

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

March 2022

Next meeting April 6th at the Senior Center 7pm

A local artist has completed the upper inserts for the Civil War frames. Sonja Vaccari volunteered to paint two of the eagles with banners depicting the Templeton men who died during the conflict. Originally created for Memorial (CAR) hall in East Templeton by Capt. V. P. Parkhurst the two frames were saved by Col. Tucker and stored in Ralph Henshaw's barn since the demolition of the building in 1978. The frames will soon be reunited with the marble tablets and will stand against the back wall of the stage in the Grange hall. A huge thank you to everyone involved in preserving these historic frames.



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Playing in the woods by Mary Miller, director

As a child, I enjoyed playing in the woods. My family had a 50 acre woodlot. My Dad processed fireplace wood that he sold in 25 Lb bags at grocery and hardware stores. We maintained a wild blueberry patch. There was a picnic area in a lovely pine Glen. I often went out with him. I found castles on the boulders under the Hemlock trees, and played in the stream. He taught me the names of plants and animals, that ferns made good toilet paper, that poison ivy didn't, and that I knew what they both looked like.

Our 10 acres next to Narragansetts woods were logged 2 years ago, and I've spent time helping the blueberries recover, keeping invasive plants at bay, and generally clearing the mess that logging makes. Now it's Narragansetts turn. I have been out in those woods dreaming about benches on the high spot in the pines, trails, long ones and short ones, planting chestnut trees that will be a sight in 20 years, and spectacular in 100. And eating blueberries I hope those very old bushes will reward us with now that they get some sun.

I'll let you know when I'm out there playing.

Come join me, won't you?



GRAND VOCAL CONCERT!
A Concert of Vocal Music, by the
TEMPLETON CLEE CLASS,
Under the direction of
MR. S. E. WRIGHT,
AT THE
TOWN HALL,
IN TEMPLETON,
ON TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 3, 1852,
Consisting of
GLEES, QUARTETS, TRIOS, DUETTS & SONGS,
Accompanied by the
ÆOLIAN, PIANO FORTE AND VIOLIN.
Doors Open at 6 o'clock.
CONCERT TO COMMENCE AT 1-4 BEFORE 7.

PROGRAMME:

PART FIRST.

O'Dolce Conento with variat'ns.--Piano Forte.

1—Glee; America,	Music by Franz Abt.
2—Glee; The Switzer Boy,	Swiss Melody.
3—Glee; The Ramble,	Music by Lorenz.
4—Quartette and Chorus; The Hunter,	" " "
5—Glee; The Erring,	W. B. Bradbury.
6—Glee; The Sons of the Mountain,	Arr. from Tyrolian Melody.
7—Glee; The Dream,	Swedish Melody.
8—Glee; The Rataplan,	Donizetti.
9—Duet; I knew the spell was broken,	Music by Mrs. H. E. Wright.
10—Chorus and Solos; Spring, (a Cantata.)	" " Geo. H. Curtis.

Fountain Quickstep.--Piano Forte.

PART SECOND.

Overture--To Calife de Bagdad.--Piano Forte.

1—Glee; A fair breeze is blowing,	Strauss.
2—Glee; The California Gold Hunter,	W. B. Bradbury.
3—Glee; The Hunter and Milkmaid,	" "
4—Quartette; My own one,	Scotch Melody.
5—Glee; May Morning,	From Th. Taglichbeck.
6—Glee; The Night Song,	M. Hauptmann.
7—Duet; Leap for Life,	Covert.
8—Glee; Longing for Spring,	Tyrolian.
9—Glee; The Alpine Maid,	Alex. Lee.
10—Glee; The Spirit of Love,	G. Linley.

Jenny Lind's Dream.--Piano Forte.

PART THIRD.

Banks of the Rhine.--Piano Forte.

1—Glee; When the Morning first dawns,	Rooke.
2—Chorus and Solo; The Elfin Call,	Stephen Glover.
3—Duet; Take these Flowers,	L. Devereaux.
4—Glee; The Advertisement,	A. Gressler.
5—Glee; Alp Song,	Lindpainter.
6—Duet and Chorus; Jenny Lind Mania,	White.
7—Glee; The Alpine Shepherd's Farewell,	Brunner.
8—Trio; The Mother's Lament,	I. B. Woodbury.
9—Glee; The Water Party,	Geisler.
10—Finale; Flowers with Fragrance,	W. B. Bradbury.

Of't in the Stilly Night.--Piano Forte.

TICKETS 12 1-2 CENTS.

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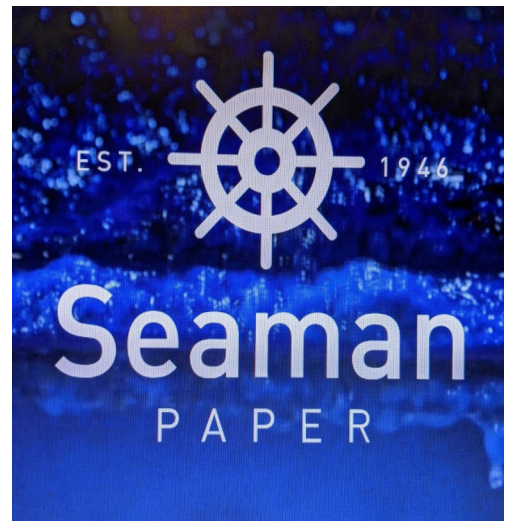
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Items in the Museum

by Thomas Hurd Vice President

History Of Grange Hall Part 2

Where the Name came from...

Patrons of Husbandry as was the official



Grange Hall as it looked in the early 1900'S



After the siding was removed during exterior renovations you could see the size of the addition by the Templeton Grange in 1921.



How the Grange Hall looks today after new siding, new windows, and a new chimney.

name of The Grange was founded by Oliver H Kelly in 1867, Kelley, an employee in the Department of Agriculture, The Grange's purpose was to provide farmers with an organization that could assist them with any difficulties that arose, in 1873 the organization was united under a National Grange in Washington, D.C.

Local Granges formed a CO-OP, where they purchased Coal and other goods in bulk for a better price and divided it up among the members that bought in.

A brief History of The Templeton Grange, comes from "the History of Templeton Grange P of H #122 1885 – 1970" by Christopher Evenson and

Blanch Hautala. The first meeting of the Templeton Grange was held March 16,1885 at the Knights of Honor Hall, where they met to hear a Lecture given by a Grange State Deputy from Petersham. At the Close of the meeting 18 Men and 17 Women paid dues and signed an application for a charter, and the Templeton Grange was born, they continued to meet in the Knights of Honor Hall up to 1897, when a desire to purchase a building of their own came up. The Actual purchase date seems to be a bit confusing, the registry of deeds states it as July 1, 1898, however the History of the Grange states the first meeting was called to order in "Grange Hall" April 19, 1898, unless the deed date was a while after the Purchase, that sometimes happened, a delay getting to Worcester.

With the turn of the century, cattle shows became very popular and profitable, there were many on the Common.

In 1921 the Grange voted to enlarge the building; the completed project doubled the size on the original Building, this expansion created a stage and large hall on the second floor to hold shows, Boy Scout and Girl Scout meetings, and rented out the Hall.

The Templeton Grange also Sponsored a Cub Scout pack and an Explorer Scouts and had Dinners on the First floor, many of which I attended as a Child.

The Templeton Grange Celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1985, but with falling membership, the grange disbanded in the late 1980's or early 1990's, on November 5,1993 the building was sold to the Narragansett Historical Society for \$1.00, Renovations began, the building received a new roof, new Windows,

new exterior Siding sills were replaced and a Document Archive room complete with Climate control, with Plans to complete the interior and re-open the Building to the Public for events and displays that include the Baptist church Tower Clock, The restored original Grange stage Curtains, The Trinitarian Church window and many other Items.

If you would like to Volunteer to be part of this restoration or Donate to the Grange Restoration Fund, please let us know, we always appreciate any help that is provided and help is always appreciated, until next month, be safe, and remember the past. Depending on the Weather the Main building will re-open for 2022 season in late April or early May, stay tuned for an announcement, if you haven't already, please consider Volunteering, you won't regret it, to those that have, Thank You for helping us to preserve the past for future generations.

Tom



“A moment in time”

by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

TEMPLETON TAVERNS

An article in the Gardner News stated that in 1907, Templeton had the distinction of having more taverns within the town limits than any other town in Worcester County except Worcester.

The most luxuriant of them was the Templeton Inn which was built on the location of the former Templeton Hotel which was destroyed by a fire in 1888. The inn was built by Moses Richardson in 1900 and was quite an attraction. There were two others on the common, one being in the area of where the Trinitarian Church stood. This building was later moved to a location north of the church. The second was the brick building once owned by Charles Stone, now the home of KRO's an eating establishment. In Brooks Village, there was Brooks Tavern owned by John Brooks and later Isaac Bourn.

In East Templeton, a house owned by the Baker family [Prof. Lucas Baker] was known as Whitney's tavern. Another in East Templeton was known as the Grove Hotel and was owned by S.B. Upham. I believe that was the building that was located where the new pizza shop now sets.

The Otter River Hotel was located on Main Street across from Liberty Street and was very active at one time. The hotel was destroyed by a fire in 1963.

In Baldwinville, there was the Narragansett House which was located in the center of the village and stood on the corner of Central Street and Elm Street. It was built by Capt. Joseph Davis in 1832 It was later owned by George Partridge who operated it for 20 years. The building was taken down in the early 50's. A mini-mart and pizza shop now occupies the location.

I am sure there were others as the town was located on the 5th Massachusetts Turnpike. Most of the stage coaches made a stop here on the way through. There were three stage lines the came through. One line went from Boston to Albany, a second from Worcester to Keene and a third from Lowell to Springfield.



President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



I ran out of time this month doing this and that, so here is a picture of some ladies who helped out around town in the 30's and 40's. I'm sure to have some good info for you next month.



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Rachel Stone

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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" 1900 members following
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



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Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised
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Tuesday nights Ended with the first snow!



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