

NEWS-LETTER

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Both are open even-dated Saturdays, 1 – 4 pm

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DHS MEETS GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK

DHS staff hosted a table at the July 28th Dedham Farmers Market as part of a public awareness campaign and membership promotion. An unexpected visit by Governor Deval Patrick highlighted the afternoon. Society President Stephen K. Brayton and Executive Director Vicky L. Kruckeberg spent a few minutes talking with the Governor about Dedham history and the importance of teaching local history to students.



Gov. Patrick, Ex. Dir. Kruckeberg, Pres. Brayton,
Past Pres. Kaufman



DHS President Brayton greeting Gov. Patrick

RESEARCHING CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS KICKS OFF FALL LECTURE SERIES

The DHS 2010-2011 lecture series includes familiar faces as well as a few new ones. David Allen Lambert, Online Genealogist at the New England Historical Genealogical Society starts the series with a lecture on Thursday, September 23, 7:30 pm. His topic “Researching Your Civil War Ancestors: A Roll Call of Resources” has a personal appeal to Lambert. His great-grand uncle Charles William Gale (1845-1920), a Civil War Drummer boy, was a member of Charles Carroll Post G.A.R. in Dedham. Lambert combines his interests of genealogy and history as a Civil War re-enactor.

The October lecture, presented by Christina Inge from MassQuilts in Lowell, focuses on the documentation of New England quilts. Lectures are free for DHS members, non-members \$5.

Future lectures include:

- October 21 @ 7:30pm Christina Inge “The Massachusetts Quilt Project”
- November 20 @ 2:00pm Kenneth Turino “New England Holiday Traditions”
- January 20, 2011 @ 7:30pm Andrea M. Gilmore “Exposing New England’s Architectural History”
- March 24 @ 7:30pm Anthony Sammarco “Howard Johnson: 28 Flavors”
- April 14 @ 7:30pm Robert B. Hanson “Dedham At The Crossroads”

2010 ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

The 2010 Annual Appeal is underway! In this year's letter DHS President Stephen K. Brayton focuses on two special donations. The stories behind the donations show how two individuals, despite their differences in ages (8 and 95!), share a common interest in the preservation of Dedham's history. Look for these interesting stories in the Annual Appeal letter arriving in your mailbox shortly. The Annual Appeal funds a significant portion of the Society's operating budget, and your contribution is very important.

BORDERS BOOKS BENEFITS DAYS PROGRAM

On November 18 & 19 the DHS will participate in Borders Books Benefit Days program. Borders will provide the Society with a certificate for members, friends, and family members to use at local Borders stores or on www.Borders.com. By purchasing from Borders AND presenting the certificate on the designated dates a portion of your purchase is donated to the DHS. The higher the total net sales, the greater percentage the Society earns. Start making your book list now for purchase on November 18 & 19. The Society will distribute the certificate in early November at our offices, via email, our website, and on our Face Book page. This is a great way to support the DHS while stocking up on your favorite books for friends, family, or yourself! Please check with the office to update your email address to receive this special promotion and to make sure you receive all the latest announcements.

MOVING ON FROM "150 YEARS OF COLLECTING" TO "HISTORIC DEDHAM SQUARES"

Many members and friends visited the DHS in the past year and enjoyed the collections showcased in the special anniversary exhibit "150 Years Collecting and Preserving Dedham's Past." The exhibition closed on September 1st to make way for the new show opening on October 1st. The new exhibit, "Take a Walk Through Dedham's Historic Squares" focuses on businesses located in Dedham Square, Oakdale Square, and East Dedham Square over the past decades. Please join us this fall to learn more about Mann's Book Binder and Paper Maker, Oakdale Community Garage and Bus Lines, and Finn's Market. To help set the stage for the exhibition the following quote and images regarding the Dedham Custom Laundry are from the "1930 Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Dedham" book compiled by the Dedham Transcript.

History of the Dedham Custom Laundry

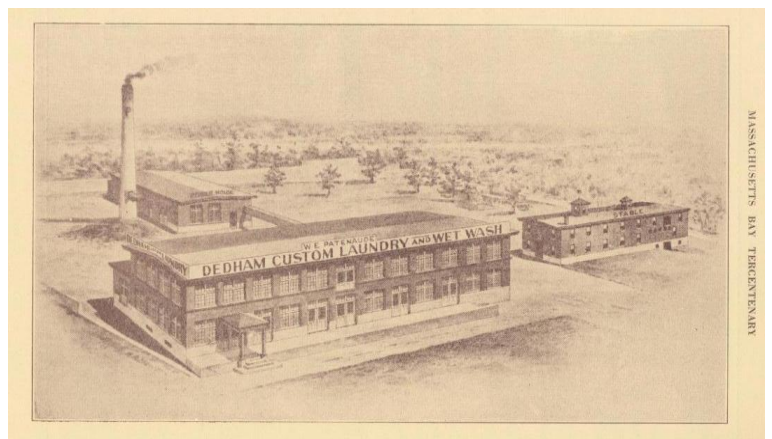
Business purchased in 1899 from H. Wragg by William E. Patenaude. Since 1922 owned and operated by Bertha B. Patenaude. New building erected 1900. Present building erected 1914.

There are many changes of machinery, the latest being a new up to date shirt unit, the best on the market, also a water softener which gives an even and clear color on work.

Commencing with one horse and wagon for delivery there are now thirteen (13) trucks and drivers covering a radius of 12 miles, and during the summer months cover South Shore to Scituate. We boast of careful drivers, as we hold a diploma given by Commonwealth of Massachusetts for no accidents for the first six months of 1930. There are about sixty people employed. (Editors Note: the laundry was left to Goldie Swett Garlick upon the death of her mother, Bertha. The laundry closed in 1980 and the building was destroyed by fire in 1981.)



SITE OF OLD LAUNDRY ON HIGH STREET—PICTURE TAKEN IN 1899



MASSACHUSETTS BAY TERCENTENARY

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY

General Membership

Elizabeth Brown

Marion Demers

Jeff Feurman

Janet Holmes

Lisa M. & Michael Smyth

Corporate/Business Membership Renewal

Louis J. Sawan, Dedham Medical Associates

MATCHING GIFTS

State Street Bank matching gift from George F. Parker

EASTERN BANK DONATES TO THE DHS

The Dedham Historical Society has received a \$500 contribution from Eastern Bank to support the work of the Society. Abby Nguyen-Burke, manager of Eastern Bank's Dedham branch, presented the check to Society President Steve Brayton during a recent tour of the DHS museum galleries. "We welcome Eastern Bank to our growing list of corporate supporters with this contribution to the Society," Brayton said. The funds will be used to support the Society's ongoing preservation and education mission.

DONATION OF PLANS FROM THE DEDHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The DHS recently received over 100 plans and documents from the Dedham Conservation Commission. Plans include: 1969 Motherbook Renovations; 1971 Neponset River flood plain; 1987 plans for work at 370 VFW Parkway and many others. Our sincere thanks to the Dedham Conservation Commission and to Hana Heald for coordinating this gift. These documents will be incorporated into the Society's archival collection and will assist researchers with renovation proposals and the actual plans to many sites in the area.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Recently there have been a number of new volunteers at the Society. The Canton Historical Society donated hundreds of papers and manuscripts of Richard Ellis to the Dedham Historical Society. The collection includes records from 1815 – 1844, when Ellis served as the Dedham Town Clerk. Matt DeBlois is diligently sorting town papers from personal ones and arranging them in chronological order. Ginny Lane is working on another project numbering photographs taken by Joe Pagliuca documenting the town over the last 10 years. Ken Bragg has been numbering photos and negatives donated by the Robinson family detailing the VFW and Dedham circa 1960. Danielle Whalen is busy taking inventory, stuffing envelopes, and typing labels. Some of the work was dirty, hot, and boring but Danielle persevered through it all to fulfill her Community Service hours. Danielle, a sophomore at Ursuline Academy, hopes to become a marine biologist. Our thanks to all our volunteers for their time and efforts. With all of these new projects the Society archives and library are in need of two (2) five-drawer legal size filing cabinets. If you can assist us please call or email the office. 781-326-1385 or society@dedhamhistorical.org

HISTORIC DEDHAM VILLAGE SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

The DHS is proud to be a co-sponsor with the Dedham Square Circle for the publication of a fifteen page Historic Dedham Village Self-Guided Walking Tour. With over thirty eight historic buildings identified, this walking tour includes information about structures on High, Court, and Church Streets, and Village Avenue. Many of the images included in the booklet are from the Society's collection. This limited edition booklet is sponsored by the Economic Development Department, Town of Dedham. Our thanks to Beverly Sanchez, Austin Sanchez-Moran, and Bob Hanson for their contributions to the tour booklet. The booklet is free and available at the DHS office.

FACE BOOK AND WEBSITE UPDATES!

If you have a Face Book page, please join us as a "friend". By linking to our page you will keep up with the latest news and announcements. The Society has also been busy updating the website to include pictures of events, press releases, and other news of note. www.society@dedhamhistorical.org

RESEARCHING JOHN ALLIN, JR.

Donna Bilak from Toronto, Canada, has visited the archives numerous times in recent years in order to further her research on John Allin, Jr., a son of the Reverend John Allin. Ms. Bilak is connected with the Bard Graduate Center as a P.H.D. student. In her research, Donna employed the Dedham Town Records and other sources which led to the discovery that there was a connection to the Avery family. This line of inquiry led her to look at the material in the Archives on the Avery family. The exciting link was the finding that a seal on an Avery document was in fact very similar to the one on a painting that hangs in the Dedham Historical Society.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO JOE PAGLIUCA!

Joe Pagliuca has always been a special member of the Society. He spends hours in our library/archives helping to identify pictures of people, places, and events. This summer Joe showed his support of the DHS with two generous donations. The first gift was to honor the memory of his long-time friend Anne Brindley. Joe also supported the DHS by making a donation in honor of his own 95th birthday! In his letter to the Society Joe writes "The Society has become a real important force in my life, and I hope that the people of Dedham will realize how important the Society is and support its fine work and join its ranks. I believe preserving the History of our Town is useful to all who come after us."



Joe Pagliuca and Executive Director Kruckeberg celebrating Joe's 95th birthday.

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

2010.01 Wooden piece from Avery Oak tree.
Donated by the family of Howard and Elizabeth Parker

2010.06 Barometer . "Presented by Bank of New England to Dedham Cooperative Bank in recognition of their 100th anniversary February 16, 1986." Gift of Needham Bank.

ARCHIVES ACQUISITIONS

Historic Dedham Village-A Self-Guided Walking Tour. A co-operative venture between the DHS and Dedham Square Circle.

Dedham Public Library Postcard. Gift of Liz Carabia.

Dedham Co-operative Bank Collection. Photos, artifacts, articles, bank information. Gift of Mark Whalen on behalf of Needham Bank, formerly Dedham Co-operative Bank.

Founding records of the "Dedham Medical Club". Gift of Mrs. Mary Anne Osborne.

Riverdale Elementary School Yearbook 2009-2010. Gift of Nancy Clement.

Newbridge on the Charles Dedication Ceremony and Celebration. Internal Transfer.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

2010 Reflections. Yearbook of Dedham High School. Gift of Class of 2010, Dedham High School, Stephen Dewar, Class Advisor.

Pointers, The American Journal of Italian Genealogy. Gift of Carol Sestito and William Sestito.

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