

# *Narragansett Historical Society*

## *On the Common in Templeton MA*

### *July 2023*



**Next meeting August 2, 2023 at 1 Boynton Rd**

Our members, many from out of town and some who can't be here to help have sent in donations to support the Grange hall project. Some have sent checks in memory of loved ones in town. To date, private individuals have sent in \$4,542.00

Together it will help pay for the Civil War Frame restoration project and the Stained glass window light box project. Thank you so much for your support.

Here is our list so far:

Checks in memory of Anthony Manca, Prudence Fish, Jeff Nelson, Theresa and Henry Bankowski.

checks received from: Chair City Oil, Cerelle Bolon, John Carlson, Blanche O'Brien, David & Kathie Huhtala, Keith Kent, Deb Hubbard, Cynthia Guerard, Holiday Eames, and Mark Tanguay.

Banks: thanks to the GFA in Gardner.

See our sponsor pages for those businesses that support us every year.

A Huge shout out to our Volunteers who put in countless hours every week.

Coming soon: The post office will install a bank of mail boxes in front of 9 Boynton Rd which will allow us to have a free mail service and eliminate the PO Box fees. Your newsletter will be updated once this occurs. We will simply change our mailing address to 1 Boynton Rd.

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A quick review of the discovery and the move to secure the two frames in a safe place and provide a permanent home to display the Memorial originally created by Capt. V. P. Parkhurst. Shown on the left is John Manca, standing at 6 feet tall gives you an idea of the size of the frames uncovered in Ralph Henshaw's barn.

Moving the frames to the second floor.



Standing them up to make room for the walls and insulation work on the stage and in the main hall.



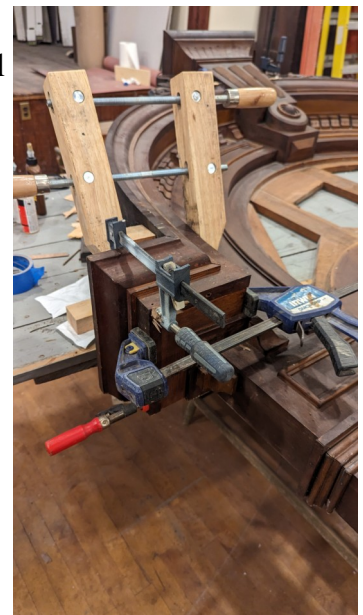
Sonja is making the final touchup on the inserts which will finish off the frames which have been missing since they were taken down from the GAR hall.



The many clamps, repairs, and replaced pieces will come together to stand proudly once again in memory of the men who died or was killed during the Civil War from Templeton.



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#### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Platinum	\$5,000.00	Gold	\$1,000.00	Silver	\$750.00
Bronze	\$500.00	Event	\$250.00		

Lifetime memberships are still only \$100.00 sign up a friend to-

# Woods Words *by Mary Miller*

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The rain has been very good for the young trees. I checked a lot of the 75 Chestnuts, and I am very happy with them. I found 2 had died, and one had vanished. Many of them had lost a bunch of their leaves to frost-bite even before we planted them, but they recovered better than I expected, sending out some new leaves. I bought some black tupelo trees on a whim, I'd never even heard of them. I thought they died, every time I checked them I saw twigs. Finally, they sprouted. On their own good time.

There are a LOT of blueberries out there. Logging gave them more light, and they responded. I had two women join me on a walk, we were delighted to see a scarlet Tanager!! It's awfully wet out there, but I've gotten around in sneakers and kept my feet dry. The cart trail is the worst, I go down the blue trail, then cut over to the long trail.

There be surprises out there, too. See you out there !

GO FLY A KITE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH 12-4

BROOKS FIELD

BALDWINVILLE RD

FOOD, DRINK, MUSIC

BRING A CHAIR AND BLANKET

BUBBLES AND FACE PAINTING

TEA PARTY IN THE GARDEN

SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH

AFTER TWO RAIN DELAYS

MUSIC, FOOD, DRINK,

RELAX OUT BACK AND

TAKE A TOUR OF THE BUILDING



# "A moment in time"

by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

## ICE SKATING IN MY YOUNGER DAYS

I thought with all this hot weather we are having right now that maybe I would talk about ice skating and get your minds off the heat.

Ice skating was very popular back then and the younger folks as well as some of the elders looked forward to digging the skates out once the ice on the ponds was thick enough. One of our favorite locations was Candlelight pond also known as the Bourn Hadley pond. The pond sets right next to the road which back then was route 2 and goes back almost to the Dudley Road. There is also a small cove that cannot be seen from the road which was our favorite location to skate. WE would build a fire on the ice and sit around it to keep warm. During the day time we would set up ice tackles and fish catching perch and pickerel.

Sometimes during the day time we would go up to the Candlelight café to warm up and have a coke and chips or something. I never knew the name of the owner other than it was John. We always called him John Candlelight. Those were the good old days. I doubt if most kids today even own a pair of ice skates.

Later after enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard, I got a chance to skate in New York city. While in boot camp, my company won Honor Company and was given the weekend off and sent to New York City. This was in March and I was able to rent a pair of skates and went skating at Rockefeller Center which I really enjoyed.

After I was discharged and joined the town's fire department, I became involved in setting up a skating rink in front of the fire station in Templeton Center which was enjoyed by the children in town for quite a few years. A news paper clipping of the rink is shown.



# President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



**The Grange project: We passed our inspection on the Bathroom plumbing, this opens the door to continue with the insulation slated for next week. After the insulation is in, the bathroom project will be back on track.**

**During the wait for “the process” to unfold, we had the opportunity to restore the curtains and prepare them to be installed, which will be as soon as the dust settles on the other projects. As you’ve seen, we quickly moved into the Civil War Frames project, which included replacing many missing wooden pieces and creating wooden feet for them to stand on. We couldn’t be more impressed with the excellent work provided by George Krestyn.**

**The next part of the work upstairs is to refinish the floors, with so much in the way, it will have to be done in sections, so prior to standing up the frames, we set up the stage floor to be done first, then we’ll secure the frames to the back wall of the stage. We can then move on to the Church window, where we need to create a light box and frame to secure the window in the upright position and finish it off with the original outdoor frame that was used in the Trinitarian Church.**

**There are so many parts to this whole project, not just painting walls and turning on lights, but to create a unique experience for our visitors, filled with historic artifacts preserved over the past few centuries. Templeton will be home to this space unlike any other. Offering genealogy research, stories about influential people who started out in Templeton and became famous, clock enthusiasts who can check out the multitudes of timekeepers on display, or a place to learn about unusual items from the past.**

**We are very close to our goal to open the building and start the next phase of our organization to share this new space with our neighbors and other groups who don’t have a home.**

**2023—2024 OFFICERS:**

President: Brian Tanguay  
Vice Pres. Thomas Hurd  
Secretary Sue O'Coin  
Treasurer Kelly Elliot  
Curator: Brian Tanguay  
Historian: Harry Aldrich

**2023—2024 DIRECTORS:**

3 year	2 year	1 year
Eileen Bouvier	Mary Miller	John Chouinard
Kelly Elliot	Harry Aldrich	Vacant
Joseph Croteau	vacant	vacant

**TRUSTEES:**

Vacant  
Anyone interested in joining in any capacity, please attend our meetings to see how you can help.

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Find us on Facebook—Search for **TempletonMuseum (Narr Hist 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" 2000 members following

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

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

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



**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**

*Tuesday nights in the Museum from 6-8 have begun.  
Saturday from 1-4, if you see vehicles, stop in and say Hello.*

*Meeting August 2, 7pm at the Main building*



**Grange hall Restoration / 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 \_\_\_\_\_

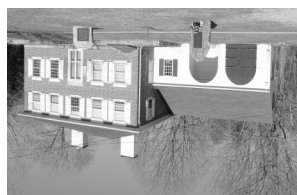
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