

# Sudbury Historical Society, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER



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### *From the President*

December 7, 2003 is a day not many of us will forget too soon. The snowstorm managed to quietly cancel an all-day Event at Town Center, including the SHS Members' Christmas Party. The Quilt Documentation Day as well as Vivien Lee Sayre's program have been rescheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, barring another Nor'Easter..... Two programs in January are proof of our perseverance and dedication. We are most grateful to the Sudbury Cultural Arts Council for funding our March Program on Stone Walls and encourage you to mark you calendars now for ALL our upcoming programs.

With the coming of the New Year, I can't help but feel optimistic about the future of the Sudbury Historical Society. Our trustees and volunteers work day in and day out collecting, documenting and preserving evidence of our proud past, securing the future of these priceless collections.

The GRINDING STONE received a new Black Locust split rail fence in November, thanks especially to the hard work of Don Bishop and Frank Lyons. Native American artifacts from Sudbury have been on display at the Goodnow Library since November, for which display Curator Lee Swanson deserves our gratitude.

While we citizens of Sudbury may not have a Museum, the Society's collections may be viewed at venues like the Goodnow Library and upstairs at Town Hall. Our educational and entertaining monthly programs offer members yet another opportunity to share information and new perspectives on our rich past.

Whether you spend your winter near or far from the hustle and bustle of a fast growing Sudbury, I hope you will take some time to consider how you can help the Society achieve its goals for 2004. A few hours a month helping the Curator or the Trustees, or donating an article on our Wish List will be MOST APPRECIATED. And, of course, your continued membership and support does not go unnoticed.

I look forward to seeing you around town and at our upcoming programs, and hope you stop by "The Museum-2nd Floor Town Hall" any weekday afternoon to see our progress or to offer any help.

*Kirsten*



## *Acquisitions since April 2003*

In April, 2003 the Sudbury Historical Society purchased a well preserved 1850 Friendship Quilt signed by 84 woman, 63 of them from Sudbury, from Marion and David Spitzley of Grosse Point Park, Michigan (see "New Friendship Quilt" on p. 7.)

### *Other Acquisitions*

Suzanne Werner	1859 diploma of Nellie E. Goodnow from Charlestown Female Seminary; 1894 Eaton diploma from Sudbury H.S.; various antique bottles and artifacts found in her antique house; copies of Eaton Genealogy notes.
George Kieswetter	video shown at start of Town Meeting, 2002
Fred Hitchcock	copy of 1903 Central Mass RR Schedule
June & Clay Allen	9 color photos of rebuilding of RR Section House on Rt. 20
Rick Conard	copies of local and B&M Railroad material and pictures of the stations
Sandra Clement (via Janet Germaine)	a Richardson child's high chair; bisque head doll; 1765 Parmenter deed; handmade minstrel show poster; Richardson Family Tree; red and white coverlet; Richardson canes; a brick from both the Walker and the Haynes Garrisons; 1939 Tercentenary Issue of the Sudbury Beacon; Richardson Coat of Arms; necklace of Nancy Hunt Parmenter; Miscellaneous pictures of Richardson Family; old paperdolls; Richardson Family Bible-1890 and 1859 Bible, both with genealogical notations
Dr. Robert Maier	1920 State Street Bank series, "Towns of New England -Part II"; Wayland Historical Society page from <u>The Tab</u> (5/9/92) on Sudbury History
Harriet Ritchie	top with handle; copies of photos of Sudbury School, Hosmer House, etc.; Sudbury newspaper clippings; VJ Day Program and SHS Program; Goose Quill toothpicks; Florence Hosmer note and Sudbury memorabilia; child's 1920's world globe; piece of top of barrel
Alice Byington	52 color photos of Wayside Inn's "Sheep to Shawl" demonstration
Nancy Vanderslice	1975 copy of Middlesex News "200 Years of American Revolution"; plastic bag from "Country Living" (store formerly in Sudbury)
Louis Petrovic	1975 vintage Sudbury Minute and Militia tri-corner hat, vest, shirt and britches
Harry Baldwin	1996 Sudbury Historic property survey; 1891 Annals of Sudbury, Wayland and Maynard; History of Stow, 1983; History of Groton, 1894; Maynard History and 100th Anniversary; Wayland Vital Records; Concord, American Town; Concord by R. Wheeler; Townsend-250th Anniversary; Bolton, 1938; Lancaster, 1967; Watertown Genealogy; Mass. Town and City Seals; Towns of the Nashaway Plantation; Sudbury Vital Records, 1903; 21 other books on Sudbury or other towns; LSRHS Yearbooks, Newspaper Clippings and Notes by Hope Baldwin to her sister Hilda Whitney
Wiley Johnson	History/Genealogy of Solomon Johnson, 1601-1690
Don Bishop	4 Timetables of Railroad and Bus Service in '90's; Two Topo Maps of Framingham and Billerica
MacNeill Family	Sudbury Soil Test Kit Steel Box (Sudbury Manufacturing Co.); Burckes "Spin-It" Adventure Game
Mary Ellen Hoover	2 antique wood picture frames; embossed tin catch-all with mirror; two 1975 bicentennial colonial gowns
Kathy Sargent O'Neil	1991 redesign of S. Sudbury Business District with Research papers, 200 slides, 1 video and 20 blueprints produced for Radcliffe College Landscape Design Program by Kathy and Mary Lyn Benson



### *Other Acquisitions Continued*

Joe Brown Several Sudbury Town Reports; 1890 - 1910 home-related magazines  
Eleanor Glueck Mass. Census Books ( 1800, 1810, 1820,1830,1840,1850); Heads of Families up to 1790 in Mass., Conn., Maine, Vermont, New York, Penn; Surnames in 1790 Census; instruction books and Vital Records; Microfiche Film of Harvard-Lancaster Vital Records; Mass. Historic Data on Counties, Cities and Towns; Microfilm Reader with extra reels, bulbs and holder; Diary of Experience (Wight) Richardson, Sudbury, Mass. (1728-1782, Pub.1978)  
Donor Not Recorded 1928 copy of Guide to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC (Please remind us if you are the donor)

### *Curator's Catchall:*

Our biggest need is for help with our genealogical requests. If you would like to trace your own roots, imagine what a thrill it is to help someone else! I want to thank Mrs. Eleanor Richardson Glueck for her recent gift of her own genealogy research library of 15 books with a microfilm reader. This gift now gives us the ability do 'in-house' research. Thank you, Eleanor.

A previous gift from Eleanor has enabled us to display the story of a doll's bed and bedding, including a doll from Sandra Clement (via Janet Germaine) that had belonged to Charles Richardson's mother. The bed and doll have been reunited after many decades apart and are on display during January in the foyer of the Goodnow Library. *If you own a souvenir of early Sudbury, may we borrow it for a library display?*

The SHS recently purchased a unique souvenir plate, part of a series, of the Wayside Inn, made in Germany for Morse & Bigelow Co., Marlboro, a drug store which had a wide range of souvenir goods made for them in the 1890's. They remained in business until the 1960's.

Finally, the Society has designed a basic site but needs help creating the Web Site, getting a Server and then going on-line. Can you help? Thanks, *Lee Swanson*

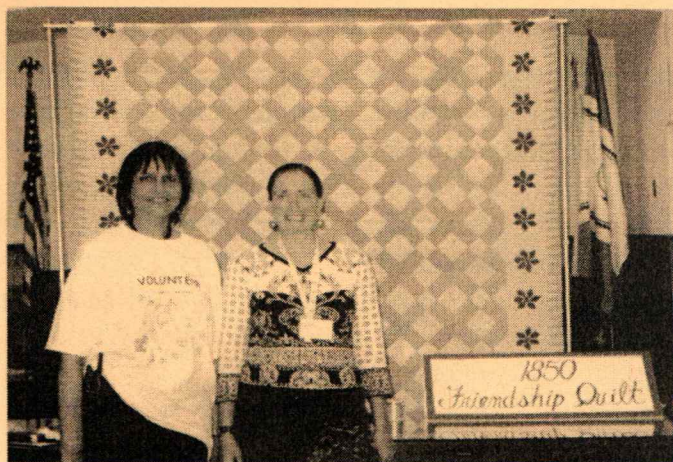
### *SHS WISH LIST:*

Updated Laptop Computer

Archival Supplies, e.g., storage boxes, acid-free paper

VOLUNTEERS - VOLUNTEERS - VOLUNTEERS - especially with genealogy requests and setting up a website

**Thanks to Alice Byington for donating the silk thread we noted on our last Wish List.**



On 'Sudbury Day', founder Aruna Pundit poses with SHS President Kirsten van Dijk in front of the SHS 1850 Friendship Quilt which was on display.



Anna Spencer of Weston  
SHS Spring Intern '03



## *What Is Available On-Line*

As noted in the last Sudbury Senior Center Newsletter, the Town's website has an historical link. If you go to: [www.sudbury.ma.us/redefault.asp](http://www.sudbury.ma.us/redefault.asp), scroll down to "Historic Sudbury Trail".

Then try: <http://members.aol.com/sudseniors/sudbury.htm> for a brief history of the Town of Sudbury, made for the Senior Center. It is an excellent source for schoolchildren.

The Chamber of Commerce also has a website: [www.sudbury.org](http://www.sudbury.org). Then click on Town of Sudbury for another history of the town.

## *Memberships:*

We are proud to announce that we have surpassed 150 memberships and the number continues to grow! Included are twelve life members, our newest being Elizabeth and Francis Newton. Check your mail for official SHS Membership Cards in the not too distant future.



Kirsten and J.C. van Dijk set up and manned the SHS Booth at the Colonial Fair in September. Town Historian Curt Garfield autographs his books for area residents.

## *Did You Know?*

The current Coach House Inn on Boston Post Road in southwest Sudbury was once the home of Patrick and Sylvia Davis who owned 13 acres of land and operated a free-range turkey farm there for several years. The Davises were childless but adopted one of their farmhands, Earl Chubbock, who went on to become a familiar 'Townie' who lived on Union Avenue for several years before he died about three years ago. According to our source, the Davises were "pillars of the Town" and also contributed the tabernacle to the new Catholic Church, Our Lady of Fatima, on Concord Road in Sudbury in 1955. When Mrs. Davis died on Christmas Eve, 1961, their good friend, Richard Cardinal Cushing, came to celebrate her Funeral Mass. The Davis' neighbors, the Lampreys, bought 27 acres from Henry Ford in what is now the area around Washington Drive behind the Davis' turkey farm. It must have been very bucolic, gone forever except in one's imagination unless recorded. The SHS is always looking for Oral Histories of Sudbury Past. Let us know if you know anyone with current or handed down oral stories.

Source: Marjorie Young, friend and neighbor of the Davises, and former Chairman of the Sudbury Board of Health



### *In Case You Missed The Fall Programs...*

On Sudbury Day, SEPTEMBER 20, the Sudbury Historical Society was able to display the 1850 Friendship Quilt in Town Hall all day. (See picture). Many people came in to cool off from the heat and stayed to view the exhibit and to sign the New Friendship quilt. It was a real AMERICAN celebration and a complement to the exhibits and entertainments of the other countries.

In OCTOBER, two alumni of Henry Ford's Boys' School recalled stories of their experiences. An original movie/video of the boys and the school area was also shown. Author and Town Historian Curt Garfield and his wife, Alison Ridley, were on hand to autograph their book, Henry Ford's Boys. It was a wonderful time to reminisce about the 'good old days.' (See picture)

In NOVEMBER, Scottish clans came from afar in their tartans to hear Diane Rapaport retell the fascinating history of how Scottish slaves were brought to New England during Cromwell's Reign of Terror. One of the Scottish slaves was James Ross who, when freed, purchased the land which is the site of the Wayland First Parish Church, the place where the meeting was held! Live bagpipe music and Scottish refreshments rounded out the very successful meeting co-sponsored by the Wayland and Sudbury Historical Societies. (see picture)



Henry Ford's Boys' School graduates Bill Quinn and "Moose" Longhi recalled their experience at the October SHS program. L-R: Quinn, Shirley Place, Bob and Linda Rennie, Longhi



Following the November program, guest speaker, Diane Rapaport (left) poses with L-R Paula Ross Reynolds wearing Clan Ross tartans, Brian Quirk wearing Sutherland tartans and Rollins Reynolds wearing Anderson tartan.

### *"Hunting For The Hunt Family" (Editor's Notes)*

Of the 63 Sudbury women who signed the SHS's 1850 Friendship Quilt there were many with the last name of Hunt. After reading an article in the recent *Concord Saunterer* which featured the Hunt Family of Concord in the 1800's, my curiosity grew. I wondered if and how the Hunt women could be related to the Concord Hunts. When I went to the Hunt House, (Sudbury's Bed and Breakfast on Boston Post Rd/King Philip Rd.), the owner, Molly Davidson, promised to get me some information. She did and I found a few of the women who signed the quilt but not all. Then in a conversation with Sudbury resident, Bob Marsh, I learned that the Hunt Family owned most of the land on Concord Road from where Our Lady of Fatima stands up toward Goodman Hill Road and including the surrounding areas. Warren Hunt was a prominent person in the mid- twentieth century. Other Sudbury names married into the Hunt Family and so the search goes on ... in many directions. Stay tuned and call the SHS if you know more about the Hunt Families in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Thank you.



## *Upcoming Programs – Mark Your Calendars Now!!*

**Sunday, January 11, Town Hall (9:00 - 4:00)–Rescheduled from December 7**

Quilt Documentation Day – by appointment only. Mass Quilts Documentation experts will document your quilt or quilted piece made before 1950 on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. \$15 charge per quilt. Call 978-443-3747 in advance.

**3:00 pm.** Sudbury's 1850 Friendship Quilt will be the main topic of certified appraiser Vivien Lee Sayre. You will hear fascinating stories of the making of friendship quilts and the textiles used. Names of the signers will be displayed along with some genealogical references to Sudbury family names, e.g., Hunt, Kidder, Moore, Parmenter, Richardson, etc.

**SUNDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm, Town Hall** "Itinerant Entertainers in New England and New York, 1715 - 1820" hear and view a unique perspective on Colonial History by historian and Concord resident Peter Benes, co-founder of the Association for Gravestone Studies and the Dublin Seminar for new England Folk. Learn about the Sudbury and Wayland taverns which hosted some of these people!

**SUNDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 pm, Town Hall** "Barns: Love Them and Leave Them". Long-time Sudbury Resident Bing Swain will provide the background behind the tools and craftsmanship used to build barns. Timber framer Bud Haworth of R.B. Haworth & Sons, Berlin, MA will show what he has restored and built in the Sudbury River Valley.

**SUNDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm, Town Hall** "Stone Walls" Presented by Professor Robert M. Thorson, author of "Stone by Stone: The magnificent history in New England's stone walls". America's leading exponent in saving our historic stone walls will have you out hugging them. Program is funded by a grant from the Sudbury Cultural Arts Council.

**SUNDAY, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm, Town Hall** "Little Known Facts about the Wayside Inn's Land and Buildings" Richard Gnatowski, the Wayside Inn's Miller and former SHS President, will share his insights into the history of the property which Henry Ford acquired in the 1920's, including Ford's Folly, the Cider Mill, Ice House, Old Mills, barns, stonewalls, etc. In cooperation with the Wayside Inn Archives Department.

## *Other Area Events*

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:15 pm, Wayland Library, "The Red Menace in Wayland", sponsored by the Wayland Historical Society.

Thursday, February 5, 10:00 am, Goodnow Library. The Sudbury Villagers program will feature the SHS 1850 Friendship Quilt and the 2004 Friendship Quilt with history and information provided by members of the SHS Quilt Committee.

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm, First Parish, Wayland Center. "Musicians of the Old Post Road" concert. Tickets @\$20/person. For information call 978-443-8309.

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\* SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1:00 pm at First Parish, Sudbury.**

The Sudbury Historical Society will host the Annual Meeting of the Minuteman Historical Society made up of the 28 towns that engaged the British on April 19, 1775. The speaker is Diane Rapaport who attracted 115 people to our meeting in November (See photo and story above). She will expand on the same subject of "Scots for Sale" to include all 28 towns with newly discovered material and live bagpipers. If you missed the November program, be sure to come to this one!



## Update on Fund Raising Friendship Quilts:

Thanks to Mary Ellen Hoover, Nancy Vanderslice, and Ginny Maenpaa, the SHS will be making a 2004 Fund Raising Friendship Quilt to help defray costs of preserving the 1850 Friendship Quilt which was purchased last April. Depending on the amount of the donation, the new quilt will have signatures around the border and in squares and blocks. (\$25/square of 3 lines; smaller donations for border signatures.) Brochures and forms such as below may be sent back to the SHS. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to preserve your name and/or family's names for posterity in this special 2004 quilt!

Call Mary Ellen at 978-443-9023 for details.

### SIGNED THE 2004 FRIENDSHIP QUILT?

Yes, I want to help preserve the Sudbury 1850 Friendship Quilt.

Please accept my tax-deductible donation of \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I would like to sign the "Fund Raising Quilt"(we will contact you)
- ☐ Please sign for me on the "Fund Raising Quilt"
- ☐ I prefer to make a donation only

#### Suggestion

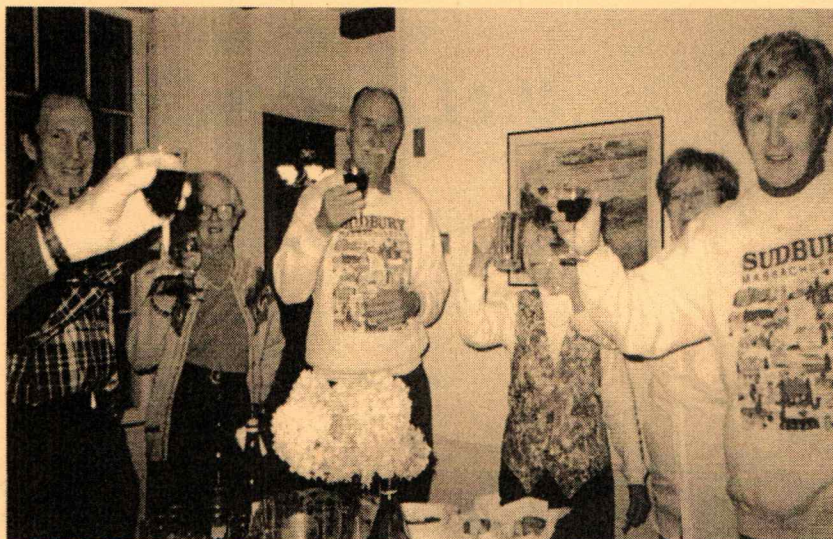
\$100/block(4 squares)

\$25/square(up to 3 lines)

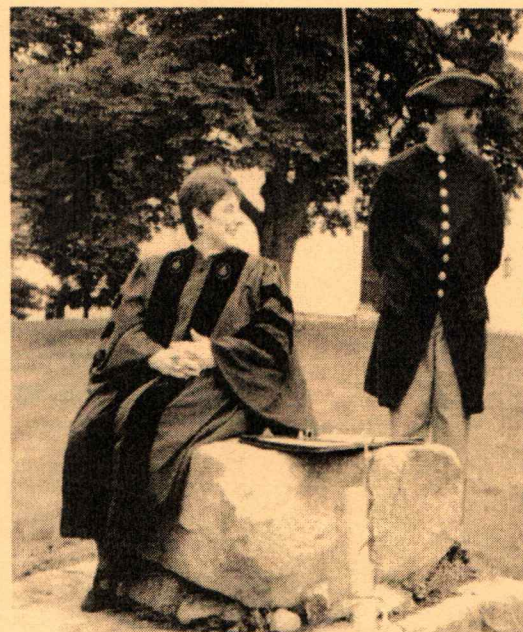
\$2 or more may sign the border

Return this slip and donation to: Sudbury Historical Society  
P.O. Box 233, Sudbury, MA 91776

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SHS Trustees gathered for dinner at the new home of former Trustee Sheila Mackinnon in Hardwick, MA in October. L-R Norm Mackinnon, Muriel Plonko, Bob Gottberg, Sheila, Nancy Vanderslice and Betsy Gottberg. Also attending were Frank and Ursula Lyons, Peggy Fredrickson and Richard Vanderslice.



The History Trail came alive with historic guests in June. First Parish Minister (Katie Lee Crane) sits on the church Posting Stone. Israel Loring (J.C. van Dijk) stands nearby.





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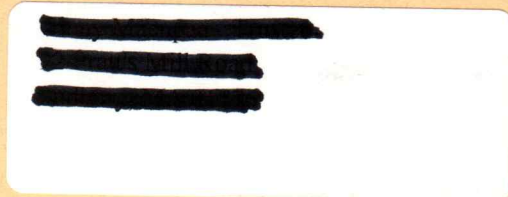


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The Sudbury Historical Society is located in upper Town Hall in historic Sudbury Centre. Office hours are: Monday - Friday 1:00 - 5:00 pm; Tuesdays until 8:00 pm. by appointment.

### *SHS Mission Statement:*

*The Sudbury Historical Society accepts the commitment to collect and preserve artifacts, to foster an appreciation and understanding of history and traditions, focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on Sudbury.*



## NEWSLETTER

3 Sudbury lads in the late 1920's showing off their new KKK pennant. Photo courtesy Linda Muri. Unknown on the left; Basil B. Oliver in the middle; Horace H. Oliver on the right. To read about the Klan in Sudbury. Buy Curt Garfields book, we sell it!

