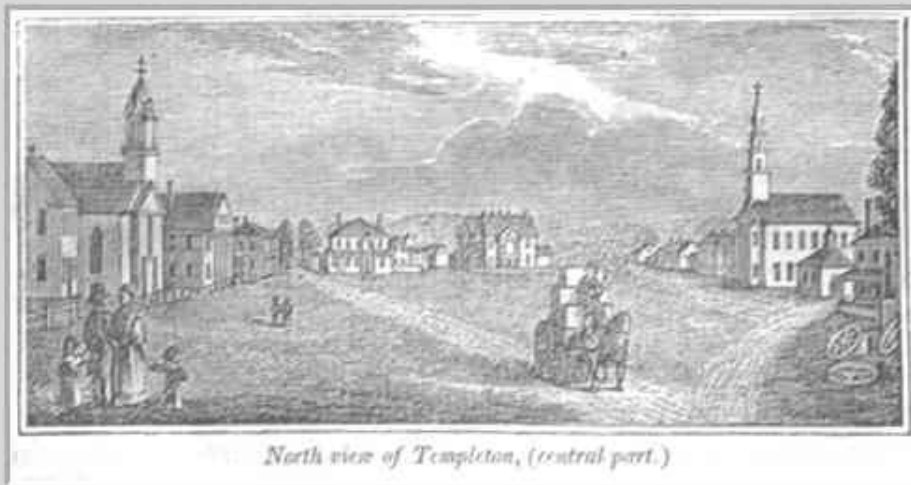


# Narragansett Historical Society

*On the Common in Templeton MA*

## February 2023

Next meeting March 1, 2023 at the Senior Center 7pm



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## What to expect to see at the Grange Hall Building

Hello everyone, Hope you all are doing well, every day the Grange Hall is getting closer to opening, so today while I was there, I was thing about all the Displays that will be there and thought it might be a good idea to talk about some of them.

Mounted to the back wall on the second floor will be the beautiful stain glass Trinitarian church window standing at 14 feet tall, Moses Richardson ordered this window in memory of his mother Lucy, it is believed to be made at Tiffany & Co., once standing this window will have back lighting to bring out its awesome details, surely it will be a sight to see, we owe thanks to Joseph Martin of JP Martin for seeing the historic value and saved this window from demolition.



Top of the Church Window



Grand Drape

Looking at the stage you will see the grand drape, truly a work of art, The grand drape from 1935 was painted and signed by William Tandy (1887-1953) of Gardner, MA.

Opening the Grand Drape will reveal the Advertising curtain with many of the local businesses of the time, also painted by mister Tandy in 1935, do you recognize any names?



Advertising Curtain

Raising the advertising curtain reveals one of our most noteworthy displays, 2 Civil war frames, each with 2 tablets that has all the Names Templeton soldiers that passed during the Civil war originally created by Capt. V. P. Parkhurst of E. Templeton and installed in the GAR hall's second floor back in 1880, when the GAR was slated for demolition Colonel Tucker saved these frames and Plaques, the plaques were mounted on to wall of the carriage shed in the main Building, the plaques were stored in Ralph Henshaw's barn for several years, until a crew moved them to the second floor of the grange.



The picture to the left has the concept eagle with the actual tablets, to the right is the painting done by Sonja Vaccari that will be in each frame. There will be smaller displays all around the grange. Donations are welcome and will be put to good use in the



Grange or main building, if you would like to volunteer to help, please reach out to Brian or myself, we would like to see you, we very much appreciate all the help we have received so far.

Our next event is the very popular Cabin Fever show on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> 1 to 4 PM, Baldwinville Legion, 3 Central Street \$5.00 at the door, Hope to see you there, again if you would like to help with any of our events, stop by on the 26 and ask for one of the volunteers, Brian or Myself.

Tom

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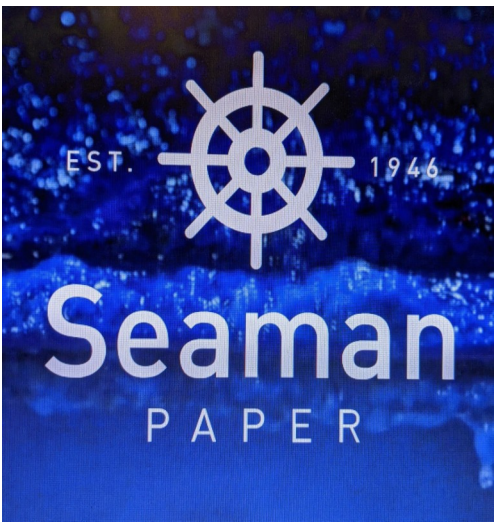
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# CABIN FEVER COLLECTORS SHOW



Sunday February 26th  
11-4 pm  
Baldwinville Legion  
3 Central Street  
Parking out back  
\$5.00 donation



**NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S  
8TH ANNUAL  
UP TO 25 COLLECTIONS ON DISPLAY**



## *"A moment in time"*

*by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian*

### **THOMAS HOWARD WHITE**

**Who was Thomas Howard White? Thomas Howard White was born in Philipston, Mass on April 26, 1836. His parents were Windsor and Elizabeth (Pierce) White.**

**In 1858, Thomas White began manufacturing sewing machines. Mr. White and a business partner, William L. Grout pooled together \$350 to start the business. The sewing machines were known as The New England sewing machines and sold for \$10 apiece. Each machine had to be sold before another was built due to the lack of funds. The first machines were manufactured at Wilkinson's machine shop in Templeton in the area of Stone Bridge near the Phillipston town line. It was a small shop powered by the water that flows into the pond.**

**In 1863 the demand for the machine to the extent that Mr. White moved the company to a larger factory in Orange, Mass. Three years later in 1866, the company moved to Cleveland, Ohio and became the White Manufacturing Company. Mr. Grout went on to founder the New Home Sewing Machine Company in Orange, Mass White sewing machines are still manufactured today and are very popular around the country.**

**In 1900, the White Manufacturing Company expanded into the auto motive business and produced vehicles powered by steam and later gasoline.**

**Thomas Howard White died in Cleveland, Ohio on June 22, 1914. In his will he provided that his entire estate should be devoted to the cause of education, science and charity in Cleveland.**



The Wilkinson  
Machine Shop at  
Templeton,  
Massachusetts, where

# President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



Just a few months away from starting partial use of the Grange hall, work crews are starting on the first floor bathrooms and insulation will be the target for March and April. Lighting for the second floor will also be on the docket along with cleaning the floor once the protective paper is removed.

Those working on the project are excited to put all the displays up using the many artifacts hidden away. This is a special time in the history of the Society. Similar to 1934 when the main building on 1 Boynton Rd was acquired and restored, we are now doing the same thing on 9 Hubbardston Rd.

We need your support at then next town meeting in May to help pass the vote to approve the next grant using CPA grant money reserved for historic preservation. This money is earmarked for project just like this one. It does not come out of any other account and it's money that's matched by the State, so it's a win-win for everyone.

In the next few months, we'll be asking for volunteers to help out in many ways, some as simple as typing on the computer and emailing, others will require physical work at the Grange hall, and through the spring, summer, and fall, you'll be asked to house sit during our open hours. Every hour given is greatly appreciated and the Society cannot continue without someone helping with these simple tasks. I don't know who said it first, but "Running a successful organization is doing 100 simple tasks, but you need help and can't do it alone" We ask for help all the time, and thankfully, we get some very enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy doing what they like. You should take that first step and lend a hand and make sure those people don't burn out.

I am so happy to go about my business in and around town where people come up to me and share their excitement knowing all the good things happening at the Historical Society, positive comments from everyone I meet. As the head of this organization, it makes me proud to know we are heading in the right direction. The overused phrase, "It takes a village" certainly holds true with our team. I can't wait for the day when we open those doors at the Grange and welcome everyone inside to walk through and gaze at the finished room. The stage is almost set, and music will fill the air once again.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.**



**Located at 1 Boynton Rd. and 9 Hubbardston Rd Templeton MA**

**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**  
*We are now closed for the winter,*  
**Meeting March. 1, 7pm at the Senior Center**



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