

Easton Historical Society

# Train Tracks



## CALENDAR

*Wednesday, Sept. 27,  
Meeting at Water  
Dept, 417 Bay Road,  
7:30 P.M.*

*Saturday, Oct. 7th,  
Bottle Drive at the  
Station, 9 A.M. to 1  
P.M.*

*Sunday, Oct. 15, Ex-  
plore Queset House 1-  
5 P.M.*

*Holiday Festival—  
Saturday, Dec. 2, 9  
A.M. to 5 P.M. and  
Sunday, Dec. 3, 10  
A.M. to 5 P.M. at the  
Station.*

*Open House at the  
Station, Sept. 10,  
Oct. 8, Nov 12, Dec.  
10, 1-5 P.M.*

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## The New Newsletter is Here!

Welcome to the updated Easton Historical Society newsletter! We are excited about bringing the Society newsletter to a new level for our members and friends.

This is our first attempt at this type of thing. We hope you like it.

Inside you will find news from your Society. The "Station Master" column will relay greetings and assorted items of interest to the corporate body from the president.

New additions to the Societies collections

will be noted under the column entitled "Curator's Corner".

Member information and milestones will be dutifully recorded in the "Station To Station" column.

Items we are in need of at the society headquarters will be listed in the "Waiting Room".

Look for our monthly quiz, which just may earn you a prize!

We plan more surprises and developments as space and expertise allows. For instance, photos from our archives, or from

recent events, will occasionally grace these pages.

The Society welcomes contributions from members who wish to share personal interests like reunions, births, marriages and deaths. We will include these as space allows.

This is your newsletter, members! Let us know what you like, what you dislike and what you want to see in the future. We will do our best to produce a newsletter of interest to all. Hope to hear from you soon!

## We're Going to the Fair!

The Historical Society will once again have a booth at the NRT Harvest Fair, Sunday, September 24th, 2000. The fair is located at historic Sheep Pasture, North

Easton. The pasture, located to the intersection of Main and Washington Street (Route 138), was once the site of the home of Oliver Ames and family. We will have an

interesting display of the house and people who lived at Sheep Pasture. You will also have a chance to purchase some interesting gift items. See you there!

## The Station Master

Dot Berry

Dear Members,

The past year has been a busy time for all. Our sincere thanks goes to all who have helped us financially or otherwise.

Please be patient in your anticipation of our new book to be published this fall—"Memories of Twentieth Century Easton". It is currently at the printer being proofed.

This is a special Society effort as a commemoration of the 275th

anniversary of the town of Easton.

The book will contain over 90 pages of pictures and captions, and will sell for \$25.00 per copy. You may order ahead by calling 508-238-3143.

We hope you will enjoy our expanded newsletter. Suggestions are welcomed!

Sincerely,

Dot Berry—President

Join us on Wednesday, September 27, for a presentation entitled "Come Josephine!", by William L. Patton Jr. of New England Sights and Sounds. The show is about old time cars, trucks, planes and trains. This show which involves the audience. Free admission to all! We will meet at the Water Department building, 417 Bay Road, Easton at 7:30 P.M. We promise a great time!

## Curator's Corner

Paul Berry

Help Wanted !

One of the hardest jobs a curator has is to organize a large collection. Last winter we sorted, labeled and catalogued hundreds of photographs, papers and historical items.

There are still hundreds of items left to organize. Beginning Mon-

*Mondays, beginning October 16th, from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M., sort items at the station. Call 508-238-3143 for details.*

day, October 16th, we will again be meeting at the Station from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. to continue this

work. If you can spare a few hours a week during the winter, please call 508-238-3143 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

This effort is aimed at organizing our historical items as a part of an overall effort to establish a research area. Thank you!  
Paul Berry—Curator

## Quiz-story

The image on the right is a well known Easton house. Do you recognize it? The barn no longer stands, but the house remains much the same today as in this 100 year old photograph. How fitting that the oldest house in Easton was built on the oldest road in town by a man who still has descendants here!



To enter, send a postcard with your name and address, the name of the original owner of the house, the road the house is on, and the date of its construction. One winner will be drawn from the correct entries. That person will win a prize from the Society gift shop. Entries must be post-marked by October 7th, 2000. Good luck!

## Station To Station

### Member News and Milestones

Your Society will be using this column to keep you up to date with news and accomplishments of interests to members.

First, we think you should know who your leadership is comprised of. Many people make for a good Society, and many serve the Society as officers and directors.

They are responsible for the day to day operations of the Society, upkeep of the Station, newsletters and programs, and special events. Here is a list of the cur-

rent officers and directors of the Society.

President- Dorothy V. Berry

1st Vice-President - Ken Michel

2nd Vice-President - Paul Berry

Treasurer- Lorraine Gomes

Director- Hazel Varella

Director- Ed Hands

Director-Frank Meninno

Our October fundraiser will feature an adults only tour of Queset house. Admission is \$7.00 per person. Located behind the Ames Free Library, Queset is a fine example of historical architecture. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us on Sunday, October 15th, from 1-5 P.M. Thanks to Doug King and Forest Systems Inc. for allowing us this rare opportunity!

## Spotlight on History

### Reverend William Chaffin

William Chaffin, pastor, soldier and writer, can also be called the "father of Easton's history".

Thanks to his research of and writings on Easton's history during the second half of the 19th century, we can gleam valuable insights into old Easton. Chaffin collected information from our

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past using family records, official records and interviews with people who he later wrote about. His

book, "History of Easton, Massachusetts", was first published in 1886. This is the standard from which we learn. The Historical Society reprinted this volume, along with a second volume, in conjunction with the town's 250th anniversary. Copies are available through the society.

## Waiting Room

### Things We Need

The Society is actively seeking the following items. If you have some, or are able to help in acquiring some, please call the Station at 508-238-7774. Thank you!

#### Archival Supplies

- Acid Free Folders
- Archival Repair Tape

#### Storage Needs

- Flat Files
- Office Supplies
- Inkjet Cartridges
- Copier Paper
- Stamps

#### On This Date:

On September 10, 1767, Daniel Wheaton was born. He established Wheaton Farm in 1796.

On December 21, 1725, a charter was issued creating the town of Easton.

The Easton Historical Society invites you to become a member of our organization. Please use this form to file a new membership, or renew an existing one. Include your check or money order payable to the **Easton Historical Society** and send it along to : Easton Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, North Easton, MA 02356.

New                       Renewal

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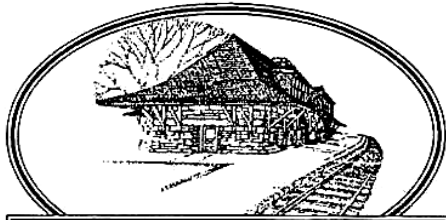
If this is a gift, please include your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership    Individual \$10.00                       Family \$15.00

                         Corporate \$100                       Senior (65 and up) \$7.00

Other Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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