



Gloucester Heritage Society

N E W S L E T T E R

America's Best Small towns

Gloucester has been included in "America's Best Small Towns" by Money Magazine. (We knew it all along). The Observer featured a photo of The Town Trader and Brown & Hopkins and a barn on Snake Hill Road along with their July 23 Article, Congratulations to all who helped make Gloucester one of the Top 100! Now let's make it #1!

The Vital Link

It was obviously created "on the run" from personal notepaper, probably while visiting our antique shops. It reminds us we can do more for our gardens and streetscapes to beautify this little corner of our world

Thank you Lucille Wherever you are!

And speaking of beauty, have you seen the beautiful garden that continually blooms in the back yard at the Armstrong Store which Jeff Rossi, our own Master gardener, has created? Check it out.

Picnic at Pulaski

Monday, August 17th, 4pm Meeting
Pulaski Park Pavilion

Off RT 44 (Pulaski Road) West Gloucester

Bring a picnic lunch and a side dish or dessert to share.
Beverages will be provided. Bring a folding chair for your comfort too.

The Pavilion has been reserved for G.H.S. members from dawn to dusk- so if you wish to come early or stay late enjoy.

See you there

Our Mission

The Gloucester Heritage Society Identifies, acquires, holds, arranges, restores, maintains, and preserves for posterity buildings, tracts of land and objects of historical, educational, architectural, cultural and other similar interests of outstanding value within the Town of Gloucester, Rhode Island

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A 501c (3) non-profit corporation incorporated 1967 to preserve and maintain town historical and aesthetic values and objects.

Heritage Day – Sunday Sept 27th

Vendor's applications are beginning to come in. Food Sale will feature members home made goodies and garden fresh vegetables and fruits.

Info call Roland Rivet 934-2895 or Glennis Beltram 568-7468

Congratulations Erik!

Our 2009 Gala photographer, student Erik Beltram, (grandson of Henry & Glennis Beltram and Carol Fry) has been recognized as "Outstanding Soloist" with his clarinet by the North American Music Festival at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Wanted - Treasurer!

Store Articles

"A Taste of Gloucester" Cookbook and other G.H.S. items found in our store are available at

The Town Trader
and

Brown & Hopkins Country Store

Job Armstrong Store

Open by chance or by appointment
401-568-8967

Will be open with regular hours
Beginning Thursday April 2nd 11am - 2pm

Donations to Archives

From Shirley Green a copy of an article about the sale of Cady's Tavern in 1921

From William Ducharme
His mother's (Horence Trigue) class ring Gloucester grammar School 1932 graduation photo.

Greens of W. Gloucester find roots in Coventry & Warwick 1777

"It is voted and resolved that the persons hereafter named be appointed to procure the blankets proportioned to said towns; and that they deliver the same within 10 days after the rising of the Assembly, to either of the committees of safety within the state, who are hereby directed to advance to the several committee men in their respective countries the necessary sums for that purpose – Coventry – John Greene"
(RI Colonial records 1777 pp253-4)

*"Elected 1st Wednesday in May 1778 by General Assembly as Deputy for Warwick, RI – John Greene" (page 387)
researched by Eliza (Green) Haeleson –born in W. Gloucester*

Vintage Gloucester Tax Books

Now that the G.H.S. archives has a complete set, the remainder of the old tax books are for sale in our store. Real estate tax records can add to your Gloucester family information. Check them out. You may find Grand Dad had more property than you know.

Save the Grocery Slips!

Save the slips from Dino's & Brigido's as they are worth money. Collection box is on the file cabinet near the bathroom door at our headquarters

History of Gloucester Movie Part 1 Coming Soon

Carlo Mencucci reports that the movie (Part 1) is near completion. A preview has been seen and is well worth the wait. Expect the first showing in mid – autumn in the high school auditorium.

Cemetery Cleaning & Restoration

Bill Brown, Chepachet Native, along with family members, are tidying up one of their family burial grounds (RI Cemetery #21 Chestnut Hill Rd – foot of Prospect Hill) and are attempting to determine the appropriate site of displaced stones. Years ago a homeless man "set up housekeeping" in the cemetery's tomb and used branches and all available grave stones as a wall to shield him from view from the road. He was discovered by Police late in the summer season.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Leach
1910 – 6-4-2009

G.H.S. member – friend

Led the re-establishment of responsible membership in 2000 and It was "Dottie" who made the peeling paint an issue that Ted to saving the Reuben Mason House

In Memoriam

Harvey Steere
1910 – 6-4-2009

friend – Chepachet native

a man with a remarkable memory of Chepachet events and Characters

Ruben Mason House Update & Work Detail

Museum Consultants have presented their first overview in the Final Interpretation Plan of the future Dorr Rebellion Museum in the Dr Reuben Mason House. The Steering Committee is working in the conjunction with RIH&PC, The Architect and consultants to begin installing basic electricity, Furnace and alarm system. Our membership may participate in some work details. The removal of ceiling tiles and floor coverings in the ell are needed at this time.

Suggested days and times are Monday & Tuesday 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Please call to lend a hand in this project – 568-8967

Illinois Visitors

Judge Timothy Wilmarth's descendents and their wives from Illinois came to visit Chepachet recently. Cameras were clicking while visiting the family Cemetery (behind Brad Steere's office), the site of the Judge's home and Brown & Hopkins store, which Timothy Jr build in 1799.

Multi-great grandson is attending college in Boston and expects to come to the Steere Reunion at Freewill Baptist Church Aug 15th. His parents promise to return to the site of their ancestral home here in Chepachet next year.

Endowment Fund

Memorial gifts and donations are welcome at any time at add to the G.H.S. endowment Fund managed by the Rhode Island Foundation. Proceeds from this interest bearing fund enables the society to pay maintenance expenses.

Please make checks payable to the Gloucester Heritage Society and designate "Endowment Fund" in the lower left corner.

Did you Forget? More than ever before we need your help.....

Yes ___ I want to support the Gloucester Heritage Society
restore and preserve local history.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Type of Membership

___ Single \$15

___ Senior \$10

___ Student \$10

___ Family \$25

___ Lifetime \$300

Please make your check payable to:

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The search for a Portrait of Daniel Owen, Deputy Governor

A Representative from RI Family Court is seeking a portrait of Gloucester native Daniel Owen show a Deputy Governor 1786-1790, Chief Justice 1791-1795 and one of the committee responsible for the issuing of the first United States Cent. He was offered the position of RI Governor in 1790, but declined

As a young man, he became noted for the manufacture of fine farm tools which he exported to England.

His small cape style house was located next to Douglas hook Road (just east of Pole#2) until the 1970's when it was demolished to build a modern store.

Mr. Owen was born in 1732 and died Oct 21, 1812 aged 81

He and his wife Hannah Angel had 6 boys and 1 girl, Amy who lost her first husband, storekeeper William Gadcomb when he drowned in Chepachet River. Among his land holdings, Dfaniel Owen & William Barton received the grant for the town of Barton, Vermont Oct 20, 1781. Daughter Amy remarried Judge Asa Aldis and settled in St Albans Vermont.

Schedule of Events

August 17 Monday 4pm Picnic at Pulaski Park Pavilion on Pulaski Rd off Rt44 W. Gloucester

September 21 Monday 6pm General Meeting Pot Luck Supper

September 27 Sunday 9-4 Heritage Day and food sale Main St and Armstrong Store

October 10/11 (Columbus Day Weekend) (Footsteps in History) in the Blackstone Valley.
Saturday 11-4 Job Armstrong Store
Sunday 12-4 Reuben Mason House

October 19 Monday 7pm General Meeting
Scott Molley "Trolleys to Chepachet"

Oct -Nov Watch for the date and time First showing of Gloucester Movie.

Nov 21 Saturday Peddlars' Faire

Check our website for updates
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