

Narragansett Historical Society On the Common in Templeton MA

November 2016

Images of the past featuring the Templeton Inn built in 1900



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A scene from our living room and the fireplace in the old kitchen



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Calendar 2016

Meeting November 30th at the Senior Center in Baldwinville

DECEMBER 4th Jack Frost Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting, Sunday, in conjunction with the Town of Templeton tree lighting, on the Templeton Common.

December 21st membership meeting 7pm at the Senior Center in Baldwinville

February Date TBD. Cabin Fever Collectors showcase

The building is Closed on Saturday afternoons for the winter. Thanks to Tom Hurd, Harry Aldrich, Jerry Grimes, and Mary Grimes for making sure the building stayed open every Saturday.

We will be there on Tuesday nights from 6-8 until the snow flies.

Sign up to help with your favorite event to make each one successful and fun.

Your help is needed at the food tent, in the building, & organizing the event. Don't be shy, call or send an email to let us know you are able to help.

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
NHS, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Blanket Chest tradition

Saturday afternoon at 3pm on November 12th the tradition dating back to 1766 was continued with Music played by the “Garden consort recorder band” and surrounded by family and friends. The Rahaim Family shown seated Don, Alice, and Linda all representing Linda Jean Rahaim as recipient of the blanket chest.

Linda sadly passed in August of this year.



The Rahaim family passed on the tradition to Ashlyn Duplessis seen with her certificate and the original miniature blanket chest. She was surrounded by her parents, uncle & aunt, and both grandparents. She was speechless when presented with the honor.



Ashlyn was presented with a lifetime membership to the Narragansett Historical Society from her family along with an exact replica of the chest made by her father Justin.

He even duplicated the original initials of William Bishop on the back along with his initials and the year 2016 just so we would know which one was the original. It was that close.

Justin also made a few more and presented them as a gift to the Rahaim family, and Ashlyn presented one to our President.



Ashlyn with her Mother Amy, Grandparents George & Roberta Wilder, Martin & Beverly Duplessis and her Father Justin. She will present the blanket chest to the next girl in 2066.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for a nice afternoon. The food was delicious and the company was precious.

Go to our Facebook page for more pictures of the afternoon.



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Volunteers needed
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SUNDAY • DECEMBER 4TH, 2016 • 2 TO 5PM
1 BOYNTON ROAD, TEMPLETON COMMON**

JACK FROST FESTIVAL!

**VISIT OUR BAKE SALE IN THE MUSEUM
HAVE PHOTOS TAKEN WITH SANTA 2-4PM**



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**PARADE W/ SANTA, SCOUTS AND FLOATS BEGINS AT 4PM/OTTER RIVER RD. TO TEMPLETON COMMON W/THE NARRAGANSETT MARCHING BAND
TTREE LIGHTING ON THE COMMON AT 4:30PM
E. TEMPLETON 5PM ~ OTTER RIVER 5:20PM ~ BALDWINVILLE CENTER 6PM
EXACT TIMES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE CROWD**



“A moment in time”

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

A LITTLE HISTORY ON OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first means of fighting a fire was probably the so called bucket brigade which consisted of people forming a line from a well or some other water source and passing buckets of water throwing it onto the fire. In 1843 this changed a little when a group of men purchased a fire engine and formed the Narragansett No.6 Engine Company. The engine was built by the Button Company and had a rotary pump that could be operated by four men. It more or less consisted of a pump and tub on wheels. They still needed the bucket brigade to supply it with water. The engine was quite small and was stored in a little building on Hubbardston Rd. between what is now the Grange Hall and the house south of it.

The first officers chosen for the engine were Mr. Stephen Maynard, Forman, John W. Work, Clerk, and Frank Fiske, Treasurer. The members of the company met monthly and were paid twenty cents for attendance and fighting fires. A boy could become a member at sixteen years of age. The company operated by collecting dues and at no expense to the town. In 1845, the engine company voted to disband and divided any funds that they had amongst all the members that were up to date on their dues.

In 1851, the Board of Selectman became involved and formed a new company and started to purchase fire engines for the villages of the town. Otter River would have Hero No.2, Brooks Village would have Tiger, Baldwinville would have the Ellsworth, and East Templeton would have the Bay State. In 1859, a new engine was purchased for Templeton Center from the Hunnerman & Co. It would retain the name Narragansett No. 6. All of these engines were capable of pumping water out of a pond, well or other water supply. Each of these engines required fifty to sixty men to operate them. Each also had a hose reel with fire hose. All of this equipment was pulled to the fire by the men or horses.

As far as we know there are only two of these machines around today. The Ellsworth was later sold to Francistown, NH and renamed the Mt. Crotchet. It has been restored and is on display in a museum in that town. The Narragansett No. 6 and it's hose reel are still in Templeton and on display for everyone to enjoy at our museum on Boynton St.



President's Page



by: **Brian P. Tanguay**

Facebook contacted us to convert our "Profile" to a "Page". So I did, then they asked who I was, so I told them. Then they automatically changed the name of our profile and our page to Brian Tanguay. I absolutely hate this whole process since people are not searching for me, they are searching for our Narragansett Historical Society.

I asked for a change in the name for our "page" and it was denied 3 times with no reason. So now we wait possibly as much as 60 days to request a name change.

This is out of my control and unfortunate that our members and friends cannot utilize the site and every post I write is signed by my name and not the Society's name as it has been for over 4 years now.

Let's hope common sense prevails soon.

Winter will soon be surrounding our area. We will move our monthly meeting spot to the Senior Center in Baldwinville. Thanks to Dianna for offering a nice, clean, warm, comfy spot for us to meet on those cold winter nights.

Giving thanks: I'm so thankful for all the help we get at the building, from keeping it open on Saturday afternoons, to hosting events, running the food tent, cleaning up the place, writing articles for the newsletter, raking the leaves, mowing the lawn, installing the countertop formica, decorating the museum for holidays, and having my back in so many ways. I'll say it over and over again, we have a great organization filled with so many helpful volunteers. Thank you, Thank you.

Special Note:

I got a hand written thank you from Ashlyn after the Miniature blanket chest presentation;



Dear Narragansett Historical Society

Thank you for picking me to have the toy blanket chest. I didn't think I was going to get it. It was a great surprise for me. I can't wait to see it. I think it is a good idea to keep it at the Historical Society because my cats might destroy it, and so other people can see it. I am happy to keep the tradition going.

Ashlyn Marie Duplessis

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



Sign up soon **1,340 friends and counting!**

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

Winter meeting notice: Move location to the Senior Center Baldwinville.

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