

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

October 2020

Profile Rock Hike #2 but with Taxi Service!

Our second hike to Profile Rock took place on October 4th around 3pm, this time Ron Amidon volunteered to bring his off road gator for our members who couldn't make it up the hill. We were able to provide taxi service for 5 members who would have never been able to see it. We were also honored to provide the service for Susan Tucker Frugali, who grew up on the property but hasn't been out to see the rock in almost 10 years, Karen Tucker made the hike, slow and steady both up hill and back to the car. Several other first timers enjoyed the day in the woods, and took the extra hike down to Elephant Rock to complete the tour. The following weekend, Brian and Steve (Templeton TV) took the hike to video tape for those who may never make it or live too far away. It will be shown on their You Tube Channel as well as our Facebook page.



Tinware peddler John Boynton of Templeton left distinguished legacy



Our Tin wagon made the Athol Daily news on October 5th, thanks to a well written article by Carla Charter. We shared the story on our Facebook page which always introduces new people to the story of this important man from Templeton. If you don't find it online, send us a private email request and a copy will be sent to you.

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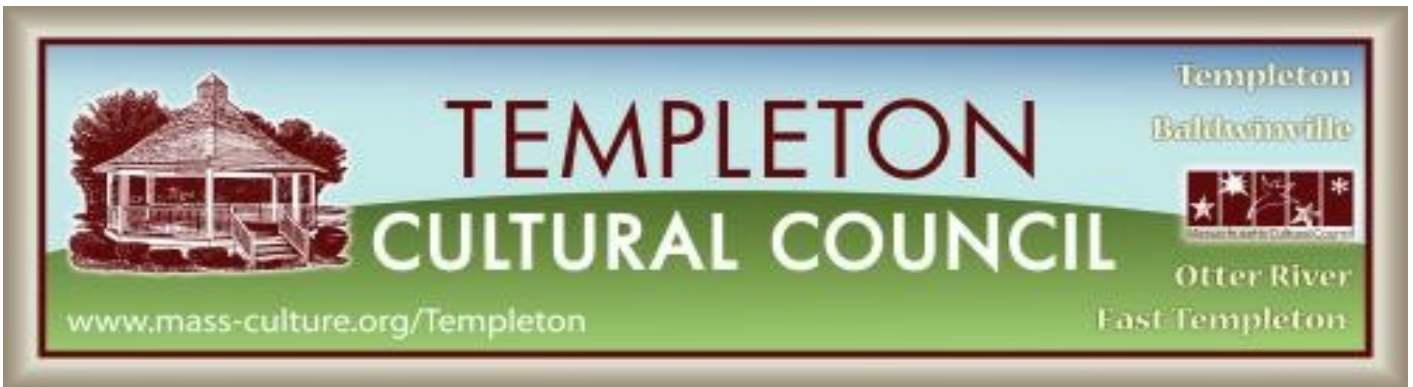
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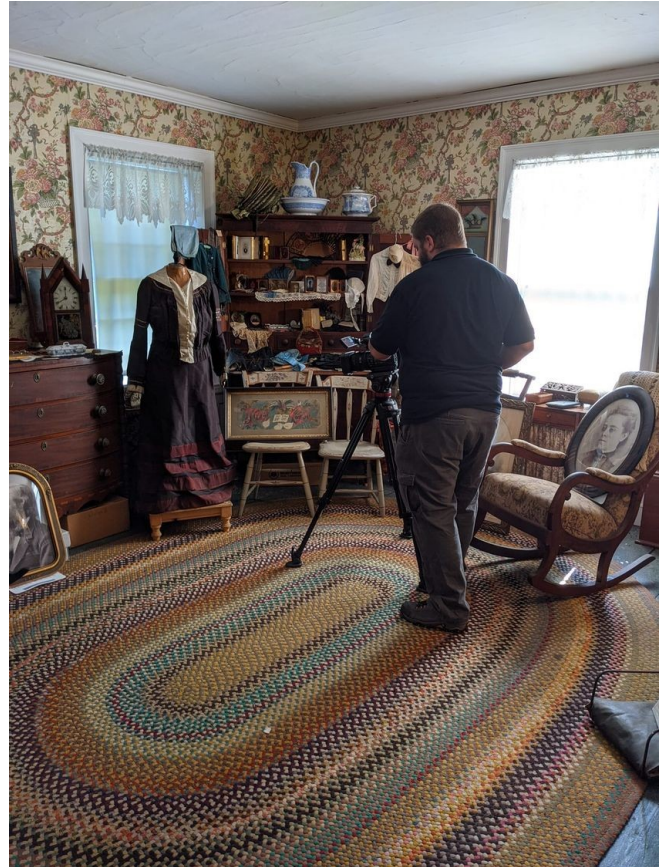
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TDO VIDEO PRODUCTIONS COMES TO TEMPLETON

“TDO has been working with many cities and towns in the North Central Massachusetts area over the past few years. It's where we do most of our business and where many of our employees call home. Last year, we partnered with the North Central Mass. Chamber of Commerce to create a video to help promote the area for its tourism. That video was a huge success that brought many eyes and dollars to the area. Unfortunately, it was targeting such a large area, that many well deserving smaller regions within North Central Mass., didn't get the recognition that we thought they deserved. That is why we have decided to take on this project, to bring light to the Templeton, Phillipston, and Baldwinville area. We live here and know how great it is and we want to share what you have to offer with the rest of the commonwealth and beyond.” <https://www.tdovideo.com/>

We will be featured by drone overhead and by video inside the building. Follow our Facebook group page for it's release.



SUGAR NIPPERS

This old tool sat on display for years in the old kitchen. Curiosity took over and it was posted on our Facebook page and in a short time, it was identified as a vintage pair of Sugar Nippers.

“For the dining-room and tea table you needed to nip the sugar into neat lumps. This was sometimes seen as a job for the mistress of the house, especially before 1800 when refined sugar was expensive and often kept in locked boxes.”



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Thank you Jon, for your support

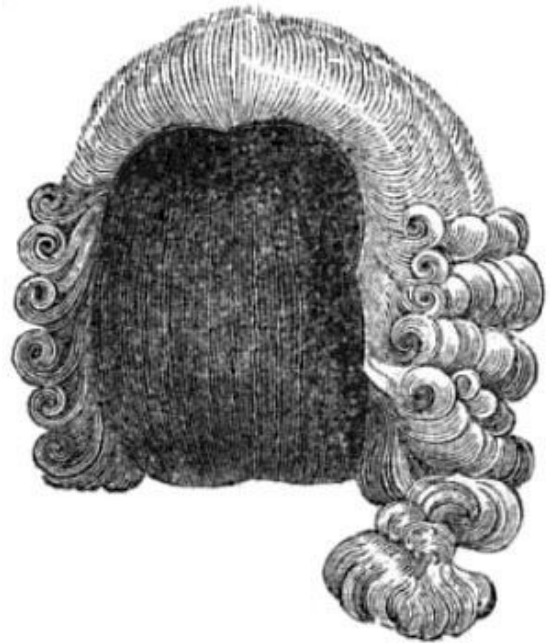
PAPILLOTE CURLING IRON



Again Curiosity got the best of us and we posted this unusual tool on our Facebook page, this one took a bit longer to identify since most assumed it was for making musket balls, yet this one is solid with a flat inside surface. Finally one of our followers came to the rescue and identified it as a tool for making Papillote curls (butterfly curls). Mostly used in the 1700's to early 1800's on men's wigs and then on woman's real hair.



Search "Papillote Curls" online for a great video on Historical hairdressing techniques.



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"A moment in time"

By: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

LIFE IN TEMPLETON IN 1874

Have any of you ever thought about what it was like living in our town in 1874. There were over one hundred and twenty four business's operating around that time and the town was pretty much self-supporting.

If you needed shoes or boots there was J.O. Winch in Templeton and O.G. Davis, Horace and Orin Maynard in Baldwinville. If you needed a box made, you had Jason and Justin Lamb Packing in Templeton and A.S. Hodge & Co. in East Templeton. If you needed bricks, there was H.N. Dyer in Otter River. If you were looking for a cabinet, you could get one from the Bourne & Brooks Company later called Bourne & Hadley. There were several carpenters in town. Charles Cutting, Artemas White and G.H. Dudley in Templeton, Lysander Bronsden, Nathan Hosmer and A.S. Willis in Baldwinville and Jesse Wheeler in Otter River.

There were four hotels in town. They were the Templeton Hotel destroyed by a fire in 1888, the Narragansett House which was taken down in the early 50's, the Grove Hotel which was recently taken down and is being replace with a pizza shop in East Templeton and the Otter River House location unknown. If you needed a lawyer, there was Stillman Cady in Baldwinville. And when the time came, there were two undertakers, Moses Chamberlain and C.W. Upham.

There were several general stores and a couple of stores that offered millinery goods. One was in Baldwinville operated by Mrs. L.G. Lund and another in East Templeton operated by Mrs. A. F ales.

There were several house painters, carpenters, and masons if you needed your home worked on and more than half a dozen saw mills to acquire lumber from. There was the Templeton Savings Bank in Baldwinville if you needed help with finances.

The town had three physicians, Joseph Batchelder and J.B. Gould in Templeton and W.F. Southand in Baldwinville.

There was a stable in each of the villages, a stove manufacturer in Otter River, and several toy manufacturers in Baldwinville and East Templeton.

These are just a sample of the businesses in our town back then. According to Massachusetts Register and Business Directory for 1874, there were over 124 businesses in our town that year.

Oh for the good old days !
Harry

President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



Thank you to our newest members for signing up using our lifetime option. Your support has helped us through a few more months of uncertainty. Thanks also to those of you who made donations to our Society in the recent months, this too will fill the gap left by having to cancel most of our 2020 events. Your generosity is appreciated.

I got a call from the Phillipston Historical Society inquiring about our Boston Post Cane display case, how much did it cost, where did you buy it, etc. I told them that it was made from black walnut wood I had in my work shop obtained from my wife's uncle Eino in Westminster and built by Don Irving all of which was a donation. They liked it so much so I offered to donate the wood and talked to Don to see if he had time to build another, he agreed but wanted to create one using oak. When I talked to Phillipston's members, Gerry and Carole Gariepy indicating that we would be happy to do the same for them, they were speechless. The case is now completed and ready for their cane to be displayed safely. These are the small favors we do for our neighbors.

Here is the display we set up for the Templeton promotional Video. The drone footage should be something to see. It was to be made public by the end of this month, so stay tuned to your computers and I'll also share any info here in our newsletter.

Happy Halloween everyone!

Be Safe, Stay healthy, and let's get together when this pandemic is over.



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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" 1500 members
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>
 Located at 1 Boynton Rd. and 9 Hubbardston Rd
 Templeton MA

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Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised
October 28th 7pm at the building
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