



Jamestown Historical Society

HERITAGE

Spring 2017

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary Heath

Every other year, we celebrate the historic Conanicut Battery, and Battery Day 2017 is almost upon us. On June 3 at 11 AM, the Jamestown Band will play, the Artillery Company of Newport will shoot a cannon salute across the West Passage, and members of the Jamestown American Legion and VFW will form a color guard to start the festivities.

The Jamestown Cub Scout troop and reenactors from His Majesty 54th Regiment of Foot and the 2nd RI Continental Line will march in. After Rosemary Enright gives a short history of the 1776 Battery, the reenactors will give a vivid demonstration of military action during the American Revolution.

The ceremonies will conclude with representatives of the three countries that occupied the fort – the United States, Great Britain, and France – raising the flags of their respective nations over the fort while the Jamestown band plays the national anthem of each country.

Parking is limited, so we're asking you to park at Mackerel Cove and take the town's Recreation Department bus up to the park. There will be parking for those with mobility problems closer to the park, but please take advantage of the bus if you can.

Thank you to Larry McDonald, Eric Archer, and Dennis Webster for organizing this great event.

I hope you were with us on May 13 for the wonderful celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Recreation Center building. The JHS proudly co-sponsored the event with the town's Recreation Department but most of the work of bringing it together was done by Jane Bentley, your Program Committee chair. There were many activities throughout the day for all to enjoy.

See photos and read more about the Recreation Center event on pages 6 and 7 or visit our website.

The Anniversary event was complimented by the exhibit that Suzi Andrew's Museum and Exhibit Committee installed in the lobby showing the history the building. The exhibit is a permanent addition, so stop by any time to see it.

This year we are having an opening reception for the new exhibit at the museum – *Jamestown: Lost and Found*, curated by Jim Buttrick. The party is on Friday, June 23 from 5:30 to 7:30. It's a great chance to see the exhibit, have drinks and nibbles, and talk to the curator about his vision. I hope to see you there.

Pictures from Battery Day, 2011



SUMMER 2017 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Saturday, June 3

Battery Day

11 AM

Conanicut Battery Historic Park

Celebrate Jamestown's 1776 Battery with the Artillery Company of Newport, the 2nd RI Continental Line, His Majesty 54th Regiment of Foot, the Jamestown Band, the Cub Scouts, and an honor guard from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Monday, May 29

Preview of Summer Exhibit in Museum

10 AM to 12 PM

Jamestown: Lost and Found, the 2016 summer exhibit, previews during the Memorial Day parade. Purchase photographs and memorabilia of Jamestown at our porch sale. Open weekends 1 to 4 PM through June 18.

Friday, June 23

Summer Exhibit Opening Reception

5 to 7 PM

Jamestown Museum

Members Only party to celebrate the official opening of *Jamestown: Lost and Found*, the 2016 summer exhibit. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine will be served.

Saturday, June 24

Museum and Windmill Docent Orientation

Museum and Windmill Open for Summer

1 to 4 PM

New and experienced docents are invited to tour the mill with Windmill Committee chair Rosemary Enright and review opening and closing procedures and/or to visit the museum where Jim Buttrick will do the same.

Museum and Windmill Summer Hours

Museum hours: 1 to 4 PM, Wednesdays through Sundays and holidays through Labor Day and Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays through Columbus Day, October 9.

Windmill hours: 1 to 4 PM, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays through October 9.

Both sites will be open on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and July 4.

Sunday, June 25

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.

Saturday, July 22

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.

Monday, August 7

Annual Meeting

Jamestown Philomenian Library, 7 PM

Annual report of society. Election of officers and directors for 2017-2018. Guest speaker: Charlotte Taylor, author of the recently published *Images of America: Rhode Island Shipwrecks*.

Friday, September 15

Members Only House Tour Preview Party

5 to 7 PM

Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres at an historic house. A \$50 ticket includes entry to Saturday's house tour.

Saturday, September 16

House Tour

10 AM to 2 PM

Tour turn-of-the-century cottages along Conanicut Avenue south of Narragansett Avenue. Tickets \$20.

Saturday, September 23

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 9

Jamestown Museum and Windmill Close

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

Go to jamestownhistoricalsociety.org for the complete Jamestown Historical Society calendar.

MUSEUM AND EXHIBITS

Suzi Andrews

Do you ever stop to think of how Jamestown has changed over the years? What has been lost and what has been added? Jim Buttrick has, and this summer he has documented some of those changes in the exhibit at the Jamestown Museum, *Jamestown: Lost and Found*.

For the last 100 years, the Jamestown Historical Society has been collecting pictures of the changing face of Jamestown. Jim, a lifelong summer resident of Jamestown, searched the postcards and photographs in the collection to select pictures of what once was here. He then went around Jamestown with his camera and photographed what *is* here – matching the scenes as exactly as possible. Sometimes, when a building or area has changed several times, the exhibit includes a photograph from an intermediate era.

A members-only opening reception at the museum is planned for Friday, June 23, from 5:30 to 7:30. We've never held an opening reception before,

and we hope you will all stop by for a nibble and drink and to hear Jim explain his vision for the exhibit.

The official opening to the public is Saturday, June 24, from 1 to 4 PM. From then until Labor Day, the museum will be open every Wednesday through Sunday, plus both Monday and Tuesday of the long Fourth of July weekend – always from 1 to 4 PM. After Labor Day, we'll only be open weekends until we close on Columbus Day, October 9.

Of course, the museum can only be open if someone is there to greet the visitors. If you would like to spend a quiet afternoon in an air conditioned gallery, talking to people from both on and off island, please email Judy Bell at judithbl44@hotmail.com or call 423-9152 to volunteer. And plan to visit the museum on June 24 to learn about opening and closing procedures.



1940s



2017

Jamestown: Lost and Found
29 Narragansett Avenue

Other Exhibits Around Town

This winter, five separate exhibits were mounted in the JHS case at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

For Christmas, we showed the society's collection of Christmas cards sent by the Jamestown real estate firm of Meredith & Clarke in the 1940s and 1950s. To draw attention to the society's purchase of an 18th century manuscript about the ownership of North Farm during the American Revolution, an exhibit was mounted describing the history of the farm.

Other exhibits highlighted JHS acquisitions in 2016 and the successful efforts by the Jamestown Garden Club to acquire the Salt Meadow for a wildlife

preserve. The current library exhibit celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Recreation Center building.

Library exhibits will continue to be changed about every five weeks.

At the Lawn Avenue School, the spring semester exhibit focused on the changing ways of getting to the island – from sail ferry to steam ferry to bridges – and the effect on the population of the town.

The permanent exhibit in the Rec Center is discussed elsewhere, so all I will do is thank Carol Lake, Sue Maden, and Rosemary Enright who worked so hard on all of them.

WINDMILL

Rosemary Enright

The windmill opens this year on Saturday, June 24. 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.

We'll be open every Saturday, Sunday, and holiday though Columbus Day, October 9. That's 39 days that we need "windmill sitters," because the windmill can't be open if one of us isn't there. Please email Judy Bell at judithbl44@hotmail.com or call her at 423-9152 to volunteer.

We've already had our first visitors at the windmill this season. SafaRI, a tour group that conducts hiking tours of different town in the state, kicked off this year's "Discover RI" series with a tour of Jamestown that started at the windmill.

Two groups of Jamestown students will soon be coming up, too. On the school's Island Treasures day, May 19, kids who select the windmill – eight did last year – will learn from millwright Andy Shrake how the mill works and what it takes to keep it going.

On June 3, the three fifth grade classes will tour both the windmill and the nearby meetinghouse.



JHS volunteers Linnea Petersen (right, near millstone) and Fred Brown showed about 35 SafaRI visitors through the mill on April 29.

MEETINGHOUSE

Harry Wright

Good news to report: Gordon Chandler is scheduled to replace the meetinghouse roof this spring and may even have started the work before this issue of the newsletter reaches you! We have approached a foundation for a grant to be matched by the Buttrick Building Fund's contribution and look to hear soon about the results.

Meanwhile, the Committee has approved the request of an academic, Seth Thompson, who is photographing religious places of worship in New England, to undertake a panoramic shot of the interior of the meetinghouse at some time during the summer.

The members of the Conanicut Friends Meeting – to whom we are always indebted for their watchful care of the building – hold religious services at the meetinghouse through the summer and into the fall at the customary time of 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Those who wish to join them in Quaker worship are, as always, most welcome.

The meetinghouse is open for tours on two days this summer – the first Sunday the windmill is open (June 25) and Smithsonian Museum Day (September 24). Those interested in a tour at other times should call 423-0784 or 423-2978 to make arrangements.



The warped shingles at the meetinghouse led to a decision to reshingle the roof and front façade.

CONANICUT BATTERY

Eric Archer

Those who haven't been to the Conanicut Battery lately will be very pleased by what they see – and also by how much they can now see, thanks to the clearing that was enabled by a grant from the Rhode Island Senate that was sponsored by Senator Theresa Paiva-Weed. Where permissible by CRMC, cleared areas have been seeded with native grasses, with the hope of re-establishing more of the shoreline meadow and clear view that would have existed during most of the Conanicut Battery's early history.

While this work was being done, Josh Neronha was putting the finishing touches and installing the sign to mark the completion of his Eagle Scout project. Josh rehabilitated the steep and eroded 75-foot section of the Big Boulder Trail, leading a party of Boy Scouts and other volunteers in the construction of a 40-foot drainage ditch. The volunteers filled in eroded sections of the trail with 12 cubic yards of gravel and built two water bars and three French drains to prevent future erosion.

All told, this project combined Josh's vision and energy, 211 volunteer hours, the donation of 12 cubic yards of gravel from the Town Public Works Department, a \$600 Trails Grant from the RI DEM, and the continued volunteer efforts of the indefatigable Dennis Webster and Larry McDonald.

As we emerge from a winter of snowmelt and rainstorms the trail shows no signs of erosion.



Volunteers seeding the newly cleared view corridor at the Conanicut Battery at the April 22 work day.

With the earlier completion of the 2015 Eagle Scout project accomplished by Ryan Geib over a formerly muddy stretch of this trail, the Big Boulder Trail is now safer and more comfortable for visitors to the Battery. With periodic maintenance, this rehabilitated trail should last for many decades.

Saturday, June 3, 2017 will be the next JHS Biennial Battery Day from 11 AM till 2 PM. The Cub Scouts are camping at the Battery on June 2, the night before the celebration, and the Boy Scouts are considering camping during that night, June 3.

Learn more about Battery Day in Mary Heath's "From the President" on page 1.

EDUCATION *Dan Wright*

For the second year, the JHS is participating in Island Treasures Day. It's a fun and educational day on which students are taught by experts in a field of their choice. Andy Shrake, our millwright, will be at the mill on May 19 to show students how it works.

Each year, Lawn Avenue fifth graders spend a day toward the end of the school year touring historic sites on the island. This year on June 2, they will visit the meetinghouse and windmill in the morning and the Battery after lunch.

Two graduating students will receive awards in Social Studies from the JHS at the award ceremony on June 21.



Larry McDonald (in uniform) with Lawn Avenue School students at the Battery in 2016.

PROGRAMS

Jane Bentley/Jim Buttrick

We've had a busy winter and are planning for an even busier summer.

Rec Center Anniversary

On May 13, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Recreation Center. The building was built in 1942 by the USO as a place where the 1,000+ service personnel stationed in Jamestown could gather. It was purchased after the end of World War II by the town.

For the celebration, the JHS Exhibit Committee put up a permanent exhibit in the lobby of the center.

They put pictures of what the East Ferry looked like at various times in our island's past along the north wall, outside the Teen Center. Aerial views from the 1930s and 1950s show the waterfront with and without the Rec Center building. An 1880s picture of the Gardner House, the hotel that stood on the Rec Center site from 1883 to 1941, contrasts with a 1942 snapshot of the brand new USO.

Pictures of seven of the ferries that sailed from the ferry wharf in front of the Rec Center are posted along the west wall. We also added a quarterboard from the ferryboat *Beaver Tail* above the north door to the

gymnasium. It joins quarterboards from the *Conanicut* and the *Hammonton* that we've had on display there for several years.

Throughout its history, the building has been used for all kinds of sports, cultural events, and entertainment. For the anniversary celebration, the Jamestown Recreation Department and the JHS designed a program that mirrored its historic use.

Cookie jars – a tradition begun when the USO first opened and the Island women wanted to make the military personnel feel at home – were once again filled with home-baked goodies.

Activities began with a Yoga class at 9 AM taught by Yoga instructor Nancy Escher. Then at 10:30 Kristen Michalik led a pilates class. At 1 PM the Junior High Girls Basketball team took on their alumnae, and at 2 the Junior High Boys Basketball Team played their alumni.

This building was used for many basketball games in the past and it was exciting to bring it back.

From 7 to 10 PM, the basketball floor became a dance floor as disc jockeys Jeremy Wigton and John

Dianne Rugh (left) and Jane Bentley, JHS Program Chair and event organizer, fill the "never empty" cookie jars with goodies baked by JHS members.



Recreation Supervisor Deb Hagie (left) with Parks & Recreation Director Andy Wade, ready for the "Dance of the Decades."



Suzi Andrews took photos as Nikki and Ken Gladding put up pictures and Greg Pimente mounted a sign from the *Beaver Tail* in the Rec Center lobby.



Photos by Jane Bentley, Rosemary Enright, and Andrea Von Hohenleiten

John Murphy played tunes from the 1940s through the 1960s for the "Dance of the Decades."

Murphy spun records from the 1940s to present day. It was a cold and stormy night, but the brave souls who came enjoyed doing the Lindy hop, the twist, and other funky dances from bygone eras.

Battery Day

The next big event is Battery Day on June 3. Learn all the details on page 1.

Trolley Rides

On July 22, 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. The tours are free and the seating is first come, first served.

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.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7, at 7 PM in the meeting room at the Jamestown Philomenian Library. Charlotte Taylor, author of the recently published *Images of America: Rhode Island Shipwrecks*, will be our guest speaker.

Watch your email and the *Jamestown Press* for more details.

House Tour Weekend

Our annual house tour weekend this year is Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16.

On Friday, our member's only Preview Party will be at one of the two remaining cottages built for his extended family by Professor H.L. Eustis of Harvard in 1883. The house's large porch rises high above Walcott Avenue, giving an excellent view of Jamestown Harbor and the bay beyond.

The homes we will be visiting on Saturday include some of the cottages built by Patrick J. Horgan to extend the reach of his Thorndike Hotel, which stood where BankNewport is now. The original renters had access to all the amenities of the hotel – use of the dining and laundry facilities, safe storage for valuables, and even some banking services – while at the same time they had the privacy and freedom of an individual home.

A ticket to the members-only Friday night cocktail party costs \$50, which includes a ticket to the Saturday house tour. A ticket to the house tour alone remains at \$20. Watch your mail in late August for an invitation to the party and the announcement of the specific houses on the tour.

The House Tour Weekend is the only JHS annual fund raiser and monies raised at these events help to support all our other programs and activities. We look forward to seeing you there.

Members' Outings

Our occasional members' outings, begun last year, have continued through the winter.

In February, we went to URI to an exhibition and talk, "Invisible Bodies, Disposable Cloth: Rhode Island and Slavery, 1783-1850's." The evening explored Rhode Island's textile industry and its connections to slavery, the slave trade, and other related institutions.

At the National Museum of American Illustration in Newport, which we visited in March, we were greeted by the founders of the museum, Judy Goffman Cutler and Laurence S. Cutler and Jamestown Jim Rugh was our tour guide. The enthusiasm of all three for this "most American of American art forms" was infectious.

Dutch Island is part of Jamestown, although for over 150 years it has been owned by either the federal or state government. In April, we went to a talk about the history and the future of the island given by Brian Wallin and Rosemary Enright at the North Kingstown Library. Look for the island to be open to campers in the not too distant future.

Our most popular expedition so far this spring was to Belcourt Castle earlier this month. Belcourt Castle was designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt and built in the early 1890s. It has recently undergone – and is still in the throes of – a massive restoration. Tours only began on May 1, so we were among the first to see the newly refurbished mansion.

Our tour guide, Bill Wilson, was the grandson of a JHS member.

Notices of the members' outings are sent out by email to all members for whom we have emails. If you're a member and haven't received them, please send us your correct email.

We look forward to continuing the program and solicit suggestions of sites and events from all of you.

This year we received a \$5,000 legacy under the will of Harry T. Burn, a member of the extended Clarke family. We can all remember him this spring as we look at the yellow tulips around the museum, which were also his gift. We received a new box of bulbs shortly after his death.

Harry's gift has spurred us in our plans to set up a program to encourage similar remembrances.

Meanwhile, while we continue to work to get grants, donations, and legacies to support our mission, your membership is the life blood of the society.

Our membership year is July 1 to June 30. So, if you are not a life member – and 128 of you are – you will receive a renewal letter via the US post office the last week of June.

You can save the society the cost of a stamp by renewing in advance and/or becoming a life member. You can pay your dues several ways. For hardcopy

readers, there is a renewal form on the back page, or you can download the [form](#) at our website. Or come to the museum opening on June 23 and renew then. Or you can pay online through PayPal – select [get involved](#) from the website's main menu.

You can also make donations on the website through PayPal. We are most grateful for any amount.

Encourage your neighbor – especially someone new to the island – to join. Joining the society can help them to preserve the beauty that attracted them here. Gift memberships are also a good way to introduce people to the JHS.

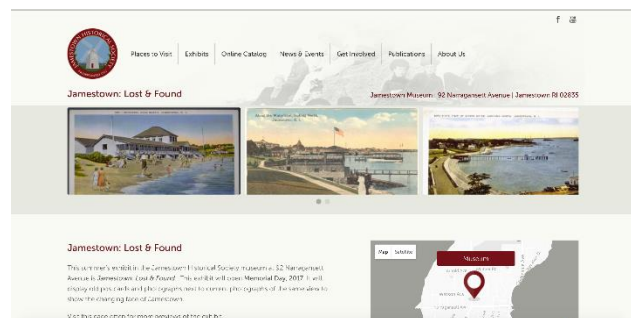
Membership has its advantages. Members receive invitations to the annual members-only House Tour Preview Party and to the tours we organize whenever a member suggests an interesting place. (See Programs for the places we've gone this year.) Member discounts are available on society merchandise.

COMMUNICATIONS

Delia Klingbeil

The Communications Committee – with new members Stephanie Amerigian and Gabe Highstein – has been “tuning up” our JHS website and our FaceBook page.

Do you want to know the details of the exciting new exhibit in the Jamestown Museum – *Jamestown: Lost & Found*? You can find them on the [Exhibit](#) page.



Our Exhibit team – Suzi Andrews, Carol Lake, Sue Maden, and Rosemary Enright – is always busy updating the Jamestown Library JHS display case. We report these exhibits in our JHS News emails.


Do you know that we have JHS Members' Outings? Members are invited by email and have an opportunity to join their fellow members on these

interesting and engaging trips. If you are a member and haven't been invited, perhaps we don't have your email. Sign up on the website.

You can keep track of exhibits and events planned for the season by visiting our [Calendar](#).

We also have a Facebook page – don't forget to “friend” us.

We haven't forgotten the print medium. The *Jamestown Press* tells everyone in town about our activities in a periodic news column. The *Press* also publishes a monthly feature on some aspect of Jamestown history by Rosemary Enright and Sue Maden under the JHS logo. And, of course, this biannual newsletter, which goes out both by email and snail mail and is posted on the website.



The National Museum of American Illustration

Our next Jamestown Historical Society outing is to the [National Museum of American Illustration](#) on Thursday, March 16 at 1:30 PM. We will be given a tour of its current exhibitions by Jim Rugh, husband of our indefatigable Collections Chair, Dianne Rugh. At the conclusion of the tour, Judy Cutler, co-founder of the museum, will meet with us and discuss her approach to collecting and the Museum.



Norman Rockwell and His Contemporaries
The American Muse

Jim Buttrick, our tour organizer, has taken Jim R's tour and it is excellent!

Email Invitation to Members Outing.

One Online Source to Search Jamestown's History

The Jamestown Philomenian Library's request to add their local history records to the Jamestown Historical Society's online catalog has become a reality! Now there is one searchable database of Jamestown historical material, a remarkable accomplishment for two organizations and a resource few communities offer.

Icons on the Library website and the JHS website provide access to the combined catalog, which includes records for Jamestown photographs, books, objects, newspaper articles, obituaries, town documents, and more.

JHS has updated its catalog to introduce online users to the Library collaboration. At the bottom of each catalog record is the items' location, either at the Library or at JHS. The catalog's "Search Hints" were customized to explain the addition of the Library's local history records. The Collections page of the JHS website has a brief description of the Library's records.

To find the catalog, go to our website at jamestownhistoricalsociety.org. On the homepage select **Online Catalog**. Next click on **Search the Online Catalog**. Look for Library records and check out our other improvements to the catalog.

- The size of online images has increased and their resolution improved.
- There are links from authors of books to their biographical information.
- "Relations" are now displayed online. For example, recently Ken Froberg donated a rag rug woven by Helen Tefft. The rug record along with a photograph of the rug is "related" to the record for Tefft's loom on which the rug was woven. Another example, Matthew Clarke's donation of the copper printing blocks used to print the Meredith & Clarke holiday cards is "related" to the many Meredith & Clarke cards in the JHS collection. "Relations" provide users with additional information on topics they are searching.

The JHS online catalog contains 34,375 JHS and Library records. Between November 1 and April 1, there were 2,547 searches in the catalog.

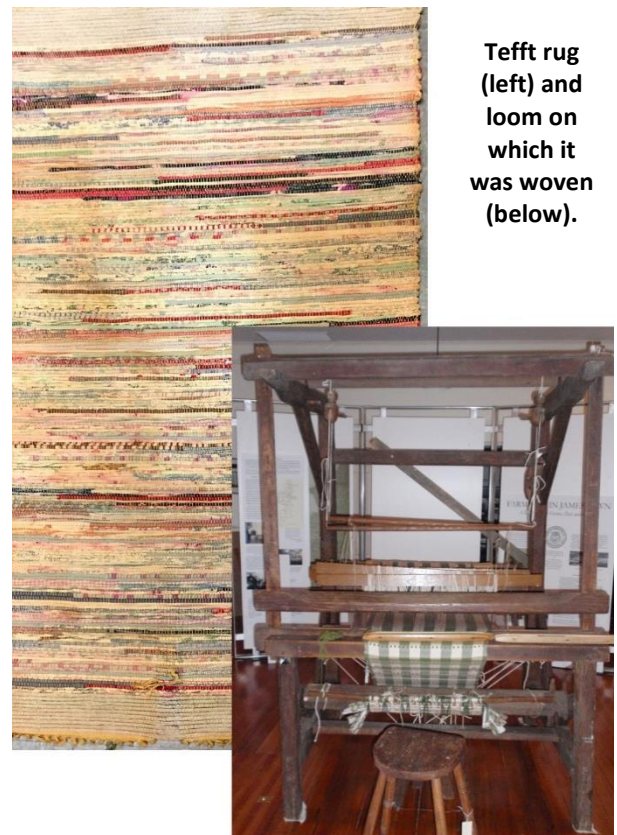
Users not only find information and photographs but also provide JHS with feedback. One online user identified people in the 1928 photograph of Mary Wood Soule Clarke's 85th birthday celebration. Another feedback email provided the name, *USS Patoka*, of a Navy tanker in a photograph and the date the tanker was in Narragansett Bay.

JHS answers reference questions from online users and receives image and document requests.

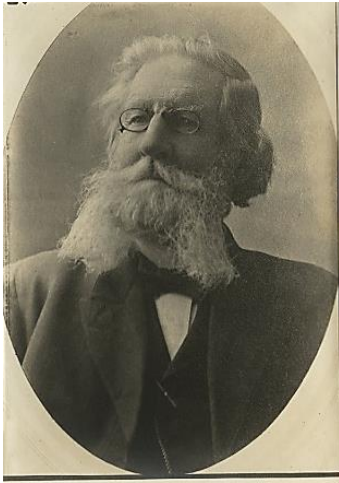
Additions to the JHS Collection

The Collections Committee purchased seven Jamestown postcards, not in the Sue Maden Postcard Collection. We also bought the 1783 handwritten document, *Report of the Committee Appointed by the General Assembly Relative to the North End Farm on Conanicut*. The report concerns a legal dispute over rents and ownership of North Farm in Jamestown during and after the Revolutionary War.

JHS received donations from two important Jamestown organizations: the Conanicut Grange No. 21 gave us their archives dating back to the organization's founding in 1889 and the Holy Ghost



Tefft rug (left) and loom on which it was woven (below).



**Thomas H. Clarke,
first president of the
Conanicut Grange
No. 21.**

Society contributed a poster for the *Festa do Espirito Santo* and the sign from the Portuguese American Club.

The Conanicut Grange was founded by Jamestown residents interested in farming but membership grew to include Jamestown residents not involved with agriculture. Over 150 Grange items were donated including minutes, membership lists, banners, meeting regalia, jewelry, medallions, and portraits of Grange masters dating from its inception. In the material are records of The Lecturers' Circle of Rhode Island and the minutes of the Jamestown Parent Teachers Association, 1925-1937. The Jamestown School Committee rented Grange Hall for classrooms from 1951 until the Lawn Avenue School opened in 1955; the archive has documents related to the rental.

The Portuguese American Club, built by the Holy Ghost Society, opened in 1930. The PAC Club sign which hung at the entrance to the club was donated by John Godena and the Holy Ghost Society. In addition to the sign, JHS received a poster for a *Festa of the Holy Ghost "Festa do Espirito Santo."*

JHS is grateful for these donations from two Jamestown organizations and for donations from individuals.

Dot Richardson Blythe gave the World War I Navy yeoman's uniform belonging to Bertha Richardson Brager along with a photograph of Bertha in the uniform and another picture of Bertha, her sister Mable, and Alfred Richardson all in uniform.

From Michael Dupre came four Bay View Hotel registers for the years 1917-1942. Previously Dupre donated the register for 1911-1916. The registers list the guests' name, residence, room, time of arrival, meals taken in the dining room, and sometimes other information.

Virginia (Shatzer) Taylor contacted us through JHS Facebook and offered a stock certificate for 200 shares of the Jamestown and Newport Transfer Company and photographs of her father Harry Emerson Shatzer Jr. and her grandparents Harry Emerson and Lula Virginia Shatzer.

Anna Templeton-Cotill donated an abstract of title of much of Beavertail done in 1891 and the Island Reality brochure for the sale of Fox Hill Farm in 2001.

Each donation enriches the JHS collection, preserving Jamestown's history for future generations. A complete list of donations since November 1 is on the next page.

Preserving the JHS Collection

Madeleine Gromada is the newest member of the JHS Collections Committee which is charged with caring for and managing the collection. Madeleine joins committee members Stephanie Amerigian, Elizabeth Di Censo, Rosemary Enright, Delia Klingbeil, Carol Lake, Joe Logan, and Linda Warner. Sue Maden serves as archivist and Dianne Rugh as chair. Suzi Andrews, chair of the JHS Museum and Exhibit Committee, is an ex-officio Collections Committee member as is JHS President Mary Heath.

A dedicated group of about twenty volunteers record and care for the JHS collection. The archives are located in the basement of Town Hall in a climate-controlled vault constructed with JHS funds. The vault is open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM till noon. Please visit to see the collection, bring donations, and request information.



**Bertha Richardson Brager and her World War I
uniform.**

DONATIONS AND ACQUISITIONS:

November 2016 through April 2017

Stephanie Amerigian: Guide to Watson Farm.

Anonymous: book: *Goat Island and the U.S. Naval Torpedo Station* by Richard V. Simpson, 2016.

Judy Bell and Sue Maden: article, *The Secret POW Camp that Fought Nazi Ideology* by Paul E. Kandarian, University of R.I. Quadangle, Fall 2016.

Judy Bell: *Fun and Healthy Snack Recipes* by Jamestown Junior Girls Scout Troop #865, 1995.

Dot Richardson Blythe: Navy yeoman's WWI uniform belonging to Bertha Richardson Brager; photo of Bertha Richardson Brager in the uniform; photo of Bertha, her sister Mable, an unidentified woman, and Alfred Richardson.

Matthew Clarke: seven printing blocks for Meredith & Clarke Christmas cards.

David and Jennifer Clancy: hand blown glass ball.

Conanicut Grange No. 21: archives and photographs.

Judy Cutler: page from sketchbook with drawing of Jamestown shoreline from Owen Wister's Crowfield home, 1915.

Elizabeth Di Censo: Portuguese American Club membership card; program Jamestown Community Chorus Concert, Dec. 11, 2016.

Paul Di Censo: t-shirt Jamestown RI 2017 1st Day Plunge.

Michael Dupre: 4 Bay View Hotel registers 1917-1942; 4 photos of telephone office; Bay View Hotel registration cards; Jamestown Ferry Division, Freight Shipping forms.

Rosemary Enright: magnet, Beavertail Lighthouse; Deb Ruggiero hot pad and political campaign literature; Win Reed business card; paper model of Dutch Island Light; film of the Blabon and Hundt families.

Ken Froberg: rug woven by Helen Tefft on the loom in the JHS collection.

Ken Gladding: *Department of Rhode Island. The American Legion Aircraft Warning Service Certificate ... Mrs. Elizabeth G. Gladding of Jamestown, Rhode Island, April 1942; US Army Air Force Ground Observer Corps to certify that Elizabeth Gladding has served 25 hours as a Ground Observer.*

John Godena, Joan Dupee, and the Holy Ghost Society: PAC Club sign; poster, Feast of the Holy Ghost "Festa do Espirito Santo" Holy Ghost Hall ... Saturday August 12 (year unidentified).

Brookie Harding: poster for exhibit, *Jamestown Bridge 1940-1990; Condensed Chart of Narragansett Bay, Coastal Resources Management; drawing of Windmill's bonnet; plans for Jamestown Windmill Stabilization and Restoration,*

Gabe Highstein: copies of Benoist Family photographs.

Varoujan Karentz: *Life Savers: Rhode Island's Forgotten Service 1872-1914* by Varoujan Karentz.

Joe Logan: 7 photos of moving Town Hall and 3 of filming of film, *Dan in Real Life*.

Al Lopes: papers of Judge and Mrs. C.B. Howry and their daughters Mary Howry and Elizabeth Howry

Sue Maden: Conanicut Marine Christmas card; postcard sleeves.

Peter Marcus: Dr. Chazan Networks, DVD and booklet on outstanding artists including Jamestowners.

Frank Meyer: DVD *Fort Greble on Dutch Island*, 1991.

Mary Marshall: copy of map, the Dumplings, 1874-1875.

John Murphy: test equipment box recovered from the torpedo testing area in the East Passage; CD with drawing of Rembijas Pavilion at Ft. Getty and PowerPoint presentation *Pavilion Landscape 2011-2012*; Fort Getty Pavilion Landscape Studies Jamestown RI, July 25, 2013.

Mickie Musselman: rubbing of WPA plaque at East Ferry; rubbing of marker at Four Corners; Jamestown Inn t-shirt and matchbook cover

Jim Pemantell, photos: Indians, Midgets, Orioles, and Wildcats of Jamestown Basketball League 1948-1949; Hunts Drugs and Evans Store, 1953; Nursing Home, Francis Diner and Bayview Hotel, 1954 or 55; Ferry Lanes before '54 Hurricane; police car; Jamestown Drum and Bugle Corps, 1957; Parade.

Linnea Petersen: certificate *Torpedo Station Newport, Rhode Island --- This is to certify that William H. Olson ... completed the established course*, 1943; award, Wm. H. "Ollie" Olson U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station China Lake, California 1948-1960.

Chris Powell: t-shirt, *Bio Blitz 2012 Rhode Island Natural History Survey*.

Sav Rebecchi: notebook with review comments for the town charter committee in 1984 and notes from later review committee revisions.

Valerie Southern: photographs and information on Black Families in Jamestown.

Virginia (Shatzer) Taylor: stock certificate for 200 shares of Jamestown and Newport Transfer Company; photos of Harry Emerson Shatzer Jr age 1 ½, Harry Emerson Sr. and Lula Virginia with Harry E. Shatzer Jr., Nov. 1919, Samuel George Newbauer, Harry Emerson Shatzer Jr., Alfred Rudolph Johnson, and Henry Francis Nabus.

Anna Templeton-Cotill: abstract of title of much of Beavertail done for Daniel S. Newhall, trustee in 1891; abstract of title of Fox Hill Farm; warranty deed Robert M. Clarke to Albert N. D'Amico and Elizabeth D'Amico with easement details, 1981; Island Reality brochure for sale of Fox Hill Farm, 2001.

Brian Wallin: digital image of Fort Greble photo of soldiers including William Lee who died at Fort Greble and is buried at Town Cemetery at Four Corners.

Linda Warner: 2014 Carr/Clarke school reunion mug; *Kay Worden Sculpture* catalog and price list, undated; *Sculpting a Niche in Jamestown*, Narragansett Times, Sept. 10, 1981; *Artist Allows Time to Stand Still*, Newport Daily News, undated; photo of Jamestown Minstrel Show, 1948, St. Mark Church; stationery with Connie Armbrust design of house at 14 Fairview; Helen Tefft photo album (Jamestown photos to scan and return).

Charles Wharton: two Clingstone articles.

Harry Wright: newspaper article, *Kidnapped Teenagers Escape from Old Fort*, Providence Journal, March 9, 1979; 11 photos of construction of Newport Pell Bridge; aerial photo of Narragansett Bay; Beaver Tail Golf Club. Audley Clarke, president, 1940.

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