

The Old Stone News

The Newsletter of
The West Boylston
Historical Society
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100 YEARS AGO

In early 1907, the reservoir was filling up, the town was reeling from the trauma of the last ten years, but in spite of everything, in March of that year, preparations began to celebrate West Boylston's 100th anniversary. A committee was appointed - Leon Goodale, Willie Wood, Warren Gammel, Daniel Lynch and Walter Chapman. A budget of \$200 was voted. For some reason, this turned out to be inadequate, and next year another \$1000 would be provided.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not signed up for 2007 yet, you will find a membership envelope enclosed. If you don't receive an envelope, then you know you're all set for this year.

WEST BOYLSTON TRIVIA

What else was West Boylston's first town clerk (1808) known for?



Unidentified Couple Re-creating "American Gothic" in front of the Jacob Winn Barn

Work on the barn is complete. Work continues on the ell of the tavern. The rough electrical and rough plumbing have been completed, the rooms are sheet rocked, and Aaron, Dwight and Norman are currently working on the finish woodwork.

Lowell Memorial Bell

The Historical Society has received \$ 10,000.00 from two grandchildren of Julius and Myrtle Lovell for the purchase of a bell in their memory. A committee has been formed consisting of a member of the historical society, the bicentennial committee, the historical commission, the garden club and a member of the town at large. The plan is to have the bell placed in a garden setting and dedicated some time during the bicentennial celebration.

We will keep you posted.

Thank You

Thanks go out to several generous donors to the Society this year.
Julie Bartlett ---- Books for our library
Allen Doe ----- West Boylston memorabilia
Jim and Minnie Fannin --- Books for our library
We would also like to thank Phil Chevalier for keeping us plowed out after each storm.

Gwen and Bev have been meeting with Mark Savolis, an archivist from Holy Cross College. They are learning the best methods of documenting and organizing our historical documents.



Bathsbeba Spooner
from the wall drawings

Trivia Answer

The first town clerk was
Robert Bailey Thomas, founder of
The Old Farmer.s Almanac

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One of the Society's treasures is the series of drawings on the attic walls showing the 1778 execution of the notorious Bathsbeba Spooner, convicted of plotting the murder of her husband and hanged in Worcester along with her three hitmen. It has always been difficult to show these pictures to the public because the attic is not easily accessible. Now we have reproductions in near-life-size which we can put on display downstairs. Watch for them. We're open every Thursday, 9:30 - 12:00.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007
7:00 PM at the Beaman Library
Discovering Your Past
Sandy Goodwin

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007
7:00 PM at the Beaman Library
Organizing Your Family History
Mark Savolis

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007
5:30 PM at The Manor
ANNUAL MEETING
Bringing Your Ancestors Back to Life
Holly Bloomfield
Letter to come with details

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