



CALENDAR

All events are held at the Easton Historical Society unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, March 8th, Daylight Savings Time begins. Move your clocks ahead one hour!

Monday, March 16th, Abigail Adams program at Queset, 6 p.m. with George W. Baker.

Thursday, April 9th, "Chowder and Chatter" at Southeastern Regional, 6 p.m. Form on page 7!

Sunday, April 12th, Open House honoring Selectman Colleen Corona, program begins at 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 2nd, Spring Bottle and Can Drive held in memory of Ken Martin, rain or shine, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 10th, Happy Mother's Day! No open house today.

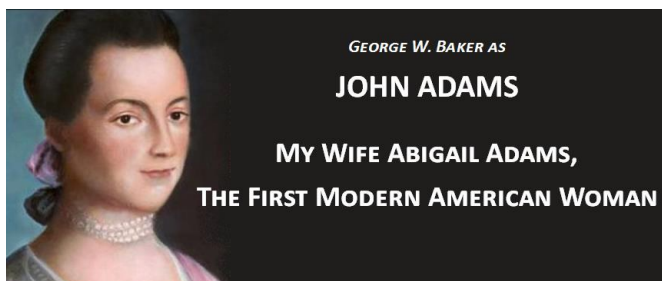
Sunday, May 17th, Open House—Antique Auto Show is being planned. Stay tuned!

Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day. Honor the memory of loved ones by attending your local parade / event.

May, Annual Meeting at Borderland State Park. Details will be mailed to you prior to the event.

Dues letters are in the mail. Thank you to all who have returned your dues for 2015. You are an important part of our Society and your support is very much appreciated!

In honor of Women's History Month, the Easton Historical Society and the Ames Free Library are delighted to present:



MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 6:00 PM
 QUESET HOUSE, 51 MAIN STREET, EASTON

Join President John Adams who will talk with admiration, humor and affection about his wife, Abigail. Adams describes how Abigail defied the sexist conventions of her time that married women could not own property and how her amazing financial skills and insights made the Adams family prosperous.

Here to bring it alive is the incomparable GEORGE BAKER. Since 2008, George has brought John Adams and his family to businesses, universities, museums, national conventions, presidential libraries and venues like Mystic Seaport. He was featured on National Public Radio. A graduate of Columbia College and Columbia Law School, he practices law when not on the road as John Adams!

A not-to-be-missed event that is free and open to all.

This project is supported by a grant from the Easton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The mission of the Easton Historical Society is to preserve, promote and interpret the unique industrial, social, cultural, architectural and environmental history of the Town.

Curator's Corner - Curator / Caretaker Frank T. Meninno

Have you been missing those old-fashioned New England winters? You know, the ones full of snow and arctic chills? If so, I would like to send you 90" of snow! That is how much snow has fallen here since late January. Four storms and counting in less than four weeks have bought me plenty of practice shoveling both at home and at the Society. No snow blower for me (at least not yet!). But every year I get closer to one.

The storms have given me pause to remember a few winters of years past. 1978 rings a bell for many of us who can remember the blizzard that struck 37 years ago. It took me almost two hours to drive from the Brockton Tool Company at the intersection of Central and Washington Streets to my home in Furnace Village (Foundry Street near South Street). I parked my 1968 Chevy Nova in the yard, and that was the last time I saw it for a few days! I remember walking with my father and brothers to the Five Corners the next morning. The snow was coming down so hard that we never noticed that the barn at the former "What Not" flea market and auction had burned down during the evening!

Another fond memory of that February storm was nights spent at one of Easton's finest restaurant and watering hole, the Tally Ho Restaurant and Lounge. After digging out all day, we found out that the Tally Ho was open for business at night. The Tally Ho was located at the intersection of Foundry and Highland Streets, and was operated by the Larrobino family. A bunch of us would walk there right down the center of Foundry Street (since there was no traffic allowed on the road) and wet our whistles for a while. A nice warm meal was a welcome treat since the storm knocked out power for a week or more. At the end of the evening, we would walk home, or if we were fortunate, we caught a ride on the back of a plow.

I can remember another very stormy winter even further back. I believe it was the winter of 1967-68. At that time I attended Center School. We lost so many days to bad weather that we had classes on Saturday. I think we must have had about four Saturday classes. It was quite an odd feeling, getting up for school on a Saturday morning, getting on the bus with a lot of other not-too-happy students, and making up for our lost days. School ended around noon on those days, so we got credit for an entire day of learning. And learn we did! Going to school on a Saturday may have been a novelty at the time, but our terrific teachers put their time in as well, and at the end of the day we had all learned our lessons.

A special note for my friends who live south of the frost line: Easton recently had a low temperature of 10 degrees below zero during this run of storms. That is cold! But the coldest I have known to be recorded was a temperature of -22 degrees at the Rankin farm, Purchase Street, South Easton (the present home of the Easton Country Club). That was in the 1880's. Now that's a chill!

Honoring Colleen Corona

Colleen Corona was first elected to the Easton Board of Selectmen in 2003. She has been serving her fellow citizens of Easton in that capacity for more than eleven years (including ten years as Chair). During her time on the Board, she has been a strong supporter of historical preservation in Easton. Colleen's leadership was instrumental in two recent successful preservation efforts: the saving of the former Ames Shovel Company buildings and subsequent rehab into a vibrant community, and the creation of the Governor Ames Estate in partnership with The Trustees of Reservations. She has also been an active supporter of the Community Preservation Act which has become an important tool in shaping Easton for the present, and looking ahead, for generations of Eastoners still to come.

Join us on April 12th at 2 p.m. as the Society honors Colleen for her contributions to preserving the history of Easton. David Ames, Jr., Edmund Hands and David Colton will be the featured speakers for the event.

The Easton Historical Society Newsletter "Train Tracks" is published quarterly by the Easton Historical Society.

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In Memoriam

Elizabeth Suckow Nichols of Doylestown, PA was welcomed into the loving arms of Christ on Jan. 21, 2015. She was 83. She was the loving wife of her surviving husband, former Easton resident Earl A. Nichols, for 59 years. She dedicated her life to serving others as a second grade teacher, and after raising her family, working as a companion for twenty years at Pine Run Retirement Community. Elizabeth was an active member of the Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church of Four Brooks, Pipersville, serving in many ministries. During their retirement, Elizabeth and Earl traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. They also attended the annual Harlow Family Reunions held in Plymouth, MA. Elizabeth was the wonderful mother of her surviving children, Theodore E. Nichols (Melody) of Doylestown, Miriam N. Wilson (Kenneth) of Zelenople, Pa., Timothy E. Nichols (Betty) of Doylestown, Holly N. Stenson (Stephen) of North Adams, Mass., and Dr. Thomas E. Nichols (Ulrike) of Leamington Spa, UK. She was lovingly called Grammy and Grandma by her nine grandchildren, T. Philip Nichols, Rebecca H. Mello (Adam), Andrew H. Wilson, Katheryn E. J. Nichols, Lydia R. Nichols, James P. Stenson, Matthew B. H. Nichols, Norah L. Nichols, and Gavin M. Stenson. She was Aunt Beth to numerous nieces and nephews.

Barbara C. (Cahill) Morris, 58, a resident of Easton for the past 20 years, died December 25, 2014 at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton. A communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church in Easton, she was a member of the Friends of the Ames Free Library and the Easton Historical Society, where she was a frequent visitor and always interested in Easton's history. Barbara is survived by a son, Patrick Morris of Santa Cruz, CA.; a daughter, Cailey G. Morris of Easton; a grandson, Jayden Morris of Easton; a brother, James T. Cahill of Walpole; two sisters, Nancy Shine of West Roxbury and Elaine Hennessey of Hanson; and several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Michael J. Cahill of Marshfield.

Rena (Frank) Salkovitz of Brockton, formerly of North Easton, entered into rest December 5, 2014, at the age of 83. Beloved wife of the late Jacob Salkovitz, she was the devoted mother of Sandra Haynes and her husband Robert of Mansfield, Lisa Willis and her husband Michael of South Easton, Mark Salkovitz of Brockton and the late Robert Salkovitz; mother-in-law of Judith Salkovitz; cherished grandmother of Sarah Rossini, Kerri Haynes, Jeff Willis, Elizabeth Willis, Jacob Salkovitz and Samantha Salkovitz. Rena attended several "Chowder and Chatter" evenings -something she thoroughly enjoyed each year.

Jean C. Craig, 91, passed away on January 23, 2015. She is survived by her husband Edgar Craig, as well as her daughter Carol Nale of Yarmouth, and her son Thomas Craig and his wife Ann of West Newbury, Mass. She was predeceased by a son, Wilfred E.G. Craig of Hull, MA. She also leaves seven grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Cynthia (Van Vloten) Khoury, 69, a long-time resident of North Easton, more recently of Bridgewater, passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2015. She was the wife of E. George Khoury; mother of Matt Khoury; daughter-in-law of Dianna Cassin-Khoury; grandmother of Danny and David Khoury; sister of Anita Van Vloten.

James L. Boudreau, of North Easton and Mashpee, Cape Cod, passed away February 13, 2015. Beloved husband, father, and grandfather; graduate of Oliver Ames High School and Bowdoin College. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Mary (Henderson) Boudreau; and three children, Caroline Sweeney (James) of Minneapolis, David (Christine) of Wilton, CT, James (Heidi) of Newtown Square, PA; and eleven grandchildren; also survived by his sister, Shirley Leavitt of Tucson, AZ; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Lawton and Gladys of North Easton.

William Warrington Hall, 82, a man of family, tools and the outdoors, and a Korean War veteran, passed away in West Bridgewater, Mass., Dec. 24, 2014. William Hall is pre-deceased by his siblings James Joseph Hall and Mildred Ann Newhall and former son-in-law Kelly Francis Fiske. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Florence (Gnecco) Hall, his two loving daughters Ann-Marie Hall-Fiske and Mary-Ann Farrell, son-in-law and best friend Mark Robert Farrell Sr., and three grandsons Mark Robert Farrell Jr., Samuel Warrington Fiske and William Lee Farrell, as well as several nieces and nephews.

The Society extends its sympathy to the families of our members during this time of loss.

Recent Events Were Numerous, Informative, Successful!

A quick look back at the past few months gives you an idea of just how busy the Society has been. We had a bottle drive, a boxing program with Bob Wood and Larry Hurley, a look at the Morse family with Alfred Morse and three generations of Morse family members, Carl Holmander and Keith Taylor book signings, helping with Easton Stories programs at "Queset", the Artisans Faire, the Easton Garden Club's Festival of Trees and annual greens sale, and hosted the Easton Chamber of Commerce!

Feeling at Home at Stanford

Story and photographs by
Wayne Hill, O.A.H.S. Class of 1963
Stonehill College, Class of 1967

After our Easton wedding in May 2014, my life partner Julius and I came back to California and luckily had lots of time to travel around the Golden State. From a vista point on Skyline Drive, a road running along the ridge line of the Coastal Range here in the Bay Area, Julius and I looked out on an incredible view stretching from San Jose on the south to the hills of Napa on the north, but closer in there was a large complex of red tile roofs which I told Julius was Stanford University and that we'd have to include it in his Grand Tour of the Central California Coast.

The first time I went to visit the Stanford Campus many years ago, I felt an unexpected familiarity with the campus. I realized that it was the architecture. I had a theory and in those benighted, pre-Internet days, I had to go to an actual library to investigate, but I was right. Stanford has the fingerprints of H.H. Richardson all over it. Although Richardson, himself, had died before the Stanford campus was built, his protégé, Charles A. Coolidge was the architect of much of the original campus.

Quoting from Stanford University: Always in Style, An Architectural History, 1891-1941, "The Richardsonian Romanesque Quadrangle with its Mission Revival elements establishes the design theme for the public buildings; this theme is continually interpreted in several related architectural designs." As we Eastoners know, Richardson loved arches!

Also designed by Coolidge, the Stanford Memorial Church has been called "the University's architectural crown jewel". Having visited the church yesterday, I can tell you that's no exaggeration.

An historical note: the original church had a high central tower rather than the present dome, but that tower was toppled in the 1906 earthquake that destroyed so much of San Francisco. After our 1989 earthquake, the dome was further reinforced to prevent another disaster.

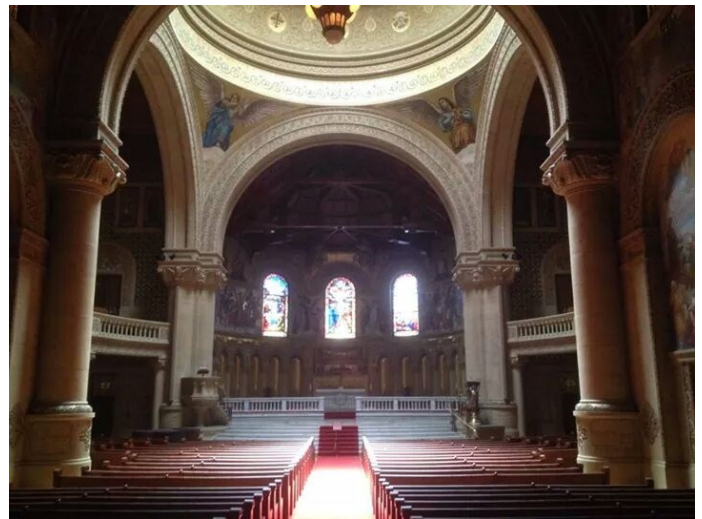
As a Stonehill grad, I remember that some people once referred to it as "the Notre Dame of the East". In that light, I think it's time to start referring to Stanford as "the Easton of the West".

Thanks to Wayne Hill for educating us on the "Easton of the West"! I am always surprised at the connections between Easton and our wonderful country. If our members know of other places that show an "Easton influence" that needs to be showcased, please share your story with the rest of us.

Stanford University Palo Alto, California



The Stanford University Quadrangle, Charles A. Coolidge, architect. The original Stanford University was built between 1887-1891 and the campus plan was designed by none other than Frederick Law Olmsted, a long-time partner of H. H. Richardson and Richardson's successor firms. Olmsted is the same landscape architect whose work is evident in North Easton. Note the use of arches which is synonymous with the Richardsonian Romanesque style, and the curved "oasis" which is an Olmsted trademark.



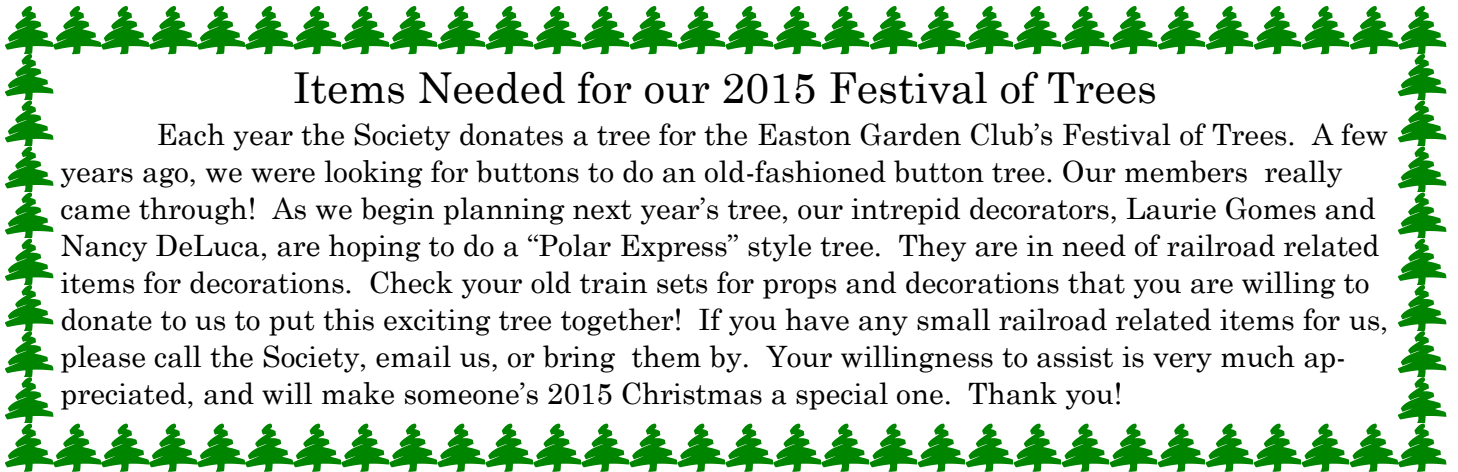
Stanford Memorial Church, on the campus of Stanford University, was built in 1899-1903 and designed by Charles A. Coolidge who was an associate of Richardson. The firm at the time was named Shepley, Ruttan and Coolidge. These two photographs show the exterior and interior of this magnificent building.

Recent Acquisitions and Gifts

3 photos of Charles Parker Edlund, Sr. cutting meat at Mitrano's market on Main Street, from Brian Edlund; 17 assorted town reports, from Alice McCarthy; Botswains whistle marked Oliver Ames Jr. given by Mrs. Parker to Peter Brophy, from Peter Brophy; Newspaper clipping on ice cutting and Fred J. Monte, Dec. 21, 2014 Boston Globe, from Buddy Wooster; Monte's article dated Feb. 15, 1987 Brockton Enterprise, from Henry Lindstrom; set of nine books—Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War, from James Fitzpatrick, Jr.; book—King Philip's War by Eric B. Schultz, from Eric B. Schultz; postcards from the Wilmarth Howard family from Brian and Kathi Kingsbury; OAHs Class D Championship Jacket—1956, from Gil Heino; photo of Easton Huskies Minstrel Show with names, from Wayne Legge; four large Mary Bodio prints of the garden at "Unity Close" numbered for the 275th anniversary of Easton, from Audrey Davies; wood and glass curio cabinet for exhibits, from Tom Baldino; photos on disc of the Kidder family in the "Unity Close" cottage, from Jeannette Holmberg Tighe; gift baskets of cosmetic supplies, from Emmy's Hair Salon; Miller family photo album 1922-28 prepared by Janet Miller, from Jean Miller; information on Sacco and Vanzetti, from Ronald Somerville.

Financial donations have been made by Alice McCarthy, The Easton Chamber of Commerce in appreciation of Ed Hands, Easton Garden Club for historic photos and a tour during their Festival of Trees, Lois DiPasqua in honor of Lorraine Watson, Henry Ames, Tony and Dawn Boynton, Jacqueline Buck, James Carlino and Peter Simpson, George Comeaux, Dick Grant, Historic New England, Janet Linehan, Michael Madonna, Eric B. Schultz, Dr. and Mrs. Joel Solomon, Clarijo Swiger.

The Easton Historical Society very much appreciates your contributions. Thank you!



Items Needed for our 2015 Festival of Trees

Each year the Society donates a tree for the Easton Garden Club's Festival of Trees. A few years ago, we were looking for buttons to do an old-fashioned button tree. Our members really came through! As we begin planning next year's tree, our intrepid decorators, Laurie Gomes and Nancy DeLuca, are hoping to do a "Polar Express" style tree. They are in need of railroad related items for decorations. Check your old train sets for props and decorations that you are willing to donate to us to put this exciting tree together! If you have any small railroad related items for us, please call the Society, email us, or bring them by. Your willingness to assist is very much appreciated, and will make someone's 2015 Christmas a special one. Thank you!

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Spring Bottle and Can Drive

The Ken Martin Memorial Spring Bottle and Can Drive will be held at the Society on Saturday, May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine! All Massachusetts returnable clean bottles and cans are gladly accepted. Sorry, we cannot accept items for recycling. Call 508-238-7774 for pickup. Thank you for supporting this very important fundraiser in Ken's memory!

Volunteers are always appreciated at this event. Let us know if you can help out, even for 1/2 an hour. This will give our regulars a well deserved breather, and allow us to take a few minutes to greet visitors. Coffee and conversation will be provided. Thank you!

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100 Years Ago in Easton

A look at the 1915 Town Report reveals the following:

- ◆ Easton purchased a new fire engine.
- ◆ Assessed valuation was \$7,285,854.
- ◆ The Poll Tax was \$2.
- ◆ There were 1198 dwellings in Easton.
- ◆ 430 horses, 523 cows, 150 swine assessed.
- ◆ Henry Heath, James Howard, and Frank Keith were Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
- ◆ The Brett property on Main Street was donated by the owners to be the site of the future North Easton Grammar School to be donated by John S., Frederick L., Jr., and Miss Mary S. Ames.
- ◆ A request for \$375 for the Washington Monument was tabled for a future meeting!

It's "Chowder and Chatter" time!

The sixteenth annual "Chowder and Chatter" evening will be held at the Southeastern Regional School Thursday, April 9th, at 6 P. M. and generously funded, as always, by "Lee" and Kevin Williams. Come and enjoy hot chowder, clam fritters, corn bread, dessert and coffee as well as fellowship with other Society members! Southeastern Regional is conveniently located at 250 Foundry Street, South Easton.

After the delicious meal prepared by the students, a panel discussion moderated by Ed Hands will focus on OAH's Women's Sports from the 1940s through the 1970s. Speakers will include Alice Kent McCarthy, Class of 1948; Martha MacAfze Gomes, Class of 1951; Deborah Coe Luke, Class of 1966; Regina Silva, Class of 1972, and Coach Suzanne Rivard.

Hazel Varella will start taking reservations by mail March 23rd. Please do not call to reserve your seat.

We heartily thank "Lee" and Kevin Williams for their continued generosity and support of the Easton Historical Society.

2015 CHOWDER AND CHATTER RESERVATION FORM

Mail on or after March 23rd!

Please use this form to reserve your seat for the April 9th "Chowder and Chatter" dinner. Southeastern Regional High School is conveniently located at 250 Foundry Street (Route 106) in South Easton. Once again, Lee and Kevin Williams have generously offered to underwrite the cost of this event. As in the past, there is no cost to you. However, all donations made will go towards the purchase of archival supplies. Donations by check should be made out to the "Easton Historical Society." Your generosity is very much appreciated, and we hope you enjoy this excellent evening!

Seating for this popular event is limited, and member requests will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Any seats left will be made available to the public April 3rd. Please send this completed form to: Mrs. Hazel Varella, 121 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Number of Seats Requested (limit of 4) _____ Donation \$ _____

Names of Attendees (include yourself) _____



Sally Zimmerman, manager of historic preservation services at Historic New England, presented a lecture titled Paint the Old House: The History and Practical Aspects of Exterior Paint Colors at the Ames Free Library, December 10th, 2014. The interesting and well-attended program was co-sponsored by the Easton Historical Society and the Ames Free Library.

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