

EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TRAIN TRACKS



Gearing Up For Fall

Fall is usually a busy time for the Easton Historical Society, and this year is no exception. We have planned several events and opportunities that we hope you will find exciting!

Our September 10th open house will feature items from the “olde days” of Easton’s schools. Stop by and check out our collection of old school books, classroom items and photos! Some of these items date to the mid 19th century, while others might be the books you once used in class!

Circle Sunday, September 17th on your calendar. The new Korean War memorial will be dedicated at 1 P.M. The Society will be open following the ceremony.

On September 30th, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., we will hold our fall bottle and can drive under the direction of Ken Martin. This important fundraiser will raise monies to assist in paying the heating bill at the Society this winter. Also on September 30th, we have scheduled a cleaning day. This is an opportunity to make a contribution of your time to your Society. If you can spare some time, even an hour, between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M., we can use your help doing light cleaning, polishing, windows, etc.

On October 1st, we will have a display at the NRT Harvest Fair, at Sheep Pasture on Main Street. Please stop by and say hello! We will have a variety of items available for sale. Many thanks to the NRT for making this available to us!

Save Wednesday, November 1st, 7 P.M. on your calendar to attend a discussion on “growing up in Easton.” We will meet at the Teachers Room at the Olmsted School. John Kent, Avery L. Williams, Lou Silva, and Deborah Coe Luke will discuss what it was like to grow up in Easton from the 1930’s to the 1950’s. These meetings have been very popular in the past. Don’t miss this one!

On Sunday, November 12th, we will honor our veterans with a special display of items from several past wars. Lets remember the sacrifices that have been made, and that are being made today around the globe, to protect our life and liberty.

Our annual December open houses will be held during the Lions Club Holiday Festival, December 2nd and 3rd, and on December 10th. Hours will be announced in the next newsletter. Our 2006 ornaments will be available, and perhaps a surprise gift idea as well! Please be sure to stop in and visit.

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CALENDAR

*Sunday, September 10th,
Open House at the Station,
1-5 P.M. Olde Easton School Display*

*Sunday, September 17th,
Korea War Memorial Dedication,
1 P.M.*

*Saturday, September 30th,
Fall Bottle Drive at the Station,
9 A.M. to 1 P.M.,
Rain or Shine!*

*Saturday, September 30th,
Fall Cleaning Day*

*Sunday, October 1st, NRT
Harvest Fair at Sheep Pasture,
10 A.M.-5 P.M.*

*Sunday, October 8th,
Open House at the Station,
1-5 P.M.*

*Wednesday, November 1st,
Program—Growing Up in Easton,
7:00 P.M., H.H.R. / F.L.O. Teachers Room*

*Sunday, November 12th,
Open House at the Station,
1-5 P.M. Veterans Display*

*December 2nd and 3rd,
Lions Club Holiday Festival Weekend*

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A warm summer greeting to all of you! As the season winds down we look towards a busy fall. Be sure to look at the calendar on the cover page so you don't miss out on any of the events we are planning!

We never know what summer will bring. In July, we had an open house that featured Easton's gardens, especially the famous rose garden of Mrs. Mary Frothingham that once graced the grounds of her estate, Wayside, now our town offices. Even though July is a busy vacation month, we had a respectable number of visitors. One instance deserves special notice. A mother, son and daughter came in, paper in hand, asking questions that were from a type of scavenger hunt. They had to find clues left in certain spots, and had to solve riddles to find to those locations. This particular riddle pointed them to the Village Cemetery behind Unity Church, and dealt with

the "ghost" story of F. L. Ames, who died in a plane crash with two other socialites. They found their answers all right, but the best part of their visit was seeing parts from the plane (post-crash, of course). The mother and kids stayed for some time. Their visit made our day!

The August open house was just the opposite. We featured a display of Easton maps and a small variety of plans (such as a plan of the poor farm and a plan of the just mentioned Village Cemetery). We were busy almost immediately, and had close to 40 visitors. Many of these people had questions about the maps. One family needed some information about their ancestors. We were happy to be able to help.

It was wonderful to have such a strong turnout. Keep us in mind during the fall and winter. We hope we will see you soon!



FALL BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

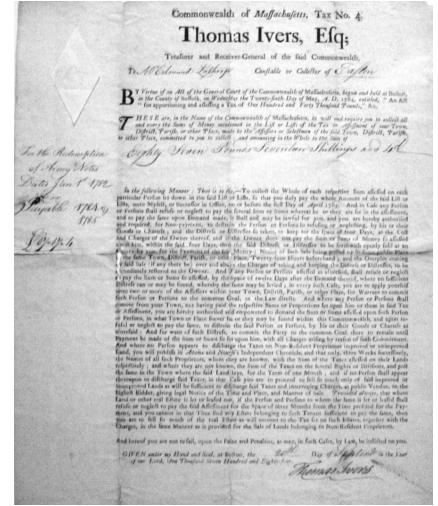
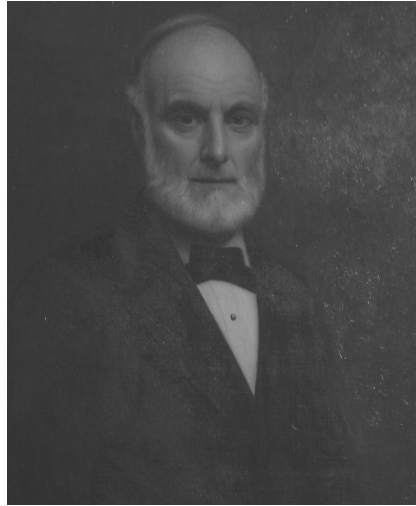
The Easton Historical Society will hold a bottle and can drive on Saturday, September 30th, between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. This event will be held at the Station, rain or shine! If you have large collection of bottles and cans, or are unable to come on the 30th, please call Ken Martin at 508-238-2185 to arrange a pickup. Proceeds will go towards this winter's heating bill. The Society appreciates your support of this important fundraiser!

Also on September 30th, the Society will have a fall cleaning day. If you can spare some time, please drop by during the bottle drive. All kinds of small cleaning chores need to be done, including dusting and polishing furniture. We will supply the cleaning items, coffee and donuts.

Do you remember...

At one time passenger trains and planes were common in Easton. The Society is interested in collecting your experiences about this type of travel in Easton. Did you fly out of Ames Field, or perhaps Pryor's Field? Did you practice touch and goes at Wheaton Farm? Did you ever fly in a hot air balloon around Easton? How about traveling by train through town?

Would you consider writing down your experiences for us? We would love to have your stories about the people you remember, what the railroad stations and trains were like, or any anecdote that you might have. Any information you have and are willing to share would be appreciated. Your stories are important, and need to be documented for future generations. We look forward to hearing from you!



Recent Acquisitions

Left to right: I.O.R.M. and I.O.O.F. ribbons and a Sons of Union Veterans badge from the Rohdin family, given by Richard and Linda Beal; Portrait of industrialist E. W. Gilmore, given by Jon Gilmore; Easton Tax Stamp, 1784, given by Jean and Dan Churchill in appreciation of Warren and Mary Ellen Churchill by their children Alan, Dan, Diana and Ken.

We have also received the following important gifts: Unity Church Sunday School pin belonging to the late Robert Gilmore as well as some Gilmore family papers and photos, given by Jon Gilmore; an 1872 Bristol County Atlas, given by John Tuite; Old Stoughton Musical Society book, given by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill; an assortment of 1880's town reports, almanacs and an 1861 Poll Tax and Valuation book, given by Dr. John Alley; first year editions of Oliver Ames High School "Eastoners", given by Ms. Mariann Dost; photographs of the Mitrano Store and Mrs. Rose Mitrano Slavitz, who was the first kindergarten teacher at the Center School, given by the Mitrano family. The Society is honored to be the recipient of these important historical items, and extends our gratitude to the donors.

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