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A lonely death in a faraway place... by Steve Merolla

Located along Hartford Avenue, near the Providence line just west of Killingly Street is Johnston Historical Cemetery #21, also known as the Borden/King Lot. In the back row of the cemetery is a line of dark grey slate gravestones, some carved with winged effigies. These are the oldest gravestones in the burial ground. One of the stones is that belonging to John Borden, and it stands out from the rest in that carved into it is the statement that Mr. Borden died a very long ways away from home. The stone reads: *"May we remember / Mr. John / Borden, who / departed this Life / in the County of / Wilmington in / North Carolina / 1755 in the 33rd / Year of his age."* Of course, it is always unfortunate when a younger person passes away, but in the case of John Borden there is the question of what he was doing so far away in North Carolina, and how he died. In addition, his gravestone reads that he died in the year 1755, but it states neither the month or day of his death, which is quite unusual.



John Borden's stone, Governor Samuel King cemetery, December 17, 2021.
Photo by Christopher Martin.

John Borden was the son of Mr. Mercy Borden (b. 1672-d. 1753) and his wife Mrs. Meribah Borden (b. c.1685-d. 1723). Their children were Mary Borden (b. c.1717-d. 1800), William Borden (b. c.1719-d. 1745), Meribah Borden (b. c.1722-d. ?) and John Borden (b. c.1723- d.1755). Mercy Borden was one of the leading men of Providence, part of which was incorporated into the town of Johnston in 1759. Mr. Borden served in many elected and appointed positions in service to the community during his active career. He also possessed a very large landed estate. Combining the land inherited from his father and through multiple land transactions of his own, Mercy Borden amassed a farmstead of over 300 acres. The land he inherited was located along both sides of Hartford Avenue, from the area of Killingly Street, and then extending westwards up into Johnston, just past Cemetery #21. The properties that Mercy himself acquired were mostly in the Olneyville section of Providence, between Hartford Avenue and Plainfield Street.



The future course of Mercy Borden's family seemed to be well set. Four children survived into adulthood and among them were two male heirs who would inherit the estate and also carry on the Borden name. But as we all know, the course of life can take unexpected and sometimes tragic turns. The eldest son, William Borden, had married Miss Elizabeth Hudson on November 6, 1742. Unfortunately, he died only three years after the marriage, on October 30, 1745, at only 25 years of age; the cause of death is unknown to us. He left behind two daughters: Mary (probably born 1743) and Meribah (b. 1744). This turn of events left his brother John Borden as the sole male heir, and in line to inherit the majority of his father's vast estate.

Mercy Borden drew up his Will on April 17, 1753 (Providence Probate Book 4, page 316). In it, he left to his surviving son John Borden the bulk of his landed estate of 300 acres, along with a one-half interest in his house on the "Town Street" in Providence (present-day South Main Street). It should be noted that many wealthy men maintained a residence in the center of the capitol

along with their outlying farm house. The Will further stated that if John Borden died without heirs, his share of the estate would be passed along to Mercy's daughter Mary and to his grand-daughter Meribah (daughter of his deceased son William). This was a situation of some concern to Mercy Borden, for when he drew up his Will in 1753, his son John was 30 years of age and was as of yet unmarried and without any heirs of his own. Mercy may have surmised that it was a distinct possibility that his son John would produce no heirs and that his estate would thus have to be divided between his surviving daughter and his grand-daughter. John may also have had an obvious illness that caused concern for his father. Mercy Borden died on April 21, 1753, just four days after signing his last Will and Testament.



Borden family stones, Governor Samuel King cemetery, December 17, 2021.
Photo by Christopher Martin.

John Borden thus became a very wealthy man, the owner of a large landed estate. Unfortunately, he was not able to long enjoy his new position in life, for within two years he died, passing away in North Carolina. Before John left for North Carolina, he drew up his Will, dated December 19, 1753, only eight months after the death of his father. He was still a young man of only 30 years of age. Perhaps he felt that now being in possession of such wealth, he had to make provision for its distribution in case something happened to him. However, it must be stated that the drawing up of a Will at such a young age was rather rare. Thus, we have a mystery here -- why did John Borden draw up his Will at such a young age and then travel to North Carolina? Perhaps he had apprehensions about making the journey safely or about the state of his health.

In that Will, John left to his cousins, members of the Thornton family, a couple of horses and a small parcel of land. He gave to his sister Mary King (wife of Josiah King) and his niece, Meribah Borden, two shillings apiece, "as a token of my love." He left to his nephew Joseph Thornton Jr., a stone mason, and possibly son of his sister Meribah (wife of Elihu Thornton), all the rest of his personal estate not already given away, as well as appointing him sole executor of the estate (Providence Will Book 5, page 153). Quite surprisingly, this scion of a very wealthy family signed the Will with an "X," which is the usual indication of illiteracy. Also of note, he makes no mention of the 300 acres of land he had inherited, just his personal possessions. His largesse to his cousin in contrast to his sister and his brother's

daughter is notable, but perhaps he knew he would have no children of his own and that Mary and Meribah would inherit the 300-acre farm as per his father's wishes anyhow.

The ultimate fate of John Borden would have remained a mystery to us some 266 years later were it not for the fact that the disposition of his father's 300 acre estate became the subject of much litigation. In short, Mary King, daughter of Mercy Borden and wife of Josiah King, sued Joseph Thornton Jr., executor of John Borden's Will (more on that later). In the June Term of 1757, Inferior Court of Common Pleas, a letter was presented in which a certain Mr. Goliath Williams contacted Joseph Thornton Jr. regarding John Borden. He stated that John Borden was dead and asked for an inventory of his estate. He also stated that he had traveled from Newport to "Oakeroak," arriving the first day of March, and that by that date (March 1, 1756), John Borden had been missing for three months. Just who Goliath Williams was, his relationship to the Bordens (if any) and why he requested an inventory of John's estate is not known. Colonial records indicate that he was made a freeman of the town of Gloucester in 1754 ("Freemen of Rhode Island 1747-1755," by John McGuniggle, 1999. He is in fact listed as "Goliath"). Almost certainly "Oakeroak" refers to Ocracoke, North Carolina, along the Outer Banks and just south of Cape Hatteras. Thus it appears that this Goliath Williams was the first person to inform those back in Providence that something had gone very wrong for John Borden. Josiah King wanted to prove that John Borden (who had no children) was indeed deceased. If this was the case, then his wife Mary would inherit half of her father Mercy Borden's 300 acre estate, as per his Will. The other half of the estate would be inherited by Mercy's grand-daughter Meribah Borden (daughter of the deceased William Borden).

The sad fate of John Borden came to light as witnesses were brought forward to testify in the case. "*Mr. Josiah King having represented to this Court that his kinsman John Borden died in Carolina... brought two evidences vs. Jabez Pearce & William Carey:*"

"Jabez Pearce Deposeth & Saith that he was in Carolina in November 1755 & heard that John Borden was lost in the woods & supposed to be dead, which was about three weeks before he (Pearce) arrived."

"William Carey Deposeth & Saith that he was at Carolina last August & heard Goliath Williams say that he had gotten an inventory of John Borden's estate, & that the bones of a Man, and some clothes were found in the woods, supposed to be John Borden's bones & clothes & that no other person had been missing there but the said John Borden & it was generally supposed he was dead."

There obviously was agreement that Mr. Borden was deceased, for in an addendum to his Will it was later written: "An Inventory of the Goods & Chattel of John Borden of Providence in ye County of Providence: Ye Deceased as it is supposed sometime past; Appraised in Providence the 22nd day of September 1757..." His personal inventory was £782, a fairly considerable sum for the time, but hardly surprising considering his family wealth. In addition, the probate documents also state that John Borden was "*supposed to have died at Carolina,*" and

confirmed the appointment of his cousin Joseph Thornton Jr. as executor. However, a seemingly contrary document was produced by the Providence Town Council. At a Town Council of March 8, 1757, (Town Council Book #1, page 153), the following was pronounced: *"Administration granted to Mr. Josiah King on ye estate of John Borden... who is supposed to have died at Carolina some time the summer before last."* I do not know for sure how the discrepancy was resolved, but I suspect that Mr. Borden's brother-in-law (Josiah King) was not happy with Joseph Thornton Jr. acting as executor of the huge and valuable estate, and in fact filed the lawsuit against Mr. Thornton.

In the court case held in the June 1757 Term of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, Josiah and Mary King claimed that Joseph Thornton Jr. had illegally entered and with force of arms unlawfully dispossessed the Kings of their rightful half part of the Mercy Borden farm, along with half the dwelling house and other buildings listed in Mercy's Will. In short, the Kings stated that on April 17, 1753, Mercy Borden was in possession of said farm, and in the Will of the above date, it was stated that John Borden or his lawful issue (children) was to inherit the majority of the estate. However, if John died without producing said lawful issue, the estate was then to be divided equally between Mercy Borden's daughter, Mary King and his grand-daughter Meribah Borden. John Borden died childless, and thus on or about October 1, 1755, the Kings and Meribah Borden took possession of the farm, as per Mercy Borden's wishes.

However, on March 10, 1756, Joseph Thornton Jr. dispossessed them of the said farm and held on to it for two years. In that period he collected the rents and profits of the estate, which amounted to an impressive £1,000. Mr. Thornton stated that he felt that he was entitled to half of the estate and that it had never been proven how the estate was to be shared between the Kings and Meribah Borden.

The case eventually wound its way to the state Supreme Court, and in its September Term of 1758, it was finally resolved. Josiah and Mary King had their claims on the estate separated from that of Meribah Borden, basically because her guardian (she was only 13 years of age) several times failed to appear at Court. This was perhaps because her guardian was Mr. Elihu Thornton who, it is fairly certain, just happened to be the father of Joseph Thornton Jr.!!! In any case, the Supreme Court found for the plaintiffs, and the Kings and Meribah Borden retook possession of the estate, which was divided equally between them. The Kings sued for damages and were awarded £378 by arbitrators, in part because Mr. Thornton failed to appear at court.

This case was significant in the subsequent history of what became the town of Johnston. The Court's decision basically ushered in the beginning of the King family dynasty in this town. Josiah King (originally from the Sockanossett area of Cranston) became one of the leading men of the town, as did his son William Borden King. Both these men held important elected and appointed positions. Finally, Josiah and Mary King's grand-son Samuel Ward King became the only Johnston native to serve as governor of Rhode Island. The Mercy Borden house, later occupied by the Kings, still stands today at 823 Hartford Avenue. Just a short distance westward and across the street is Johnston

Historical Cemetery #21, where many generations of the Borden and King families are interred. The Kings would end up owning about 200 acres of land in this area of town.



The Mercy Borden house, December 17, 2021. Photo by Christopher Martin.

Meribah Borden, grand-daughter of Mercy Borden, ended up marrying, ironically enough, Mr. Richard Thornton, a distant relative of Joseph Thornton Jr. Their property was concentrated in the Olneyville area, between Plainfield Street and Hartford Avenue. Their family is interred in Providence Historical Cemetery #12, at the end of Thornton Street, which is located along that short stretch of Killingly Street between Hartford Avenue and the bottom of Central/Sunset Avenue. One of our long-time J.H.S. members, Evelyn Beaumier, lived right next to this cemetery for much of her life. The house that Meribah Thornton inhabited was in close vicinity to the said cemetery. In another bit of irony, one of Meribah Borden's sons, named (appropriately enough) Borden Thornton, became the only known Johnston grave stone carver. He carved many of the slate stones of the King and Borden family in Johnston Cemetery #21, including that of his great-uncle John Borden, many years after John's death. And what of John Borden?

The Supreme Court trial of September Term 1758 gave crucial testimony as to the sad fate of John Borden in more detail than those of the previous court case. In the city of Newport, on July 16, 1757, Mr. Benjamin Borden (a Quaker) gave testimony in this case. It will be quoted at length: *"Some time in the Month called December 1755, if I remember right: I was at the place called New River in North Carolina: Where I heard of John Borden, a relation of mine, who attended at a certain Spring to bathe for his health: I called at his lodging in order to see him but he was not there & upon inquiry I was informed of a house a mile or two distant where he had usually furnished himself with provisions. I went to it: The people of the house informed me he had been there some two or three days before to get provisions & as they supposed went home to his lodging: And from that time they could not learn he had been seen or heard from.*

Afterward, I heard it often reported that the neighborhood in that part of the Country (under apprehension he might have fallen into a fit), had made a diligent search in the adjacent wood but could make no discovery concerning him. Nor could I ever hear what had happened to him, till some three or four months after, I heard it reported from people of a near neighborhood of the place that human bones were found in the wood, between the house he last departed from and the Spring before named: It was reported also that a hat & some clothes were discovered at the place or nearby the bones, that rendered it reasonable to believe

that it was the afore named John Borden that had there ended his days. And this I have observed and is the Opinion of the people there."

The sad story of John Borden now comes more into focus. It appears that he had health issues, perhaps both of a physical and neurological nature and that is why he bathed in the local springs. The fact that it seems he was illiterate is one clue, as is the statement that his neighbors feared he may have had a "fit," is another. Perhaps he suffered from seizures associated with epilepsy and had learning disabilities, but we will never know for sure. In any case, he traveled down to North Carolina to a place of healing waters or springs which must have had some notoriety for a northeasterner to know of it. His condition was serious enough for him to dictate his Will and then leave his home only months after inheriting his great estate. The fears for his health and well-being proved to be prophetic, for he died alone in the woods of a faraway place, far from home.

[Author's note: John Borden's gravestone mentions Wilmington County, but there is no present-day county in North Carolina of that name; there is however the well-known city of Wilmington. Benjamin Borden mentions the location of "New River" in his court testimony and this location is in the northwestern part of the state. The New River is a federal River Heritage site noted for its ruggedness and beauty. Not far from here is the famous town of Hot Springs, known for its restorative waters.

Also of note were the number of Rhode Islanders seemingly traveling to North Carolina. It would be interesting to know what the attraction was -- perhaps trade.]

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From an undated newspaper clipping, c. December 1938, found at Marian J. Mohr Library (transcribed by Beth Hurd):

#### Arthur P. Angell dies in 65th year.

[photo: Arthur P. Angell, president and treasurer of the Ochee Spring Water Co., died yesterday in his 65th year]

Johnston office, *The Evening Bulletin*, Tel. West 3163, Dexter 0600.

Arthur P. Angell, president and treasurer of the Ochee Spring Water Co., and past president of the Johnston District Nursing Association, died yesterday at his home after a brief illness. He was in his 65th year.

Born in Providence on Jan. 16, 1874, the son of Horatio N. Angell and Amie Harris Peckham Angell, he was educated in the public schools of Providence.

As a young man Mr. Angell became associated with his father in the management of the Ochee Spring. The spring had been found on the Angell farm in 1874. The soapstone ledge on the farm was excavated in 1879 by the Rhode Island Historical Society, which found in it many Indian relics.

On Sept. 4, 1895, Mr. Angell was married to Jennie M. Easterbrooks of Portsmouth.

Besides serving several terms as president of the Johnston District Nursing Association, he was president of the Rhode Island Bottlers Association, a director of the High Street Bank and Trust Co., the Rhode Island Association Credit Men, and the Rotary Club, and a member of the Town Criers, Ponham Club, Gloucester Country Club, St. John's Lodge, Providence Royal Arch Chapter, St. John's Commandery, American Bottlers Carbonated Beverages, the Retail Credit Bureau and Providence Chamber of Commerce.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Charles P. Angell of Chicago, as well as two nieces, Mrs. Amy Hare and Mrs. George A. Armstrong of Edgewood.

His funeral will be held Sunday at 1 o'clock at his home, 811 Hartford avenue. Burial will be in the Swan Point Cemetery. Rev. John Lyte, rector of All Saints' Church, will officiate.

From the Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Commission Index, online:

ANGELL, ARTHUR P., 1874-22 DEC 1938, PV003  
ANGELL, JENNIE M.E. (EASTERBROOKS), 1870-7 FEB 1957, PV003

#### Historical Advertising

How many of you remember that Towne House Flowers was once located on Atwood Avenue? First opened in 1965, it may seem to some of the youngsters among us that they've always been at their current Hartford Avenue address. This ad is from the November 15, 1973 issue of *The Observer*.



## Society Doings

Not much to report as we continue to exercise caution about gathering in large groups. As ever, the Executive Board continues to meet periodically to oversee day-to-day operations.

This fall we received a \$9,800 grant from The Champlin Foundation, funds to be used to powerwash and preserve the barn, shed, and the back deck of the Elijah Angell house.

Our Museum Barn is hosting in-person beginning yoga sessions, led by Satya Wellness, on Monday nights. It's \$15 per class (prepaid cards are available), and open to all. Details at [www.Satya-wellness.com](http://www.Satya-wellness.com).

### Cemetery Committee Report

by Steve Merolla

Our last report took in the time period up to the end of July. As then related, almost all of our efforts were taken up with maintenance rather than repair and restoration work. At the beginning of August, we continued with the raking and mowing. Cemetery #56 at the Mathewson farm was cleaned by the group basically for the first time. This lot had been maintained by the family for many years but the farm was sold last August; it looks as if this will now become our responsibility. Two small footstones here were repaired and re-set in the ground. Over the course of the Summer, Carl and Elise had labored to clean cemeteries # 63 and #93; they are located off Hartford Avenue, in the back of the old DEM building. The whole group showed up one day and finished cleaning, as well as re-erecting a large marble headstone in #63 and a repaired small child's headstone in #93. By the way, #93 is quite rare and unseen in any other burial ground in the town, for its occupants are all children and all from the same parents. It is quite a sad sight to be sure. Also cleaned were cemeteries # 29, #30 and # 48.

In late September, the Committee finally commenced a restoration project, this being Cemetery #57. It is located on the south side of Morgan Avenue, on land now owned by Anthony Ricci, a loyal supporter of the Society. This is a major restoration project, and it will take us into next year. This burial ground is in tough shape, with many broken marble stones to be repaired. However, much more vexing than that is the fact that over the years, many of the slate gravestones either fell over or pulled out of the ground. Unfortunately, most were piled in heaps, which means that it will be very difficult to re-set them in the exact, original locations. Fortunately, Anthony did a lot of preliminary clearing work with his chain saw and mini backhoe, saving us a ton of work and allowing us to get into repair and restoration work much sooner than anticipated.

In the meantime, Doug Stephens continues to erect our new cemetery signs. During this period, he has completed this task in cemeteries #5, #15, #22, #35, #57, #63 and #93. Many thanks again to the members of the Committee for all their hard work and dedication: Elise, Marie, Carl, George, Steve and Doug. Anthony Ricci has also helped out in # 57, and making a couple of appearances to help out was former Committee Chairman Pat Macari, up from Florida. It was like old times again.

## Volunteers Needed!

Retirees, Scouts, students! We always need volunteers to perform various duties to ensure the smooth operation of the society. For instance, we could use a Properties Committee to oversee the maintenance of our properties. Or volunteers to serve as docents in the Elijah Angell House during open hours. Or someone to help on meeting nights, setting up coffee, setting up the room, etc. The president would like to see many people doing small jobs.

More examples:

- 1) Help out on the cemetery committee, maintaining lots and repairing stones.
- 2) Someone familiar with excel to help keep track of membership dues.
- 3) Someone to transcribe old documents.
- 4) A "handy person" experienced in handling odd jobs and small repairs.
- 5) People willing to show the museum to visitors. Most of the exhibits are marked, so it doesn't require an in-depth knowledge of the town or its history.
- 6) Weeding our gardens.
- 7) Knowledgeable people who can help identify some of our old photographs.
- 8) Someone with design or layout experience who can help us revamp our tri-fold flyers.

Or, if you have a special talent that you think could help the JHS, let us know! Indoor tasks will be completed in small groups. Not all tasks are long-term, so you're not "on the hook" once you volunteer. We would like to establish a "who to call list" as needs arise. Interested parties should send an email to [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com).

### Our Properties

Our museum barn is open Tuesdays, 6-8pm, for those who would like to visit the museum or examine the society's collection of printed materials. 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 [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com), 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.

### Acquisitions

Many donated objects may be seen in the "Acquisitions and Items from our Collections" 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
- Old photos, slides, or home movies of Johnston
- Any Johnston-related ephemera or memorabilia
- A gas-powered leaf blower
- Fire extinguishers

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## Upcoming Events

General meetings continue to be suspended due to the ongoing pandemic.

Do you have a suggestion for a future speaker? Or do you yourself have a topic you'd like to present at one of our meetings? Please drop us a line at [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com) or leave a message at (401) 231-3380.

## Seven Ways You Can Help the Johnston Historical Society:

1) The Find on 6, 2953 Hartford Avenue, is now accepting consignment items on behalf of the JHS! That means you can donate some gently used white elephant items and, if they sell, JHS gets 60% of the proceeds! Each person may bring two boxes of goods at a time, Wednesday through Friday, 11am-4pm.

Appropriate items include antiques, collectibles, vintage clothing or handbags (in good condition), jewelry, kitchenware, furniture, etc. Nothing broken or soiled.

2) When purchasing items on Amazon, if you enter via [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you can designate JHS to receive a small portion of the purchase price as a charitable donation!

3) Buy a book! We still have copies of *Images of America: Johnston I and II*. \$15 each, or two for \$25!

4) Buy a t-shirt! We still have new t-shirts for sale in slate blue and khaki, and we have a few left in sage green. S/M/L or XL. \$15 each. Pick one up at an upcoming general meeting, or drop us a line and we'll arrange to deliver one to you.

5) We very much appreciate everyone who has kept their membership up-to-date, despite the fact that we haven't been able to hold any in-person meetings in over a year. Please keep it up! We hope to be able to return to holding monthly meetings soon.

6) Volunteer! (See above, "Volunteers Needed").

7) And of course, we always welcome cash donations!



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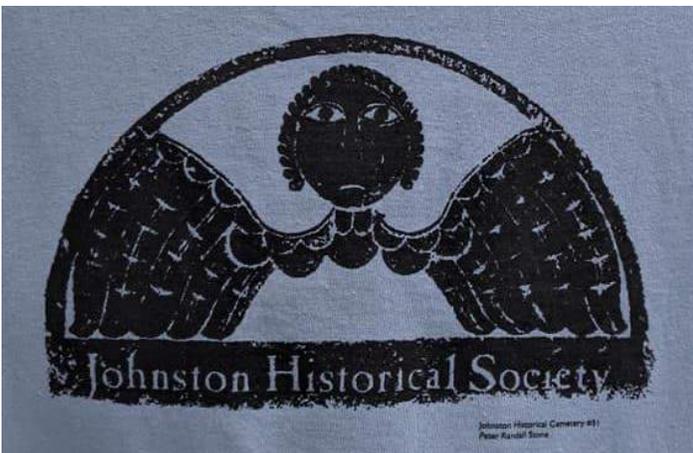
As of this month our Facebook and Instagram pages have 1,310 and 261 followers, respectively! Have you 'liked' us yet? To find us type these addresses into your computer browser:

## 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.

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and one vacant position.

Our Executive Board meets at 6:30pm 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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