

# Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

## September 2022

Next meeting October 5, Wed night at 1 Boynton Rd.



**Motorpalooza 2022** was enjoyed by many. Approximately 65 cars, trucks, and motorcycles filled the common while enjoying food, drink, and music by the Boothill Express Band. Music was funded by a grant from the Templeton Cultural Council and the event was chaired by Thomas Hurd along with an energetic group of volunteers doing what needed to be done to pull off another successful fundraising event for the Society. The building was buzzing with visitors seeking answers to questions from the past. Many walking in for the first time, and several seeking to discover what they have missed on their previous visits. This is one of our favorite events since it utilizes the Museum, the common grounds, and we get a chance to meet new townspeople. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your hard work.



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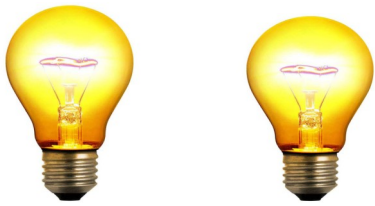
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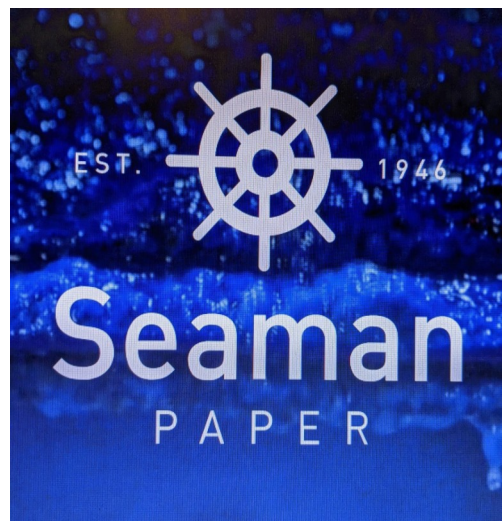
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Lifetime memberships are still only \$100.00 sign up a friend to-

# Items in the Museum

by Thomas Hurd Vice President

**Welcome Back, So, any ideas?**

**Let's start with the 3 questions,**

**Can you name the Original Factory in Gardner?**

**Heywood Brothers & Company, later becoming Heywood Wakefield**

**Can you name the company that the inventor created?**

**Simplex Time Recorder**

**And can you name the Item?**

**The first practical Employee time recorder**

**Edward G Watkins Graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, (This name should be familiar to those who know Templeton History or follow our Facebook page, WPI saw started by Templeton's own John Boynton) in 1886 and came back to Gardner to work in the Engineering department at Heywood Brothers, one of his early tasks was to research the current time recording clocks on the market and recommend a good one for use in the furniture plants to record the hours worked by each employee, at the time there was a person stationed at each entrance to record when each employee arrived and left, not a very efficient method.**

**E.G was not pleased with the options available at the time, he went to work to create his own Time recorder.**

**After several years of trials and modifications and testing the clocks in his department, in 1894 he had created the Simplex named because it was easy to use. He requested the Patent and later that year Started Simplex Time Recorder.**

**To the left is a close up of the recording wheel, when one of the buttons is pushed it makes a punch on the paper attached to the recording wheel.**

**To the right are the levers that connect the button to the punch, when a button is pushed the punch arm pushes the punch into the paper an also rings the bell for an audible notification the punch has been recorded.**

**I recently found a winding key for the clock and wound the clock, I have to say it keeps very good time for its age.**



**We still have our open house on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 pm and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm, stop by and sit a spell, there is always good conversation going on and check out the collection, there is always something new showing up. Until net time cool fall days and the colors of new England, hope to see you all soon.**

**Tom**





*"A moment in time"*

*By: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian*

## My Memories of Herbert Edwin Hawkes

Recently many items and material of the Hawkes family were donated to the museum. I thought, for my story this month, I would write about a member of their family who I first became acquainted with when I first started school back in 1946. His name was Herbert Edwin Hawkes better known as Ed which is what I will refer to him as for the remainder of this story.

When I first started school in the fall of 1946, Ed was the custodian at Templeton Center School. He was a very stern man and was known to all the students as Mr. Hawkes.

Ed wore many hats in town. He was a chief engineer on the fire department, a police officer and the sexton at First Church and probably held other titles that I do not know of.

I can remember when Ed was a constable, he owned a little grey Ford coup, I would say probably a late 1930's vintage with a little red light in the window above the dash. Later in the early 1950's, the town purchased its first police cruiser. Ed was still a member of the department at that time. I remember one instance when I was around ten years old; a gentleman who Ed was good friends had a little too much to drink and went off the road and down an embankment. Ed was called and put the gentleman into his car and took him to the Gardner lock up. As I said, he was a stern man and did his job.

Later in life after I was discharged from the Coast Guard, I approached Ed about becoming a member of the fire department and later was appointed as a member. I served under Ed and later after his retirement became deputy chief. At that time Ed offered me his chiefs dress cap which I accepted and still have today.

Ed was born in 1892, he son of Arthur Lee Hawkes and passed away in 1892. He was the grandson of Brigadier General George Perkins Hawkes.



# President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



## Grange hall updates:

The electrical rough in wiring has been completed, inspected, and submitted for payment through the CPC grant. The sprayed on insulation was applied in three steps, the back side of the hall first, the hallway and cellar ceiling second, and the front side of the hall third. All of the pews and items too large to removed had to be moved over and covered to continue the work. We can now continue with the dry-wall work as soon as we are placed on their schedule.

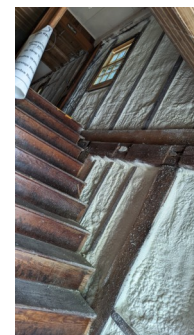
The work will be lined up utilizing the grants we have, the donations we've received, and the CPC's continued support with the application passed to the town for approval for an additional \$79,000.00 to finish the upstairs work, stage work, lighting, and the two curtains restored and hung.

We are now looking for new drapes / curtains for the stage for a finishing touch.

New grants have been applied to with hopes they will be approved this winter, providing us with the funds to continue and finish this project by next year. The next steps will be bathrooms, kitchen, dining/meeting hall on the first floor, and heat and air conditioning upgrades. All in all, our push to place this project on the fast track has proven successful.

When I began my role as President, I vowed to create an endowment fund which will provide us with future dividends large enough to pay our monthly bills. This fund will take the pressure off of our volunteers who work so hard to raise funds. Up until now, those funds were just keeping us afloat. This is not a sustainable plan. I'm happy to report that our funds are within a few thousand dollars thanks to the logging operation and a percentage of our sponsors donations. If we continue with this growth, the goal of \$100,000.00 in the endowment fund will be achieved by next year. This cushion will be there as our support knowing that all of our fundraising can now go directly to the preservation of our artifacts, long overdue and one of the most important tasks we have been left to care for. It would be a shame to let some of the artwork, Civil War collection, and ephemera become damaged or decayed. We need to make every effort to preserve these precious items for our future generations.

What an honor to have so many involved to help achieve this goal. Not only are we preserving history, we are making history right here and right now. Thanks to all of you!



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

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



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

**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**  
*October 5th meeting at 1 Boynton*  
  
*Tuesday nights from 6-8*  
*Saturdays from 1-5*



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