

Easton Historical Society

Train Tracks



CALENDAR

275th Anniversary Book Day! November 25th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Station. Donors to the project can pick up their copy of "Memories of Twentieth Century Easton".

Open House Schedule:

December 10th, January 14th, February 11th.

Open houses are open from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and are free to the public. The February open house will feature a display on ice cutting!

Holiday Festival:

Saturday, December 2nd from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Sunday, December 3rd from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Bottle Drive, April 2001

Watch for details!

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Society Opens for Holiday Festival

The Easton Historical Society will once again take part in Easton's annual Holiday Festival. The festival is scheduled to take place on December 2nd and 3rd, in beautiful historic North Easton. The Society headquarters, the former Old Colony Railroad Station is a short walk from Main Street past the Children's Museum. On Saturday, December 2nd, the Station will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and on Sunday, December 3rd from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00

P.M.

On display during this weekend will be a variety of items from Easton's past. You will find items from all parts of town. In addition you will have the opportunity to purchase items from our gift area, items which can easily be mailed to family and friends who are out of town. Send them a little bit of Easton! For yourself, bring home a delicious baked good from our bake sale. Enjoy a warm cup of coffee too! We hope to see you during the

holiday weekend.

Announcing our NEW BOOK! "Memories of Twentieth Century Easton" is our own celebration of the town's 275th Anniversary. It is full of photos of Easton during the last 100 years. You will find something in there for any Eastoner, or fellow historian. The book is a result of many hours of work by dedicated volunteers, and published thanks to our generous members and friends who loaned us the funds we needed to get the project off the ground.

A Star Volunteer!



We have had many volunteers over the years who have helped us in numerous ways. Some go about their work so quietly that we sometimes forget how good

they are. One of these is a gentleman named Ken Martin. Ken has run a bottle drive twice a year for many years, sorting, bagging and recycling all those "icky-sticky"

bottles and cans. In doing so he has netted the society more than \$2000! We are very grateful to Ken. If you see him please shake his hand and say "Well Done!"

The Station Master

Dot Berry

Dear Members,

At long last, our new book "Memories of Twentieth Century Easton" will hopefully go on sale the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Volunteers have put in many hundreds of hours to sift through photos of the last century to put together a book worthy of the town's 275th anniversary. Many of you helped us with the book, and we extend our thanks to all who were involved. If you have donated or loaned us funds to

cover the publication costs, please drop by the station to pick up your free copy and additional copies that you ordered. The book will sell for \$25.00 a copy.

We'll be open Saturday, November 25th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

In addition the book will be on sale during the holiday festival and the December open house.

The book, as well as all of our items, make a wonderful holiday gift for Eastonites of all ages at home and abroad!

Bake Sale!

We will sponsor a bake sale in conjunction with the Holiday Festival December 2nd and 3rd. Bakers, please drop off your home baked goods at the Station on the morning of the 2nd. All types of baked goods and desserts are welcomed! Proceeds will help to pay those winter heating bills.

Curator's Corner

Paul Berry

Recently the Society was gifted with a pair of glass display cases! The generous donor was Lois DiPasqua. Items such as these allow us to display a greater variety of items at our open houses. When groups come to visit, we can present a more professional appearance.

Thanks Lois!

Mondays, from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M., help us sort items at the station. Call 508-238-3143 for details.

The sorting of our archives continues each Monday. A great many items are being catalogued

and stored, ready for use by genealogists and historians alike. Some items, like a G.A.R. flag, are in need of restoration. These must next be appropriately mounted for display in the station. Donations towards the restoration fund are always welcomed. Help preserve a piece of Easton!

Quiz-story

The house in the photo on the right no longer stands, but the property is a popular fall meeting place. Once belonging to the Ames family, the structures stone foundation still marks the homes location overlooking a beautiful pasture. Do you know what this beautiful location is called?



To enter, send a postcard with your name and address and the name of the place where this house once was located. One winner will be drawn from the correct entries. That person will win a pound of Hilliard's delicious chocolates! Entries must be post-marked by December 30th, 2000. Good luck!

Station To Station

Member News and Milestones

The Society has a new Corresponding Secretary! He is Mr. Curtis H. "Curt" Chase. Curts' first exposure to Easton came as a child during the 1940's, when his grandfather took him on train trips from Boston to North Easton. "I can still remember the huge steam locomotive, walking around North Easton center, the ducks on the pond near Quset and the hammering noises coming from the shovel shop buildings. On another trip I remember hiking through the woods with a

friend and his dad to see "King Phillip's Cave" on the grounds of Stonehill College." Curts grandfather was a bread man for Hastings Bakery, later Hathaways Bakery. After his retirement, he would often retrace his route through Easton on Sundays, following the roads he once covered in a horse drawn pung and later a bread truck.

Mr. Chase graduated from Stonehill College and enlisted in the army in 1966. Following his

discharge he settled in Easton. Since then he has remained a resident and member of the Historical Society. He recently retired after thirty-two years as a teacher, and was looking for a way to devote some of his time to volunteer work. When the directors found out about his interest in serving as our corresponding secretary the offer was made to him. Curt accepted, and the Society is grateful for his help. Welcome Curt!

Spotlight on History

"You Poisoned My Cow!"

From the archives of the Society:

"To the Hon. Board of Selectmen of Easton, Mass.

South Easton, August 31st, 1903

Dear Sir, I herewith enclose bill for cow, which died July 9th 1903

"Town of Easton ...for one cow believed to have died from poison. \$55.00"

from poison taken from eating grass under elm trees after being sprayed with a solution of arsenic

and lead. The Veterinary that was called Dr. Fahey, found symptoms of poison and doctored for same. The post mortem examination found inflammation caused by eating some irritant (believed to have been poison). Resp. Yours, Chas. W. Hill."

The town paid him \$55.00!

Waiting Room

Things We Need

The Society is actively seeking the following items. If you have some, or are able to help in acquiring some, please call the Station at 508-238-7774. Thank you!

Archival Supplies

- Acid Free Folders
- Archival Repair Tape

Storage Needs

- Flat Files
- Office Supplies
- Inkjet Cartridges
- Copier Paper
- Photos, papers, etc.

On This Date:

Easton became a town on December 21, 1725.

On December 14, 1770, Easton built its first school.

On January 1, 1809, slave Catherine Miller died.

The Easton Historical Society invites you to become a member of our organization. Please use this form to file 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

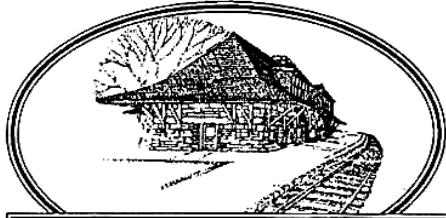
Corporate \$100

Senior (65 and up) \$7.00

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