



Jamestown Historical Society

Heritage

Spring 2015

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

A Military Summer

The summer of 2015 will start off with the sound of cannons reverberating across the West Passage at the Society's biannual Battery Day on June 6. The Battery Day celebrations began in 2002 when the town and the Friends of the Conanicut Battery rededicated the Conanicut Battery Historic Park.

Festivities begin at 11 AM. with the Jamestown Band playing patriotic music and the Newport Artillery firing its cannons from inside the protective earthworks that were originally built by the colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in 1776.

Re-enactors of the Colonel Tew's Company will be present to demonstrate how the Revolutionary War military camped and trained. An honor guard of veterans and boy scouts will carry in the colors.

The British captured the fort in December 1776 and held it until they evacuated the area in 1779. This year, we will learn more about these British soldiers. Our speaker at Battery Day is Don N. Hagist, the author of *British Soldiers, American War* and a specialist in the demographics and material culture of the British Army during the American Revolution. He will give a short talk on British operations in Rhode Island.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, representatives of the three countries that occupied

the fort – the United States, Great Britain, and France – will raise the flags of their respective countries over the fort while the Jamestown band plays the national anthems of each country.

The Battery Day celebration leads nicely into our summer exhibit. *Defending Our Shores: Military Installations in Jamestown* tells the story of the many army and navy forts and camps that existed in Jamestown during its history. The oldest pseudo-military installation was the 1705 watch tower that preceded the Beavertail Light, providing an early warning of intrusion into the waters of Narragansett Bay. The last base to close was the Naval Radio Station at Beavertail that until the 1970s transmitted messages in many radio formats to airplanes, ships, and naval bases around the world.

The exhibit will preview during the Memorial Day Parade on May 25 and the museum opens officially on June 21.

The military theme will continue at our Annual Meeting on August 13. John W. Kennedy, Director of Education at the Naval War College Museum, will be our speaker. He hasn't announced the exact topic of his talk yet but has said that he will include discussion of naval operations in Narragansett Bay.

Although we did not try to continue the military theme into the house tour, two of the houses on the tour were built by retired U.S. Navy officers. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many navy men retired to Jamestown. In fact, Maud Howe Elliot reported in *This Was My Newport* (1944), "It is said that if, on Conanicut Island, you closed your eyes and threw a stone you would probably hit a retired Rear Admiral."



Newport Artillery at Battery Day, 2002.

We had two showings of the video *We Took the Ferry* this past winter. At both we were graced with beautiful music performed by Très Moutarde and enjoyed delicious refreshments thanks to Heidi Keller-Moon in December and Terry Lanza in March.

Bob Sutton, who wrote, produced, and directed the film, shared with the audiences how the idea for the video was begun by an oral history project about the experiences of Jamestown students who rode the ferry back and forth to high school in Newport prior to the opening of the Newport Bridge in 1969.

A piece of Jamestown's history has been preserved for generations of residents to come as a result of Bob's efforts. Thanks to his generosity, the Jamestown Historical Society is the grateful recipient of all profits realized from sales of the video.

Another piece of history was resurrected this spring by Boy Scout Jacob Maguire. As his Eagle Scout project, Jacob cleared, seeded, and repaired the stone walls of the Jamestown Animal Pound at North Main Road and Cedar Lane. The pound was in use from the 1860s to the 1920s to confine farm animals that had wandered, but in recent years had become completely overgrown. With the help of Jim Rugh, Jacob is erecting a sign that tells the pound's history.

As you will read in more detail in the various sections of this newsletter, we have exciting plans for several events this season.

The Windmill and the Museum open officially for the season on Sunday, June 21. Judy Bell is our volunteer coordinator this season. Thank you, Judy,



Linnea Petersen accepts a legislative grant for the summer exhibit from Deb Ruggiero.

and thanks also to all of you who serve as docents each year. Your support allows us to fulfill our mission to share the rich history of Jamestown.

The exhibit at the museum this summer, *Defending our Shores: Military Installations in Jamestown*, was curated by Rosemary Enright with the help and advice of Walter Schroder and Varoujan Karentz. It is funded, in part, by a legislative grant. We are very grateful to Representative Deb Ruggiero for her support.

Battery Day will be held at Conanicut Battery Historic Park on June 6 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Special thanks to our Senator, M. Teresa Paiva Weed for sponsoring a legislative grant that will help us defray the costs associated with this event. This family event is open to the public and is free of charge.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on August 13 at 7 PM at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

We are planning trolley tours highlighting the history of Conanicut Island on Sunday, August 16, led by Jane Bentley. Tours will be conducted at 10 AM, 12 noon, and 2 PM. The tours will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The JHS is very grateful to Viking Tours for providing us with a very reasonable rate for the trolley and driver which allows us offer these tours free of charge.

September promises to be very exciting with our annual "members only" preview party on September 11 and house tours on September 12. Jane Bentley, on behalf of the Program Committee, chaired by Terry Lanza, has worked very hard to bring together wonderful homes we can offer for this special weekend. This is the annual fund raiser for the Society and we really appreciate the efforts of Jane and Terry and, of course, the homeowners who are graciously allowing us access to these wonderful properties.

As I write this article, it is hard to believe that nearly five years has passed since I assumed the role of President of the JHS. In accordance with the term limits set forth in our by-laws, I will be stepping down in August. I am very grateful to many people who have taken this wonderful journey with me. The Jamestown Historical Society is an amazing organization because of the enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication of so many of you.

Thank you for your support. It has truly been my honor and privilege to have served with you.

Summer 2015 Program Calendar

Monday, May 25

Preview of Summer Exhibit in Museum

10 AM to 12 PM

Defending our Shores: Military Installations in Jamestown, the 2015 summer exhibit, previews during the Memorial Day parade.

Saturday, June 6

Battery Day

11 AM to 1 PM

Join us at Conanicut Battery Historic Park to watch the raising of the American, British, and French flags. Speaker for the day is Don N. Hagist, editor of *Journal of the American Revolution* and expert in the British Army in the American Revolution.

Saturday, June 20

Museum Docent Orientation

1 to 4 PM

Become a docent and enjoy a private tour of *Defending our Shores: Military Installations in Jamestown*, with explanation and commentary by Rosemary Enright, exhibit curator.

Sunday, June 21

Quaker Meetinghouse Open House

1 to 4 PM

Guided tours of the Quaker meetinghouse. The meetinghouse is also open for Religious Society of Friends services at 10:30 AM on Sundays through October and by appointment throughout the year.

Sunday, June 21

Jamestown Museum Opens for Summer

1 to 4 PM

Grand opening of *Defending our Shores: Military Installations in Jamestown*, the summer exhibit at the museum. Museum hours: 1 to 4 PM, Wednesdays to Sundays and holidays through Labor Day and Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays through October 13.

Sunday, June 21

Windmill Docent Orientation

1 to 4 PM

New and experienced windmill docents are invited to the windmill to tour the mill, review opening and closing procedures, and see the updated signage.

Go to jamestownhistoricalsociety.org for a complete list of JHS events and other Jamestown events of historic interest.

Saturday, June 27

Windmill Opens for Summer

1 to 4 PM

The Windmill will be open from 1 to 4 PM, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays through October 13.

Thursday, August 13

Annual Meeting

Jamestown Philomenian Library, 7 PM

Election of officers and directors for 2015-2016. Speaker: John W. Kennedy, Director of Education, Naval War College Museum.

Sunday, August 16

Trolley Tours starting from the East Ferry

10 AM / 12 PM / 2 PM

Approximately 1½ hour tour of island. History of historic homes and sites along the way. Free.

Friday, September 11

Members Only House Tour Preview Party

6 to 8 PM

Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres at the 1895 home of Linda and Bob Sedgewick, 144 Walcott Avenue. A \$40 ticket includes entry to Saturday's house tour.

Saturday, September 12

House Tour

10 AM to 2 PM

Tour of four houses in the Walcott Avenue/Racquet Road, built between 1880 and 1900 at the height of the Jamestown Resort Era. Tickets \$20.

Saturday, September 26

Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day

11 AM - 4 PM

The museum, the meetinghouse, and the windmill will be open longer hours to support RI Historic Sites Coalition participation in National Museum Day. Get your ticket online and visit many RI museums free.

Monday, October 12

Jamestown Museum and Windmill Close

Columbus Day. The last day this season to visit the Jamestown museum or drop by the Jamestown windmill. Group visits can be arranged any time by calling 423-0784 or emailing your request to info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org.

Windmill

Jane Bentley

The Windmill opens this year on Sunday, June 21. I will be there from 1 to 4 PM to help new docents learn the drill for opening and closing the mill and to refresh the memory of any docent who wishes to come up for a visit that day.

Last summer we had electric lights and new signage installed. This summer, an update booklet explaining the workings of the mill using many of the pictures developed for the signage project will be available free of charge while they last. The booklet and signage were funded by a grant from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

Donations are, as usual, appreciated.

This fall we will be undertaking the first major construction work at the mill since the exterior was restored in 2000. When the lighting was installed last year, some weaknesses in the beams on the third floor were discovered. We plan to replace the weakened beams and re-floor with sturdier planking.

In the meantime, I look forward to a successful 2015 summer season.

Development

Did you know that there are no paid personnel in the Jamestown Historical Society?

As you read through the pages of this newsletter, take note of the number of properties the JHS cares for and opens to the public – the 1776 Conanicut Battery, the 1787 Jamestown Windmill, the 1786/7 Friends Meetinghouse, the 1885 Jamestown Museum, and the vault where we store the archives.

Note that the Society preserves, catalogs, tracks, and displays over 30,000 historic artifacts.

Note the many planned events from historic exhibits, lectures, Battery Day, to the House Tour and lectures.

Then just think that all of this is managed by volunteers!

So when you pay your dues or make a donation to the Jamestown Historical Society, 100 percent of those funds go directly to keeping Jamestown history accessible to all.

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Meetinghouse

Harry Wright

The Meetinghouse is in amazingly good shape, given how severe last winter was. The diverters outside the windows worked well, and at a recent inspection the crawl space was virtually dry. (Inspections will nonetheless continue in the months to come!)

As always, the Historical Society is most indebted to the members of the Conanicut Friends Meeting and the committee itself for taking such good care of the building.

The Meetinghouse is open to visitors for tours on two days this summer – windmill opening day, Sunday, June 21, and Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day, Saturday, September 26 – and by appointment. Those interested in a tour should call 423-0784 or 423-2978.

The Conanicut Friends hold religious services at the Meetinghouse through the summer and into the early fall at the customary time of 10:30 on Sundays. Those who wish to join them in Quaker worship are, as always, most welcome.

Our membership year is July 1 to June 30. Now is a great time to renew your membership for the 2015-2016 membership year. Your dues entitle you to an invitation to the members' only cocktail party before the House Tour in September. Members receive news of all our activities – and at the same time you are supporting the collection, preservation, and sharing of the history of Jamestown.

The renewal form on the back page is provided for your convenience or you can download the form from our website at jamestownhistoricalsociety.org or, with our new website, you will also be able to pay online through Pay Pal.

Please also consider us in your estate planning. Your gifts will ensure that the Jamestown Historical Society will continue to serve your community far into the future.

We are most grateful for any donation.

Winter Special Events

Last December 10, the Jamestown Historical Society sponsored the premiere of *We Took the Ferry: Ferry Boat Students of Narragansett Bay* in the meeting room at the Jamestown Philomenian Library. The documentary takes a fascinating look into the mindsets of a generation of students who thought nothing of getting on a boat in a hurricane or of sleeping in a jail cell overnight when they missed the last ferry home.

A standing room only crowd came out on a cold December evening to watch the 30-minute documentary, produced and directed by Robert Sutton of Jamestown. The event opened and concluded with an appearance and discussion by the producer and director. Bob Sutton, a long-time Jamestown resident and former Town Administrator, talked about his inspiration for the video, told behind the scene stories, and discussed the process of getting the video made. The premiere screening featured complimentary refreshment and live entertainment by Très Moutarde, a local ensemble whose music was featured in the video.

Because of the overwhelming success of the premiere, a second screening was hosted at the library on March 18. Bob Sutton again introduced the screening, and Très Moutarde returned for another live performance. Refreshments were served. About 60 people attended.

May Showings of We Took the Ferry

Bob Sutton's video has excited a lot of interest off the island as well as on. If you missed the library showings of the video, you have several chances coming up this month to see it either in person or on the television.

The Newport Historical Society will be showing the video at the Colony House in Newport on Thursday, May 21, at 5:30 PM. The video will be introduced by Jamestown resident and Newport Historical Society Librarian and Genealogist Bert Lippincott. Bob Sutton will be there to discuss the making of the film and why he began the project. Admission is by donation; please RSVP at NewportHistory.org or call 401-841-8770.

Rhode Island PBS will also be showing the video several times during the month of May. The film

premieres on Sunday, May 17, at 6 PM as part of the ongoing Rhode Island PBS series *Rhode Island Stories*. It will be shown on the same channel (36.1, Cox 8/1008HD, VerizonFios 508/518HD) on the following Saturday, May 23, at 11:25 PM. The third planned showing is on the Learn Channel (36.2, Cox 808, VerizonFios 478) on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 PM.

You can purchase the video at Baker's Pharmacy or Conanicut Marine

Services or you can always buy a copy online at the Jamestown Historical Society website, jamestownhistoricalsociety.org. The online price of the DVD is \$20 plus \$3 for shipping and handling. Click on the link *We Took the Ferry*.

When the museum opens in mid-June, DVDs will be available there.

Battery Day

Battery Day 2015 is June 6. See the column by the Battery Committee Chair Larry McDonald on page 6 for details.

Annual Meeting

The JHS Annual Meeting will be Thursday, August 13, in the Jamestown Philomenian Library. The meeting will begin at 7 PM with the president's report on the activities of the year and the election of officers and directors for 2015-2016.

The business meeting will be followed by our special guest speaker at 7:30 PM. This year we welcome John W. Kennedy, Director of Education at the Naval War College Museum as our special guest. After retiring from the Navy in 1994, Mr. Kennedy worked in Rhode Island secondary schools until joining the Naval War College Museum in 2008.

His presentation on naval activities in Narragansett Bay will harmonize with the JHS



Bob Sutton introduced the showing of *We Took the Ferry*.

museum exhibit, *Defending Our Shores: Military Installation in Jamestown*.

Trolley Tours

On August 16, the Sunday after the annual meeting, Jane Bentley will be the tour guide on a series of trolley tours around the island. The tours will highlight the historical sites and houses of Jamestown.

Trolleys will pick up passengers at the East Ferry at 10 AM, 12 noon, and 2 PM. Thanks to a very favorable rate from Viking Tours, the tours are free and the buses will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Jane is well-known for her walking tours of the village, which are filled with anecdotes of her childhood here. Jamestowners lucky enough to have a seat on the trolley can expect the same delightful mixture of historic fact and personal story.

House Tour Weekend

Thanks to Jane Bentley and the generosity of the homeowners on this year's tour, we have another great house tour weekend planned.

The 2015 House Tour weekend begins on the evening of Friday, September 11, with the Members Only Preview Party. Linda and Bob Sedgewick will host the party at their beautiful historic home on Walcott Avenue at Racquet Road. The house, built in 1889 for Tunstall Smith, was designed by Charles L. Bevins, who also designed many of the other notable houses in the Dumlplings.

Tickets to the preview party are \$40 and include entry to the house tour in the Dumlplings neighborhood of Racquet Road and Walcott Avenue on Saturday, September 12. The four houses on the tour were built between 1880 and 1900 and are all rich in history and architectural charm.

The annual tour is open to non-members and will run for one day only from 10 AM to 2 PM. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at any house on the tour day. The homes are within walking distance from one another, and the neighborhood itself is worthy of a stroll.

More information about the houses and the tour will be available through emails, on the JHS website at jamestownhistoricalsociety.org, the JHS Facebook page, and in the *Jamestown Press* as the event draws near. Fran Gorman's beautiful posters will be on display throughout the community in mid-August.

Art Exhibition

Early planning is underway for a collaboration between the Jamestown Art Center and the Jamestown Historical Society. In 2016 the JAC will host a curated art exhibition of specific artwork belonging to the JHS art collection. This 2016 show will also feature a curated exhibition of drawings by Jamestown artist, Nina Baugh Gopcevic. Thanks to the efforts of her granddaughter Lydia Biddle Cotter and her family, the drawings have been preserved and only recently rediscovered.

The family-owned drawings are not part of the JHS collections. Rosemary Enright and Terry Lanza will co-curate the exhibition.

Conanicut Battery

Larry McDonald

The big news for the Conanicut Battery is Battery Day on June 6. The Newport Artillery will be there with their cannons. Colonel Tew's Company will be there with their muskets and their uniforms of the colonial army. The Jamestown Band will play patriotic tunes. The Boy Scouts, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will carry in the colors. Our own Major Bloggett, played as usual by Paul Brunelle, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The activities start at 11 AM. A short talk by Don N. Hagist, an independent researcher who specializes in the British Army in the American Revolution, will followed the initial ceremonies. Hagist's interest in the American Revolution grew from participation in historical re-enactments as a teenager. He quickly discovered that there was little written about the common British soldier. This led to a continuing quest to find and assimilate primary sources to better understand the thousands of professional British soldiers who served in America during the 1775-1783 war.

Don's specific areas of expertise include British operations in Rhode Island, wives of British soldiers, and the service of the 22nd Regiment of Foot (the Cheshire Regiment) in America. His books include *The Revolution's Last Men: The Soldiers behind the Photographs*, *British Soldiers, American War*, and *General Orders: Rhode Island*.

After Don's talk, the flags of the United States, Great Britain, and France will be raised.

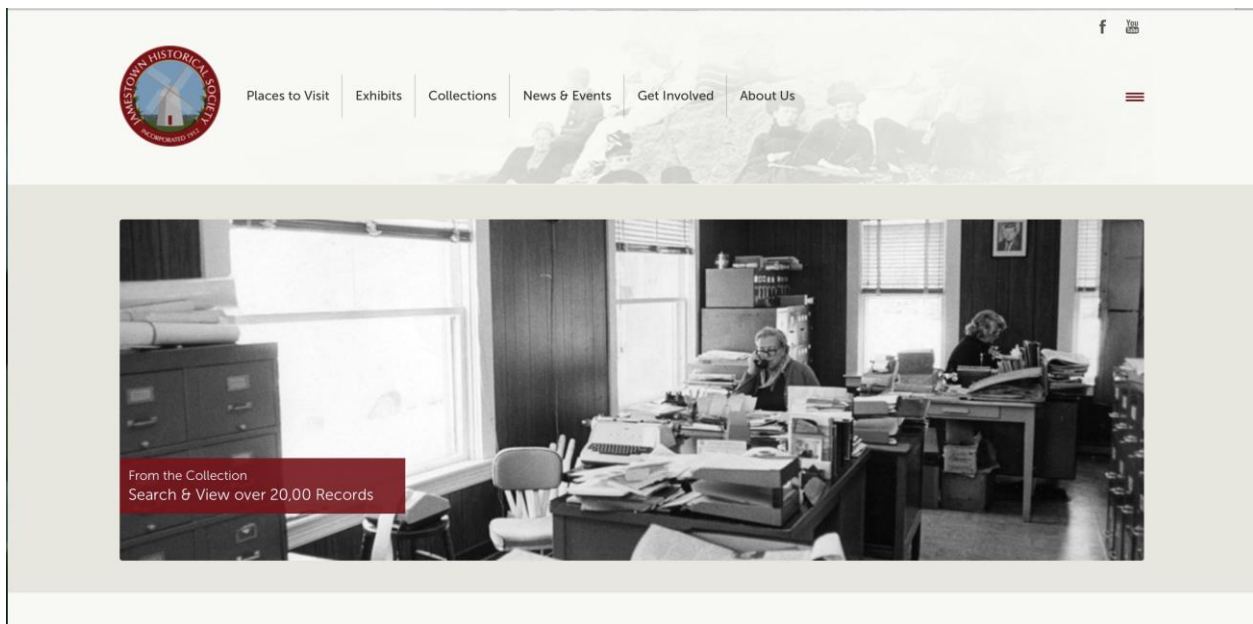
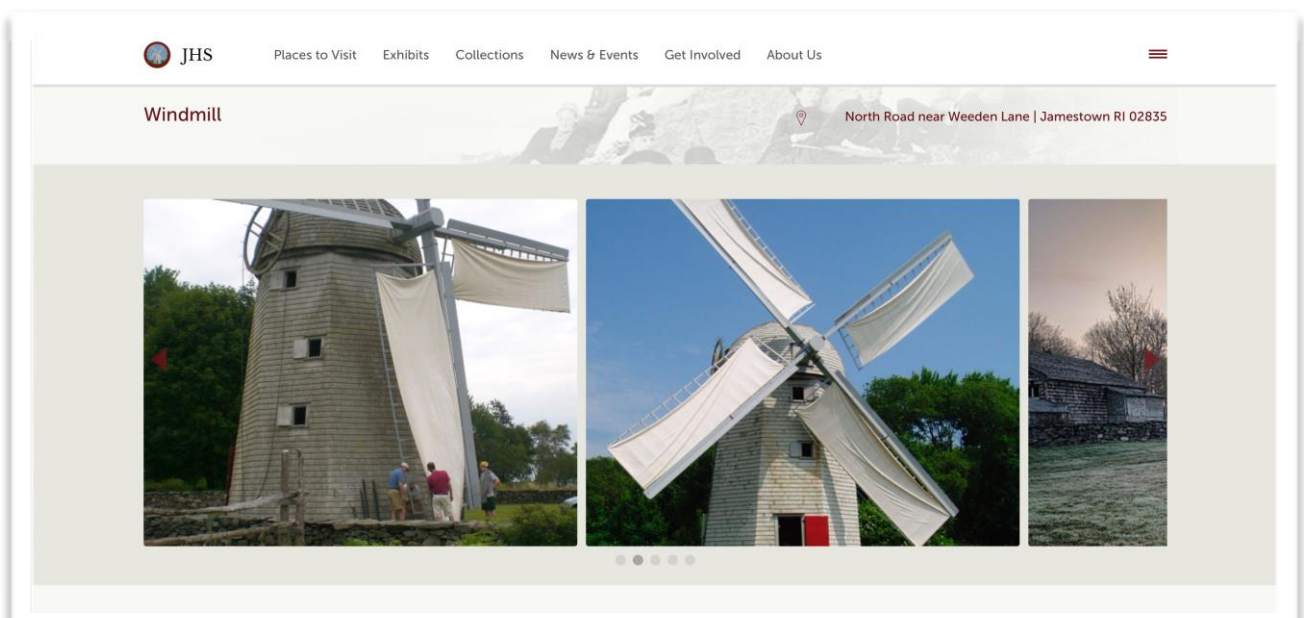
Our new updated website is taking shape. Below are samples of the Windmill page and the Home page.

The new website will display many of our images and holdings. It will keep you up to date with our many news items, events, and activities. A new added feature will allow you become a member and pay your dues online. You also will be able to purchase our books and other items online.

We continue to communicate with all members via our periodic emails. If you have not been receiving

emails from info@jamestownhistoricalsociety.org, please check that our emails are not going into spam. If you think we might have the wrong email, you can send your correct email to that address

We also endeavor to keep the public at large aware of the Society's mission. The monthly JHS News column in the *Jamestown Press* tells everyone in town about our activities. The *Press* also publishes a monthly feature on some aspect of Jamestown history by Rosemary Enright and Sue Maden under the JHS logo.



Sharing: Exhibits

Exhibits provide opportunities to show some of the thousands of items in the Jamestown Historical Society's collection. Volunteers mount exhibits at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, the Jamestown Police Station, the Lawn Avenue School, and the JHS Museum.

At the Library

New exhibits appear frequently in the display case in the library entrance hall. At the end of 2014, some of the donations received by the Society during the year were displayed.

The exhibit of donations was followed by an exhibit from the Jamestown Historical Society's collection of records for local organizations. Several organizations – some disbanded and some still active but without a permanent home for storage – have turned their archives over to the Jamestown Historical Society for safe keeping and have provided funds to purchase archival storage containers for the material.

The next exhibit in the library, *Animal Stories of Jamestown*, shared stories of a sea gull, skunks, Belted Galloways, and dogs, including three who rode the ferry and one, Staff Sergeant Murph, who trained with soldiers at Fort Wetherill before World War II. Murphy's memorial stone is now in the garden next to the JHS museum.

The April library exhibit featured the Royal Arcanum, a fraternal association established in 1877 and still active internationally. The Conanicut Council #1147 was founded in 1889 with 22 members.

At the School

Each school year there are two exhibits at the Lawn Avenue School, one in the fall when school begins and a second after the holiday vacation. *Keeping House*, the fall exhibit, was replaced in January with



The insignia of office of the Royal Arcanum, which was active here through the 1950s.

Talking to our Neighbors, Early Telephones in Jamestown.

Telephone service came to Jamestown in 1894 after an earlier attempt failed because of the failure of the underwater cable to Newport. The exhibit marked the 50th anniversary of dial service in Jamestown.

At the Police Station

The Jamestown Police Station offers a unique opportunity for JHS to display some of the over 100 pieces of artwork in the JHS collection. Currently on display are six paintings and one drawing of Jamestown agricultural scenes, including the Weeden farmhouse, the Narragansett Bay Oyster Farm, grazing sheep, and a barn in a snow storm.

At the Museum

Our major exhibit each year is the summer museum exhibit. As mentioned on page 1, this year the exhibit *Defending Our Shores: Military Installations in Jamestown* features the many army and navy forts and camps that have existed in Jamestown.

Rosemary Enright curated the exhibit with advice from Walter Schroder, a former director of the Jamestown Historical Society and an authority of the military defenses in Narragansett Bay. Varoujan Karentz provided detailed information about the military activities in what is now Beavertail State Park.

Among the long-term effects of the military on Jamestown was the disposition of the land the army and navy bases had claimed. Over 395 acres that once belonged to the military, or 15 percent of the town, are now state or local parks.

The exhibit will preview during the Memorial Day Parade on May 25. The museum opens officially on June 21.

Sharing: Reference Questions

JHS receives many reference questions. Many times the queries lead to new information and donations to JHS.

Questions come by email in response to material users find in the JHS online catalog. Other questions come from local Jamestown residents who visit the JHS vault in Town Hall. There are even international queries. Recently one came from Rockwood, Ontario, requesting information on the three Weeden rental cottages. From Missouri came a question about the

Governor Carr ferryboat. Two Pennsylvania organizations, the Tillinghast Association and the Three Stooges Fan Club, contacted JHS. The Tillinghast Association requested copies of material on the Beavertail Golf and Country Club found in the JHS online catalog. The Three Stooges Fan Club wanted information on the actress Kathryn Bates who was the daughter of William Lincoln Bates, founder of the Bates Sanatorium in Jamestown.

Rhode Islanders wanted to know when the Dutch Harbor Boat Yard started. (It was 1960.) Another wanted information on the visit of the *Prinz Eugen* to Narragansett Bay. Archivist Sue Maden, who answers most of the reference requests, found the answer in the *Newport Mercury*. Users of the online catalog found records on the POW Camp at Fort Getty, the Jamestown golf courses, and family photographs, and came to the vault to see the material.

Locally, town officials recently requested information on Fort Getty and the PAC, and Bob Sutton made extensive use of the JHS photograph collection for his video, *We Took the Ferry*.

Occasionally JHS receives reference questions meant for other Jamestowns. The Communications Coordinator, Office of Jury Commissioner in Boston emailed to find out if the first Jamestown jury trial was held in 1619. The JHS reply explained that Jamestown, Rhode Island, was settled in 1657 and provided contact information for Jamestown, Virginia, settled 50 years earlier.

Preserving: Collections Management

The JHS Collections Committee – chair Dianne Rugh, archivist Sue Maden, and members Rosemary Enright, Delia Klingbeil, Joe Logan, and Linda Warner – meets the first Tuesday of every month to oversee the protection of the JHS collection and to consider donations according to the guidelines of the Collections Committee Collection Policy. A dedicated group of volunteers catalog, inventory, scan, photograph, and care for the collection.

About every six months, newly created records are uploaded to the JHS online catalog which now has over 27,000 records.

The vault, located in the lower level of Town Hall, is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 AM to noon, to accept donations and to answer reference questions.

Collecting: Acquisitions

Acquisitions come from many sources. Recently matchbook covers from the Bay View and the Jamestown Shores Motel and a Jamestown postcard were purchased on EBay. Most additions to the collection, however, come from donations, and JHS is grateful for all donations received.

The 2014 exhibit marking the anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown American Legion Post revealed how few American Legion artifacts are in the collection. In recognition of this lacunae, Dick Smith donated pins belonging to his father, John L. Smith – his American Legion Past Commander pin and his pins from the American Legion 12th Convention held in Jamestown in 1930 and from the American Legion National Convention in Boston the same year.

Michael Dupre and Jim Pemantel each donated a Newport District Telephone Directory, from the 1950s. Telephone directories are valuable reference tools for tracing Jamestown residents and businesses. Michael Dupre also donated the Bay View Hotel Register for 1911-1916.

Walter Schroder donated packets of photographs including photographs of the Russian Fish Factory Ship in West Passage and of Jamestown forts. Many of Schroder's photographs have been scanned and attached to the on-line catalog records.

Lorraine Hull O'Connors wrote offering the printing press that her father Leon Hull used to print two early Jamestown periodicals, the *Gazette* and the *Islander*, during the latter years of the Depression.

Bill Knapp found the first issue of the Jamestown Press, April 21, 1889, at the Jamestown Transfer Station and brought it to the vault.

The Sheehan Family donated class photographs of the Rogers High School class of 1944 and of the John Clarke School class of 1943.

The following pages list all donations received from November 2014 through April 2015.



New to the collection: 1906 photograph of games at Carr's Grove.

Donations and Acquisitions:

November 2014 through April 2015

Judy Bell: article, "Best Towns," *Rhode Island Monthly*, March 2015, p. 47.

Serena Beretta: 5 photographs of last ferryboat being towed out to sea.

Bill Burgin: 2 window sashes from the Jamestown Water Company building on Southwest Avenue.

Jim Buttrick: 13-page monograph about the history of Capt. Thomas Paine House, Cajacet. Copy of c-size architectural drawing of frame components no longer visible in the Paine House, by A.W. Baker, 1980, updated 2005. State of Rhode Island Highway Map, June 1928, showing only two improved roads in Jamestown, both state roads.

Jane Carey: scan of photograph of her grandfather taken 1906 in Carr's Grove.

Jane Carroll: *Rhode Island Almanac, 1812.*

Conanicut Island Art Association: exhibit flier "What Would Picasso Say."

Conanicut Marine Services: Christmas card with design by Evelyn Thistle Rhodes.

John Doty: newspaper article, "Rhode Island Buys 2 Ferries for Jamestown," Dec. 26, 1957.

Michael Dupre: Bay View Hotel Register, 1911-1916.

Newport District Telephone Directory, Oct. 1953.

Rhode Island TELCO News, April 1962 with article, "Meet Mister Jamestown, Don Dupre."

Four photographs, 2 of parade at East Ferry with steam fire engine; 1 of ferryboat Newport; 1 of Clingstone.

John Godena: pamphlet, "What Ship is That? A numerical guide to the U.S. Navy" by Walter C. Hadley.

Seven photographs: 6 of ferry boats and 1 of a car in water, 1968-1969.

Mike Gray: article "Picturesque Island of Jamestown and Oldest Transportation Route in America" from *Book of Rhode Island.*

Brookie Harding: Windmill material.

Jay and Nancy Hartshorn: copies of 5 photographs.

Lorraine (Hull) O'Connors: printing press that her father, Leon Hull, used to print two early

Jamestown periodicals, the *Gazette* and the *Islander*, during the late 1930s.

Jamestown Planning Department: Jamestown Street Index, June 2013.

Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection

Committee: Certificate of Recognition to the Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee from the Rhode Island Tree Council. Nov. 25, 2014.

Arbor Day Proclamation of the Town Council, April 29, 2011.

Bill Knapp: first edition of the Jamestown Press, April 21, 1989.

Coffee mug, Dan Capuano State Representative Jamestown & Middletown 74th District, Nov. 2, 2010.

Bill Leonard: 4 computer mice.

Fran Lopes: Copy of State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Original Articles of Association for The Holy Ghost Society of Jamestown, Feb. 21, 1927.

Sue Maden: Five photographs of the dedication of the new Jamestown Bridge.

Three books, *An Interpretive Atlas of Narragansett Bay* by Stephen Olsen, Donald D. Robadue, Jr., and Virginia Lee, 1972; *Trees of Newport on the estates of the Preservation Society of Newport County* by Richard L. Champlin, 1976; *Narragansett Bay: A Friend's Perspective* by Stuart O. Hale.

Jim Pemantel: Newport District Telephone Directory, Oct. 1952.

Photographs of barracks and hotel at Ft Greble, Saunders ferry in Ft Greble slip, ferryboat Jamestown, oil rig, Rec Center

Duncan Pendlebury: copies of plat maps and plans: Narragansett Park, May 11, 1908; William E.L. Tuck land, Nov. 18, 1920; 3 maps of Maple Grove, 1912-1913; Shoreby Hill 2nd subdivision Jamestown Land Company, 1911; 2 maps of Geo. W. Carr Estate, 1889; Conanicut Park, 1994; Ocean Highland, July 12, 1919; Potters Point, April 1900; Ferry Meadow; 2 plans of proposed Jamestown Recreation Center on Watson, April 18, 1939; 2 maps of Beavertail Park, 1921; 2 maps of

Narragansett Shores, May 1930; Shoreby Hill 1st subdivision Jamestown Land Company, Sept. 15, 1898; Hull Cove Farm, 1903; Dumplings, 1874; Ocean View, 1887; Bryer Farm, 1913; Aerial map of Gould Island, 2011; Aerial map of Dutch Island, 1939; Aerial map of Dutch Island 2011; plans for unidentified proposed building on Eldred Avenue; 3 unidentified maps; house plans of Wharton house that was never built.

Candy and Chris Powell: 10 postcards.

Jim Rugh: flier, Jamestown Farmer's Market. Fort Getty, 2014.

Poster, "Jamestown & Newport Ferry Service: 1675-1969."

St. Matthew's Thrift Shop: paper punch.

Walter Schroder: Packets of photographs labeled: Battery/Prospect Hill; Conanicut Battery Dedication, June 29, 2002; Russian Fish Factory Ship in West Passage; Ship around Ft. Wetherill; Construction of new Jamestown Bridge; Ft. Wetherill WWII (John Rembijas); Jamestown USO Day, 1992; Ft. Getty, Spring 2004; Conanicut Battery and Beavertail Battery, Spring 2004; Walk on new Jamestown Bridge; Early Bridge Construction; Loading Room Taken Down Ft. Wetherill; Ft. Wetherill, Nov. 8, 2001; Ft. Wetherill, July 2001; Construction of Jamestown Playground, June 20, 1990; Ft. Wetherill.

Sheehan Family: Rogers High School Diploma. Two photographs: Rogers High School class of 1944; John Clarke School class of 1943.

Kerry Sheehan: 4 T-shirts: Rocket Dogs 2014; Jack O Lantern Jog 2014; Jack O Lantern Jog 2013; 1st Day Plunge 2014; Rocket Dogs, design by Don Bousquet.

Dick Smith: Ferry tickets.

Newspaper photograph of dedication of Monument to Veterans of all Wars and Past Cmdr. John L. Smith, American Legion Post 22
Photographs: John L. Smith at Monument to Veterans of all Wars; Governor Carr ferryboat
Pins: American Legion 12th Convention Jamestown RI, 1930; American Legion National Convention Boston, 1930; American Legion Past Commander

Ribbon, Guest Jamestown Bridge Dedication, August 3, 1940.

Speech delivered by John L. Smith at the dedication of Veterans Tablet Monument

Memorial, East Ferry, Jamestown RI, August 11, 1985 (handwritten and typed copies).

Speech delivered by John L. Smith in honor of the Bicentennial Birthday of the United States of America, August 7, 1976.

Stationery and envelope for the Jamestown Tercentenary Inc., 1957.

Christine D. Stoddard: papers of John C. Dalglish, Jamestown Police Chief in 1913.

Tillinghast Association: book, *Gleanings from the Wayside* by A.W. Tillinghast who designed the Beavertail Golf and Country Club golf course.

Town of Jamestown: DVD of Ft. Getty presentation to the Town Council, 2013.

Pat Venable: Beavertail Colonial Lighthouse wooden series.

Eight books: *Defenses of Narragansett Bay in World War II* by Walter Schroeder; *Images of America, Jamestown* by James C. Buttrick (signed by author); *Jamestown Bridge 1940-1990* by Sue Maden; *Jamestown Ferryboats 1873-1969* by Wilfred Warren, 1976; *Jamestown Sampler* by Bertram Lippincott (signed by author); *Jamestown, Rhode Island During World War II 1941-1945*, 3 volumes, by Sue Maden; *Portuguese of Conanicut Island; Sudden Sea* by R. A. Scott (signed by author).
Invitation, Save the Bay, 1990, with drawing by Evelyn Rhodes.

Pamphlet, *Rhode Island the Last Billion Years* by Daniel P. Murray, 1989.

Four photographs: Jamestown Bridge 1940-1990; 3 of West Ferry.

Four postcards: Ice at West Ferry Feb. 1934; Last Rivet in Jamestown Bridge 1940; Sunset at West Ferry; Jamestown Bridge 1940-2006.

Four posters: Jamestown Rhode Island on Conanicut Island in Narragansett Bay (framed); Jamestown Ferryboats 1873-1969 (framed); Native Plants of Jamestown (issued by Conanicut Island Land Trust); Jamestown Bridge, 1940-1992.

Jamestown Bridge Souvenir Program.

Various newspaper clippings.

Dennis Webster: letter about mass to mark 2014 anniversary of the death of Private Francis X. Zweir.

Isabelle R. Wellwood: sticker for National Air Week May 15-21, 1937 Jamestown RI.

Three World War I postcards addressed to Mary Magill, Box 213, Jamestown.

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