

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

June 2020

Daguerreotype, first successful form of photography, named for Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre of France, who invented the technique in collaboration with Nicéphore Niépce in the 1830s. Daguerre and Niépce found that if a copper plate coated with silver iodide was exposed to light in a camera, then fumed with mercury vapour and fixed (made permanent) by a solution of common salt, a permanent image would be formed. A great number of daguerreotypes, especially portraits, were made in the mid-19th century; the technique was supplanted by the wet collodion process.

When you visit the building, the upstairs bedroom has a rotating display featuring the many framed daguerreotype portraits in the collection. Many have been identified, none are dated. A very interesting look into the history of those who lived in Templeton in the mid to late 1800's.



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Narragansett Historical Society

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

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Narragansett Historical Society and send to
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Lucy Stone Tea *** **POSTPONED**

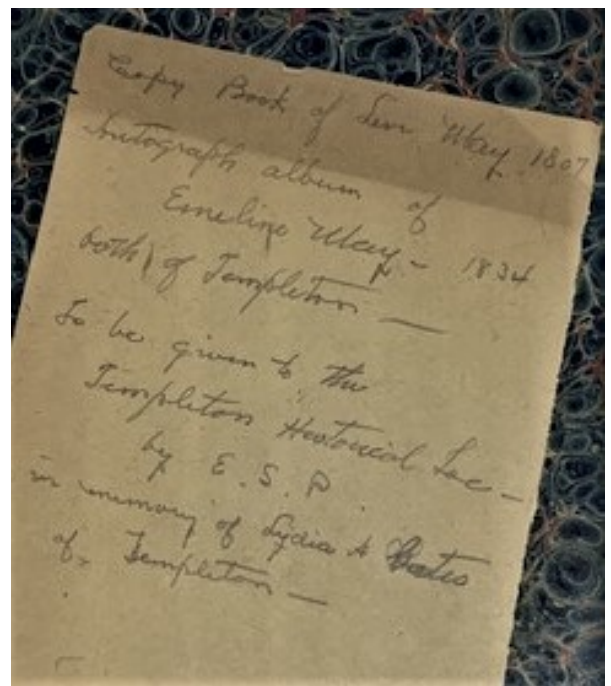
On June 27th from 2-4:30pm, Narragansett Historical Society will host a tea in their back garden, with a very special guest, Lucy Stone (portrayed by Virginia Strahan). A lifetime advocate of equal rights, suffrage for all, and the first woman from Massachusetts to earn a college degree, Ms. Stone inspired thousands of women to join the cause to earn the vote, which we will celebrate along with Lucy Stone represented in her later years. Victorian era dress is encouraged, highlighting the white outfits favored by the Suffragette movement of the turn of the century. Savory and sweet treats and beverages will be served to all who purchase tickets. This event is co-sponsored by the Templeton Cultural Council and will be held rain or shine at the Society's main building, located at 1 Boynton Road, Templeton, MA. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, email us at

nh1924society@gmail.com . Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.



Donation

We were contacted via Facebook about a book found on Ebay dated 1834 with Templeton High School signatures along with quotes or poems written by classmates. When the buyer (Elizabeth Kelly-Griswold) received the book, it had this note inside. To be given to the Templeton Historical Society by E. S. P. in memory of Lydia Gates. We have in our collection a nice photo album and daguerreotypes of the Gates family some without labels. Each name on the pages looks familiar to our list of family names in Templeton. Sawyer, Brooks, Stone, and Gates. When Elizabeth found the note, she contacted us to share her purchase. After exchanging emails and messages, she offered to send us the book to honor the note written inside. Her business is based in Philadelphia and she specializes on this type of book hand written prior to the Civil War. It was a great surprise to get the news about this generous donation. It will be on display this summer in the document room. Along with some of the other Gates family articles and pictures.



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TANQUAY JEWELERS



For years, the sign on Boynton Rd. was mistakenly created as Boynton St. This past week, the sign was finally corrected. Not a big deal, but nice to finally have our road properly signed. Thank you to the town for taking care of this little detail.

What's New

- 1. The cover to the chimney is fixed and ready to install, Thanks Joe C. for your help**
- 2. Motorpalooza 2020 set for September 20th Sunday afternoon on the common should be a fun day with Boothill Express filling the common with music, food tent out front of the building and cars, engines, tractors and more for all to enjoy.**
- 3. The framework around the Carriage shed doors and the wood bin archway is half rotted and eaten by ants, Mike M. and Brian T. are working to replace both with all new materials. Forms are already made and it will be installed soon.**
- 4. The Skorkos cut down the last three ash trees along their border on the 16th of June. The stumps will also be ground up.**
- 5. Tuesday nights have been held mostly outdoors, talking about what's next, how to deal with it all, and setting up projects.**
- 6. Russ S. has been painting shutters, Mary M. Took two home recently to work on. We have roughly 20 more to do, so if this is something you can handle, take two to start.**

Keeping it cool!

For the past year or so, our refrigerator has been acting up, making very strange noises, loud enough to be heard outside. During one of our Tuesday night “think tanks”, John C. decided to put a call out online for a donation of a newer refrigerator, and within hours Nicholas A. from Baldwinville offered to donate his side by side. John picked it up the next night, and delivered it to the building. This week, it will be cleaned up and moved into position. The old one will be brought to a recycling plant.



“A moment in time”

By: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

SELLING SEEDS AND SALVE

I was wondering if anyone remembers selling seeds or salve when they were growing up. The companies would advertise on the back of comic books and magazines. You received a gift for selling their products and the more you sold the better the gift.

When I was around twelve, I got involved in a deal selling seeds. I do not remember the name of the seed company but I signed up for it and receive a bag full of seed packets to sell. After selling them I sent the money to the seed company and chose a gift or requested more seeds. As I said, the more you sold the better the gift you got to pick. I believe the seeds sold for ten cents a pack which was quite a bit considering the going pay rate was probably \$1.00 per hour then.

When the seeds arrived I went around the neighborhood selling them. Many of the seeds that they sent were flower seeds and a little harder to sell. I guess you know who purchased most of the flower seeds. Mom and Dad got me off the hook and I sold enough of them to qualify for a pup tent.

The second time I tried being a salesman, I sold Cloverine Salve. The salve sold for twenty five cents a can. When I received the salve, it came in a cardboard tube with about thirty cans in it.

The salve was manufactured by The Wilson Chemical Company in Tyrone, PA. They produced it since 1895. Well, I set out selling the salve and it did not go very well. We ended up with a medicine cabinet full of Cloverine Salve. In fact, I still have a can of it today and that's what gave me the idea for this story.



President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



Recently we discovered the wood frame in the front archways to the Carriage shed and the wood bin were needing paint, unfortunately we also discovered water and ant damage to the extent that the wood was only held together by the paint. So, we quickly found a solution and volunteers to replace the archway and the frame around each one.

Once again members and friends coming to the aid of the Historical Society without question. Others are waiting to scrape and paint the back entrance and some shutters.

Soon we will get back in the Grange hall, the Architect and contractor has met to discuss the final details on the handicap ramp creating a plan and applying for the permits. We will also begin the wiring in preparation for the insulation and drywall.

This Pandemic has taught us a few lessons, it gave us focus on what's important and that we do have time to help in many ways. Sort of a reset button of your priorities. We have all experienced losses in the past few months, friends or family members which gave us reasons to reflect. So as we climb out of the solitude and self isolation we can count our blessings that we safely made it and we can now learn to move forward to enjoy our town, the people around us and the history we are writing and preserving.

We will begin to kick start the Society with outdoor meetings as soon as Wed June 24th at 7. and discuss plans for our Lucy Stone Tea in the garden hopefully in August, an all outdoor event utilizing the carriage shed to allow for a safe working area.

Motorpalooza 2020 on Sept 20th Sunday afternoon on the common, featuring a ONE WAY walking tour of the building with an entrance and exit, volunteers will be needed to make it a success.

How about an outdoor movie night with popcorn on the front lawn?

See you this summer during our events, call us if you can help in any way, big or small. Thanks for taking the time to read through our monthly newsletters, our contributors are happy to spend the time to fill these pages.

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 any time.**



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

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

Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised

June meeting will be outdoors on the front lawn to create a safe environment for all. Wednesday night the 24th at 7



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