



# Gazette

## NICHOLAS BROWN WILL DISCUSS PLANS FOR PHILIP WALKER HOUSE

### MEMBERS MEETING

September 25, 7:30 PM  
Newman Church, Rumford

**Nicholas Brown**, Executive Director, **PRESERVE RI**, will discuss the historic **Philip Walker House**, North Broadway, East Providence at the September 25<sup>th</sup> members meeting. **PRESERVE RI** is the present owner of the Walker House. Mr. Brown along with his sister, **Angela Brown Fisher**, and a small committee have been involved in planning the future of this historic house.

Since **Mrs. Potter** gave the property to **PRESERVE RI**, much has been done. But, more importantly, much more needs to be done. Mr. Brown will discuss some of the ideas he has in mind and will be looking for support and input from anyone interested in helping to restore and maintain this historic property.

## CONVERGENCE DISPLAYS, RI

The **Charles I.D. Loeff Carousel**, Crescent Park, will be open for a special viewing on September 15 from 5 to 8 PM as part of **Convergence Displays, RI**. It is a program that displays various kinds of sculptures throughout the state. The carousel is one of several in the East Bay to be featured.

The Loeff Carousel will be open for viewing as a piece of outstanding artistic work by one of America's foremost wood carvers. It will not be operating so that visitors can examine each of the 62 horses, 4 chariots and 1 camel and admire the beauty of the carvings.

There will be a slide presentation of the carousel and other former Crescent Park rides. Some tools used by Mr. Loeff will also be on display. Members of the carousel crew will be available for questions about the history of the carousel.

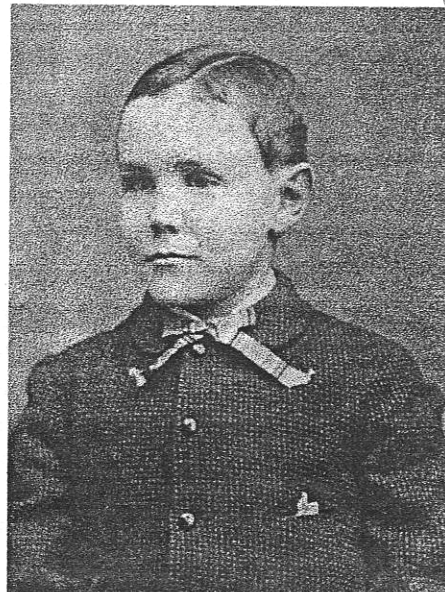
## FROM THE ATTIC

by Edna Anness, Curator

For those of you who were members of the society in 1989, you possibly remember our concern about the **Moore Farm** property on Pleasant Street. The Victorian house was finally restored by **Ken Kazarian** and is located at 380 Pleasant Street. This was the home of **Dr. Elmer Moore**, the local family doctor who in those days made *house calls* – remember what THEY were??

Early this year **Dr. Leonard J. Nyberg, Jr.**, who grew up in East Providence and now lives in New Hampshire, sent us a large photograph of Dr. Moore in an elegant gold frame. You may have seen it in the front parlor at our May Open House or on Picnic Day. This June he sent us a picture of Dr. Moore as a young boy, and three small notebooks detailing Dr. Moore's house calls and how much he charged – from **50 cents** to **\$1.50**, and rarely, **\$3.00**. The list of names consists of old, well-known local names from the past. Remember, there were relatively few residents living in East Providence Center as Rumford was called at the end of the nineteenth century, so everyone was well-known. I even found my great-grandfather and my grandmother, Mrs. McCoart, who paid \$1.11 on June 18 to visit the doctor's office. Imagine! The year for the entries was 1887.

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**A young Elmer Moore.**

- Photo donated  
by Dr. Leonard  
J. Nyberg, Jr.

## Board Briefs

The following officers were elected at the June Annual Meeting to serve the society for a year: **Bob Tewksbury**, President; **Dave Kelleher**, First Vice President; **Nancy Moore**, Second Vice President; **Gladys Panzarella**, Corresponding Secretary; **Peter Allen**, Treasurer. At that time we did not have a candidate for Recording Secretary. Since then, a conscientious member, **Jo Marchi**, came forth. Already on duty! She took the minutes at the July Board Meeting. You can shake her hand at the September 25<sup>th</sup> members meeting.

We have filled the appointed office of Program Chairman. It's been vacant for some time. It will be a two-man office, co-chaired by **Ray Anderson** and **Dave Kelleher**. A couple more hands to shake on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The society's *membership list* is available to all members upon request. **Mona Breault**, Membership Chairman, juggles the ups and downs, ins and outs of maintaining an accurate roster assisted by a second juggler: Computer. Call her, 431-2945, or the society, 438-1750, to get on the waiting list.

**The John Hunt House will reopen on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 to noon.**

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**FROM THE ATTIC** by *Edna Anness*  
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Dr. Nyberg wrote,

"...I provided the Society with a large gilt-framed portrait of Mr. Moore and I thought that the related items enclosed would be of interest...It may be of interest to relate a recollection of **Bob Moore** (probably a son) relative to Dr. Moore. Evidently many of the doctor's patients were located in nearby Seekonk and when he was required to make a late night house call he would frequently fall asleep in his carriage on return to his East Providence residence on Pleasant St. His horse apparently knew the route well enough to find his way home and Dr. Moore would reawaken from the noise generated when his carriage crossed the bridge over the Ten Mile River at the Seekonk line. His barn, located behind the house, had a hoist which assisted him in attaching and detaching the carriage rigging – no doubt this was quite handy, particularly late at night or when he was in a hurry."

Next time you drive by the Moore house note the beautiful barn still standing at the rear of the house. AND, when you have a free minute stop by the Hunt House and look for your ancestor relatives and friends in the "Physician's Visiting List and Memorandum Books".

## GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

- Dr. Leonard J. Nyberg, Jr.** – Photo of Dr. Elmer Moore as a child, three receipt books for home visits by Dr. Moore – 1887 (see From the Attic)
- Clarissa Porter** – An original copy of the Original Charter and Bylaws of the Rumford Chemical Works. (Donor is a descendent of George Wilson)
- Rev. Peter Michaelson** – Two Apple computers for the office.
- Marilyn Brewer** – 1930s bathing suit and wool skirt.
- Marjorie Welt** – Reward book "Journey Through Many Lands" which the donor received for perfect attendance; a vial from Leonard's Drug Store.
- Nancy Stevens** – Four photos of the old Wilson School.
- Clint Sellow** – Copy of the HOLMES/HAZARD Genealogy; program for Centennial Celebration of East Providence High School – 1984.

*Thank you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

*By Ray Anderson, Chairman*

All plantings at the Hunt House are doing well. Because the scope and costs are great with **Phase III** of the

landscaping project, the city will complete the plans in two yearly segments. Phase III extends from the white building at the rear, past the bridge and over to the small parking spaces near our sign and flag pole. It will contain a terrace, vegetable garden, orchard and meandering paths.

**If you know of someone who likes gardening and could offer an hour or two a week, please leave a message for me: 438-1750 (EPHS) or 438-2464.**

## MEMBERS' MEMORIES

*By Ray Anderson*

Last newsletter I spoke of delivery men who came to our home: ice man, egg man and milk man. We also had a baker, more recently, who besides baked goods sold Charles Chips. Never did know his name, but we all called him *Charlie Chip*.

My wife has fond memories of a driver named Walter for Loutitt Laundry who was always friendly to the neighborhood kids as he made his dry cleaning and laundry route. We both remember the produce truck that brought fresh fruit and vegetables to nearby homes.

Although not a delivery man, we had an insurance man who came weekly to collect the \$3-4 premium and a dry goods salesman who sold items out of his car. My mother would say what she needed, he would dig into the piles in his car and come out with a table cloth to fit our needs and a weekly payment schedule.

Last, but not least, was the paperboy. (Now it's male or female and various ages). As I recall I had three routes totaling six years. Although there were many rainy and cold snowy days, I have the fondest memories of all the people I met in those years. As a matter of fact, I married the daughter of one of my customers. I still say it's the best tip I ever got!

**Next month: "School Memories"** . Send your memories to: Ray Anderson, E.P. Historical Society, P.O. Box 4774, East Providence, RI 02916 or call 438-2464.

## RIVERSIDE MOM & POP STORE

*by Dorothy Duane*

I wonder how many remember the little "**Mom & Pop**" store on the corner of Narragansett & Cedar Avenues. It was owned by the **Walkers** when I was a little girl. I remember playing 'kick the can' and 'hide and seek' under the street light on that corner and running in to buy a piece of penny candy (when I could find a penny).

When Mr. & Mrs. Walker passed on their daughter, **Margie Brown**, took over the store. In 1938 my father-in-law, **David Sampson**, bought the business. You never had to go hungry if you didn't have the money. He would write up a tab for you. Oh yes, when the Walkers owned the store there were barrels of oyster crackers and pickles.



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# Events Calendar

## September

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 pm  
 Board Meeting (*members welcome*)  
 John Hunt House, Hunts Mills Rd., Rumford

Monday, Sept. 25, 7:30 pm  
 Members Meeting  
 Newman Church, Rumford  
 Program: *PRESERVE RI*

## October


Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 pm  
 Board Meeting (*members welcome*)  
 John Hunt House, Hunts Mills Rd., Rumford

Monday, October 23, 7:30 pm  
 Members Meeting  
 Riverside Congregational Church  
 Corner Bullocks Point and Oak Avenues, Riverside  
 Program: *Harbor Museum, Providence*  
 Presented by members Peter & Catherine Allen

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