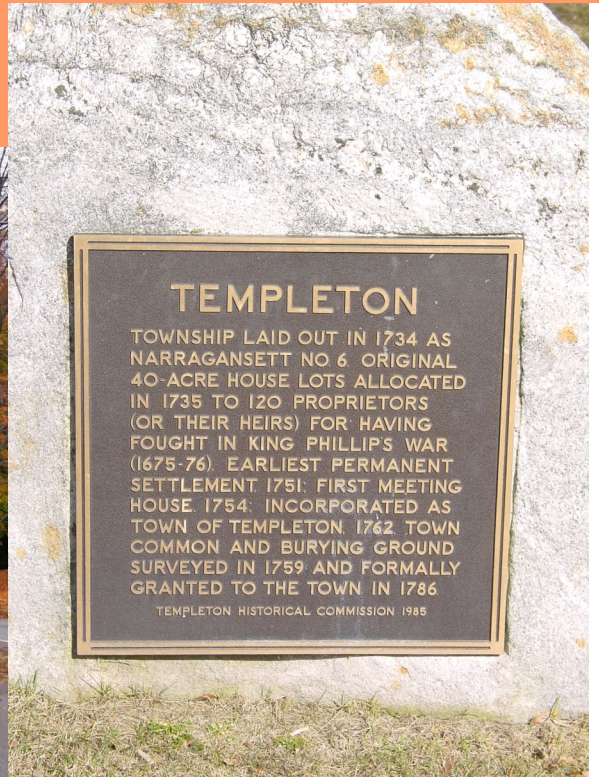


Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

November 2017



Happy Thanksgiving



Bourn Hadley workers



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The Narragansett Historical Society Presents

JACK FROST FESTIVAL

December 3, 2017 3-5pm
On the Common in Templeton Center



**Come to Meet & Take
Pictures with
Jack Frost, The Grinch
Santa & Buddy the Elf**

**Parade steps off with the
NRHS Marching Band at 4pm**

Tree lighting at 430pm



**Bake Sale 3-5pm- Buy a hot
drink & sweets in the Historical
Society and enjoy the parade!!**

Gift DONATIONS

The Society is proposing anyone interested in donating items to the Society in the future consider having it in Archival Condition. This will better preserve the item for future years

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

YES! I would like to make a donation to the
Narragansett Historical Society

I/We have enclosed a check in the amount of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Thank You

Narragansett Historical Society and send to
PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Haunted Walk 2017

Laughter, fright, fear, and fun were the feelings of the night this past Halloween weekend. High School drama students, band members, children of volunteers, friends and family joined to make our second haunted walk a great success. “The best haunted house I’ve ever been through” was one quote from a frightened visitor as she ran from the 9 foot tall man chasing her out of the cemetery.

The rooms were filled with clowns, balloons, narrow passages, ballerinas, and bearded ladies. Each doing their part to surprise you as you make your way through the building from the attic to the front living room and exiting out to the back cemetery.



This event could not have been possible without the support of our sponsors listed on page 4. *A special Thank you to Fire pro-tec N. E. Inc. of East Templeton for donating the helium for our 150 balloons which filled the haunted walk throughout the building.*

Dave & Jen Degnan, your support is greatly appreciated.

Sponsorship

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Thank you to our sponsors.

Your support will ensure the success of our community driven events.

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Bronze Sponsors 2017



SCOTTY'S POTTIES

Our biggest supporters are all of you! Our membership. If you are an annual member, consider becoming a lifetime member at only \$100.00 by doing this, you will be making a donation to our cause, and saving us time and money each year asking for your renewal.

Event Sponsor



Uncle J

Pick just about any Saturday afternoon over the past few summers and you would find “Uncle J” Jerry Grimes carving Christmas ornaments by the pot belly stove in our “store”. He carved reproduction animal ornaments from original antiques from India. He first carved them in 2013 for his carving club to sell. Jerry brought his work to the Historical Society as a fund raiser doing what he enjoys. Mary Barnes saw the samples and requested the full set carved for her mother Shirley. The elephant, horse, tiger and camel were completed by the end of September of this year.



Jerry carved numerous birds and animals for anyone who requested them and donated the money raised to the Historical Society.

Jerry’s efforts in carving bring a special tribute to the volunteer effort we strive for. A few hours on a Saturday afternoon to watch the building and keep it open for the public to enjoy. To offer conversation to visitors as our other valued volunteers do on the days we are open is the key to keeping the building going and encourage others to take the initiative to spend a few hours, tell a story or two and discover all that is available for the community to explore. Many thanks to Jerry for this wonderful donation. The funds raised will go to good use in a preservation project or supplies needed, but the hours spent at the building is priceless. Something visitors will share with others and appreciate for years to come.



Shirley Barnes,

Mary Barnes

Jerry Grimes





“A moment in time”

by: **Harry Aldrich Jr. *Historian***

MEMORIES OF THE ALLARD FARM

I am sure if someone was to ask about the Allard farm in Templeton Center, no one would be able to answer the questions. The Allard farm was owned by Charles and Adelaide Allard who were my great grandparents. Today the farm no longer exists. Years ago some of the land was divided up and sold off as building lots. Only the old farm house still stands and serves as a dwelling.

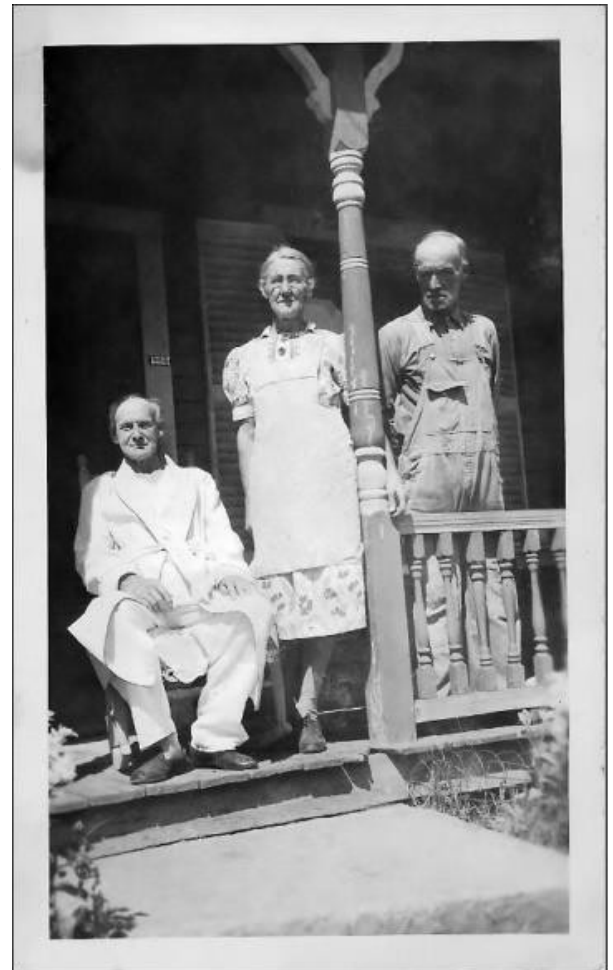
Many years ago before I was born, my great grandparents passed on and willed the old farm to their two sons and Charles and Edward and daughter Fannie, who operated it until the late 40s. The farm was not like the farms you see today. They did not own a tractor or any other power machinery. They had an old work horse named Jenny and all the work was done with her pulling the machines. I can remember going over there with my mom and having Uncle Charlie putting me on Jenny’s back and riding her while she worked.

It was what I would call a full farm. They had a small herd of cows, pigs, and chickens. They always had a large garden and grew many different vegetables. There was a large apple orchard on the Hubbardston Road side of the farm. The land where the trailer park is just down the street was also part of the farm. In the summer they would set up a farm stand there and sell their goods.

Eventually the time caught up with them and it was not profitable to keep running the farm. My uncles and aunt decided to sell the farm and they moved in with their sister Mary and Louis Valiton who were my grandparents. My dad wanted to purchase the farm but could not afford it. He did purchase one of the pastures known as the flatiron lot which boarded his land.

When I got married in 1965, dad gave that piece of land to me to build my house on so at least part of the old Allard farm stayed in the family.

Shown are; Edward, Fannie, and Charles Allard standing on their porch.



President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



Get your shades, the future looks bright!

After meeting with Michael T. Chiasson, Senior Vice President, Financial Planning Specialist Senior Portfolio Manager, & Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management and Maribeth Janssens, Grant Manager of the Community Foundation of North Central Mass, I have some good news to share.

Mike was called to gather advice for our investment future, specifically the Stock portfolio we currently hold in Telecommunication stocks, 615 to be exact and just over \$22,000.00 in value. The dividends we receive from the stocks is within a tenth of a percent of what we would receive if we moved those stocks into the Narragansett Historical Society Fund held at the Community Foundation. The bonus is that the Foundation would manage the funds, invest it wisely, and reduce risk over the years, as opposed to us sitting on individual stocks and taking the hit when the market tumbles. The steady dividend stream would be beneficial along with the growth of the fund over the years. It is to be voted on by the Trustees, then presented to the Society members and directors for a vote coming soon. Mikes final conclusion was that we would be smart to make that change for all involved and the returns are right in line with some of the better investment companies out there.

Once our forestry plan is complete, we stand to gain around \$22,000.00 bringing our combined investment if the entire amount is approved to go to the Fund, which has \$11,000.00 currently to \$55,000.00.

The meeting with Maribeth Janssens brought to light the grant opportunities available to us on an annual basis. We do have to apply and come up with the who, what, where, when, and why for the board to approve the proposed grant, but we also have to come up with the so what! Will this proposal better the Society in it's mission? And will the community benefit as well?

There are two grant opportunities, a General and a Program grant. We are currently working on grants with the Cultural Council, so the focus must go towards the general grant which could help with projects holding us back from offering educational programs to the community and opening the Museum to the public for research and discovering the history of Templeton.

For this all to happen, we need to assemble a small grant writing committee along with volunteers to help with our ongoing events and building hours. This help will free up some of my time needed to focus on obtaining funds from these various entities so we can move forward and complete the many projects on hold.

Anything you can do to help will get us there quicker and relieve some of the stress many of our volunteers feel as they try to get things done.

The growth our organization has realized over the past few years is amazing to say the least, it took many hands to move it to where it is, and not one person could do it alone. Please make the move to offer your help, no matter how small, it will truly make a huge difference.

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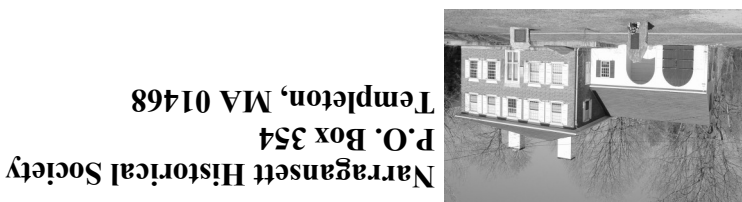
Find us on Facebook—Search for **Narragansett Historical Society**. It's filled with the History of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton. Pictures, stories, and faces of the people who lived here years ago. Some new images will be shared from around the town. We have created a "page" instead of a "profile"
<https://www.facebook.com/narragansetthissoc/>
Located at 1 Boynton Rd. Templeton MA

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised.
December 20th at the Senior Center in Baldwinville 7pm
January 24th at the Senior Center in Baldwinville 7pm

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