



Are You Old Enough to Remember...

trips to the outhouse with lantern in hand? Have you got tales and jokes to share? Did you know that there is a great two-holer still standing (sitting) in Rumford? At long last, the Historical Society is pleased to present:

“Out Back: or, is this trip really necessary?”

Virginia Williams, Rhode Island’s very own “Outhouse Lady”, will present her unique view of history at the Monday, September 23rd meeting to be held at Newman Church, 7:30 p.m. Virginia, who has been written up in *Yankee Magazine* and *Rhode Island Monthly*, has been peeking behind closed doors for over twenty years. A retired elementary school teacher, she taught in Germany, Okinawa, Houston and here in Rhode Island. Her slide presentation includes many anecdotes and she’s always on the lookout for some fertile stories. Does anyone remember any good ones from the Union privy days? Be sure to get to the meeting early to get a good seat for this program!

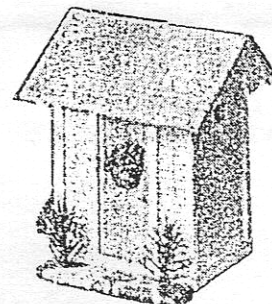


Virginia Williams has been called the Ansel Adams of outhouses. She has collected approximately 200 slides of them.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

Bring your family and your appetite to Newman Church on Saturday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious Ham and Bean Supper along with the company of some very interesting and friendly people.

Tickets for this event should be purchased at the Member Meeting of September 23rd. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and younger. Members will be contacted and asked to bring home-made pies.



Board News

At the August Board meeting, acting president Les Haworth read a letter from President Diana McLean stating that she would need to step down from her duties for awhile, as she regains her health. The Board regretfully honored Diana's request with the hope that she will be back with us before very long. We all have benefited from Diana's excellent attention to detail and straightforward manner of leadership. Please join the Board in letting Diana know we are all thinking of her and in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Diana McLean
88 Brookfield
East Providence, RI 02914

In accordance with the Society by-laws which state that the Vice President shall "assume the duties of the Presidency in the absence of the President" (Section II: Rules and Procedures), Les Haworth was asked to assume the Presidency, which he agreed to do. The Second Vice President declined to move up, preferring to remain in place, leaving the office of First Vice President open. Section I of Rules and Procedures in Nomination and Election states, "A vacancy occurring among the elected officers at any time shall be filled by election, following nominations from the floor, at the next regular monthly meeting." Therefore, nominations and election will occur for this office at the September meeting.

MEMORIAL FUND

The Society's Memorial Fund was established in 1993 in memory of past members for "the betterment of the Society and with no specific purpose."

The Memorial Fund is a qualified endowment administered by the executive committee.

Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the
East Providence Historical Society and mail to the Society at:

Box 4774
East Providence, RI 02916

The GAZETTE

is published monthly by the
EAST•PROVIDENCE•HISTORICAL•SOCIETY

EAST PROVIDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 4774
East Providence, RI 02916-4774
(401) 438-1750

OFFICERS

President (Acting)	Les Haworth
1 st Vice President	Les Haworth
2 nd Vice President	Lura Sellev
Recording Secretary	Betty Soderlund
Corresponding Secretary	Gladys Panzarella
Treasurer	Rose Marie Sirenski

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Buildings/Grounds	Earl Berwick
Markers	Chris Rose
Membership	Mona Breault
Museum	Virginia Berwick
Newsletter	Doreen Bonney
Preservation	Les Haworth
Publicity	Florence Adams
Museum Curator	Edna Anness

The GAZETTE

is printed at



1062 Willett Avenue, Riverside

NEW MEMBERS

Warm Welcome to Our New Members

Arnie McConnell & Family
Charles & Diane Medeiros

AROUND THE HOUSE

From the Attic

Edna Anness
Museum Curator

We are starting a new set of programs to be held weekdays and Saturdays throughout the year. The idea is to bring the story of the Hunt Family, the History of Hunt's Mills and the story of the restoration of the Hunt House to our membership and the community. (And to show you the "attic".)

The program will start at 11 a.m. with a slide presentation followed by a half hour break for lunch. (Bring your own sandwich... beverages and dessert will be provided). This will be followed by a tour of the Hunt House (complete) with an emphasis on the restoration. Fifteen people can be accommodated at one time comfortably. Sign-up will be on a first come, first served basis. There will be no charge for members of the Historical Society, but there will be a \$5.00 charge for the general public. This \$5.00 fee can be credited to the cost of a membership in the Historical Society if so desired.

The first session will be held on October 1st at 11 a.m.

The frequency of programs will depend on the demand. To sign up for the first program, call the Hunt House at 438-1750 and leave your name and phone number, or call Virginia Berwick at 434-0998. You will then be notified if room permits your attendance at the first program. Just mention that you wish to attend the ATTIC PROGRAM. *Brush up on your history!!!!*

Accessions - Gifts

RECENT GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM:

Claire Clegg - 1930 map of East Providence; set of 1890's firemen's muster pins; program from the former First Universalist Church.

Hazel Johnston - photograph of Bridgham Farm "Old Windmill".

Richmond Day - framed Currier and Ives picture, "Fourth of July"; framed lithograph, "The New Crescent Park, G.B. Boyden"; framed lithograph of Providence from a bird's view.

Bruce Britton - carton of East Providence High School memorabilia.

Fales and Ruth Pierce - child's cradle quilt.

Bettie Davis - two photographs of Hunt's Mills.

Mary McManus - three photographs of Rumford Company employees.

Donald Paulhus - two large RUMFORD bottles dug up at the Wannamoisett Country Club.

Isabel Rich - photograph of former First Universalist Church choir.

Raymond Germerhausen - colored photograph of mill at Hunt's Mills dam.

Alice Benson - hymn book and newspapers from former Armington Corners Church.

THANK YOU ALL

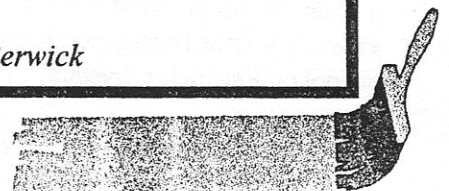
Building and Grounds

Earl Berwick
Chairman

Summer is over and a new year of repairs, etc. is at hand. Work starts in earnest Tuesday, September 10th. I can use any handy or unhandy help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All are welcome aboard!

Projects for now are replacing the vault door with a window, moving the heating plant to the basement, and work on the basement windows.

Earl Berwick



Museum Committee

Virginia Berwick
Chairman

Welcome back from summer vacation. I hope you are all rested up and ready to help out in some way at the Hunt House.

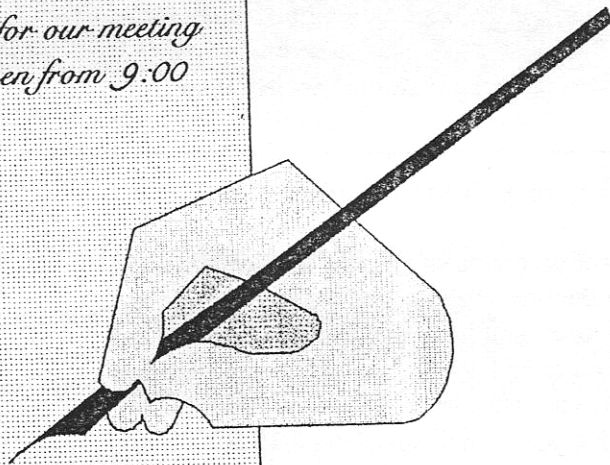
The 30th Anniversary exhibit is still up and if you have not seen it I suggest that you come over some Tuesday or Thursday. You may even find your picture in the many photos of events through the years.

People have asked why the Hunt House is not open during the summer. The answer is, we need more volunteers.

Please let Edna or me know if you could help out for an hour or two.

Hope to see you on the 23rd of September for our meeting at Newman Church. The Hunt House is open from 9:00 to 12:00 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Virginia Berwick



The boy on the tricycle is **JOHN AGREN**. The picture was taken in front of Grandmother's house at 251 Newman Avenue. Boy, did I love that bike! It wasn't mine and I only got ride it on very special occasions.

In the background is Newman Avenue as it existed in 1930, a plain dirt road. What fun it was to cut through the Union Primary Woods (background) on our way to or from our school on Pawtucket Avenue!



SEPTEMBER

Events

Now Showing: 30th Anniversary Exhibit
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Monday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.
Member's Meeting, Newman Church
Election of First Vice President

Program: Virginia Williams
"Outhouse Lady"

**Out Back: or, is this trip really
necessary?**

OCTOBER

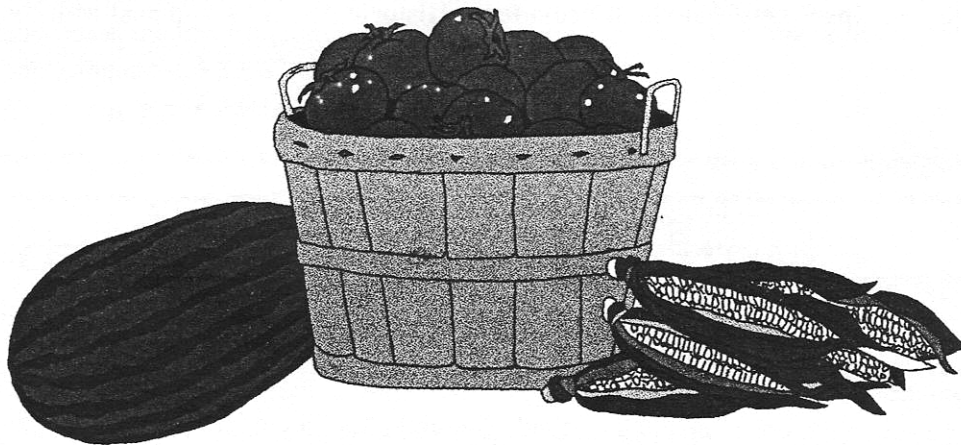
Events

Saturday, October 5, 6:00 p.m.
Ham and Bean Supper
Newman Church

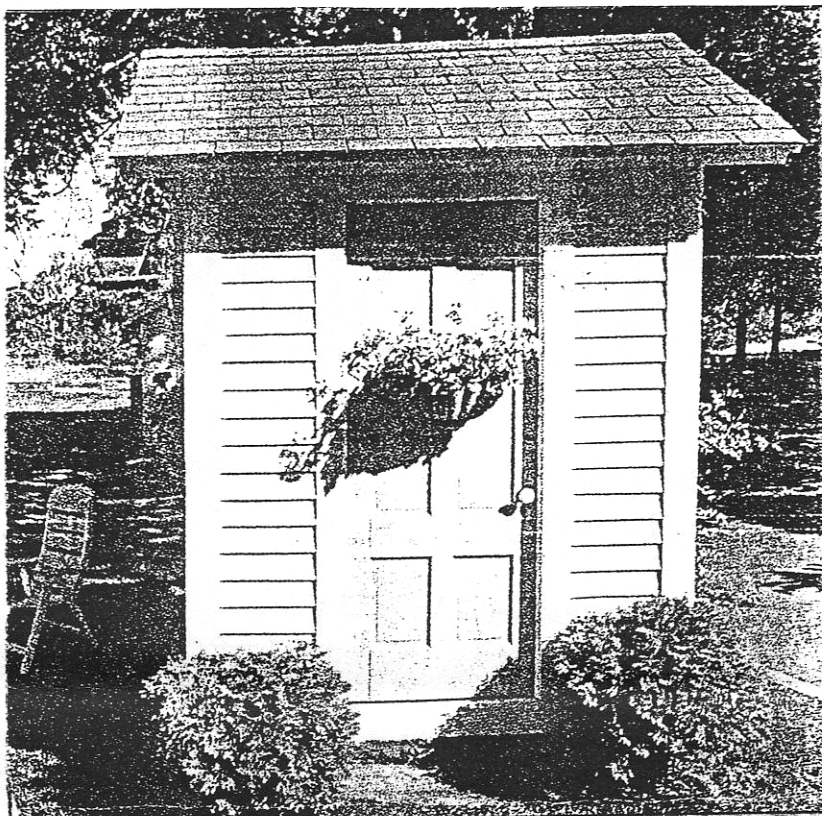
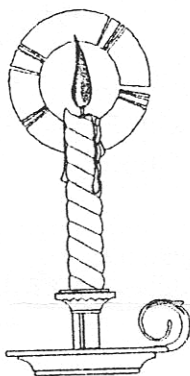
Monday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting, Hunt House

Monday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.
Member's Meeting, Newman Church

Program: Helen King
Natural Herb Dyes



One of Virginia Williams' favorite, this outhouse on Main Street in Hope Valley is decorated with bird feeders and evergreen shrubs. "They all have a story", she says.



THE EAST•PROVIDENCE•HISTORICAL•SOCIETY

is dedicated to preserving the heritage and enjoying the history of our city.

If you are not a member, we invite you to join now. Annual dues are \$10.00, individual or \$15.00, family. Please make your check payable to East Providence Historical Society, and mail with coupon below to:

MONA BREault
34 Josephine Avenue
Rumford, RI 02916

NEW RENEWAL

EAST•PROVIDENCE•HISTORICAL•SOCIETY

NAME (s)

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

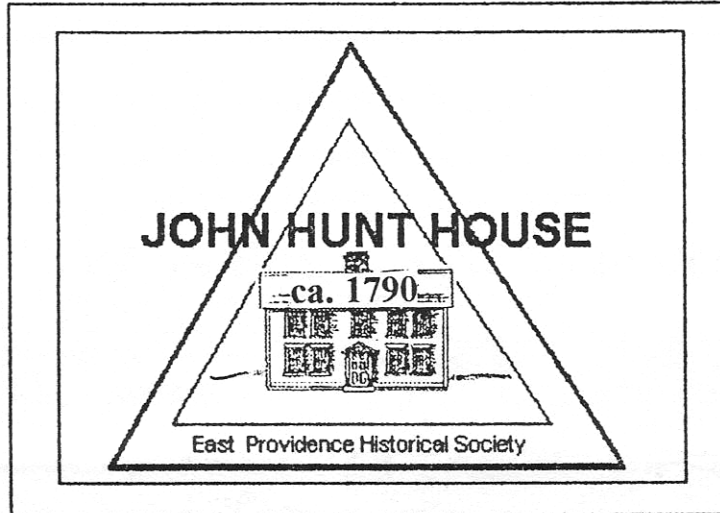
TELEPHONE

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

@ 10.00 INDIVIDUAL, 15.00 FAMILY

**EAST•PROVIDENCE•HISTORICAL•SOCIETY
MARKER PROGRAM**

Your Home May Be Eligible for a MARKER



**Any building in the City of East Providence
which contributes to the historical development or
architectural character of the City is eligible to be
considered for a historical marker.**

**Send the coupon below to:
The Marker Program
East Providence Historical Society
P.O. Box 4774
East Providence, RI 02916-4774**

**I am interested in receiving information about the
East Providence Marker Program**

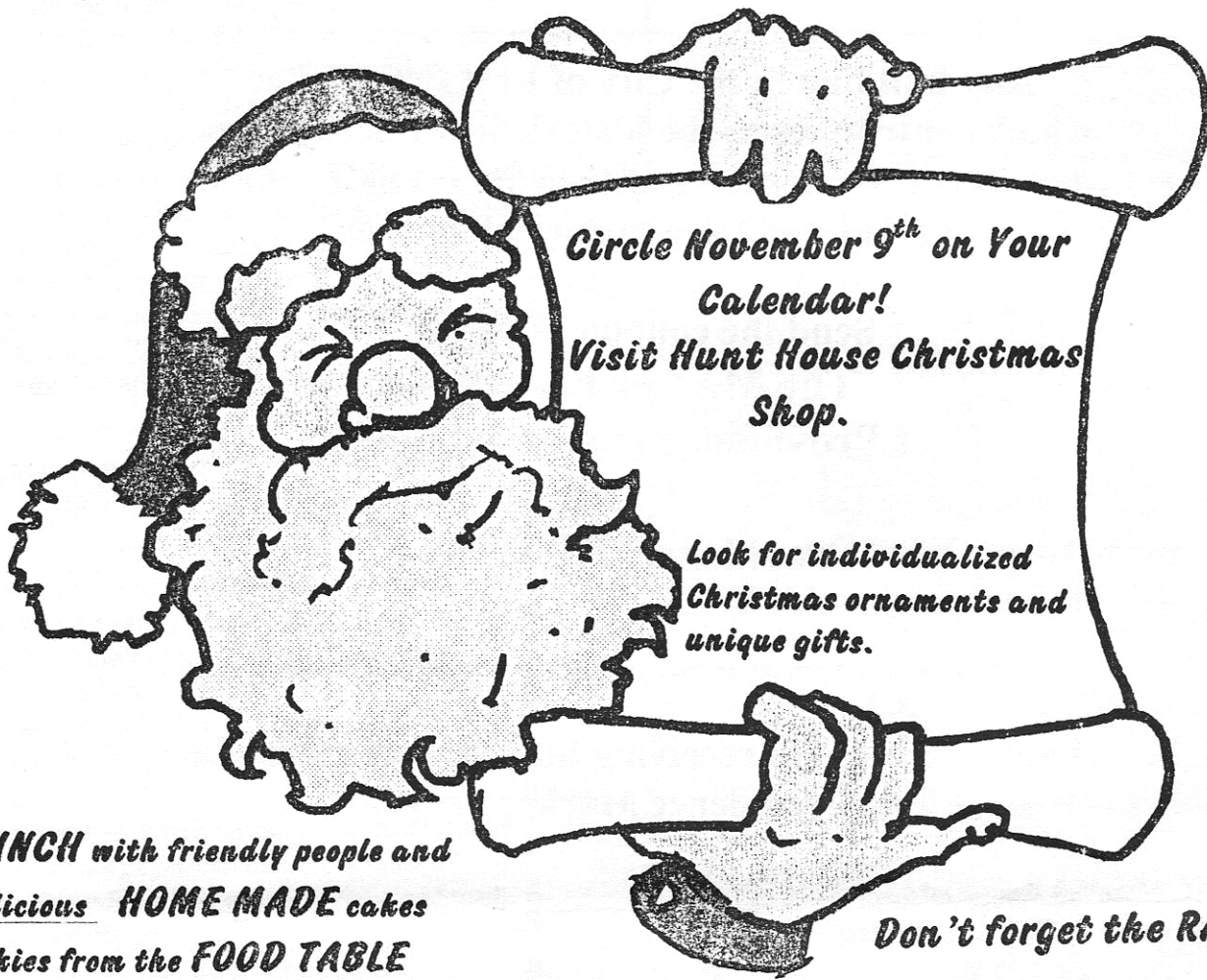
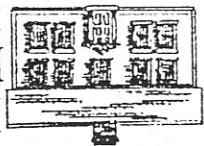
Name _____

Address _____

MEMBER PROGRAM
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Providence, RI
Permit # 2712

EAST • PROVIDENCE
HISTORICAL • SOCIETY
P.O. Box 4774, East Providence, RI 02916



*Circle November 9th on Your
Calendar!
Visit Hunt House Christmas
Shop.*

*Look for individualized
Christmas ornaments and
unique gifts.*

*Have **LUNCH** with friendly people and
take **delicious HOME MADE** cakes
and cookies from the **FOOD TABLE**
when you leave. It will leave a good
taste in your mouth!*

*Don't forget the **RAFFLE!***