The Turnbull cottage, built in 1886, was designed by Charles Bevins, Jamestown's busiest architect in the late 19th century. (He designed over 40 buildings on Jamestown between 1883 and 1899.) Later owners have made significant alterations to Bevins' design. Perhaps the change that most intrigued the house tour visitors was the modern addition of a deck, reached through the master bathroom, over the front entry.

The most recently built house on the tour was Primrose Cottage, built in 1914-15. Most of the 20th century owners of the cottage had strong ties with the U.S. Navy, illustrating one of the important influences on Jamestown's social life of the period.



**Primrose Cottage
95 Longfellow Road**

The JHS is very grateful to the owners of these homes for opening them for this event.

Other Events

One of the most important events sponsored by the JHS this year – Battery Day 2009 – was held on May 9 and reported in the Spring newsletter. On June 21, the new exhibit – *Educating Jamestown: Then and Now* – opened at the museum with a reception and lemonade and cookies for the visitors.

Development and Membership

By Erica Gregg

The members-only House Tour Preview Party held at the Mallinckrodt Cottage in Shoreby Hill on September 18 was a tremendous success. Our hosts, Jack and Betty Hubbard, graciously opened their home to the more than 75 members of the society who attended the event. Remarkably few changes have been made to the building in its 110-year history.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served on the wide front porch overlooking the Shoreby Hill green and the bay beyond. The weather was beautiful, the company was enjoyable, and the food was delicious – a fitting introduction to the next day's house tour.

Membership Renewal

In late spring, a membership renewal reminder went out to all members whose dues were in arrears. The response was very good. Over 100 members renewed or joined in response to the appeal and renewals are still coming in. Three members joined

the 1657 society. We now have 272 paid members; 112 of them are life members.

Due to the increasing complexity of tracking membership renewal dates that vary from one member to the next depending on when dues are paid, we are changing our membership year going forward so that all memberships begin and end on December 31st. We'll continue to remind you in the spring. We need to adjust our database to accommodate this change. In the meantime, you will see the date that your current membership ends at the top of the mailing label on this newsletter. If the date is in red, that means you haven't paid your dues for 2009.



Site of members-only Preview Party



Education

by Sally Schott

Jamestown students have been experiencing our history in many ways over the last six months.

Last June, the second, third, and fourth grade classes took mini field trips to the Jamestown Museum to see the exhibit *Educating Jamestown – Then and Now*. Kids and teachers alike loved the exhibit – particularly the fun photo comparisons such as the one showing

the “best dressed kids” then and now. Some of the students searched the old photos hoping to find pictures of their teachers in their younger days. Others were amazed to think there once could have been a school where McQuade's sits today.

According to Melrose Principal Carrie Melucci, “the exhibit provided students with background knowledge about the history of education in Jamestown and was a highly engaging and meaningful experience.” The school looks forward to the next exhibit and hopes to make spring trips to the museum an annual tradition.

Lawn Avenue School students will get to soak up the history of the schools for a bit longer. Principal Kathy Almanzor has decided to dedicate a portion of the wall in the front hall of the school to Jamestown history. JHS has provided selected photographs and elements from the original exhibit to put on display for further study and enjoyment by the students.

Also at the Lawn Avenue School JHS has been lent the use of a display case outside of the school library. This fall, we installed an exhibit depicting various buildings in Jamestown “then and now”. Locations include the Town Hall, the Community Center, and the Carr School/McQuade's market.



Conor Kennedy and Jackson Hawkins study the JHS display at the Lawn Avenue School.

Collections Committee

By Sue Maden

The Collections Committee – Sue Maden, Rosemary Enright, Joe Logan, Dianne Rugh, Linda Warner, and Harry Wright – meets monthly to discuss all aspects of the JHS collection. We decide on exhibits to be mounted, review material offered for the collection, and oversee the collection's organization and cataloging.

Exhibits

Summer Museum Exhibit

The exhibit this summer, *Educating Jamestown: Then and Now*, drew over 450 people. An expansion of last year's *School Days!* exhibit, *Educating Jamestown* added many comparisons between current and past educational practices and included over 50 grammar school graduation pictures for classes from 1898 to 2008. Judy Garlick collected many of the photographs for the Carr and Thomas H. Clarke schools reunion in July, and Rosemary Enright digitized them both for the reunion and for our collection.

The museum was open five days each week from June 21 to Labor Day. For the first time, the schedule was extended to include Saturdays and Sundays between Labor Day and Columbus Day. While the response to the extended hours was not great, we are contemplating following a similar schedule next year.

A volunteer greets each visitor who comes to the museum. Fran Boyer was once again key to scheduling these volunteers. This year we tried a new system – volunteers were sought for the windmill and the museum at the same time. The scheme worked well, and we will do the same thing in the future.

Library Display Case

The exhibit in the JHS display case in the Jamestown Philomenian Library is changed quarterly.

In the spring, the exhibit featured moved buildings, focusing on the Movable Chapel and its three moves from 1899 to 1933.

From June to September the exhibit celebrated the forty years of the Newport/Pell Bridge.

The fall exhibit, *Chronicles and Reminiscences about Jamestown. A Sampling from the Jamestown Historical Society Collection*, displayed the original documents and

included transcriptions or copies of most of them in a notebook on top of the display case.

Before Thanksgiving, some of the smaller donations received in the last year were put on display.

Lawn Avenue School Exhibit

One of the buildings featured in the *Then and Now* exhibit at the Lawn Avenue School was the Jamestown fire station on Narragansett Avenue. Ken Caswell and the Jamestown Fire Department Museum lent us three model fire trucks showing different generations of equipment that have occupied that building.

We thank them very much.

Cataloging

Every Tuesdays and Thursday morning, Collection committee volunteers gather in the JHS vault in the basement of the Town Hall to examine, evaluate, describe, and catalog the objects, photographs, and archives that the society has collected. Some of the items are new donations. Some have been in our possession for a while but have never been adequately described. In addition, there is material that we actively seek in order to add it to our database.

A number of volunteers have learned the PastPerfect software program that we use for cataloging. During the past six months, catalogers have included Stephanie Amerigian, Carolyn Armington, Rosemary Enright, Carol Lake, Nancy and Joe Logan, Sue Maden, Myrna Maxfield, Alice Noble, Dianne Rugh, and Ginny Saunders. Ginny specializes in finding and cataloging obituaries – a major source of biographical information about Jamestowners. So far she has added over 2,500 to the collection.

Other volunteers help in other capacities. Judith Boone sorts, copies, and files the archival material. Patti Cassidy has been transcribing handwritten documents. Judy Knight cares for our textile collection, sewing in labels and packing the material.

Close to 19,000 records have been created in the PastPerfect database; 4,000 have been entered in the last year. Internet users can access these records by going to jamestownhistoricalsociety.org.

Visitors are always welcome to join the volunteers in the vault on Tuesdays and Thursday. To make arrangements to get in at other times, call me at 423-2167. Because the JHS vault is in the Town Hall, access is available only during town working hours.

Accessioning and Deaccessioning

New items that enhance the collection are always sought. There is a list of items donated or otherwise acquired in the past six months on the next page.

The committee also has the obligation to assess items already in the collection to determine if they meet the standards of the collection policy. That policy states that everything in the collection must be directly relevant to Jamestown and must be in good enough condition to warrant the expense of preservation. In addition, the society must have the capability to preserve the item properly.

The vault greatly increased the society's capability to preserve certain classes of items – especially archival material. We have not, however, increased our ability to preserve large objects, especially those made of wood or metal.

Some of these items are still in temporary storage as a result of the museum renovation and as we move them to the vault or the museum, the committee has been evaluating questionable items against the requirements of the policy. We have recently recommended deaccessioning 20 items. The board has approved. Some items are in the process of being returned to the donor or the donor's family. Others will be disposed of appropriately. We expect to repeat this deaccessioning process as occasion warrants.

Special Projects

The committee undertakes special projects to consolidate related information from different sources or to make a large volume of connected data available in the collection. Recent special projects include

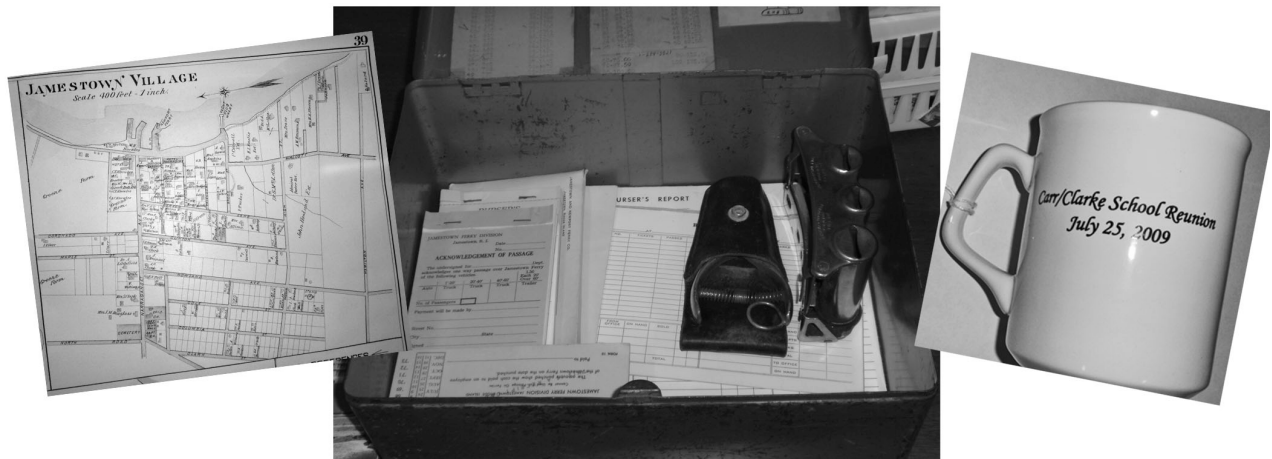
- Buildings moved in Jamestown. Initiated by JHS exhibit in the library on the Movable Chapel. Details have been gathered on over 80 buildings.
- Timeline of Jamestown history. Consolidation and expansion of data in earlier JHS lists (1999, 2003).
- Buildings on Narragansett Avenue. A history of the houses and buildings.
- "Keepers of the Dutch Island Lighthouse." A three-part article in the *Jamestown Press* (Oct. 1, 8, and 29) by Sue Maden and Rosemary Enright.
- Jamestown news sources. Documenting the availability of town news from local newspapers: years, format, location, and available indexes.
- Slides of Jamestown houses, 1977. Digitization of over 500 slides taken under a grant to the JPL.

Grant Received

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of a national initiative to raise public awareness of the importance of caring for our historic treasures, designed the *Connecting to Collections Bookshelf* – about 25 books, DVDs, and papers on how to care for historic archives and artifacts. JHS applied for and received one of the 3,000 sets offered under the program. The material ranges from an "Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel" to a book on the legal responsibilities of collection managers.

Other Activities

Other activities of the committee include answering reference questions about the collection or about Jamestown, working with members of other Jamestown and/or historic organizations, and filling requests for photographs from both.



Some recent donations (l to r): an 1895 map from Dick and Joyce Allphin, the pursor box used on the Jamestown-Newport ferry from Ed and Irene Silvia, and a mug from this summer's Carr/Clarke school reunion.

Donations and Acquisitions: June through October 2009

- Dick and Joyce Allphin: Everts & Richards 1895 map of Jamestown and Prudence Island.
- Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association: DVD of shipwreck data sheets collected by Jim Jenney.
- Judy Bell: T-shirt, Jamestown Ambulance; T-shirt, JTN Rhode Island, Skate Park.
- Nancy Bennett: *The History of Jamestown on Conanicut Island in the State of Rhode Island*, by W.L. Watson.
- Sally Blackett: Scrapbook of pictures of Battery Day 2002 to 2007.
- Susan Buelow: *In Search Of Sanctuary*, by Susan Buelow, (partially set in Jamestown).
- Jim Buttrick: notebook with information related to the Jamestown Bridge Commission 1954-1955, kept by Cary Magruder; notebook with materials related to *Location Factors for the Taylor Point Site Jamestown, R.I. for a proposed Tourist Resort-Motel Complex* by the Rhode Island Development Council, April 1968; Jamestown Log of Cary Magruder Jan. 1938 to Jan. 1947.
- Carr/Clarke School Reunion Committee: souvenir mug and papers.
- Ken Caswell: DVD, St. Matthew's Church demolition.
- John Doty: two plans for the Newport Bridge drawn by Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade and Douglas: general plan and elevation, contract #1, 6/28/1965, and plan and elevation of contract limits, contract #1, 6/23/1965.
- Rosemary Enright: *Once Upon a Time in Rhode Island* by Katherine Pyle; 1963 Jamestown Annual Report; three St. Matthew's Church tiles; buttons, "We Support Jamestown Fire & EMS," "Beavertail Lighthouse. I Climbed the Tower."
- Friends of the Jamestown Philomenian Library: ten buttons promoting May membership month.
- Judy Garlick: photographs of the Jamestown school graduating classes for 1902, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1945, 1949, 1951; a copy of program for graduating class, 1933.
- Brookie Harding: *Mills* by David Larkin.
- Jamestown Emergency Medical Service (JEMS): seven uniforms / jackets worn by volunteers between 1941 and 1980s.
- Polly Lathan: a photocopy of the *Jamestown Town Crier*, Aug. 14, 1926; photo of Sylvia's oil truck from 1940s for scanning.
- Joe Logan: 164 digital photos of town hall: 35, 10/23-24/06, old town hall and ground breaking for new town hall; 70, 10/26/06, move of old town hall; 12/22/06, 56, building progress; 3, 12/24/06, building progress; DVD of town hall move and construction; digital photos, 4/15/09, four JHS signs at Recreation Center
- Sue Maden: DVD of Carr/Clarke School reunion by Kathy Brownell.
- Pede Manchester: blue and gold pin with arch of Newport Bridge and "Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority," in black velvet bag.
- Katherine Smith Murphy: 1951 Newport telephone book which includes Jamestown; Jamestown Council of Defense certificate made out to Katherine Smith (who) "has devoted upwards of 100 hours to vigilant service in the Control Center" dated Feb. 5, 1943.
- Parsons Brinkerhoff: *Parsons Brinkerhoff, The First 100 Years*, by Benson Brodick.
- Arlene Petit: "Population: Two generations in Jamestown," by Robert S. Kirk, Seminar in American Colonial History, 1974.
- Marion Pierce: "Annual Report 1966-1967. Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority."
- St. Mark Church: "St. Mark Church, Jamestown, Rhode Island. Parish family Album 1909 2009," signed by Rev. William J. O'Neill April 29, 2009.
- St. Matthew's Thrift Shop: framed photo of Library (now Museum building).
- Dick Smith: 1940 Jamestown Bridge dedication souvenir program; scrapbook by John L. Smith (JLS) of Aug. 10-17, 1957 celebrations of 300th anniversary of the purchase of Jamestown (souvenir program, copy of telegram from President Eisenhower, 86 pages of photo); newspaper article, JLS's 50th wedding anniversary; stationery from celebration; copy of JLS speech at bicentennial; JLS Golden certificate as member of American Legion, 1983; American Legion 1932 yearbook with photo of JLS as District 2 Chairman.
- Thomas Carton Swett: framed aerial photograph of Dumplings/Fort Wetherill area, mid 1980s.
- Barbara Szepatowski: button, "Visitor Harbor Defense Narragansett Bay 885," thought to be from Fort Burnside.
- Fricky Vaughn: multiple newspaper articles about Jamestown.
- Pebble Wadsworth: *The Quaker Ogdens in America* by Charles Burr Ogden.
- Linda Warner: article on Dick Queern and his oil business; 1971 newspaper photo of election victors; "Blue and Gold" class newspaper, 1955 and 1956; program for first graduation (1956) from Lawn Avenue School; tercentenary tag, letter from Anna Baker to Mrs. Warren, and concert ticket; will of Anna J. Armbrust (1936); USO stub; postcard about Central Baptist Church fair; copy of Lucy Carr's report card for Grade V, 1920s; decal for Fifth Annual Family Day, 1973; program for JHS exhibit, 1973; newspaper article about Bicentennial, 1976; photo of Little League team; photo of party for Swedish crew at Fort Getty, 1977; Town budget 1976-77; School budget 1976-1977.

Treasurer's Report

by Tricia Evangelista

The receipt this November of the final outstanding pledge marks the official end of the JHS Capital Campaign. The funds raised in the campaign were divided almost equally between “bricks and mortar,” i.e., the renovation of the museum and the building of the vault, and two endowments at the Rhode Island Foundation (RIF).

As of October 31, 2009, the General Endowment balance at the RIF was \$216,746. The final Capital Campaign pledge, along with life memberships received during 2009, will be transferred to the RIF at the end of this year. A life membership payment is automatically added to the General Endowment so that the income it generates functions as the annual dues for the life member. Income from the General Endowment is used to support JHS operations.

The RIF is also custodian for the JHS Windmill Endowment with \$7,619 and the Mary Miner Endowment with \$7,426. Income from these funds is used to support windmill maintenance and archival care, respectively.

Contributions to the maintenance and support of the windmill and meetinghouse also come from endowment assets outside of the control of the JHS Board of Directors.

In addition to the endowment funds at the RIF, the JHS board oversees investment assets that have accumulated from operations and returns on endowment assets. These investment assets are held for their intended use in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. At October 31, 2009, investment asset balances were as follows:

	Investments
General	\$ 36,094
Windmill	\$ 55,168
Meetinghouse	\$ 2,428
Battery	\$ 10,149
Total	\$ 103,839

The 2009 JHS operating budget originally contemplated a net excess of expenditures over receipts of approximately \$23,000. This net deficit

was due primarily to repairs to be made to the windmill sails totaling approximately \$20,000. As of today, those repairs have not yet been made, although plans for making the repairs are currently underway. Funds for these repairs will come from the Windmill investments noted in the table.

Through October 31, 2009, operating receipts are higher than anticipated resulting from membership dues and other donations that exceed prior year actual and current year budgeted amounts. See related discussion under Development. As a result, it is anticipated that the JHS will finish 2009 with a net deficit that is smaller than originally budgeted.

Communication

by John Horton

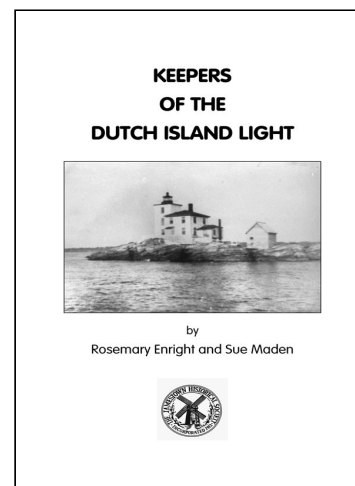
The Communications committee has been moving forward to take advantage of electronic media. Along with our website at jamestownhistoricalsociety.org, the JHS now has a Facebook page, established by Shawn Mayers and updated/monitored by Patti Cassidy. If you're on Facebook, please “friend” us to get the latest on activities.

Print, however, remains our primary communications method. A monthly column on JHS activities appears in the *Jamestown Press*, usually on the first Thursday of the month. There's always a link to the latest column on our website.

In October, a three-part article by Rosemary Enright and Sue Maden on the “Keepers of the Dutch Island Light” also appeared in the *Press*. The society is publishing the articles as a booklet, with references and bibliography added. The booklet will be released at the CIAA

Holiday Craft Fair on December 5. Join us there and be among the first to get a copy.

The Board is looking for a volunteer who would like to be in charge of the website. Anyone interested please contact John Horton at jhorton1@verizon.net.



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