

The Old Stone News

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The West Boylston
Historical Society
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In Memoriam

Grace Klar

Grace was the Society's
Curator for many years,
and left happy memories
for her many friends.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not signed up for
2008 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.

The Historical Society is open
each Thursday 9:30 AM to
noon at 65 Worcester St.
(508)835-6971
or by appointment

The West Boylston Bicentennial
plate designed by Shirley
Smith is now available
It is in full color and only \$36.

WEST BOYLSTON BICENTENNIAL • 1808 -2008

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008

7:00 PM AT THE ODDFELLOWS HALL, NEWTON ST.
OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT
MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE

This is a program of films of West Boylston events of
past years. Come and see yourself and your friends.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OLD STONE CHURCH HISTORY AND EXHIBIT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

11:00 - 12:00 at the Old Stone Church, Talk & Tour

11:30 - 1:00 Tour at the Masonic Temple (former
Baptist Church), with a Stone Church art exhibition

12:00 - 2:00, at the Historical Society, Display of
Artifacts and Photos of Old Stone Church

Refreshments at the Society

This will be an informal program. Visit one site or visit
them all.

At 7:00 PM there will be a hymn sing at Christ Lutheran
Church using the old Reed organ built in W, Bosylston.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

5:30 PM AT THE MANOR

ANNUAL MEETING

SCHOOL DAZE

DETAILS WILL COME IN A LETTER IN APRIL.

Bicentennial Events

March 7, Program at Edwards Elementary School, 7:00 PM
Reading of Proclamation and presentation of "Our Town" by
Elementary School Students.

March 8, Black & White Ball at Wachusett Country Club
Dinner and Dancing, 6:00 - 12:00

March 9, Brunch at the Manor, 10:00 - 1:00

Call (508)835-3704 for details and tickets for Dance and
Brunch

March 9, 2:00 - 4:00, Free Concert at the School
Bicentennial souvenirs available at the concert



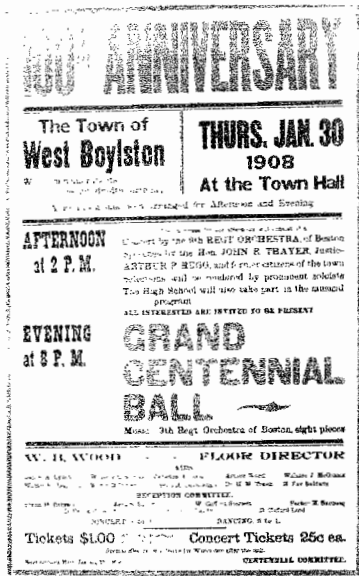
Governor Sullivan, who signed the charter making West Boylston a town

Governor Sam Adams had signed the precinct charter 12 years before.

There will be no yard sale this year - too much going on with the Bicentennial.

WHAT IT WAS LIKE IN 1808

- >Thomas Jefferson was President. James Madison would be elected in the fall. A man named Clinton was Vice President in both administrations.
- >George III was still King of Great Britain, but becoming unstable mentally, and heading toward regency.
- >Napoleon was Emperor of France and at war with most of Europe.
- >Abraham Lincoln and Queen Victoria weren't born yet.
- >James Sullivan was Governor of Massachusetts, although he lived in Maine. Maine was still part of Massachusetts.
- >The Barbary pirates continued to harass American ships in the Mediterranean.
- >West Boylston's population was almost 600.
- >Free rum punch was available in the Beaman watering trough, courtesy of Major Beaman.



A POSTER FROM THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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