



John Hunt House

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June 1999

## Annual Family Picnic and Election of Officers

June 28<sup>th</sup> Hunts Mills, Rumford

*"Doors Open" at 5 p.m. Food served at 5:30*



### MENU

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Assorted Salads,  
Something to quench your thirst...

*and...*

Our World Famous Strawberry Shortcake!

Members: \$3.00 Non-members: \$6.00

The Telephone Committee will contact members.

## Nominating Committee

*Ray Anderson, Chairman,  
Florence Adams, Billie Arden*

The following are candidates for officers in the East Providence Historical Society for 1999 - 2000:

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary  
Treasurer

Robert Tewksbury  
Nancy Moore  
David Kelleher  
Betty Soderlund  
Gladys Panzarella  
Rose Marie Sirenski

We applaud your willingness to serve. There were no nominations from the floor at the May meeting. Therefore, the recording secretary will cast one vote at the **Annual Picnic/Election of Officers** to elect the candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee.



*The little Rumford girl finally has a name.*

## From the Attic

*by Edna Anness, Museum Curator*

A few bits of news from near and far!! Last month I received a letter from **Leota Betts** of McComb, Ohio. She had been referred to the Museum by **Dr. Hipplehauser** of the Rumford Company. Remember this beautiful face on the cookbook which we reproduced in 1994? She has a name, **Edith Kidd**, the daughter of **William Kidd** whose  
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## Board Briefs

The Historical Society made a financial contribution to the **Riverside Business Owners Association** in support of their effort to spruce-up **Riverside Square**. They are seeking city and state aid to plant trees, set up benches and generally improve the overall appearance. Help from any source is welcome. See the June 1998 *Gazette* for **Althea Hall McAleer's** memories of Riverside Square.

If the number on your address label is 9907, **consider paying your dues** at the Annual Picnic/Election of Officers, June 28.

Many thanks to **George Adams** for filling in to publish the **May Gazette** while Doreen Bonney was away on vacation. You did a great job, George, and I really appreciate it.

Thanks to **Les Haworth** for serving **two terms** as President of the Society. Let's all raise a flag in appreciation. Better yet.....**buy one!!**

Thanks  
Les

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, individual or \$15, family.

Please make check payable to

**East Providence Historical Society**

Mail with form below to:

**Mona Breault**

**34 Josephine Avenue**

**Rumford, RI 02916**

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### OFFICERS

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1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Nancy Moore
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	David Kelleher
Recording Secretary	Betty Soderlund
Corresponding Secretary	Gladys Panzarella
Treasurer	Rose Marie Sirenski

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Grounds	Ray Anderson
Markers	Kris Rose
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Museum Curator	Edna Anness
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*In memory of...*

*A donation was made to the Society's*

*Memorial Fund*

*in memory of*

*Steve Panzarella*

*who recently passed away.*

*Sadly Missed... Fondly Remembered*

## Annual Memberships

Annual memberships are due the anniversary month that each member joined. We suggest that you check the address label on your newsletter for that date.

Example: 9907 translates to July, 1999

2003 translates to March, 2000

Your prompt payment will reduce the cost and labor involved in mailing reminders.

*Mona Breault, Membership Chairman, thanks you.*

## From the Attic *(continued from Page 1)*

father came to America from England in the late 1800's. They were considered well-to-do and apparently invested early on in the Rumford Chemical Works. When his first grandchild was born, her picture was painted by an unknown artist and sent to New York to be lithographed and reproduced on a cookbook. She also appeared on an advertising card. Two copies of Edith's original pictures were sent at the time to her family living then in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. They have since been lost. Edith was the grandmother of Leota's husband, **Clarence Betts**. (We have another different child's painting from the Rumford Co. in the Museum, given by **Florence Murray** in 1994 and it has been framed.) - So it's a small world, isn't it?

Locally - we have on display fourteen milk bottles representative of fourteen farms/dairies which were once located in East Providence. They are: **A. Almeida, John Amaral, Barber, J. Bettencourt, Brightridge, J. Burgess, E. A. Fiske, Horton Bros., W. K. Luther, John Mello, George Miller, J. P. Rose, W. C. Viall and White Rock Farm-Kent Farms**. We are missing **Bridgham Farm, Munroe Dairy, Bentley, Salten, McAnany, Deatt**, and any more not noted here. I hope someone has a spare from these dairies to make our collection complete. Can you imagine that many milk companies in one town? It's not a surprise as we did start out as a farming community.

Local - the photo of the **Riverside Businessmen's Association** in last month's newsletter had to be taken after 1941 and not in 1934 as previously noted. **Reggie Whitcomb**, in the photo, did not join until after that year. (Thanks, Virginia).

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## Gifts to the Museum

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- James & Louise Kilpatrick** - E. A. Fiske cream bottle.  
**George Amaral** - Book on the history of the Amaral brothers during World War II.  
**George Page** - Two huge scrapbooks of pictures and news articles chronicling the history of the E. P. Fire Dept.  
**George Connors** - Four RUMFORD boxes and an article on the old Red Bridge.



*Thank you.*

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

## HELP!!! WE NEED YOU!

**If the Hunt House is to be open on Sundays this summer we need two people for each Sunday afternoon from 1 - 3 p.m. The dates are:**

**July 11 and 25 (not open July 4<sup>th</sup>)  
 August 1, 8, 15\*, 22, and 29.  
 (\* only one person needed on August 15)**

**It is only two hours and, who knows, you might meet some old friends or make some new ones. Please call!**

**Ginny Berwick 434-0998  
 Les Haworth 434-1430  
 or the Hunt House 438-1790**

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## Grounds Committee

*by Ray Anderson, Chairman*

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Thanks to recent donations and memorial gifts, the **Phase II Cottage Garden** is two-thirds funded. Contributions have come from the **East Providence Beautification Committee, Sophie Fredrick and Louise Healy** in memory of **Paul F. Fredrick and Claire Sullivan**.

Should you wish to memorialize a friend or relative, checks should be made out to the **East Providence Historical Society** and mailed to the Society at **Box 4774, East Providence, RI 02916, Attn: Ray Anderson**.

The score for our new front lawn is **Grass 4, Weeds 5**. See me at the Annual Picnic to point out our landscaping plans for Fall 1999 and Fall 2000. Exciting times lie ahead!





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*Events Calendar*

**JUNE**



Monday, June 28, 5:00 p.m.  
 Annual Picnic/Election of Officers  
 John Hunt House  
 Hunts Mills Rd., Rumford

**JULY**

Wednesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.  
 BOARD MEETING (*Members Welcome*)  
 New President to Preside  
 John Hunt House, Hunts Mills Rd.

**SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday, September 8, 1999  
 Board Meeting  
 John Hunt House

*Community Programs*

- June 4 - House tour for Grade Four of Kent Heights School
- June 9 - Open House - Seniors Citizens Picnic at noon.
- June 9 - House tour and slide program for Rehoboth Anawan Society at 7:00 p.m.



*Have a Super Summer*