

# Johnston Historical Society

## Historical Notes

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### Frog City Memories by Louis McGowan

What follows is based on or quoted from a series of articles that Adam Macari wrote for the "Italia USA" newspaper in 1995 on the section of Thornton known as "Frog City." Mr. Macari described the area as bounded by: Plainfield Pike, Mill Street, Victoria Mount, and Zanfagna Street, including John Street, Joy Street, Baker Street, Pleasant Street, Pezzullo Street, and Umberto Primo Street. His description of the history of the textile activity there has not been included here because it was taken directly from other secondary sources and can be readily found elsewhere.



Johnston Police Chief Hiram Kimball is shown on his horse leading a parade on John Street in the Frog City section of Thornton. The Victoria Mill looms in the background. The parade was probably part of St. Rocco's feast and dates to the early twentieth century.

Adam Macari relates that around the turn of the twentieth century news reached Italy that there was a great demand for workers on the farms of Simonsville and in the new textile mills of Thornton. Soon, people began migrating to Johnston from villages and towns of the old country. He says that most came from Prata, Capriata, Caserta, Foggia, Calabria, Rocco da Vandora, Castel Nuovo, Sicily and other places. The first settlers came to Simonsville and later to Thornton in the Frog City area, where ready employment could be found in the British Hosiery Mill and the Victoria Mill or the Pocasset Mill, which was just a half mile away, down Plainfield Street. Mr. Macari tells us that the Cooper Mill (British Hosiery) on Mill Street, owned by Robert W. Cooper, was referred to by Italians as "la Machina de Goopa."

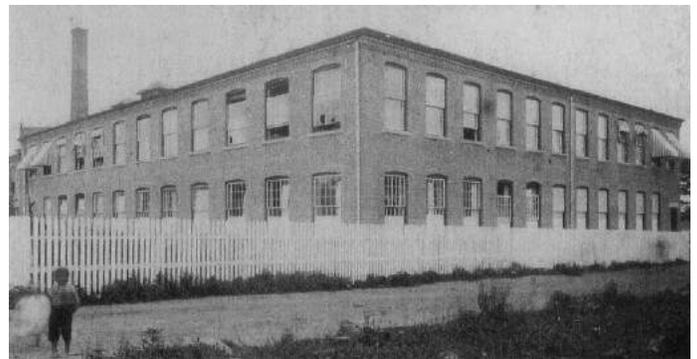
We have often wondered how Frog City got its name. Mr. Macari tells an interesting story about the name, which story seems quite believable. Cedar Swamp Brook flows downhill from the Simonsville Ponds and empties into the Pocasset River. The swampy area around Mill Street is where the Victoria Mill and the British Hosiery Mill are located. The Italian people of the village called the

area Pandanella, which means "little swamp." Mr. Macari said that anyone who lived in the village knew of the frog croaking that started at dusk and continued until dawn. He called it the Frog Symphony and directly relates the swamp with the name Frog City.

Adam also tells how most families in Frog City were in the poultry business, that is, almost every back yard had a chicken coop and a fenced-in area. It was customary that whenever a woman was having a baby, friends and neighbors would visit her and bring a live chicken to make chicken broth.

We are told in the same article that there were eleven stores in Frog City selling everything from kerosene to meat. It is not known if they were all running at the same time. The stores were run by the following people: Giovanni Ricci, Mamie Iannuccilli, Mike Ricci, and Woostino Landi; and these stores known only by last names: Riccitelli, Micalitos, Iannuccilli, Scungio, Cimaglia, Iannuccilli and Caruolo, and Minigone.

Mr. Macari tells us that families in the village that had the space and facilities owned a cow or a goat for their milk supply. Others had milk delivered to their door step. Charlie Stone, owner of Fenner Brook Dairy, was one of the milkmen, as was his son, Dud Stone, who also delivered ice. Adam also tells us that sixteen people in Frog City owned horses.



The British Hosiery Mill, pictured here c. 1890, was constructed in 1884 by Charles Fletcher. He built it for Robert W. Cooper, who came over from England with his own equipment and work force to manufacture fancy men's hosiery. Later firms in this complex were the Priscilla Worsted Mill and the Barker Chadsey Company. The building still stands but is vacant. *Photo courtesy of Harold and Judy Beaudoin.*

In the early 1930s the Victoria Mill sold all its houses, in which many of the families of the village lived. Most of the houses were purchased by Italian American families, and by the end of 1932 Italo-Americans owned 95% of the land and homes in the village. Some non-Italian family homeowners were: the Tingles, the Stones, the Brooks, the Carrols, the Peppers, the Reynolds and the Smiths. (It is not surprising

that many English names appear because in the 1880s the whole village was English).

Adam tells of an interesting club called the "Rinky Dinks," which first met in an underground tunnel below a road behind Rainone's house. The tunnel caved in when Mike Patrick's horse and wagon drove over it. After that, the club members decided to build above ground. The members had a rinky dink building fund drive, raising enough money to buy the material needed to build a 24' x 50' club house. All the labor for the project was supplied by club members, and the land was given by a group of Frog City residents.

Summer time leisure activities for the young people were described by Mr. Macari. He writes that the Victoria Mill Top Pond provided a place for sunning and swimming for the teenagers of Frog City. He says that the name Top Pond came from the fact that it was the upper pond that provided water for power at the mill. The teenagers could dive into the crystal clear body of water, he tells us. Then, they could set up their mechanically operated record player and dance for hours on the roof of the old mill degre plant. After all this strenuous activity, they would often stop by Nicky Cerra's Sugar Bowl at 1416 Plainfield Street at the corner of Mill Street. There they could partake of a large ice cream soda or a jumbo banana split.



This c. 1910 view shows Benny Ricci with his mother, Noline, and his father, Luigi, in front of their house on Mill Street at the corner of Baker Street. The small grocery store at the left was owned by Mr. Ricci and served workers at Victoria Mill, located just up the street. *Photo courtesy of Connie Ricci.*

Mr. Macari ends the series by relating that the generation of the 1920s and early 1930s was responsible for planning and arranging the Frog City reunions that brought back "Frog Citizens" from as far away as California.

(In one of the articles, Mr. Macari lists sixty-two families in the village who lived in 102 houses which included 175 tenements and which he says make up the original village of Frog City. The families in total had a combined 468 children. He lists the father and mother in each household as well as the number of children in each family. In another article, Adam listed another four families with twenty-seven children in total. He also lists the members of the Rinky Dink Club, nicknames used in the village and people who were involved in the reunions.)

**Text of a memorial on Mill Street:**

IN MEMORY OF  
ANTHONY A. RICCI  
GUNNER'S MATE 3RD  
CLASS  
U.S.S. P.T. 509 U.S. NAVY  
BORN NOVEMBER 11,  
1922  
KILLED IN ACTION  
AUGUST 9, 1944  
NORMANY -- FRANCE,  
WORLD WAR II  
DEDICATED BY THE  
TOWN OF JOHNSTON  
JULY 19, 1981

**In Memorium**

**Kit Rhodes**

On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Kit Rhodes passed away. She was a beloved member of our society and will be sadly missed by all of us. The last few years brought her some tough times with broken bones and most difficultly, loss of loved ones. She always had a smile for everyone, though, and was always willing to help out her church and our organization at our fundraisers. She donated a number of wonderful items to our group, and she loved to tell us of tales of old Graniteville. Her son, Tom, told me that she was a very accomplished vocalist and also that she could draw beautifully. During her working days, she also showed her proficiency in the outside world by rising to the rank of assistant vice-president at her bank.

It is hard to believe that she is gone. Our sympathy goes out to her children, Holly and Tom, and to her granddaughter and great-granddaughter.

**Ernest "The Count" Ricci**

Our society mourns the passing of Anthony Ricci's father, Ernest "The Count" Ricci. Mr. Ricci, 92 years old, passed away on June 22, 2012. He is survived by his three children Anthony, Ernest C. Ricci, Jr., and Annmarie Montgomery, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was a self-employed businessman and for 20 years ran the former Count's Lounge just off Plainfield Pike in Johnston. After his family, his main love was spending time with his horses. He attended a number of our functions, and everyone loved to talk with him. Our sympathy goes out to Anthony and his family on their loss.

**Donation to JHS in Honor of Kit Rhodes**

One of our members, Michael Smith, made a very generous donation of \$100 to our historical society in honor of Kit Rhodes, who often spoke of how fond she was of our group. Michael said that he knew Kit through three separate circles of friends!

**Society Doings**

**NCCC Business After Hours at JHS**

On April 19, 2012, the North Central Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours get-together at our museum barn. It is a social and business networking event held periodically by the Chamber to welcome new businesses to the NCCC. We opened at 5:00 p.m. on what was a very mild, sunny afternoon. Seventy-five people registered at the event and probably a few more came, but did not register.

Everything went wonderfully. There was a lot of social interaction and networking. We had the museum and the Elijah Angell House open. Over forty-five people came through the house, which is probably a record for the building. Joe, Elise and Bel gave tours of the facility.

Visitors enjoyed the museum, paying close attention to the exhibits. Inside were some wonderful food items. Anthony Ursillo brought calzones, pizza and Korean rolls with peanut sauce, and Bel McGowan made delicious egg salad and chicken salad sandwiches.

We would like to thank Deborah Ramos, President of the NCCC for her efforts as well as Anthony Ursillo, who put in a lot of time helping to get people to the event. Thanks of course go to Bel McGowan, Dan

Brown, Joe Jamroz and Elise Carlson for all their hard work in making the day a great success. I would also like to thank Christopher Martin for his work in publicizing the get-together (and for his work in publicizing all our events!). I think that a lot of new people left with a very favorable impression of the Johnston Historical Society.

#### **Pastry Day at Belknap School**

On April 29, 2012, we met at the Belknap School for a nice social event. A number of our members bought homemade pastry or store-bought items, and all of them were delicious (as president, I felt it was my duty to at least try a little bit of everything). We thank Alice Lombardi, Evelyn Beaumier, Liz Burch, Bel McGowan and Linda and Doug Stephens for bringing pastry items.

The turnout was wonderful, with over thirty-five people coming by. Everyone had a good time talking and admiring the school and the artifacts that we have there. A number of guests stopped in for the first time including Beverly Cottom, who was the daughter of Gertrude Kimball (Hiram Kimball Jr.'s daughter), who was a teacher there in the 1930s. It was Gertrude's first teaching job after graduating from Rhode Island Normal School. We also found out that the mother of one of our members, Cindy Fonseca, attended the school in 1941, the last year that the school was open. All in all, it was a great day.

#### **Pocasset Cemetery Manager**

Bel McGowan has recently been hired by the Pocasset Cemetery in Cranston as Office Manager. If you have a gravesite that you are looking for, she will be the person to help you. Many Johnston people were buried in this cemetery, especially in the early to mid-twentieth century. The phone number there is (401) 944-2112.

#### **Graniteville Memorial Day Observance**

On Sunday, May 27, 2012, the people of Graniteville gave thanks to the men of the village who gave their lives in defense of our country. A number of speakers and participants took part in a spirited ceremony attended by a few dozen area residents. Mayor Joseph Polisena, Graniteville Church Pastor Rebecca Shaw, Jennifer Dionne, and keynote speaker, Johnston Historical Society President Louis McGowan, all spoke at the event. Youngsters from the church, Amelia & Fiona Sullivan and Audrey Dionne, participated in the ceremony, as did the rest of the church Sunday School group. The Johnston Police Department Honor Guard played an active role in the observance as did David Hogg, who did a wonderful job playing the bagpipes.

#### **Our Properties**

In February 2012, a security system was installed in the Belknap School, courtesy of a 2011 Champlin Foundations Grant. Window and door alarms as well as a motion detection system were used. A system will also be in place soon at the museum barn.

During May 2012, Warren Lanpher power washed the outside our museum barn and shed and applied preservative to both. This project was funded courtesy of the same 2011 Champlin Foundations Grant.

And in mid-July Warren made repairs to portions of the split rail fence that surrounds our headquarters property.

Our museum barn is open Monday nights (except holidays), 6:30-8:30pm; and on the third Sunday of each month, 2-4pm, for those who would like to visit the museum or examine the society's collection of printed materials. Also, the Belknap School, corner of Atwood and Greenville Avenues, is open 2-4pm the first Saturday of each month, April to October. Both the museum and Elijah Angell House continue to be open by appointment -- we always welcome visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot us an email at [info@johnstonhistorical.org](mailto:info@johnstonhistorical.org), or leave a message at (401) 231-3380 to set one up.

Our museum space is also available (on a limited basis) for meetings of small groups of adults at a reasonable price. If you know of a local group or organization that is looking for a meeting space, and might be interested in using our museum, please have them contact us.

#### **Grant Activity**

In addition to the work on our properties that was funded by a Champlin Foundations grant (see above under Our Properties), we also used the most recent \$500 grant received from the Harvard Pilgrim Foundation (courtesy of Christopher Martin) to purchase some archival storage supplies -- acid-free file folders, acid-free boxes, gloves, and document repair tape. These will help us to safely handle and store many of the wonderful Johnston artifacts and pieces of ephemera we've been collecting.

#### **Cemetery Committee Report**

by Pasco Macari

The vegetation was out of control when the committee arrived at the Manton yard #18. We knew from previous visits (for inventory recording) many trees must come down. A phone call to Dan Meunier, long time Society volunteer and friend, was made and our tree cutting project began. Dan's expert knowledge of tree cutting along with Everett Cogswell and Anthony Ricci's experience was put to the test. They were able to cut as many as two dozen trees in a seven week period. The debris from the trees was overwhelming. Our group hand-carried everything to the street, then cut up and left in piles for the Highway Department workers to remove. The logs were transported to Dan's house for additional cutting.



Jules Fluette, professional tree cutter, in the Manton yard, #18. Photo by P. Macari.

One very large tree that has damaged a couple of fragile slates had to be cut. This job was beyond our capacity. Dan M. knew a friend that could do it. Jules Fluette was for many years a professional tree cutter and volunteered to cut it down for us. Many thanks to you, Jules.

It was the end March the temperature was getting higher. The time was right to put our work at #18 on hold and finish what we started in cemetery #17, the Irons/Sweet/Lewis yard. We worked five weeks

here. In that time we erected seven head stones, three using Everett's tripod. We epoxied eight headstones and mortared thirteen headstones and one footstone. Steve repaired three headstones in his workshop, and we repaired several headstones on site. We also fabricated two bases for headstones out of concrete. Note: this yard has been adopted by Jim Costabile who lives across the street. He has been working this yard for over twenty years. While the committee worked to restore the grave markers, Jim worked along with us and lent us the use of his power tools. Special thanks to you, Jim, for your hard work. The cemetery committee appreciates your commitment.

Next on our list of short term projects was the Tourtellot Family yard #22, located on the corner of Dix and North Loxley. A small yard with only ten markers, seven are large granite, two large marble and one small marble. This yard has a large granite holding tomb. We cleaned, raked and cut the grass. All the stones were toppled but not one was broken. We used Everett's tri-pod on all nine large headstones. Footstones were not used for granite heads, but always used for marble

heads. We did not find any footstones. Two weeks and we completed our work. If only someone would adopt this yard our worries would be over.



Everett Cogswell, Bill Rotondo, and Anthony Ursillo using the tripod in the Irons-Sweet-Lewis yard, #17. Photo by P. Macari.

June 10th we were back in yard #18, trying to do the impossible with our hand tools. We did cut and clear a small section, exposing several vandalized slate and marble stones. The week after Father's Day we rented a brush hog from Home Depot and it proved to be money well spent. We cut more than half the yard. Removing small tree stumps left by the brush hog was going to be a problem. Doug Stephens solved that issue. He has borrowed a stump puller. The first two weeks of July we were well on our way clearing the ground of stumps.

Once again many thanks to the Cemetery Committee: Shar DiMaio, Doug Stephens, Everett Cogswell, Tim Kee, Anthony Ursillo, Bill Rotondo, Anthony Ricci, Steve Merolla and Pasco Macari.

Special thanks to: Dan Meunier and his sons Jason and Adam, Jules Fluette, Arni Vecchione and his highway department crew, Dan Mazzulla and his recreation department crew, and Pat Palermo and his son Sal.

### Speakers

On April 25, 2012, we held our general meeting at Conley's Wharf on 200 Allens Avenue in Providence. We do not often meet at other sites, but we thought that this would be a great time to make an exception. And as it turned out, the evening was a grand success. Thirty-five members and a few guests came to hear Dr. Patrick Conley tell us about the Fabre Line, the steamship company based in Marseilles which carried immigrants from southern and eastern Europe to the Port of Providence from 1913 to 1934. Dr. Conley is a wonderful speaker, and he entertained us with the story of the line and his efforts to develop his land and the adjacent waterfront area. He has done a great job rehabbing the building and decorating it with period Fabre Line material and period Providence waterfront items. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

On May 30, 2012, the Reverend William Blackstone (aka Ranger John McNiff from the Roger Williams National Memorial) visited our museum to tell us about his life crossing the ocean, living in what was later Boston and his time in Cumberland, R.I. It was a great presentation, very informative and lots of fun. Blackstone was the first European settler in Boston and also in Rhode Island. Of course, he knew Roger Williams, who came after him to Rhode Island.

Hopefully, we will have John back in the future to tell us the story of Roger Williams.

At our June 27, 2012, general meeting, JHS member Kim Calcagno delivered a wonderful presentation to our membership on the raptor family of birds, which includes hawks, falcons, eagles and vultures. Kim earns her living as the manager of two Audubon refuges. A sell-out crowd of forty-five was fascinated with her show which included a power-point program on identification of the various raptors found in Rhode Island as well as the showing of two live rehabilitated birds, an American Kestrel and a Red-tailed Hawk.

Before her show, we had a great time socializing and eating, with a barbeque, which included hot dogs, Yacht Club Soda and finger foods brought by our members. Thanks to all who came, especially to Joe Jamroz, who did much of the legwork leading up to the meeting.

### Acquisitions

- A Mr. Ramieri donated a winter coat, circa 1960s, that was issued to him when he was a volunteer at Johnston Hose Co. #3 (Manton).
- A c.1820 blanket chest was purchased from Kris Vandenbosche. It was from the Wilder house on Morgan Avenue and had Magil Wilder items in it. Magil went to Pembroke College in the early twentieth century.
- A photo album with a number of cabinet cards showing members of the Angell and Thornton families of Johnston was also purchased from Kris Vandenbosche.
- A metal key chain from Centredale Pontiac (actually in Graniteville!) was donated by Michael Smith. Michael also donated a wooden soda box from Bare Rock Beverage Co. (Virginia Dare).
- A torso mannequin was donated by Christopher Martin and Kim Calcagno
- Beth Hurd donated a number of modern pamphlets from various town organizations (including: openings, events, fundraisers, etc.). She has been donating similar items for a few years now.
- Al and Hede Aurecchia donated a class photo of the 1927 Thornton School graduating class with all the students identified. They also donated a copy of two articles from Adam Macari about Frog City (they were printed in 1995 in the "Echo" newspaper.
- Fred Mikkelsen donated: a 1971 Johnston Football League roster and schedule; two copies of the 200th Anniversary booklet of Johnston by Ralph Mohr; and four maps, a c.1970s Block Island map, a 1953 Providence map, a 1948 Providence map, and a 1954 Matteson map of Johnston.
- Rolph Johnson donated framed photos of Annie Oakley and Wyatt Earp for our next auction and two boxes of plant pots.

Many of these objects may be seen in the Acquisitions photo album on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical](http://www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical)). As always, our sincere thanks to all who have donated items for our collections. Keep it coming!

### Wish List

Following are a number of items we could make good use of:

- Display mannequins
- Any Johnston-related memorabilia

### Evans/Harris/Randall Family Donation

On May 10, 2012, our society was given a collection of family papers from sisters Nancy Blais Fullerton and Donna Blais Tornatore. The papers were handed down to Nancy and Donna, and they had no family members with whom to leave them. They were referred to us by our good friend, Ray Wolf. They came to our museum and were happy to entrust us with the collection. We heartily thank them for their gift.

The papers include the family names of Evans, Harris and Randall. They lived on Morgan Avenue in two different houses until the 1970s or so. Some of the items in the collection are:

- A published genealogy of Joseph Randall of Prov. And his descendants
- A Harris store (located near Atwood and Scituate Aves.) ledger from the 1830s
- A notebook of clippings concerning town business in 1877-1878
- Clippings concerning Evans and Harris family legal & genealogical matters
- Harris family cartes de visite photos and cabinet card photos
- Dawley, Allen, Evans, Randall & Wheaton family photos
- A few Hughesdale, Pocasset, Winsor Ave. & Morgan Ave. photos
- DAR pin & membership card from Elisha Evans
- Newspaper articles on town history
- 1887 proclamation from town council to Evans family

#### Webb/Westcott/Wilder Donation

On May 17, 2012, our society was presented with another wonderful donation of material from a Morgan Avenue family. Holly Beaudoin, daughter of Harold and Judy Beaudoin, donated two boxes of material from the interrelated Webb, Wilder and Westcott families. There is a treasure trove of materials, mainly family photos ( a couple of wonderful c1890 textile mill photos are included) and legal papers, but also including some things as diverse as a 1920s political ballot and a notebook showing wages earned for work details.

Thanks go out to Steve Merolla for keeping in touch with the family, which helped us in obtaining this collection. And a big thank you to Holly for preserving this collection and passing it on to us.

#### Upcoming Events

##### September 16, 2012

JHS Picnic

3pm

Johnston Historical Society members and their families and friends are invited to partake of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and anything else we can think of. Plus badminton, horseshoes, sitting around chatting, maybe even a raffle.

##### September 23, 2012

Tour of Historic Properties

11am-4pm

Join the Johnston Historical Society for a fun and informative self-guided tour of nine historic buildings in the Town of Johnston. Adults, \$10; JHS members and seniors, \$8; children (12 and under), free. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling JHS at (401) 231-3380, or on the day of the event at our headquarters at 101 Putnam Pike. Ticket price includes a detailed guide.

##### September 26, 2012

General Meeting

7pm

Mentalist, tour guide and author Rory Raven returns to speak about his latest book. This time the topic is the burning of the *Gaspee*.

##### October 24, 2012

General Meeting

7pm

The Little Inn, 103 Putnam Pike (next door to JHS headquarters). Our speaker will be Dr. Gary Hylander, professor of History at Stonehill College. His topic will be the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Cuban

Missile Crisis. Business meeting to follow back over at the museum barn. (Note: This meeting is scheduled a week early avoid a conflict with Halloween).

#### November 28, 2012

General Meeting

7pm

Speaker TBD.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Johnston Historical Society Museum Barn, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston, and are free and open to the public.

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#### Contribute To Our Newsletter!

We are always looking for articles for our newsletter. Naturally, we would like pieces that have to do with the town's history, but if you have an interest that ties in with history somehow, why not share it with us? Maybe you collect old snuffboxes or old railroad material. Maybe you have done some of your family history that others might be interested in. Maybe you would like to talk about the old days in Johnston. Wouldn't it be fun to share your knowledge! You do not have to be a great writer to put together an article. None of us are great literary figures. If you need help though, one of us would be glad to assist you.

We think that it will make for a much better newsletter if others contribute pieces that they have written. Remember, your reminiscences about the old days in Johnston will become valuable pieces of our town's history. But if you do not get them down on paper, they will be lost forever. We should make sure that future generations know what went on in times past.

**Next newsletter deadline: November 15, 2012.**

**Our Executive Board**

President: Louis McGowan  
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Our Executive Board meets at 7pm in the Museum building, 101 Putnam Pike, on the second to the last Wednesday of each month, September through June (except December). All are welcome to attend.

General Meetings are held at 7pm the last Wednesday of each month, September through June (no December meeting. We hold our Holiday Party that month). The meetings are held in the Museum Barn.

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