

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

September 2019

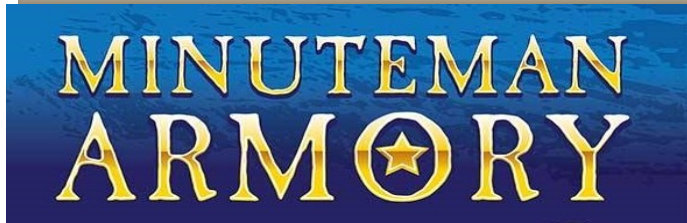
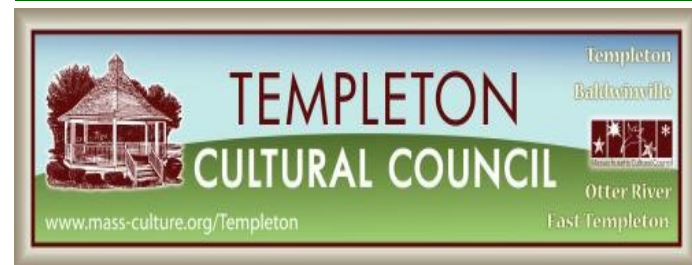


The stage is set! Stripped down to the bones. Great job Larry Burke, funded by a grant from *the Community Foundation North Central Mass.* Please show your support by voting at the next town meeting in Nov. To help fund the next phase of this project. Electrical upgrades and insulation using *CPC Grant funds.* As always, many of our members volunteer countless hours at both buildings doing what needs to be done, saving the Society thousands of dollars.



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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 \$_____.

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Thank You

Narragansett Historical Society and send to
PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

2019 Calendar

October 12 we plan to expand on the Civil War Day featuring a Civil War band, multiple tents for soldiers, a camp fire with food served from the pot, all planned to focus on the newly displayed Civil War artifacts, pictures, and stories currently set up in the Document room.

Pick an event and help get it off the ground,
organize, advertise, and make it a success.
It all depends on you.



Templeton's Family Digital Database

When you visit the building, you can search through these families currently on our computer and stored in the Grange.

Adams, Aiken, Baker, Baldwin, Blodgett, Bourn, Boynton, Brooks, Bruce, Bushnell, Cook, Cushing, Cutting, Davis, Day, Eames, Esterbrook, Fales, Fletcher, French, Gates, Gould, Gray, Greenwood, Guile, Goodnow, Hadley, Henshaw, Hosmer, Howland, Hudson, Jones, Lane, Lee, Leland, Lincoln / Bond, Lord, Merritt, Nash, Newton, Nickerson, Parkhurst, Phelps, Pike, Potter, Richard, Sabin, Sargent, Sawyer, Sepalin, Silhouettes, Smith, StMartin's Woman's club, Stone, Sylvester, Tourtelott, Turner, Underwood, Upham, Vining, Waite, Walker, Wellington, Whitcomb, White, Whitney, Wicks, Williams, & Work.

Each file contains images of their family, home, business, and any other related documents. You can access these files on our computer under Templeton Family Groups when you visit the Document room. The originals are stored in "The Hadley room", our climate controlled archive room. During the winter months the computer is moved into the Hadley room for access to our research team who are adding to the files on a weekly basis. We have digitized over 30,000 documents, images, and negatives all to be viewed on this system by anyone interested in discovering more about the people who shaped Templeton.

If your family has history in Templeton, and you have photos, share them with us.

*Thank you * Sponsorship * Thank you*

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TANGUAY JEWELERS



Oldest Tower clock in the country arrives in Templeton!

On Sunday morning, September 15th Rob Swartz, Aimee Cote, Thomas Hurd, and Brian Tanguay, left Templeton and headed out to Ipswich MA to pick up the tower clock stored in the meeting-house cellar. With trailer in tow, at the Meetinghouse and we were greeted by committee members Susie and Malcolm Green.

The image to the right shows Brian, Malcolm, and Susie signing the loan agreement.



We were a bit surprised at the extent they went to dismantle the clock for storage. But with the amount of pictures Donn Lathrop took (the original clock maker who saved it) and the picture I took when we visited Donn in Vermont months before he delivered the clock, I'm sure it will be put back together once again.

It worked out that we brought the trailer, since there were so many sections and boxes, it just made it a lot easier to walk in and set it all down secured to the floor.

For the most part, the sections were easy to carry, but a few of them were quite heavy and we needed to take an occasional breather.



Everyone enjoyed the project and we are all anxious to put it together so we can begin to share this precious one of a kind timekeeper with all of our members and visitors. Since it is documented to be one of the oldest tower clocks in the country, dating back to 1762, we can be sure that others will make Templeton a destination in their travels to see our collection now featuring 10 important timekeepers.



As we were preparing to leave Ipswich, we posed for the camera for the record. In the center we were joined by Hubert “Buddy” Gaspar, a member of their Historical Committee. They were impressed with our team and are confident that the clock will have a happy future in our care.



Donn Lathrop (1938—2017) pictured to the right will be happy looking down on us as we preserve his effort given to put this clock back together once again. The full story will be presented in the Historical Society building for all to read, news articles, photographs, and the history of the Church as well as the clock. After some research, it is established that John Hawting of England was the maker.





“A moment in time”

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

Bad Luck September in Templeton

I was going through some old newspaper clippings that I have saved, I came across two that were quite disastrous for the town of Templeton.

It was 116 years ago this month that a fire destroyed the Bourne, Hadley & Co. factory to the ground, they manufactured various furniture items. The factory was a total loss including the modern machinery that it had been fitted with. The factory stood four stories high and sat right next to the tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. It was suspected that sparks from the engine started the fire and the company sued the railroad, receiving \$27,000 dollars for damages. A new factory was built and still stands today now operating as Glenwood Kitchens.

Shown below are the ruins from the fire.



It was 112 years ago this month that the town suffered the loss of another furniture manufacturer this time in the village of Baldwinville. The company was known as the Smith and Day Company and manufactured chairs. It was during their busy season that the fire destroyed the building and all of the stock inside, the building was a total loss. The dry house which contained several valuable pieces of machinery was saved. The loss was estimated at \$50,000 dollars

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President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



Some cool nights bring to mind that our summer is winding down and fall is fast approaching. Mottorpalooza is this weekend (at printing) and the Civil War lunch in the garden is only weeks away.

There hasn't been much talk about a pumpkin fest, or Jack Frost Festival this year, if anyone wants to help organize these events, time is of the essence. Come to a meeting, call us, message us on Facebook, and take a minute to let us know you are willing to help.

With the Grange hall restoration in full swing, Grant writing and submissions happening, meetings, and the growing curatorial demands of recent weeks, I am running full steam to keep up with these demands. Which leaves me little time to do all of the organizing of each event. There truly should be a group of members who can get this done with minimal time spent. (Many hands make light work)

After the Civil War lunch we plan to take down the display in the Document room of the Officers Quarters, so if you haven't experienced it yet, please take some time on a Tuesday night or one of the last Saturday afternoons we are open this year. Or come to an event while the building is open. It's worth the visit.

The next planned exhibit will be created over the winter months featuring the story of the Whitney Tavern, located on the East Templeton line now owned by the Eames family. We have been working with the family (Adrian Eames) and they are kind enough to donate a great deal of history including many photo albums, pictures of the area including the Pines and Bakers Grove where dances, bands, clam bakes, and more took place over the past 150 years. Not to mention the Civil War soldiers practiced their shooting skills right in the back yard behind the tavern. Adrian's Great Grandmother and Grandfather created framed pictures using wildflowers and butterflies, these will also be featured in the spring display. Again, this is an ongoing project that is worked on during our Tuesday nights, so if you see the lights on, stop in and lend a hand. We extend a huge thank you to Adrian and his family for being historically minded in preserving this great collection and donating many items to our growing collection.

At our next meeting I will submit for approval, Kelly Elliot as a candidate for our next treasurer. Kelly is a life member and has helped at several events over the past few years, she is currently employed at Tanguay Jewelers, so she knows everything that is happening within the Society. She has also held several positions as an accountant's secretary (doing most of the work) currently for Francis Croteau of Gardner. Kelly is perfect for the job and is willing to improve the position along with the reporting at our monthly meetings. Thank you Kelly for offering to become treasurer, the board will vote and I will report the results in our next newsletter.

2019 OFFICERS:

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 Historian: Harry Aldrich

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3 year	2 year	1 year
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 NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME
 any time.**



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" 1400 members

<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

September 25th at the building 7pm

October 23rd at the building 7pm



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