

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

November 2019

Monthly meeting changed to Tuesday night November 26th, 7pm
*** At the Historical Society. Dress warmly. ***

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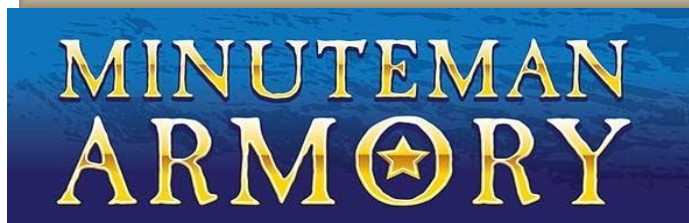
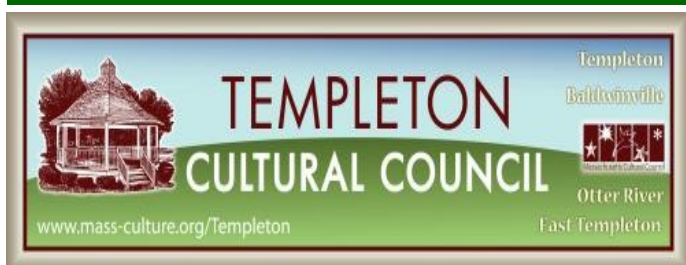


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DONATIONS ACCEPTED

YES! I would like to make a donation to the
Narragansett Historical Society

I/We have enclosed a check in the amount of \$_____.

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Narragansett Historical Society and send to
PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

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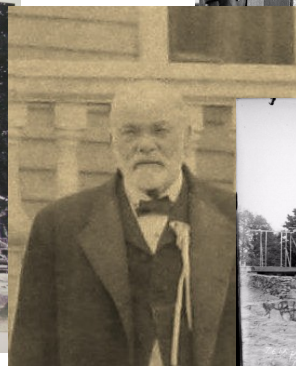
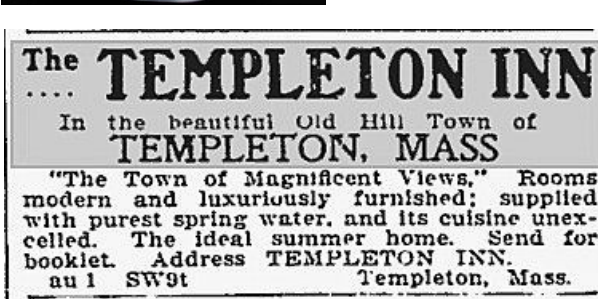
Cabin Fever show is coming

Do you have a collection you'd like to show? We have featured so many different collections over the past 5 years. Many have returned several times, others have displayed a different collection each year. Please let us know if you plan to attend and show your lifetime collection with us. February 23rd at the Baldwinville American Legion Post 373 on 3 Central Street, enter through the parking lot out back.

If you haven't been to one, please mark your calendar now, and don't miss out again.

Food is available, a small admission charge is suggested,
the knowledge you acquire is free.

Images of the Templeton Inn



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TANGUAY JEWELERS



Lucas Baker * The Pines * Bakers Grove

We have only had limited knowledge of this area between Gardner Rd / Route 101 and West Broadway / Route 2A. Located on the Gardner line in East Templeton next to Graves into the woods.

Not far from the road was a place called the Pines, resting just in back of a newly built log cabin where a young family is enjoying a very secluded back yard once filled with people attending clam bakes, movies, dances, and other outdoor events.

Our recent acquisition from the Eames family has opened our eyes into the past and how their land was enjoyed in East Templeton back at the turn of the century, 1900.

In the next year, we will open those boxes to discover images, glass plate advertising slides, objects once on display in the Whitney Tavern and so much more. Seven generations of information once stored in the Eames house has now found it's way into the Narragansett Historical Society's collection. Adrian Eames and his Aunt Holiday, knew how important this collection is to Templeton and were generous enough to offer it so we can all learn and enjoy their story. From the Whitney family, the Baker family, and the Eames family, we can now fill in the blanks. You must see what it's all about during the Summer of 2020.



Lucas Baker



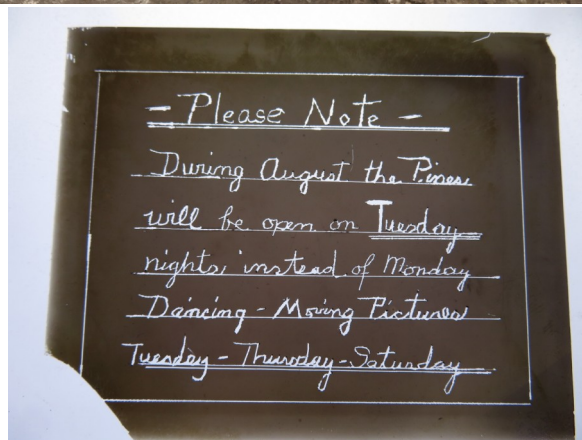
The Pines



Lucas Baker with his painting class



Ruth Sybil Baker (Eames)



Betsy Whitney



“A moment in time”

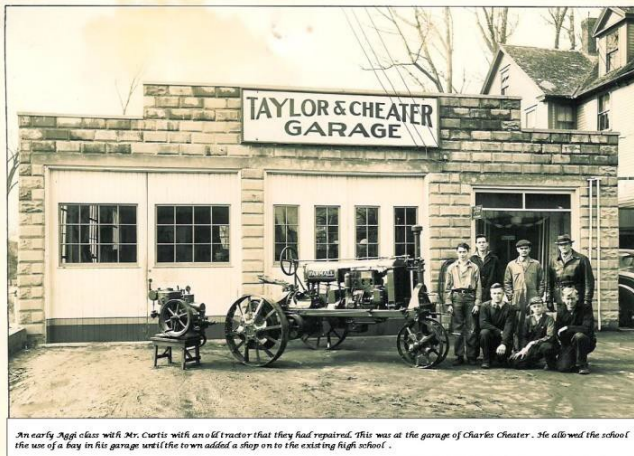
by: Harry Aldrich Jr. *Historian*

High School Agriculture Class

How many people remember or even realize that there used to be an Agriculture Class taught at Templeton High and Narragansett Regional? I am not sure when it was started but I am guessing it was back shortly after the brick high school (now called Baldwinville Elementary) was built. When it first started, there was no room for a shop to teach farm equipment maintenance, so a local auto repair man (Charles Cheater from Baldwinville) offered the use of a bay in his garage. Later an addition was added on to the school to accommodate them. That addition was changed into a cafeteria after Narragansett opened. It was a four year course and required that you work on a farm during summer vacation.

Back in a time when the area was dotted with farms, both large and small, many of the boys from our area, including myself took the agriculture course. The course became a chapter of the F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) and we took part in many county fairs such the Franklin County Fair, the Big E, and our own Templeton Grange Fair. We would attend these fairs and do various jobs. We also had classes at most of the local farms in town learning how to prune fruit trees and many other different farm tasks. In the shop we learned to weld and perform mechanical work on various farm implements. In the class room we had to learn how to identify many different varieties of apples, pears, peaches, and vegetables. One would not believe how many different kinds of apples there are. We were taught all aspects of farming.

For my summer project, I raised chickens (broilers). A broiler is only about sixteen weeks old so it made a good summer project. The first summer, I built my chicken coop and for my second summer I filled it with one hundred birds. For my third year, I built a much bigger coop and during my final year I purchased three hundred birds. Every once in a while our teacher would show up unannounced to check on how we were doing and grade us. At the end of the season we would sell the broilers to the CO-OP. They would come to our location, put the birds in wooden cages and take them away.



An early Agg class with Mr. Curtis with an old tractor that they had repaired. This was at the garage of Charles Cheater. He allowed the school the use of a bay in his garage until the town added a shop on to the existing high school.



President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



Happy Thanksgiving!

Time could not possibly go by any faster, can it? Just one month left in 2019 and we can take a short breath and enjoy our days off, spend it with family, friends, and do something out of the ordinary.

Our last event of the year is coming fast, December 1st from 2 to 4:30 we will have Santa, a bake sale, the High School marching band, a sing-a-long around the Christmas tree on the common and the annual tree lighting to cap it off. Take a picture with Santa, no matter your age, and pick up a few treats, baked by our generous volunteers. These simple things help the organization grow and continue to do projects, events, and preserve Templeton's rich history.

Consider an annual donation if you can't make it to the event, you'll be happy to know that 100% of every dollar is invested into the Historical Society in some way or another.

This is directly related to the many volunteers who do so much for the greater good.

We are still growing in membership and commitment to the community as we continue to offer historic displays, creative events, and interesting articles in our newsletters.

With a dedicated group, we have found more ways to help the Society grow, we find ways to save money on projects and with the forestry plan, we will now make the land provide for us; logging, nature trails, planting trees for the future, and creating new outdoor events in the coming years.

Our focus recently has been the Grange hall with the second floor ready to insulate and run new electrical outlets and lighting. The CPC recently offered a Grant of \$43,400.00 to support the project during the Fall town meeting on Nov. 20th, which passed unanimously by those in attendance. For that, we thank you all.

The newly restored Grange hall will provide the community with many opportunities of use, such as, meetings, dinners, musical entertainment, stage shows, historic presentations, Cabin Fever shows, and so much more. There will be many artifacts on display telling the story of Templeton to all who enter.

Keep an eye in the sky for Santa, he's coming soon!

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 NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME
 any time.**



Find us on Facebook—Search for **TempletonMuseum (Narr Hist Society)** It's filled with the History of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton. Pictures, stories, and faces of the people who lived here years ago. Some new images will be shared from around the town. We have created a "page" instead of a "profile" 1400 members

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

**Located at 1 Boynton Rd. and 9 Hubbardston Rd
 Templeton MA**

Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised

November 26th Tuesday night meeting Tuesday night meeting Happy Thanksgiving!



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