



CALENDAR

September 9th-Open House at the Station, featuring bank notes from an Easton bank! 1-5 P.M.

September 22nd -Fall Bottle Drive at the Station 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

October 14th-Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M. Stop by and see what's up!

October 24th Members Meeting-Honoring Easton's Veterans at the F.L. Olmsted Teachers Room, time is 7:30 P.M.

November 11th-Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M. Focus on Veterans

April 3rd-Chowder and Chatter, details will be announced

May 22nd -Annual Meeting at Stonehill College's new Industrial Historical Center

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Easton's Oldest Photo Displayed

The oldest dated photo from Easton was displayed at a recent open house at the Society Headquarters. This photo of Ann (Pool) Richmond, was taken in her Easton home in 1846. She was thirteen years old.



Ann was a member of the famous Pool family of Easton, manufacturers of levels, transits, compasses and other scientific instruments. The early success of the family is demonstrated by the fact that this portrait

was even taken.

She is dressed in what was probably her Sunday best dress, a fine fabric

trimmed in lace.

She also wears a ladies watch, a ring and a brooch, probably family heirloom jewelry.

Perhaps the most exciting tidbit is the fact that the photo survived . Two attached handwritten notes from family members provide the details of the photo's location. They also testify to the date of the photo and detail the passing down of the photo to grandchildren and cousins of later generations.

Society Tribute to Veterans

The October meeting of the Society will be a tribute to Easton's veterans. The meeting will be held on October 24th at 7:30 P.M., at the F.L. Olmsted teacher's

room. Veterans of several wars will be on hand to share their personal experiences. This promises to be a rare opportunity to hear these remembrances and

stories .

These veterans will represent but a portion of all the Eastoners who deserve to be remembered for their contributions to our

The Station Master

President Dot Berry

Dear Members,

Hope you have all survived the heat, and are looking forward to a busy fall season.

As you may all know by now, our Treasurer, Lorraine Gomes, passed away on May 23rd. She will certainly be missed, especially by me, as I had the pleasure of working with her and for her at the Easton Cooperative Bank for twenty-three years.

We have added two new members

to our board. Patricia Baker, daughter of Lawrence and Olive Gurney, and a teacher of music in the Easton schools for thirty-nine years, will assume the Treasurers position. She is a native of Easton. Her father was a telegraph operator at the Station from 1910—1934. Gary Uzdavinis, an Easton resident for fifteen years, will fill a long empty slot. He has an avid interest in history. Gary is a skilled computer person who does web development and multimedia work. His

computer skills will be a big assist in this automated world we live in.

If you are interested in tracing your family or Easton's history, we are now better equipped to do so. A very generous donation enabled us to purchase a microfilm printer and numerous reference tapes. Call Paul at 508-238-3143 to schedule an appointment.

Please check our fall calendar and make it a must to attend a meeting or open house!

Curator's Corner

Paul Berry

Yearbooks anyone? We are looking to build our collection of yearbooks from area schools. Oliver Ames yearbooks from the 1970's through the 1990's will help us to complete our set. We are also interested in yearbooks from Stonehill College and Southeastern Regional High School. These local schools yearbooks and other

Wanted: Your high school and college yearbooks!

publications provide a good resource for photos and history of school and personal events. If you

would like to donate yours, we would take good care of it.

We have also received a number of new pictures and artifacts. Many are on display during the open houses held on the second Sunday of each month. Copies can be made of the photos for a small charge. Please stop in and check us out.

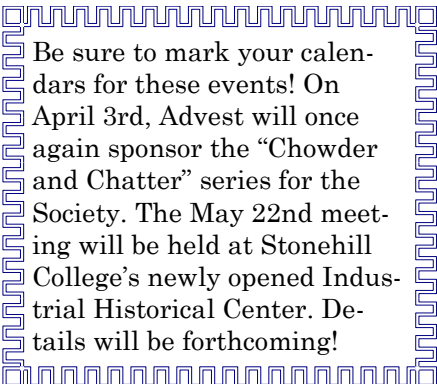
Bank Notes on Display at the September Open House

The September 9th open house at the Station will feature early bank notes from the old First National Bank of Easton.

At one time, banks were allowed to print limited amounts of currency to be used as legal tender. Easton's bank at the time took the liberty to join in this opportunity.

Many of the notes printed by local banks eventually fell out of circulation. Eventually the private printing of these notes was discontinued.

The Society expresses its thanks to Mrs. David Ames for graciously allowing us the rare opportunity to present these historic items of note.



Be sure to mark your calendars for these events! On April 3rd, Advest will once again sponsor the "Chowder and Chatter" series for the Society. The May 22nd meeting will be held at Stonehill College's newly opened Industrial Historical Center. Details will be forthcoming!

Station To Station

Member News and Milestones

Congratulations to Justin Meninno, son of members Anne-Marie and Frank Meninno, who received the highest freshmen final averages in Graphic Communications, Science, and of course History, at Southeastern Regional High School. Justin is majoring in Electronic Technologies.

The Historical Society continues to grow! Please welcome the following new members:

Margo Lawless, South Easton

Mr. And Mrs. John Hogan, Sharon, MA.

Mr. And Mrs. William Carlson, North Easton

Mr. William H. Pierson Jr., Williamstown, MA.

Gary Uzdavinis, North Easton

We also welcome a new Corporate Member, Smith, Buckley and Hunt of Brockton, MA.

The Historical Society will sponsor a bottle and can drive on Saturday, September 22nd, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Station. If you are unable to attend, or have too many empties to bring, please call Ken Martin at 508-238-2185 to arrange a pickup!

Spotlight on History

100th Anniversary of the Stearns / Buck Family Reunion!

The Stearns and Buck families will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of their first family reunion on September 9th, 2001. The location of the reunion is Normandy Farms, 72 West Street, Foxboro, MA. A cookout is being offered during the gathering. All members of the families

***Stearns / Buck Reunion Info:
September 9th, 2001,
Normandy Farms, Foxboro***

are encouraged to attend.

The Stearns and Buck families are well known in the Easton and

Mansfield area. These families can trace their history in the area to colonial times. Members have served the town in various capacities for generations. Stearns Avenue in Mansfield is named for that family. **Contact Richard Buck, 978-474-8641 (email:REBuck7@banet.net).**

Waiting Room

Things We Need

Thanks to all of you who have generously donated items to us! These donations are a big help in easing the strain on our operating budget.

When we receive photographs and papers for our collection, great care is taken to use acid-free archival folders and photo

sleeves for storage. Donations towards these expensive but necessary items are always appreciated.

Also, we are still accepting donations of, or towards, a digital camera. Trying to document what still exists is as important as preserving what once existed.

Some members have not paid their 2001 dues. If you have a green dot on your address label, we do not have a record of your payment. Please send it into the Society so you can remain members. Next years dues are due in January, 2002.

The Easton Historical Society invites you to become a member of our organization. Please use this form for a new membership. Include your check or money order payable to the **Easton Historical Society** and send it along to : Easton Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, North Easton, MA 02356.

New Member(s):

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

If this is a gift, please include your name: _____

Membership Individual \$10.00

Family \$15.00

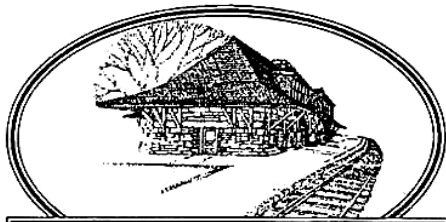
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Senior (65 and up) \$7.00

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