



CALENDAR

** Winter weather is a New England staple which sometimes invites itself to re-arrange plans. In case of a storm, please call us to make sure we are open. **

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

Saturday, December 1st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 2nd, from 1-5 p.m., Annual Holiday Festival Open Houses. Bake sale both days, Easton Garden Club green sale on Saturday.

Sunday, December 9th, Open House, 1-5 p.m. Come in for some hot coffee and warm fellowship!

Saturday and Sunday, December 15th and 16th, Easton Shovel-town Cultral District Artisan Fair at Queset House.

Sunday, January 13th, Open House, 1-5 p.m. Recent acquisitions on display.

Sunday, January 27th, National History Day Open House, Noon to 5 p.m. Snow day is February 3rd.

Sunday, February 10th, Open House, 1-5 p.m. Curator's Choice.

Looking ahead...

January, Easton Historical Commission Preservation Awards and Photography Contest. Date and place will be announced. Check your paper or the Commissions web site at www.easton.ma.us and click the Boards and Committees tab.

"Chowder and Chatter" April 11th, 6 p.m. at Southeastern Regional, with thanks to Lee and Kevin Williams. Details in the next issue of Train Tracks!

Warm Winter Greetings!

That's right! It will be a warm winter here at the Easton Historical Society! Even though winter is approaching with its arctic chill, we'll be heating up with our annual holiday open houses!

On Saturday, December 1st, start the month off right with a stop here! We'll open at 9 a.m. and the coffee will be on. There will be plenty of goodies too! The latest ornament in our series featuring "Wayside" will be available. Cross names off your gift list by shopping our sale items. Pick up some home baked goodies for that party you are going to. The Easton Garden Club will be here selling their wonderful holiday greens and creations. On Sunday the 2nd, stop in for hot coffee, warm smiles, and great conversation. We open at 1 p.m.

Too busy to get here so early in the month? We will be open on our regular Sunday, the 9th, from 1-5 p.m. View old fashioned greeting cards while having some warm refreshments.

Still too busy? Join us at "Queset" on Main Street behind the library as we take part in the first Easton Shoveltown Cultural District Artisan Fair. The fair will feature the talents of Easton artists and artisans, and will have a variety of special music. The event is being held December 15th and 16th.

We know how hectic December can be. See us for last minute gift giving ideas! You can stop by any day in December, call us at 508-238-7774, or drop us an email at curator@eastonhistoricalsociety.org. Many of our items can easily be mailed, so don't let distance be a problem. History abounds here. We can help you get it there!

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

Blessings All Around!

Those of you who know me best know I am a man of faith. I've been reflecting on the past twelve months, and as Thanksgiving and the winter holidays draw near, I thought it prudent to share with you some of the blessings I believe He has graciously given to me.

It is a blessing to be involved with such a terrific organization as your Society. I honestly believe I have the best job in town. Every day is a new experience, meeting people, receiving extraordinary gifts, and uncovering more of Easton's past each week.

It is a blessing to work with the people I work with. From the Officers and Directors, to the dedicated group whom we call our Research Committee, and other volunteers in between, I count it a privilege to be in their company. To work with people who are like-minded and so supportive of our mission certainly makes this a welcome place to work.

I am blessed by the number of un-scheduled visitors I receive each week. Many of these people are walk-ins who are happy to see the Society active and available. Whether it is a professional architect, or an architectural historian, a family historian, or just people who are going by, I always enjoy giving an impromptu tour or history lesson. These visitors are always appreciative of our willingness to invite them in or to help them with answering questions they may have.

I am equally blessed by those who have made an appointment to come in. The time I give to individuals to seek out information and answers to questions is well spent, and when they leave satisfied, I too am satisfied. Recently I took time to speak with a group of 17 well-behaved Brownies. They left excited and more knowledgeable of their town. I left with the sight of 17 smiling faces in my mind. How cool is that?

Blessings are conferred as well through some of the groups the Society has partnered with. The Easton Garden Club comes immediately to mind. Their wonderful Holiday Green Sale which has been held at the Society is a fun time, and they always turn our events into a festive atmosphere. Participating in community events is always a great time, and the recent celebration of the 100th anniversary of "Wayside" is a good example of that. The Easton Historical Commission, Easton Garden Club and the Society provided a well deserved day of recognition to a building that has always housed public servants including the Frothinghams who originally lived there. By the time you read this, we will have had an appraisal day co-sponsored by the Society, the Ames Free Library, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, the Friends of Borderland, and the newly created Easton Shovelton Cultural District. And don't forget the National History day sponsorship for our 8th graders!

I am blessed by the donors of gifts that the Society receives. These donors see the Society as the appropriate repository to preserve their treasures. It doesn't matter if those treasures are artifacts, photographs, or their family histories and stories; they are all entrusted to the Society for future generations to see and hear.

The friendships I have made are a valuable blessing to me, for they are renewed each time I see you. Over the thirty years I have been involved here, I've been the recipient of many warm and welcoming handshakes, an occasional hug, and happy smiles from those who are able to stop by. Our members are the best. You make my day!

What a wonderful blessing I have at home! My loving and patient wife unselfishly affords me the necessary time needed to make a difference in someone's life, and to help improve our community in some small way.

Thank you for these many blessings. I hope you have been blessed as well. As the holidays approach, I wish you His gifts of peace beyond measure, family, friendship, rest, and good health. Be blessed. Be thankful. I am!

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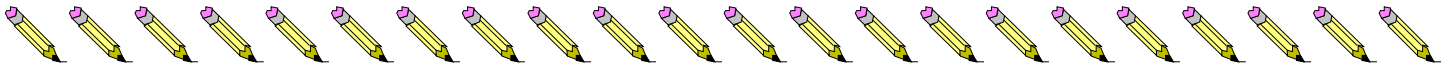
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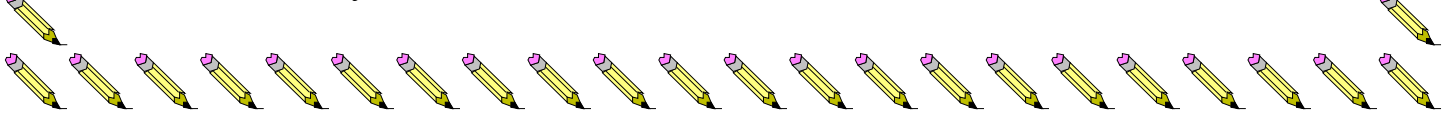
Calling All Bakers!

Getting in the mood for some holiday baking? Are you preparing that delectable dessert that everyone waits for all year? Why not make an extra, and donate it to the Society for our bake sale? We know our members and friends are the best bakers around! Donations are needed for this event which will be held December 1st and 2nd during our holiday open houses. Items can be dropped off the Friday before, or anytime that weekend. Last year we had many patrons who were happy to find fresh baked goodies to take home or to a party! Please consider donating your culinary talents. Do you have a baker in the family, or a friend or neighbor who enjoys baking? This is a sweet opportunity to ask them to contribute too! It is an easy way to introduce them to the Society. Hope to see you and those delicious goodies!



Addressing Your Christmas Cards?

While you are busy writing all your Christmas cards, consider adding Mary Bodio to your list! Mary continues to contribute to the Society and has graciously allowed us to reprint her very popular note cards. Over the years she has allowed us to use her excellent watercolors for our Holiday Ornaments. She would love to hear from you! Cards may be sent to Mary at Baypath Rehab Center, 308 Kingstown Highway, Room 109, Duxbury, MA 02332.



Society Members Receive Honors

Wayne P. Southworth, retired Director of the Easton Department of Public Works and long time director of the Easton Water Department, has been named an Honorary Member of the Massachusetts Water Works Association. This honor, limited to no more than fifteen living members at any one time, recognizes "a person of eminence in some branch of water works practice or water works engineering, or a member who has been outstanding in his promotion of the welfare of the Association or the profession of water supply." Wayne has served as President of the Mass. Water Works and has been involved with the association during his career. He is currently teaching a Water Distribution Course at Massasoit Community College in Middleboro.

Avery Lee Williams received a leadership award from the Old Colony YMCA. The award is given to someone who displays "exceptional community leadership." He was honored at the 125th Annual Meeting of the Old Colony Y and the award was presented by another Historical Society member, Dr. David Mudd.

The Society offers its congratulations to these two public servants who have contributed so much to the Town of Easton and her citizens.



Holiday Gift Giving Ideas

Looking for some real special gifts this year? Why not make us the first stop on your shopping list?

Consider the following affordable items to give or send to loved ones and special friends.

Easton flags are available for \$50, or \$45 with your member's discount.

Three volume set of Reminiscences specially priced at \$32.

History of Easton, Volumes 1 and 2, \$15 per set.

Embroidered pillows of the "Queset" house, former home of Oakes Angier Ames and later Winthrop Ames. These decorative pillows were originally sold by the Clover Club. Only a few remain at \$20 each.

The new 2012 Holiday Ornament featuring "Wayside," the former home of Congressman and Mrs. Louis A. (Mary S. Ames) Frothingham and our current Town Hall, which is 100 years young, priced at \$10 each.

How about the entire ten piece set of ornaments? A few early ones are still available, and the set is priced at \$90. There are only a few of the earliest editions left, so get your set started now!

Notecards featuring the artwork of Mary Bodio. The set of 8 cards and envelopes includes two each of the Old Colony Railroad Station, the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, the Ames Free Library and the Frederick Lothrop Ames Gate Lodge. They are priced right at \$10 a set.

Pennsylvania Dutch style family tree charts are always a super gift or stocking stuffer. Single charts are \$5 each. There is also a three piece set with separate paternal and maternal charts for \$12 each set.

There are also magnets, antique postcards, and a wide variety of publications available. And don't forget to take your 10% members' discount. Now, doesn't that make your holiday shopping easier?

Just in case you were wondering, check out this sampling of the stories in the three volume set of Reminiscences!

*Elizabeth Ames describes the shops, school, and other aspects of downtown life in the World War II era. *It's the Storm of the Century -- the 19th century, that is! *Watch as the Great Gale of 1815 flattens trees, sweeps people off their feet, and blows sea water all the way to Worcester. *Explore pre-Revolutionary War medicine. *Visit downtown North Easton in the 1910s, where children like Enid Kavka listened to band concerts on the Rockery and watched silent movies. *Follow an Ames Shovel Shop worker on his international voyages with the Union Navy during the Civil War. *Read a tribute to Clifford "Kippy" Grant, whose knowledge of natural history greatly influenced conservation in Easton. *Easton school teacher Hazel Varella chronicles the work of dozens of educators from the Easton public schools. *Former Simpson Spring President Edwin C. White shares the water and "tonic" company's delicious history with you. *Did you know trolleys used to run through Easton and other South Shore towns? *Ruth Reynolds not only commuted on them, but survived a deadly trolley accident! *Joseph Connolly details the life and times of his father, a shoe factory employee active in civics, and mother, who grew up helping her widowed mother raise their large family. *Go back in time to Furnace Village with Avery Lee Williams and Caroline Belcher Bulfinch. *Discover Easton's first high school marching band and football team. *Read Jacques Harlow's account of being a high school student during World War II. *Discover what it was like to grow up with Frothingham Park as your playground. *Read about Easton's own car factory. *There are many other members stories from our archives. Read them all!

A look at one of our past newsletters brought the following reminiscences to light. These Christmas traditions were originally printed in our December 1981 issue and are well worth reading.

Christmas in Easton

The acreage, which is now Easton, was sufficiently inhabited by 1725 to permit its incorporation as a town on Christmas Day of that year.

The inhabitants native to Easton were joined in the 1830's, 1840's and 1850's by an influx of Irish people who were forced to these shores by the pain of the potato famine. The decades of the 1870's and 1880's added to the community those natives of Sweden that came in sufficient numbers to warrant the formation of two churches. The years of the early 1900's record the advent of the coming of persons of Portuguese descent to an increasingly cosmopolitan village and town.

We are a reflection of our past. And, in that past are the contributions of many...indigenous and foreign, male and female... moulding and creating for us a unique Christmas in Easton.

"The days of Christmas, for the working people of Easton, were often patterned after any regular working day. The commerce and home industry of the community continued on in an un-abating way. Many families of Irish descent, when the sun had set on the eve of Christmas, would place a lighted candle in the window of their abode. The day of Christmas Eve was a day of abstinence. Late in the afternoon of that day mother would prepare for supper a large oyster stew. The steaming hot stew, dotted with golden butter, would be brought to the table and would herald the evening and the day that was to follow." - Miss Catherine L. McMenamy

"The Christmas season, for many of the Swedish people in Easton, began on December 12th, the longest night of the year. This was the day of Saint Lucia, who, with her crown of lighted candles, came to banish the winter darkness. The season came to a close on January 6th, Twelfth Night. The celebration, on the eve of Christmas Day, continued through the night. A vast smorgasbord of marvelous things to eat preceded the time for the tree and the presents. Early on Christmas morning, many would attend Hognassa and then call on friends accepting a bite to eat at each stop and wishing all a "God Jul." The remainder of the day was spent in snacking, napping, and ice skating on the Shovel Shop Pond." - Mrs. Signe Johnson DiPasqua

"Early in the eve of Christmas Day, the warmly clad musicians, with instrument under arm, or in hand, would gather to commence the celebration of the approaching Christmas Day. Once gathered, the members of the Portuguese Band, together with their wives and friends, repeated an old tradition. Traveling in single file, the men preceding the women, the group snaked its way to Ramcat, Mullen Way, and Center Street stopping regularly enroute before the homes of the Portuguese families, there providing a brief musical interlude, a concert fit for a king. The recipients of this offering would then greet the musicians and their friends with a warm greeting: 'Boas Festas'." - Mr. M. David Varella

"Christmas at the house on Foundry Street was an exciting event. On Christmas Eve my stocking would be hung with care to await its filling by Santa. The stocking gifts were opened the very first thing on Christmas morning. My grandmothers, Abbie Drake and Ella Belcher, arose early on Christmas morning to begin the preparations for dinner. This meal was a second Thanksgiving for us with turkey, vegetables and all the makings of a delicious feast. Following our Christmas meal, all would go into the parlor where, around the tree, we would gather to open our gifts. Then, my aunt, Harriet Flandreau, would sit at the piano and, as she played, all would join in a festive chorus of carols and other favorite songs. One year my father made a large doll house for me. I remember that year for Pa had on his neck a carbuncle that badly pained him. Another year I received a large China doll which I soon learned to love." - Mrs. Caroline Drake Bulfinch

"Chopped wood a little in the woodshed. I had for presents two linen handkerchiefs from Grandma B. This book in which I am writing from Aunt Eliza. A cross from Chester. A scrapbook from mother and father. A necktie from Mabel and an album from Grand. H. I propose in this book to write down the faults which I discover in my character each day hoping thereby to lessen them." - E. B. Hayward, Christmas, 1877

Recent Acquisitions

Honey Dew Donuts waitress uniform from 1981, from Anne-Marie Meninno; American Legion hat, bronze plaque honoring past commander William J. Lahey, 1965-68 Eastoners, old framed photo of a house, photo of a confirmation class probably from the Swedish Lutheran Church, oval framed photo of August Jacobson Lufvendahl and Oliana Matilda Emanuels Lufvendahl who came to North Easton in the late 19th century, from Stanley Borgeson; pewter plate initialed H F for Hannah Fuller who married Rueben Harlow in 1791, pewter pitcher (date unknown), books—Descendants of Sgt. William Harlow Five Generations, Plimoth Colony Cookbook including information and recipes from the Harlow family, a worship program prepared by Earl A. Nichols and used during the 2012 Harlow Family Reunion, 7 photos of members of the Harlow and Nichols family, papers with genealogical information on the Harlow and Nichols family, wood pin cushion engraved with the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall and the Ames Free Library, from Earl A. Nichols; stationery from Miriam Jackson; an important collection of papers from the Johnson-DiPasqua families including two large photos of Pastor Hilmer's confirmation classes 1918-1920, two copies of the first year's report of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Easton and an Easton Scholarship label -1974, two dog quarantine notices-1974, 1963 Class Day exercises and 20th & 40th reunion booklets from that class, 1962 25th reunion booklet, Scandinavian Fraternity-Framat Lodge #91's (North Easton) resolution of the passing of Hulda Johnson, 50th anniversary booklet of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Lebanon Church and other related materials, Registry of Motor Vehicles license for Signe Johnson-1935, Savings Bond record folder, First National Bank of Easton folder, 1960 Easton Valuation Book, Easton Cleaners billing form, Easton Dual Celebration items-250th anniversary, photograph of Elmer Vendt, Civil Service Clerk's certificate for Signe Johnson-1922, 100th anniversary of the Old Colony Railroad Station, descriptions of fires on March 18 and September 5 1894, Easton Kindergarten list for 1909, newspaper clippings about many events in Easton, many Easton Historical Society newsletters and booklets, materials written by Signe Johnson DiPasqua about her early life in Easton, poetry and songs, two Life magazines, an official Columbus Day badge of 1892 issued by the National Public School celebration, material about Helen Benson, two Center Stage programs about 1984 and the Oliver Ames High School's 1986 Hello Dolly, immunization records, campaign advertisement for Sylvio DiPasqua for Selectmen, parchment of a Native American woman possibly worn by the donor's mother, 250th anniversary envelope featuring Sheep Pasture, two folders of the Covenant Congregational Church's 100 Years of Faith (1883-1983), photos of Charles Carlson and wife and of Doris Carlson, Borderland State Park booklet, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall postcard, hand-woven bookmark with the design—Sweden, two The Hymnal and Order of Service (1925) owned by the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, a handkerchief with William H. Swain's name (born December 16, 1854), 1956 and 1959 building permits for 5 Stanley Road, 1952 Merrymac's menu, photo of a dancing group including Signe DiPasqua, many of Signe's detailed notes about the early history of Swedes in Easton, 12 class sets of elementary pupils from 1971-1977, two photos of unidentified classmates of Signe DiPasqua, Easton Real Estate Valuations from 1965 and 1970, 1916 Town Report, Easton Street Listings from 1964 and 1967, OAHS Graduation programs from 1922, 1963 and 2012, other Class of 1922 materials, Class of 1963 materials including its Silver Anniversary reunion, Easton Cleaners stationery, and a photo from 1958 of the winning homeroom door poster and participants at the Easton Junior High School, from Lois DiPasqua; copies of the "Langwater Story" CD from William Ames; Skeleton key for the Frothingham Hall custodians closet, original keys to the 1895 OAHS door, milk bottle caps from Cleverly, Gooch, Tufts and Langwater dairies, matchboxes from Kane's Funeral Home, LePages Steak House, Mitrano's key ring, Simpson Spring visitor badge, 4H pin, Easton Rod and Gun patch, 6 Clover Valley Farm blotters, OAHS Hall Pass with names from 1942, Ernest Spooner pill box, Ames Rifle and Pistol medallion, Easton Grange ribbon, Easton dog license tags 1937 and 1946, Paul Dean Lodge coin, C. B. Pool thermometer plate found in Morse Pond, wood parts marker from the Easton Machine Company, Simpson Spring Temperance Beverage bottle opener, Morse Insurance ruler, Necco Chocolate Checkerberry box from 1936, 1955-56 OAHS Back to School student booklet, Charles Harvey Sales notebook, Gate Lodge print on oval frame, Ames Butter Store sewing kit, 1872 deed Abijah Harlow to Thomas Donahoe, 1950's Cornelius Daley papers and checks, 1865 deed Thomas Haley to Hannah Haley, Simpson Spring advertising cards, Dual Celebration ticket for parade review stand, Sticker-Lombardi for Lt. Governor, photo of Arthur Tufts, photo of Roy Gooch in his delivery truck, 1863 student accounting workbook, Morse Car ad from Shubert Theatre booklet, Easton Baptist Church giving envelopes, 1960's, 1925 Eastoner Home Industries issue, photo of the Poquanticut School, 1929 Exchange Trust letterhead (Ames building), OAHS Dedication booklet 1896, 1925 property tax bill for Mary Howard, 1924 Republican Convention ticket naming Mary Howard as a delegate, 2 tickets to the play The World's All Right at OAMH sponsored by Easton Grange, 1935 Eastern Mass. Rifle League (Ames Rifle and Pistol), 1981 Kippy Grant Retirement Party ticket, Brockton Tool 70th Year sticker, First National Bank of Easton checks from Ernest Spooner to Edison, 1913, Langwater Farms sales slip, Ed Johnson, plumber letterheads, OAHS Class of 1950 graduation program, photo and information on a slave girl who lived with Dr. Dean, Democratic Ticket with Benjamin Butler, Governor, and Joseph Barrows, Senator, 100th Anniversary of the Old Colony Railroad Station booklet, news clipping about a fire at the North Easton Chinese Laundry, North Easton Savings Bank child's coin saving books, Easton High School 1896 graduation program, Simpson Spring contest flyer to name the Simpson Spring girl, 1857 notice of Dr. J. B. Dean in North Easton, Joel Drake advertising card, Kimball's Store advertising card, 2 F. A. Howard advertising cards for Simpson Spring, 1889 Almanac featuring Oliver Ames and other governors, 1793 almanac, Address to Whig State Convention mentioning Oliver Ames, 1848, photo of Harmony Hall, 2 photos of Robert Dollard, program for a Calico Ball at OAMH, 1888, from Anne-Marie and Frank Meninno; baby memory book with cards, photos, milestones, and a letter about a trip in the 1800's, from Lee Williams; Dog 'n Suds mug and 1970's Ames Rifle and Pistol membership cards, from Burt Lewis; wooden case and milk bottles, from Ron Danielson; Easton Historical Society booklets from James and Bonny Luke; 1954 hurricane photographs, from Robert Pratt; photo of North Easton Grammar School pupils at Queset Gardens in 1917, from Judy Davis; bicycle license plate circa 1940's, from Roger McNamara. Special thanks to Paul Steidinger for his help in acquiring items from the Easton Machine Company.

We have also received monetary donations from William Ames, Ethel Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Misiewicz for publications, Richard and Linda Beal, Deborah Keirstead Bublitz, Robert Keller, and John Ventresco, James and Debi MacPhee, "Give with Liberty" with thanks to James MacPhee, Covenant Congregational Church Friendship Club; Jack and Beth Mowatt, Ron Somerville, Douglas and Sheila Martin, MCB Reunion group in memory of Ken Martin; Douglas and Sheila Martin in memory of Wayne Benson; Patricia A. Baker, Anne Taylor Barrett, Sister Patricia Heath, Joseph Lyons, Robert Silva, David and Hazel Varella in memory of Ron Buba.

In Memorium

Mary M. (Teixeira) LeRoy, age 87, died August 24, 2012. Mary was born in Easton on November 24, 1924 the daughter of the late Joseph G. and Frances (Silva) Teixeira. Mary had been a lifelong resident of North Easton and graduated from Oliver Ames High School with the Class of 1943. In her earlier years, she was associated with the Ames Baldwin Wyoming Co. until they moved to West Virginia in 1954. She retired after a long and distinguished career of 32 years as the Treasurer of the North Easton Savings Bank. She was a longtime communicant of Immaculate Conception Church. She was the wife of the late Francis E. LeRoy and is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Karen L. "Kay" (Lowndes) Fulcher, 67, a lifelong resident of Easton, died Monday, September 17, 2012. She was the wife of Wallace "Wally" Fulcher for 47 years. Born in Brockton on March 21, 1945, a daughter of the late George and Mildred (Brennan) Lowndes, she was raised in Easton and was a graduate of St. Patrick's High School in Brockton. Kay was employed as a medical secretary for over 25 years and worked for James P. Douglas -Steele MD of Brockton. Kay held several officer positions in the newly formed League of Women Voters of Easton, she was the President of the Easton Garden Club and was a contributor to the book *Dear Parents: Letters to Bereaved Parents* after the passing of her daughter, Karensue. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Lisa McKenna and her husband Michael of Easton; a sister, Suzanne Goldsmith and her husband Michael of Fredericksburg, VA.; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, William and Judith Fulcher of Easton; beloved Nana of Molly, Patrick and Abigail; She was also the mother of the late Karensue Fulcher.

Ronald Edward Buba passed away on Friday, September 28, 2012. Ronald was a resident of Arlington, Texas at the time of his passing. He graduated from Oliver Ames High School (OAHs) class of 1959 where he was a star athlete. Ron was co-captain of the football team and played guard on the State Championship basketball team his senior year. He also played baseball and ran track. He was inducted into the OAHs Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea, assigned to the Eighth Army division. Among his many commendations and service medals is the U.S. Army Advisory Group Korea award, and he was among the youngest ever to receive it. After the service he had a distinguished career with Lockheed Martin and worked on the Multiple Launch Rocket System program. He is survived by his wife Shelia, daughters Kelley Buchhorn and husband Frank, Leslie Blake and her husband Jason, and son Ryan and his wife Liz and seven grandchildren.

Estelle "Stella" (Dauksewicz) Anderson, 94, a resident of Easton for the past 52 years, died October 20, 2012. She was the wife of the late Andrew "Andy" Anderson. A long-time Society member and a regular donor to our bottle drive, Stella was a founding member, volunteer and communicant of the Holy Cross Church in Easton. Estelle is survived by four nieces, Margaret Schneider of AZ., Sue Ann Manning of AZ., Kathleen Kendrigan of Hanover and Patricia Hook and her husband Rob of Hanover; a nephew, Robert Kendrigan and his wife Marie of Hanson; and several great nieces and great nephews. She was also the sister of the late Ellen Dauksewicz and Josephine Kendrigan.

Wayne E. Benson, 73, Society member, lifelong resident of Easton and proprietor of Benson Enterprises of Easton, died Thursday, November 1, 2012. He was the husband of the late Deborah A. Darling and former husband of Joan (Ordway) Miner of St. Croix. Born in Brockton, Dec. 20, 1938, a son of Phebe (Woodward) Benson of Easton and the late Robert Benson, he was raised in Easton and was a graduate of Oliver Ames High School. For 55 years, he had been the proprietor of Benson Enterprise of Easton, a company specializing in excavation and precast concrete. Wayne is survived by two sons, Carl E. Benson of Easton and Wayne E. Benson Jr. and his wife Judi of Easton; and two grandchildren, Eric Benson and Julia Benson, both of Easton.

Alma Margaretha Ryan (Becker) of North Easton, MA, died on November 3, 2012. Alma was a former Historical Society board member. She was the mother of Margaretha of Carrboro, NC, Matthew of Chepachet, RI, Jessica and William Stott of Carrboro, NC, Andrew and Kate of Providence, RI, Ellen and David Tasho of Bridgewater, MA, Elizabeth and Sean Scanlon of Providence, RI, and Martha's Vineyard, MA, and Frank of North Easton, grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The Easton Historical Society expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of these members.



Good wishes to a good friend from Mrs. Frothingham

“Christmas Greetings from Wayside...and good wishes to a good friend” conveys a warm holiday greeting from Mrs. Louis A. (Mary Ames) Frothingham to someone special. This Christmas card was probably sent in the late 1940’s or early 1950’s and shows the beauty of Mrs. Frothingham’s 1912 home “Wayside” as it appeared after a winter snowfall. The photo was taken from the Elm Street side of the estate which is now the Easton Town Offices. A 1950’s color photo of “Wayside” is featured on this year’s Society ornament in honor of 100 years of public service to Easton’s citizens by the Frothingham’s until 1955, and afterwards by officials and employees of the Town of Easton.

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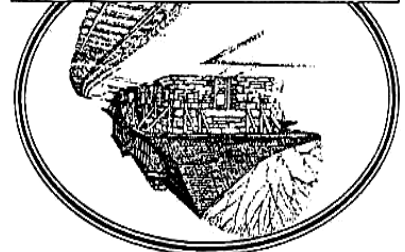
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