



Weymouth Historical Society



Our 100th Anniversary!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

"Tis the season for kindling the fire
of hospitality in the hall, the genial
fire of charity in the heart"

Washington Irving

GREETINGS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: We wish to welcome to our group:

Fred B. Hale	65 Greentree Lane, S.W. 02190
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thayer	417 Pond St., S.W. 02190
Kevin Smith	122 Hibiscus Ave., W., 02188

Kevin is our first junior member and was honored at the November meeting in recognition of his service to the museum and his dedication to the aims of the society.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT: We are grateful to Edward J. White for his recent monetary gift to the society.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR: We are looking forward to the January 17th meeting and a fine program about "Notable Women of Weymouth" to be given by Eleanor Cooney. Eleanor was Town Librarian for many years and during that time, she assembled an impressive collection of information about Weymouth people who have achieved success in many fields. Books, music, paintings and sculpture are on display in the Weymouth Room at the main library and her account of women of this town will be of great interest.

A NEW DISPLAY: There was a Weymouth exhibit in Doric Hall at the Massachusetts State House from October until December 1 arranged by our curator, Chet Kevitt, and he has now placed many of the items in a case at the museum replacing the doctor's instruments display. The material is from the Stetson Shoe Company which closed its doors a few years ago. The visitors to Doric Hall include tourists, school

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groups and local residents and there was much appreciative comment reported from there so we are sure you will enjoy the exhibit also.

OTHER MUSEUM NOTES: The museum is open on the first Sunday of the month(except Jan.-the 7th) from 2 to 5pm and every Tuesday of the following weeks from 7 to 9pm. So far more than 300 visitors have signed the guest book this year.

We want to thank those who have been guides since June: Walter and Marilyn Briscoe, Eleanor Cooney, Eleanor and Don Cormack, Angela May Craig, Henry and Susan Darrell, Betty and Chet Kevitt, Mary MacKay, William and Kathleen McGrath, John and Eleanor Murphy, Louise and Harold Olson, Earl and Muriel Pithie and Doris and Doug Welsh.

Call Henry Darrell at 335-7845 to make reservations for your date next year. He will appreciate your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS PAST: Advertisement from "The Weymouth Gazette" Dec. 13,1878

Xmas "Wonder Box"

Contains 12 sheets paper, 12 Envelopes, 3 sheets Colored Paper, 1 Lead Pencil, 3 Pens, 1 Text, 12 Comic Cards, 40 Silhouettes, 36 Mottoes, 85 Patterns for Fancy Work, 112 Decalcomanie, 132 Embossed Pictures, 50 Fancy Ornaments, 1 Penholder, 2 Book Marks, 5 Black Tablets, 5 Picture Cards, 30 Scrapbook Pictures, 1 Xmas Banner, 1 Game Age Cards, 2 Xmas Cards, 1 Toy Parasol. Price: 42 cts.: by mail 53 cts. Retail value \$1.45. Postage stamps taken.

J.J.Gould, 10 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

A SALUTE TO THE FUTURE: You won't be able to get Providence River Oysters for 35¢ a quart for your holiday feast, buy a house and lot (yes!) for \$1825 or buy tickets for 50¢ to hear the Germania Band of Boston as reported in "The Weymouth Gazette" one hundred years ago but the world changes and we wish for each of you the best in the year to come and for the society the beginning of many more hundreds of years.

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