



John Hunt House

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**HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**



**THE EAST PROVIDENCE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HAVE**

OPEN HOUSE

at the

**John Hunt House, Hunts Mills Road,
Rumford**

throughout the month of December

Sundays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 to 12:00 noon

*The Hunt House is on Hunts Mills Road in Rumford -
off Pleasant Street just before the Massachusetts line
going into Seekonk. The phone number is 438-1750.*

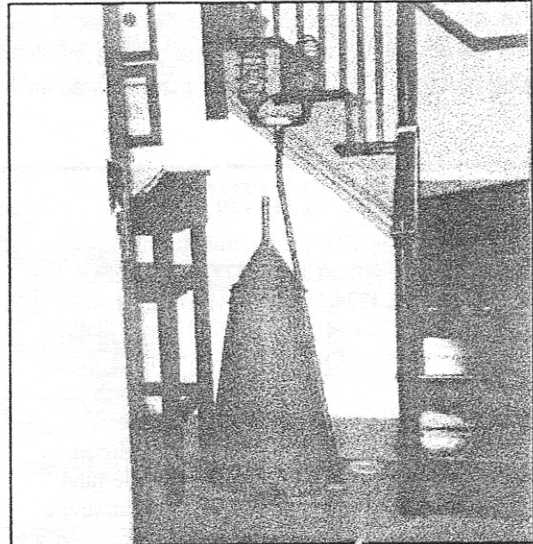
From the Attic

Edna Anness, Museum Curator

Christmas came early this year to the Hunt House. A few weeks ago the City of East Providence made a delivery of a tall cone-shaped object with lights atop. No, it was not a Christmas tree! It was the eagerly anticipated "tippety-top" of the Kent Heights water tower.

The tower top is less than two feet in diameter at the bottom and about five feet high including the fixtures for two red lights which burned at the top for aviation safety. I cannot imagine who had the job of climbing up to replace burned out bulbs so red light would always emanate from the coned top.

The museum had wished for a piece of the tower and all were delighted with the part that was saved. You may view this part of history in the front hall of the Hunt House, which will be open every Sunday afternoon in December from one to three o'clock.



Top of the Kent Heights Water Tower, donated by the City of East Providence

-photo by Edna Anness

The photo below is a little fellow who arrived at the museum in September and will be featured in next month's **From the Attic** when we explain our new exhibition plans for 1998. As you guessed - we have a major exhibition every two years and this one in 1998 will take us back to our childhood.

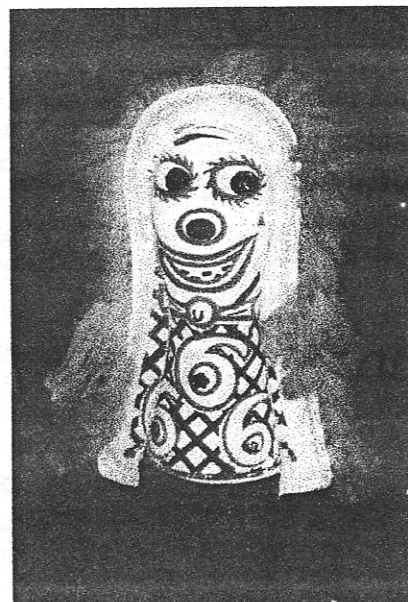


Figure donated by George Page

-photo by Edna Anness

Board Briefs

Many thanks to Ray Anderson, Billie Arden and Gladys Panzarella for the goodies they baked for the November meeting.

Special Notice!

The Hunt House will be closed during January and February to conserve energy. Anyone needing assistance or access to the house may contact Virginia Berwick at 434-0998, or you may leave a message on the Hunt House answering machine 438-1750, which is monitored daily.

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January Pot Luck Supper

A POT LUCK SUPPER is being planned for the Members Meeting, Monday, January 26, 1998, 6:00 p.m. at Newman Church in Rumford. The Telephone Committee will contact the membership.

ACCESSIONS - GIFTS

Ralph Bradley - A photo of #8 School.

Ted Adams - Article on the Rumford Company and Shepard's blotter. Framed Rumford Company field day and Rumford booklet.

City of East Providence - Top of the old Kent Heights water tower.

Thank you.

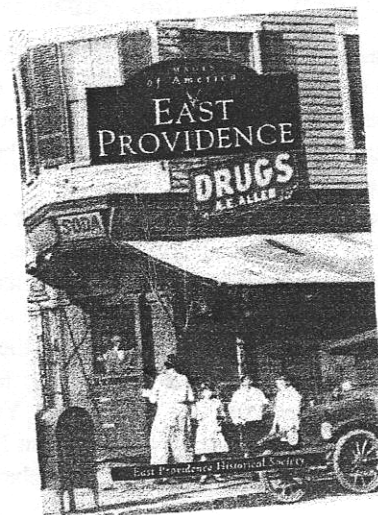
Your generosity is appreciated very much.

THE BOOK

is for sale at the

Hunt House

Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 9:00 AM until noon *and*
Sundays in December
from 1:00 to 3:00 PM
(10% discount to Society members)



New Members

Warm Welcome to Our New Members

Barbara Murry

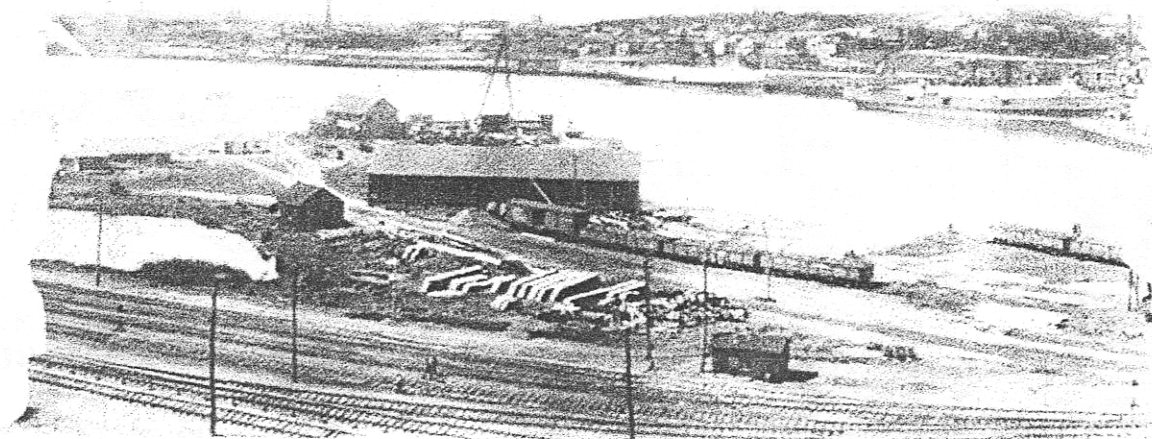
Neal Dwares

Marion Kent

Howard & Audrey Partridge

THE LONG VIEW

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPHS



Fragment of panoramic photo of Providence Harbor, taken in 1920...the other 4 ½ feet are in the Long View Exhibit!

This special exhibit of *panoramic* photographs ... photos made with special cameras which take pictures with a long aspect ratio (as much as 360 degrees!) ... features, in addition to the spectacular 8 X 59 inch photo of Providence Harbor, the rarely seen **Long Lost Long Photos of Jess Welt**. Jess borrowed a Kodak Panoram camera in 1921 and took three pictures of Watchemoket Square, looking in three directions. There is also a 1909 photo of Providence's Exchange Place (now Kennedy Plaza), a Mills panoramic picture of the 1943 East Providence High School Band which includes many people *you know* ... Bud Geisser, Don McLean, Paul Nelson, Beansie Stringfellow, Barbara Wood, etc.,and much more! **The Long View** is at the Hunt House, which is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon ... and Sundays in December from 1 to 3 p.m.

FLINT LIBRARY DEDICATED



Left to right: Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Flint, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bellotti, Nancy Bellotti, Ruth Flint, Ted Flint, June and Larry Brewster

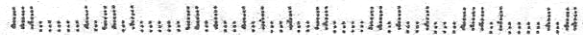
A very memorable and sentimental event occurred at the start of our November 24th regular meeting. Virginia Berwick, a member of the Historical Society Board in 1976 when Harold Flint died, presented a plaque commemorating Harold's service to the Society to his widow, Ruth Flint. The plaque now hangs in the Hunt House library on the second floor. The library will now be known as the **Flint Library**. Harold's family was well represented that evening. From left to right in the photo are Harold's son, Elwin Flint and his wife; a grandson, Thomas Bellotti and his wife; Harold's daughter, Nancy Bellotti; Ruth Flint, holding the plaque; Harold's brother, Ted Flint; Harold's daughter June Brewster and her husband Larry Brewster, both members of the Society. The event marked also a milestone in the restoration of the Hunt House.



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Events Calendar

DECEMBER

Monday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.
Members Christmas Party
Newman Church, Rumford



Happy Holidays

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting
John Hunt House

Monday, January 26, 6:00 p.m.
Pot Luck Supper
Newman Church, Rumford