

## A New Era Dawns for The Hooper

*(Editor's note: The selling of the Hooper property is a significant milestone in Walpole history. To document for posterity the seven years of hard work by Peggy Pschirrer, Steve Dalessio and many others, the **Clarion** asked Pschirrer to condense her four cartons of documents on Hooper. This resulting article, of necessity the longest the **Clarion** has ever published, concludes 92 years of history leading into the next chapter of The Meeting House Hill Farm.)*

July 2, 2018 was a significant day in the annals of the George L. Hooper Property on Prospect Hill Road. In 1926, the Town of Walpole accepted, for \$1.00, a gift of property, cash and buildings from the John H. Clifford, Executor/Trustee of the Mary Hooper estate. George L. Hooper, Mary's husband, died in 1916, leaving the residuum of his estate to his wife for the purpose of establishing a "school for the teaching of the higher branches of organized knowledge (not a university) but a place where a college preparatory education may be obtained in such subjects as agriculture, forestry, botany, and the development and improvement of the soil by planting and reaping as well as right living...clean and healthy diversions in an institution to be named Frederick H. Hooper Institute."

When Mary died in 1924 she left instructions for her Trustee John Clifford that, if there were sufficient funds in her will in the possession of the Town to create and maintain the Frederick H. Hooper Institute, Clifford was to convey the real estate to the Town of Walpole.

At the time the Town accepted the gift, which included land, buildings, and cash, the Town also leased fifty acres of the farm to a group of local citizens to build a golf course, which opened in 1928, about

*Hooper Trustees, Steve Dalessio and Peggy Pschirrer complete historic sale of Hooper properties July 2 to Fred Dill (left)*



the same time a new building across the street opened as the Hooper Institute. George Hooper had envisioned the Mansion as the Hooper Institute, which explains the Bronze plaque just below the flagpole at the entry to the Hooper Golf course. Now, ninety-two years later, part of that gift from Mary and George Hooper - The Meeting House Hill Farm - has been sold to Fred Dill.

In 1943, the State of New Hampshire created an Office of Charitable Trusts to oversee town owned trusts. Eventually, reviewing the Hooper Trust held by the Town of Walpole, the Director of the Office of Charitable Trusts questioned the earnings of the Trust, which, in part, depended upon the rent from the Hooper Golf Course. For years, the Golf Course had paid minimal rent of \$300.00 per year. Several Probate Court rulings affected the Hooper Trust over the years, but the most significant came

## Plans for the Hooper

*(New owner, and Walpole resident, Fred Dill provided this statement to the **Clarion** of his immediate plans following his purchase of the Hooper Mansion and Golf Course.)*

I am pleased to have completed the purchase on July 2 of the Hooper Golf Course, Watkins Tavern and associated buildings. This parcel includes 140 acres of conservation easements, and about 9.16 "exclusion" acres where development is permitted. My immediate plan is to subdivide the property into three separate elements: 1) The small cottage on Prospect Hill Road, 2) The golf course and adjoining forest; and, 3) the "exclusion" area which includes the Watkins Tavern, the barn and the pro shop.

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As announced in the June Clarion, the Walpole Society for Bringing to Justice Horse Thieves and Pilferers of Hen Roosts and Clothes Lines ("Walpole Horse Thieves") will hold their biennial banquet September 26, 2018 at the Alyson's Orchard banquet facility. Our guest speaker for the banquet will be Ryan Owens, Executive Director of the Monadnock Conservancy.

Invitations to the banquet were mailed to all members in late July. Reservations are being accepted at this time. Again this year the price for the event is \$20 per person. Reservations may be made by returning your payment and the reservation form in your invitation to Lewis LaClair at the address in the invitation. Two years ago we ran out of space at the banquet, and so we encourage members to make their reservations early.

Ryan Owens, the banquet speaker, joined the Monadnock Conservancy in 2006. He is a Walpole resident and a

Horse Thief. Ryan and the Monadnock Conservancy have been involved in several high-profile conservation projects in Walpole. In addition to Mr. Owens' speech, we will also be favored with a short concert by the Kurn Hattin choir.

Many aspects of the banquet will follow traditions: the menu will feature a roast beef or veggie lasagna dinner cooked by our officers and committee with family style salad, mashed potatoes, squash, rolls, and desert; we will honor our "Riders" -those who have been members of the Horse Thieves for the longest time; and we'll hand out our 2018 membership poster.

Attendance at the banquet is open to any member of the Horse Thieves and their guests. If you would like to join the Horse Thieves please contact Lewis LaClair, clerk (details below).

Membership is open to any man 18 years or older who lives in Walpole, who pays a \$2 lifetime dues and signs the membership book. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lewis LaClair, Clerk (756-0001, or LLaclair@Advancedrisk.com).

- Lewis LaClair

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- Judy Epstein

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Phase one will be the sale of the cottage to a private homeowner and the sale of the golf course and forest to a group of local investors, who are represented by Solomon & Nostrand (a Bellows Falls law firm). The latter transaction will include 50 year leases on the pro shop and the barn.

Watkins Tavern and adjoining acres will remain under my management. Plans are underway to expand and upgrade the kitchen in the mansion and open the downstairs to the public for dining and entertainment. There are no plans at this time to add any additional buildings to the 8 acres.

The golf course and tavern are open to the public. I, along with the group of investors, encourage all to come and visit the tavern and play a round of golf on the course. By the end of July a food truck will be on the premises for lunch and some dinners. If anyone is interested in renting the tavern and its magnificent porch please contact me, Fred Dill, at 603 209-4589. The golf course is open dawn to dusk seven days a week.

- Fred Dill

## Hooper Open House

The cloudy sky on Saturday did not deter enthusiastic people gathering at the Hooper Golf Course on July 14. The Hooper Golf Course and Watkins Tavern were sold to a local businessman, Fred Dill, and a group of investors, headed by David Howell, for \$500,000.

The Open House was held to introduce the new owner group's commitment to improve the facilities and restore the glory days of the past. They are determined to make the Hooper a destination spot – a gathering place for golfers, non-golfers, young and old to "Experience Hooper Magic," with year-round outdoor activities, while preserving the natural beauty and the proud history of the Walpole. They are targeting at least 200 members for 2019.

Nearly 250 people came during the course of the day between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. They were delighted with joyful cart rides, free beer, lemonade, popcorn, putting contests and tours of the golf course and the Tavern. For some, like Mary Jane Zimmerman (94) from Colorado, it was a home coming day. She used to play tennis and lunch at the Tavern porch. "It has changed since I left Walpole in 1999, but it is still a beautiful spot. It made me nostalgic. I felt very lucky to be here."

Peggy Pschirrer, Hooper Trustee said during the open house, "A very heavy burden has been lifted off from my shoulders. Now it's the challenge for the new group."

– Kay Enokido



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## Summer Programs

### At the Hooper Institute

The Hooper Institute's educational mission does not end with the last day of school. The staff runs several programs for the school age youth of Walpole, including three camps and a work program for high school kids.

Rebecca Whippie directed Forest Camp for children entering grades 1-4. It was held on the grounds of the Hooper Institute. Children divided into small groups under the tutelage of teen counselors. After morning introductions and group games, each group rotated through activities such as making a craft or meeting a challenge. What could be more fun than playing in the woods with friends and building forts from all natural materials?

**Adventure Camp** offered hikes through Walpole for kids entering grades 5-8. We climbed Kingsbury Mountain for a spirited game of capture the flag, and stopped at the Kingsbury's pond to catch critters. Our next day's adventure was a walk through the Mill Pond Conservation area to Karen Kuniholm's horse farm for lots of "horse love" with her mini horse and trusty trail horse. Our trek up Fall Mountain paid off with excellent views up and down the Connecticut River Valley. It's always fun to see Bellows Falls looking like a miniature town. Our last day was the annual cookout at the Hooper Shelter. We roasted our lunches and played games in the woods.

**Woodworking Camp** engaged 19 eager kids to try carpentry projects. If we can engineer it, they can build it! A parade of boxes and tables of all sizes and uses left the shop. We also had shelves, a bunny hutch, a cold frame, a set of stairs, two coaster cars ready to roll and two boats ready to launch. We thank Leon Jones very much for his donations of the lumber. As the adult leader, it's always worth it to see the look of pride on the kid's faces!

High school students are entering their second month of the summer work program in August. Teens have been placed at a variety of businesses in town: Alyson's Orchard, Barnett Hill Vineyard, Abenaki Springs produce farm, the Walpole Veterinary Hospital, The Village Blooms, Malnati dairy farm, the Town recycling center and Distant Hill Gardens. We also have a student who helps with the school gardens so there will be produce to pick when school resumes. The students learn about job responsibilities as well as agricultural pursuits. I'll report more details of this program in next month's Clarion.

— Eloise Clark



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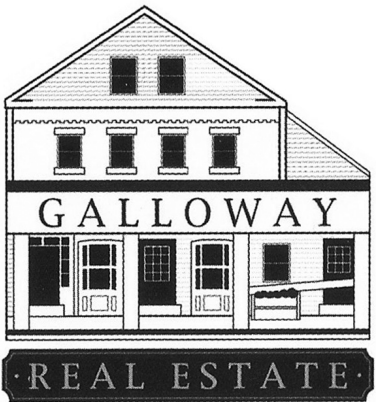
in 1995 when the Probate Court decree divided the Hooper Trust into three separate trusts, and ordered the Hooper Golf Club had to pay a rent yielding a market return, and defined how that was to be determined. The positive outcome, in 1995, was that the reverter clause was eliminated, and the Town was given permission to sell the land with permission of the Court upon notice to the Office of Charitable Trust.

Fast forward to 2011, when the Town was told the Hooper Golf Club was a wasting asset, not producing enough income for the Education Trust, and the Town had to settle the "Hooper Issue" or the Office of Charitable Trust would intervene.

After a Town wide meeting in October 2011, the Board of Selectmen, also the Hooper Trustees, appointed a Hooper Study Committee: Peggy Pschirrer, Chair; Steve Dalessio, Vice Chair; Joe Dion, Holly Gowdy, Peter Kenney, Charles Lennon, Jeff Miller and two ex-officio members: Jerry Galloway and Sheldon Sawyer. Vicki Gohl was appointed Secretary to the Committee. The Committee was charged to review and understand the facts of the George L. Hooper Trust; explore and generate as many options and possibilities for the future of the Trust; review possibilities and recommendations with the Office of Charitable Trusts, and provide a written report to the Hooper Trustees (Selectmen) by October 1, 2012, which would meet the original intent of the Trust, the Court Decree of 1995 and the Office of Charitable Trusts.

The Study Committee met semi-monthly from November 2011 until June 2012, when it met weekly until it submitted a proposal to the Select Board/Trustees to encumber the Hooper Property with a Conservation Easement, and then sell the entire parcel of land occupied by the Hooper Golf Course, including the 1788 Mansion, Barn, Pro Shop and Small Cottage. The Committee outlined the steps to accomplish this by beginning with a survey of the land, which had never been done before, and an updated appraisal of the entire property. In addition the Committee presented a proposal for raising funds to buy the conservation easement with the Monadnock Conservancy.

The survey of the Land by Wendy Pelletier was recorded in the Cheshire County land records, and the appraisal by Bruce Taylor determined a Fair Market value of \$1,188,000. In May 2013 the Monadnock Conservancy Board of Directors approved a Conservation Easement for the Hooper Property.



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The Study Committee's plans were presented at a Town Meeting in August 17, 2013 as a Win-Win-Win solution: selling the land would return the property to the tax roles; encumbering the land saved the land in perpetuity for year-round use by the community and enriched the Education Trust by \$1, 118,000.

The Select Board approved the proposal at a meeting on August 29, 2013. The Office of Charitable Trusts agreed to petition the Probate Court to allow the sale and encumbrance of the Hooper Property at 166 Prospect Hill Road.

The Hooper Study Committee morphed into a Save Hooper Preservation Committee, with a goal of raising approximately \$600,000 to cover the cost of the easement at \$450,500 and \$150,000 for the costs of legal fees, the costs associated with raising money, registration fees and transfer fees. The sale price of the Hooper Property was set at \$737,500, which with the cost of the easement set at \$450,000 totaled the appraised value of the property.

The Probate Court approved the sale of the Hooper Property and the purchase of the conservation easement September 2, 2014. In addition the Court ordered the merger of the Scholarship Trust with the Education Trust and also provided a separate Trust for maintenance. Further, the Court determined that, if the Hooper Institute needed additional funds for capital improvements, the Institute could petition the Office of Charitable Trusts for permission to use principal rather than petition the court...a significant time and money saver.

A local citizen immediately offered to buy the property, so documents were prepared for an August 28, 2015 closing and acquisition of the conservation easement. Alas, one of the prospective buyer's investors withdrew his offer, collapsing the sale. However, the Save Hooper Committee successfully raised enough money—approximately \$565,000 - so that the Monadnock Conservancy could buy the easement. A party was held February 28, 2015 to thank all the supporters.

By now there was no longer an active committee working, so the Board of Selectmen petitioned the Probate Court, with the approval of the Office of Charitable Trust, for permission to close on the easement, thereby preserving the land in perpetuity. The Court gave its approval, and the closing was held January 2016, thus depositing \$450,000, plus an additional \$20,000, in the Education Trust.

In 2015, Peggy Pschirrer was elected to the Select Board where she continued to market the Hooper Golf Property through advertisements in Golf magazines, as well as Alumni magazines.

Newspaper articles brought calls and emails about the property so that Peggy and Steve Dalessio showed the property numerous times. In 2016, with permission of the Probate Court, the price of the Hooper property was lowered to \$500,000. A local businessman made an offer and was given a Right of First Refusal, as he had to sell property in order to purchase the property. The Trustees continued to market the property. While waiting for a sale, the Trustees rented the Mansion's porch for wedding showers and birthday parties, and opened the porch every Tuesday for anyone who wanted to bring a picnic and enjoy the sunset. In 2017 another earnest buyer presented a proposal to purchase the entire property and turn it into a destination place for golfers. Again after several months of high excitement and anticipation, the offer was withdrawn in April of 2018.

A month later, in a small meeting of golfers who wanted to discuss the future of the Hooper Property, someone asked Peggy what could be done to preserve the future of the golf course. She responded that the answer was easy: "Someone just has to buy the property." At this point Fred Dill spoke up and said, "I am going to buy the property." He looked at Peggy and said, "I will be into Town Hall with a non-refundable check for \$25,000 for a closing July 2."

A splendid resolution for preserving Hooper. A win, win, win.

— Peggy Pschirrer

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Service: Sunday 10 AM

## Walpole Unitarian

The Walpole Unitarian Church will be in recess during the month of August and the first weekend of September (Labor Day). We will gather together again on Sunday, September 9.

**Save the Date** - Save the date and join friends and neighbors for this fall's CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger. This event, sponsored by the Walpole churches, is scheduled for Saturday, September 29. More information will be available in the September edition of the Clarion. Information about CROP Hunger walks can be found at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org>

**Mystic Circle Monthly Meeting** - The August meeting of Mystic Circle is Friday, August 10, at Hastings Memorial Parish House, 14 Union Street, Walpole, at 6:30 PM, and is open to all. The group meets at 6:00 PM to enjoy a light supper before the meeting begins. The August topic for discussion is *The Idea of the Self*. Questions? Contact Len Kendall at [lkendall@kendallsens.com](mailto:lkendall@kendallsens.com)

- Wendy Harty

## Historical Society

Good things are happening at the Museum this month! We are having an outdoor workshop on August 6 and 7 from 9:00 to 11 AM. Carolyn Frisa of Works on Paper will be directing our volunteers in carefully cleaning and preparing some old records and documents that have been stored in the old downstairs vault at the Town Hall so we can bring them into their new home at the Museum. We welcome anyone interested in helping to come along and join our work party!

Also, work will begin in August on our new heat pump system in the building. So much going on here, and of course our new Busy Hands exhibit and Timeline Walpole, as well as our Childrens Display, are open to the public every Saturday from noon to 4:00 PM. So please come and visit us.

Browse our Gift Shop where there are new items coming in regularly - Sweet little Woodstock wind chimes, wooden bookmarks, beautiful stained glass pieces from a local artisan. We have handmade wooden bowls, new Caspari napkins, toys and books for the kids and hand knitted baby sweater sets. Candles, history books and maps, plus scarves and accessories for every lady. We are open noon to 4:00 PM Saturdays! And by appointment, too, by calling 756-3449. Convenient parking is available behind the building.

- Sally McGaffigan

## First Congregational

**Summer Services** - Our services are being held at the regular time, 10:00 AM, but in the Fellowship Hall, i.e. street level, or outside on the north lawn. Summer is a great time to celebrate love and life, hope and faith, nature and God. On July 21 Pastor Christine Boardman conducted a service of blessing of the animals. Folks brought their pets, photos of their not so well behaved pets, ashes of their pets that are gone, and understanding why a cow can't just show up in church.

**Pie Sales** - Hopefully by now you've attended the band performances on the Common and had something to eat and drink. The Church's traditional pie sales will be every Sunday there is a concert. Our pies are famous. We even try to have sugar free and gluten free options available. We look forward to serving you.

**Chicken Barbecue** - We will be offering our famous chicken barbecue in conjunction with the band concert on Sunday, August 12. The men's group of the church are seasoned experts in cooking the chickens. Great food, fellowship and fun on the grounds outside the church. Come and sit and enjoy a fabulous chicken dinner or buy chicken for take-out.

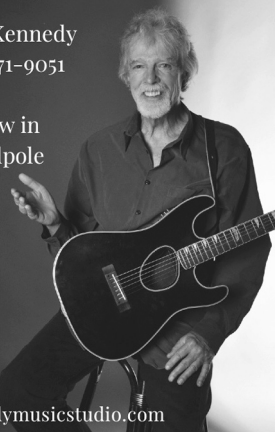
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### BBQ & Blood Pressure Clinic in North Walpole

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Friendly Meals are open to senior citizens (60+) from all area towns, and are available on a donation basis. Reservations are essential, as seating is limited. Call Gia at 352-2253 by 11:00 am Wednesday, August 22.

Arrive early and have your blood pressure taken at the Nurse Is In clinic. A wellness nurse from Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services will be available from 11:30 am to 12:30pm to check blood pressures and answer questions about home care and general health concerns you may have.

The Friendly Meals and Nurse Is In clinics are programs of Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, a Monadnock United Way agency.

— Lara Larson

## Pinnacleview 4-H

The first half of 2018 has been amazing for Pinnacleview 4-H. We had our annual 4-H Quiz Bowl in April. The Quiz Bowl is an event where different 4-H clubs come together and compete in teams to test their knowledge about animals. The object is to be the first person to buzz in and answer the question correctly. Contestants are scored individually and in teams. One of our Pinnacleview members, George Gowdy, placed first in the senior individual category.

We also participated in the Strolling of the Heifers, which took place in Brattleboro, VT. The Strolling of the Heifers is a parade that takes place once a year. Different 4-H groups march in the parade with their heifers. There are also school bands that march in the parade. After the parade, people can come and meet the heifers that marched. It's a great way to spend some outdoor time with friends and family.

Pinnacleview will also be showing our animals at the Cheshire, Cornish and Hopkinton Fairs. Some of our members will even be showing their animals at the Big E. Anyone who comes to the fairs can watch the animals being shown. There are a lot of fun 4-H events this year, hope you can come to one!

— Rexx Ward

## Non-fiction Book Group

### A Civil Discourse

We will meet Monday, August 13, 6:00 PM, at the Bridge Memorial Library to continue the discussion of *Tailspin* by Steven Brill. Depending on how it goes, we might need September's meeting to give this "Best Seller" the in-depth study it deserves. Our group members will also be discussing books that they are currently reading.

For more information, contact Ron MacLachlan at 756-3695.

— Ron MacLachlan

## Walpole Seniors

The Walpole Seniors will hold their next regular luncheon at 12:00 noon on August 20, at the First Congregational Church. Janet Clough, Welfare Director of the Town of Walpole, will be our speaker. We look forward to her presentation on the "Walpole Community". Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

— Jan Martin



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## August at the Library

### Breakfast at Spencer's to benefit the library.

Join us for breakfast at Spencer's on Sunday August 12 from 6-11AM. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the library's fundraising efforts for the expansion & renovation project.

### Musicals at the Library

Join us for Musicals at the library on the big screen! We'll be showing two musicals every Tuesday this summer. The 10:00 AM movie will be a Family Musical, and the 6:00 PM movie will be a Classic Musical. Check our Facebook page, website or stop by the library for a list of movie titles!

### Summer Fun Programs

Summer Fun continues in August with some special programs! The Grafton Museum is back every Wednesday in August for story time on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. We are offering a Zentangle workshop on August 2 at 2:00 PM with a certified Zentangle instructor. Miss Allie from the Walpole Village School will be at the library Saturday August 4 from 10:00 AM to noon with crafts!

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing! We have prizes for kids ages 0-18 plus adults! Keep track of how many books you read and receive fun or prizes or raffle tickets to win a big raffle basket at the end of the summer! Stop by the library to register and check out the prizes.

### Penny Drive, T-shirts & Tote Bags, Oh my!

Our fundraising for the library expansion and renovation project is still going strong. Bring your pennies into the library to fill our cute piggy bank (located in the kids' room). We've challenged the kids to see how many times we can fill the pig this summer!

T-shirts in both youth and adult sizes are available for purchase at the library. They are \$15 each. Canvas tote bags are also available for purchase for \$20 each.

All proceeds from the penny drive, t-shirts sales and tote bag sales go towards our fundraising campaign!

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*Summer programs at the library were highlighted this month with a wild animal experience for children (attending adults were equally delighted). Among the visiting fauna: a tortoise, tarantula, blue-tongued skink, chinchilla, and the hedgehog pictured above.*



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## Even Libraries are Overdue...

### Campaign Update

Following the example of several local businesses, some youthful entrepreneurs recently contributed the profits of their hard work to the library renovation project. The vacationing grandchildren of Rock and Trish Houston set up a lemonade stand on Main Street in early July. A day's worth of thirsty patrons paid \$57.00 for their refreshment... which the youngsters gave to the library campaign. Kudos to all.

Among other donations this month, C & S Wholesale Grocers awarded the library \$3,000 through one of their Community Involvement Mini Grants. The campaign total now stands at \$315,000.

— Jan Kobeski

### Friends of the Library

#### Fall Book Sale Preparations

In preparation for the Friends of the Walpole Library's annual book sale at the end of October, we spend many person-hours during the summer and early fall sorting all the books donated to the sale. We would really appreciate your help with this big job.

Sorting and book donation drop off takes place every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10 AM, and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in a building behind the Hungry Diner. Turn into the Hungry Diner parking lot and continue beyond the white fence.

If you have any questions, please call Carol Malnati at 756-9537. Thanks so much for your help!

— Jana Sellarole



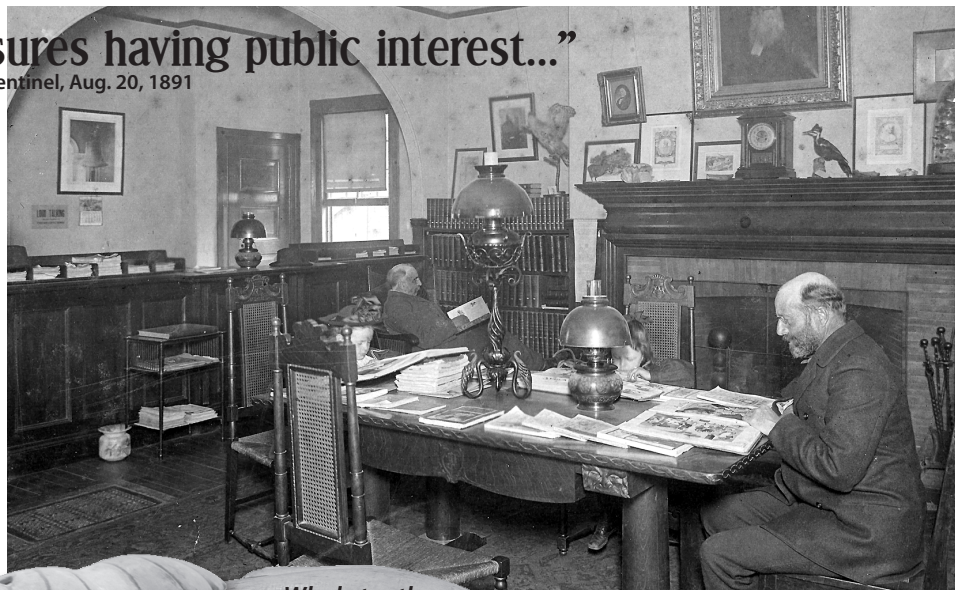
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## “...a repository for treasures having public interest...”

— A. Parker Richardson, M.D. • New Hampshire Sentinel, Aug. 20, 1891

Part of the grant-writing process for the Library was documenting the historic character of the building. Fortunately, the Historical Society uncovered two photos of the reading room circa 1906 which were submitted with the application. The images offer a revealing glimpse into the library of more than a century ago.

The same four patrons appear in both. Two men read bound volumes; one of the two girls wears a hat, while the other peeks at the photographer in one of the photos. Both men sport pinz-nez glasses and one appears to be wearing spats. That man is identified on the photo: Thomas Peck, who held several positions in town (e.g., Old Home Committee). He died in 1915. If the photo was taken in 1906, he would have been 64. However, it's what's on display that is most fascinating.



There's a cabinet-style stereograph viewer on a shelf near the side windows; a spittoon by the circulation desk; a musket, bayonet and powder horn above the windows; assorted stuffed birds; framed portraits, and, on and around the fireplace, natural “curiosities”. In 1891, the library was a place to house more than books. As stated by Dr. A. Parker Richardson at the dedication, it was to be, “...a repository for treasures having public interest, though their value may be more scientific...it may be an arrowhead of prehistoric time...”

As tastes changed over the years, many of the furnishings and accessories vanished, but several are still in daily use, while others are in the Historical Society's collection. The two armchairs and table still grace the reading room, and Hudson Ernestus Bridge still oversees the room from his honored space above the mantle. The andirons are the originals. The ornate oil lamp is in the Historical Society (though without its glass shade),

*This musket in the Historical Society resembles the weapon in the photo above, but there are enough visual discrepancies to leave the question in doubt.*

Whale tooth

Monticello fragment

Thomas Peck

Rev. Knapp

Bayonet

Hand axes

Powder horn

as are two of the straight-backed, rush-seated chairs, and one of the fancier, cane-seated chairs. A portrait of Paul Revere next to the woodpecker now hangs in the library's AVroom. The woodpecker, owl, mantle clock, spittoon, small oil lamps, and stereograph viewer are long-gone, however.

Several of the curiosities are at the Historical Society: the oddly-shaped lump on the left of the mantle is an architectural fragment from Monticello; to its right a whale tooth; still further to the right are two native American hand axes. Clearly identifiable, but vanished, the bill of a sawfish leans against the fireplace (loaned by whoever gave the whale tooth?).

The framed document to the left of the clock is an engraving of Bridge's stove factory circa 1870 (Bridge and Beach Manufacturing Co., St. Louis), whose success contributed to the donation of the library. A framed portrait of Rev. Frederick Knapp, a prominent Walpolean in the mid 19th century, hangs above the hand axes. It too is in the Historical Society. The bayonet and powder horn are there too, though the musket is uncertain.

Visible among the publications on the table is *Outing* magazine, published from 1884 to 1923. In 1906, the magazine serialized Jack London's *White Fang*. Notice also the Loud Talking Prohibited signs below an image of what could be the Liberty Bell, the fedora on the circulation desk, and the building visible outside the rear door – where the children's room is today. There were only two rooms, neither of which held an indoor bathroom.

It's possible that some of these original items will return to the renovated library, underscoring the historic roots of the structure.

— Jan Kobeski





# Did You Know That...?

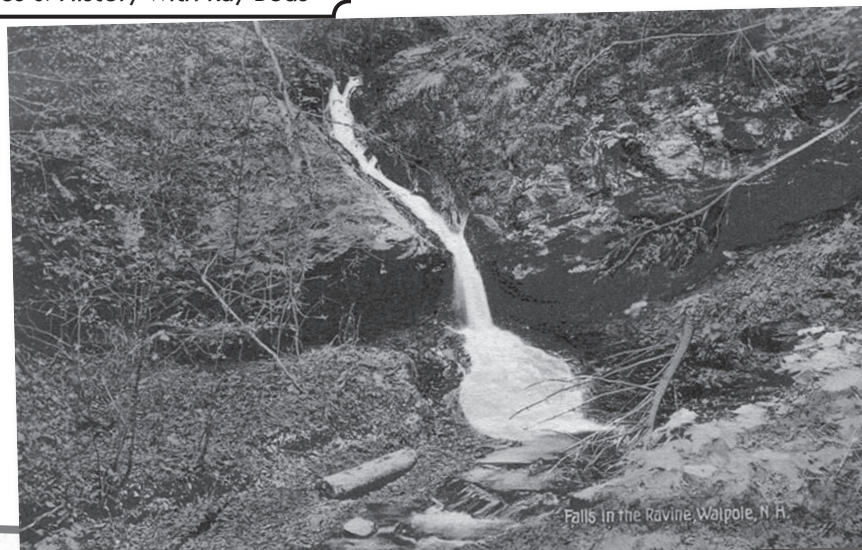
Excursions into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas

## ...the Rev. Henry W. Bellows

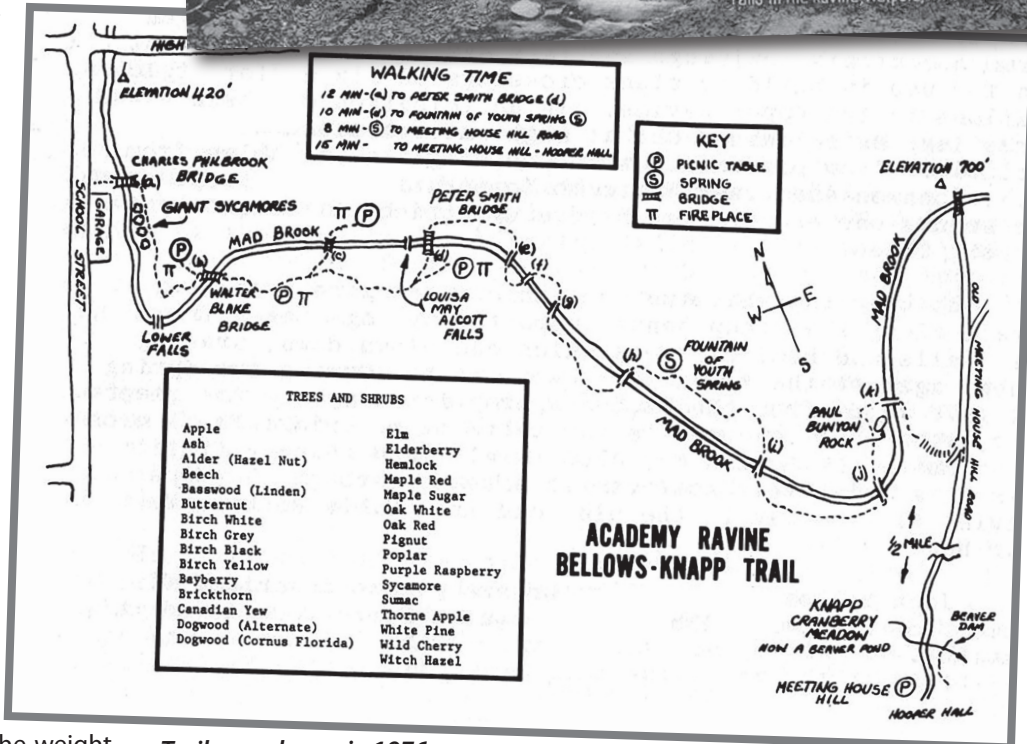
and his neighbor, Rev. Frederick Newman Knapp, in 1859 purchased the property now known as Academy Ravine to preserve its natural beauty? In March 1930, this property was deeded to the Town to be held in trust as a memorial to the two gentlemen. Donors were Robert Bellows, Ellen Bellows Endicott, Miss Louisa Knapp, and Frederick Knapp. The ravine property follows Mad Brook from School Street (behind the old Town garage) east to the old Meeting House Hill Road, now abandoned.

A favorite retreat for Louisa May Alcott when she lived in Walpole and started her days running to the falls, the property was deeded "to be used for park, recreation and educational purposes for benefit of citizens and residents and visitors to Walpole..." Trees could be removed only as "desirable as adding beauty and safety... and forming paths." Further, it was hoped that "the whole Academy Ravine will be used as a part of Bellows-Knapp Trail from Main Street of the Village over the old Academy and old school grounds up Academy Ravine to the old road at the head of the Ravine and follow this old road to the Knapp Cranberry Meadow and Meeting House Hill Farm."

Academy Ravine, as with all of our landscape, evolved as the last glaciers retreated. At one point, probably 2,000 feet of ice covered Walpole. The weight of that ice depressed the land, and Walpole Village would have been about 600 feet below today's elevation, thus below current sea level. As the ice began to melt around 14,000 years ago, Lake Hitchcock began forming, and the land began to rebound. Walpole's downtown was under at least 50 feet of water. Creeks and rivers of melting ice began flowing into the valley over the barren bedrock. Bedrock in our region is a soft, gray, shiny metamorphic rock called schist. With the land rising, Mad Brook ran from the hills over bare bedrock, eroding the schist and continuing into the forming Connecticut River. In the



Falls in the Ravine, Walpole, N. H.



Trail map drawn in 1976

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9,000 or so years of melting and rapidly rising land, the creeks, streams and rivers continued to cut the rock, thus creating ravines, including our Academy Ravine.

Walpole took an active interest in our nation's Bicentennial. A forty-six page booklet records the, "preparations, events and people involved in the 1976 Walpole Bicentennial Celebration." At an early meeting of the planners, it was decided to restore the Bellows-Knapp Memorial Trail. Boy Scout Troop No. 299 began restoration work in conjunction with the Walpole Conservation Commission, and the restored trail and its bridges and picnic spots were dedicated during the Bicentennial festivities.

But nature again had other ideas. On October 9, 2005, historic flooding occurred. The trails and bridges were washed away, and the terrain forever changed. The Walpole Conservation Commission discussed restoration in early 2016. At that time it was decided that the soils and shale slopes were not conducive for the construction of good trails. It would be nice to again look at what could be done in this historic natural area to perpetuate the donor's vision.

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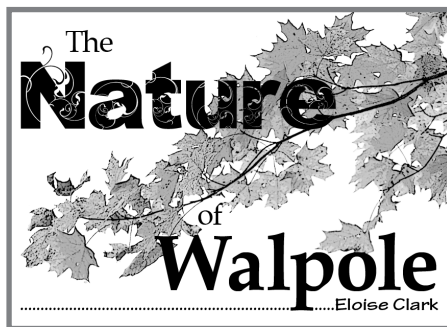


Walpole feels idyllic, especially at this time of year: the verdant forested hills, green pastures and golden fields, shaggy wetlands, and, of course, the picturesque village. However, throughout these habitats, Walpole has a quiet problem - invasive species.

Alien, exotic or non-native species are plants and animals that have arrived here from somewhere else and established a new home. Some cause no serious problems and live in harmony with our native species - think honeybees. Some are a nuisance but do no real harm - think dandelions. Others create major challenges for native plants, animals and people. These we term invasive species.

Invasive species have been likened to "biological bullies." They arrive and multiply quickly, out-competing local species for space, sunlight and nutrients. Their numbers can get out of control because there are no natural predators here. When they take over, they offer little or no benefit to other creatures. They may even cause a great deal of economic harm to us. Here are a few examples.

Remember the blooms of multi-flora rose bushes in June? These large, puffy bushes are covered with aromatic white



flowers, easily seen in pastures or the edges of hay fields. If left uncontrolled, the fields are quickly over-run, much to the dismay of farmers who need open fields for pasture or hay. Norway maples rim the Walpole Common. It's a sturdy tree chosen by many municipalities for its "street" toughness. However, Norway maple near the North Walpole School has begun to escape into the forest supplanting sugar and red maples. .

Along the edges of our fields and forests, masses of Oriental bittersweet vine flourish. Eventually the vine climbs trees in search of sunlight. Not only do its leaves shade the tree, its vine constricts the trunk of its host tree, gradually choking off its life. On the forest floor, garlic mustard quickly spreads. It shades

out spring ephemerals and other low growing plants.

Foresters are sweating the arrival of two insects that could radically change the forest as we know it. The emerald ash borer favors its namesake tree. The ash is a prodigious producer of seeds favored by many kinds of wildlife as well as a valuable saw log. Asian long-horned beetles prefer maples, and we know what treat sugar maples produce. The maple sugar industry has become an economic powerhouse throughout northern New England and Quebec. The damage from both beetles is done by the larva. After the egg hatches under the bark, the larva devours the living layer of wood, cutting off circulation between leaves and roots. The trees weaken and die. What would spring be without maple sugaring season?

In our wetlands, purple loosestrife crowds out native cattails. Many species of animals depend on cattails (aka "the supermarket of the swamp") while the seeds of purple loosestrife offer no nutritional benefit to our native wildlife. Yes, it's all happening right here in Walpole but stay tuned for some glimmers of hope.

## Introducing Bellows Walpole Inn & Pub's New Head Chef, Sarah Dal Balcon

Chef Sarah is an accomplished chef from California who has worked at many prominent establishments in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sonoma County areas.

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Chef Sarah is a fantastic addition to the Bellows Walpole Inn team, and to the culinary scene in Cheshire County.

Her menu is ever-changing, to reflect the seasons' available bounty and her wide-ranging creativity.

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## CVTC Drivers

CVTC's Volunteer Drivers provide "no fee" transportation for people who do not have access to transportation because of age or other limiting circumstances. Our trip purposes include non-emergency medical, social service appointments and trips to the grocery store and pharmacy.

Our CVTC Volunteer Driver, Terry, says:

"About two years ago, our small town newsletter ran an ad looking for Volunteer Drivers. Since then, my husband and I have been active participants in the CVTC program. Being retired and having the freedom to "go & do" on our own schedules, we were initially hesitant to sign up, fearful of getting locked into a schedule of some kind.

We did our "due diligence," learning that the selection of days and times were at our discretion. The fear of commitment evaporated. There's an impressive computer system allowing volunteers to easily search and assign themselves for riders in need. After the trip has been concluded, it's simple to record time spent and mileage for reimbursement.

This program not only helps our riders in getting to appointments, but it has enhanced our retirement existentially. We feel needed, appreciated and there's a reason for being here. In some instances, we've encountered riders who have little social interaction outside of their trips to hospitals and doctors. Our trips in these cases have reflected rejuvenation for both rider and driver. Our riders have been diverse, fascinating and most appreciative of CVTC's services. We cheerfully look forward to continuing assisting those we've met to date, and anticipate meeting new riders as our schedules allow.

Try putting yourself into the positions our riders are experiencing: losing their independence and ability to drive; dependency on others. You'll find as a driver that you'll get more out of the ride than your rider will."

Thank you CVTC Drivers, for donating your time and taking your neighbors where they need to go. For those drivers who do not use a computer, CVTC's staff is happy to assist in choosing trips as well as mileage reimbursement. Talk with us if you have questions or would like to take part! For more information, contact Community Volunteer Transportation Company 877-428-2882, ext. 5

CVTC is a Monadnock Way Partner Agency.

— Leah Kristin



## CRVBL Baseball

### Playoffs Next

The CRVBL regular season ended in the last week of July, with mixed results for the Walpole teams. The Wild Blue finished tied for third place with Putney in the seven-team league with an 8-4 record. The Blue went 2-1 in July, beating the Ironmen (12-4) and Brattleboro (17-0), but losing to Claremont (5-1).

The Maples finished at 3-9 – tied for fourth place with the Ironmen. In July they lost to Keene (5-0), split an epic doubleheader against the Ironmen (losing a 20-inning marathon in which Steve Corey pitched all 20 innings; then winning the second game in 12 innings – also by a 3-2 score), and finishing with a forfeit to Claremont.

All seven CRVBL teams go to the playoffs to determine the league champion. Seeds and game times/locations were not available when the Clarion went to press.

— Jan Kobeski

*It was a very long afternoon for the Maples and ironmen, until the winning run finally crossed the plate.*

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## Monadnock Farm Tour

Pig training demonstrations, a beer garden, farm tours, hay wagon rides, as well as other activities, are sure to entice both young and old to local farms throughout the region during the 2018 Monadnock Farm Tour, Saturday, August 25, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. New this year are farm fresh sandwiches, salads, gelato, turnovers, pies and more, featuring farm-sourced products for sale at marked locations.

Farmers are opening their barns, coops, hoop houses, and pastures to foster a better understanding of their day-to-day lives working to bring food to our tables, thanks in part to a grant from the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food. Organized by the Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition (MFCC) and Monadnock Travel Council, the goal of the Farm Tour is to provide rich experiences that are educational and fun for consumers, while infusing much needed income into the pockets of local farmers.

"We live in a very rich, diverse, and somewhat undiscovered agricultural region in New England", says Roe-Ann Tasoulas, MFCC director. "Visitors can enjoy a weekend at a farm stay, go on the Tour... There is an abundance of opportunities to both buy fresh food and products, and to experience how they are grown and produced."

The Monadnock Farm Tour offers an endless supply of activities for children to enjoy - egg collecting, make it and take it crafts, milking cows, visiting with miniature horses, goats, sheep, chickens, alpacas, and rescued draft horses, as well as numerous scavenger hunts. Connecting children with how food is grown nurtures an appreciation and respect that food is not indispensable, and farms are vital to their future.



Cost for the Monadnock Farm Tour is \$5 per individual or \$10 per car. Buttons can be purchased at farms during Farm Tour hours only. All proceeds go to pay for next year's Monadnock Farm Tour.

### Farm Tour tips:

- Bring a cooler! You'll be able to buy produce, eggs, cheese, meat and other farm products at most of the farms
- Plan on visiting 3 to 4 farms, budgeting 1 hour for each
- Please take time to use the hand sanitizer provided at each farm after petting an animal. Some farms may ask to disinfect shoes to prevent farm-to-farm transmission of germs that might stick to shoes
- Bring sunscreen, hats, bug dope, water and cash

**Rules:** No pets allowed, no visiting farms after hours, no entering farm homes.

Interactive map and downloadable brochure available at: [www.mfcommunitycoalition.org/farmtour](http://www.mfcommunitycoalition.org/farmtour).

Monadnock Farm And Community Coalition is a regional coalition of 89 member organizations who meet quarterly to cultivate community action and build collaborations supportive of a robust, sustainable local food system throughout the Monadnock Region.

Learn more at [www.mfcommunitycoalition.org](http://www.mfcommunitycoalition.org)

– Roe-Ann Tasoulas

**Walpole participants are Alyson's, Inn at Valley Farms and Walpole Valley Farm.**

## Gleanings from the Town Minutes

### Selectboard - July 5

Bulletin Boards - Posting of Minutes, Agendas and Notices: Mr. Tom Goins, co-owner of Burdick's, asked that the Town stop using the bulletin board near the grocery store as they would like to use it. Mrs. Pschirrer said they had talked about having a kiosk near the Town Hall. Mr. Dalessio would like to see notices displayed wide-spread throughout the Town; Drewsville and North Walpole. The post office only serves a percentage of the Town's residents. There was discussion about agendas and minutes being published on the Walpolean and will be on the new Town's website. The Selectboard agreed to look into the cost of a kiosk and/or bulletin boards.

### Selectboard - July 12

Water and sewer receipts for the First Quarter 2018 Billing were \$141,966.00, or 93.8%. Mr. Dalessio will ask Mr. Kreissle to report on how much money came back from the \$51,000 in liens. Mrs. Pschirrer asked Mrs. Daigle to send out delinquent notices by regular mail in addition to registered mail. Ms. Mayberry is in favor of hanging a notice on the door just prior to a water shut-off as well, in addition to the mailings.

### Planning Board - July 10

New Alternate: Mr. Marcom made a motion to approve the nomination of Jeff Colley as an alternate replacing Ed Potter. Mr. Aldrich seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Welcome Mr. Colley.

Update to Master Plan: Lisa Murphy, planner at Southwest Regional Planning Commission, was invited to the meeting to talk about helping the Planning Board update the Master Plan. Ms. Murphy suggested the Board look at how they were going to use the Master Plan, is there something missing, say such as an energy plan. Ms. Murphy said she looked at the current goals and objectives, and, while they are good, many don't have actions. Mr. Dalessio said the town is changing in population and the population makeup is changing. He talked about doing a survey of what the people wanted. He said the last time a survey was done, a very small percentage of the population completed it. The Board would like to do a better marketing job this time and get a bigger cross section of people to participate. (Editor's note: it is recommended you read the entire Master Plan discussion. These minutes are posted on the Walpolean.)

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## Zoning Issue

### Commercial Truck Parking On Rural/Agricultural Land?

At the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting July 18, Joe Sawyer requested a hearing for a Special Exception to allow him to rent his land on Route 12 across from Bensonwood at the southern end of town where a Flea Market was formerly held. His proposed tenant, Andrew McIntyre, wishes to store his trucks there when they are not on the road.

Proposed use is for three trucks which will leave on Sundays and return on Fridays. Chair Mansouri asked what else was to be stored on the property. Mr. McIntyre replied, "Just a couple of pickup trucks and the trailer trucks, and every once in a while another piece of equipment." Ms. Mansouri again asked, "How many?" The reply was "Three". Board member Pauline Barnes questioned, "Would it be paved?" Mr. McIntyre replied, "We'd have to see. It's a sandy soil." Mr. Sawyer said, "We might get some hard pack."

Ms. Mansouri explained that a Special Exception is required. Mr. Sawyer asked, "Just to park a couple of trailers there?" Ms. Mansouri said, "Yes... This is a business, so it needs a Special Exception ... and it may have stipulations saying what you can and cannot do."

Assuming all paperwork is filed in time, a Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30 PM.

— Ray Boas

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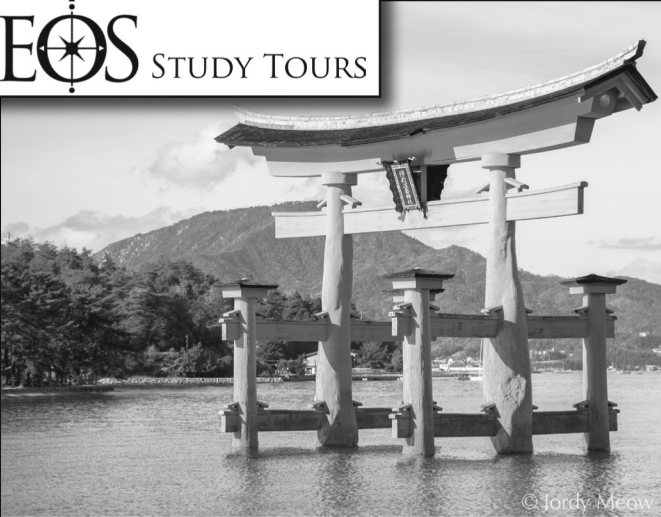
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# From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

Twenty years ago, how time flies, on my retirement from Hubbard Farms, my peers from the Southeastern Air Cargo Committee invited Fran and myself to attend what would be my last Annual World Poultry Congress in Atlanta, GA. Having been three time Chair of the Committee and a longtime member, they wanted to give a going away party to be remembered for many years to come. It turned to be just that, as were many, after the day's work was done, parties over the years. But this is not about the party.

We drove to Atlanta without problems, except for a wrong turn in downtown Atlanta, but a homeless person gave us directions for five dollars.

However, on the way back to New Hampshire, I missed the entrance to the Interstate and ended up traveling north on the old US highway. This route found us late at night in Northern West Virginia. We finally found an exit indicating lodging, gas and food. If you have heard the song "no phone, no pool, no pets", picture that as the "no frills" motel we ended up at. To add to the local flavor, a group of locals, male and female, were partying in the next paper thin walled room. All night long. And us with no phone, no killer attack dog and no gun! We decided to leave as soon as it was daylight but as we were about to make a mad dash for our car, they started leaving. Ten minutes later, it was quiet, and Fran said she would like to get some sleep and would I run to the store and get some aspirin.

I decided to try and find a town rather than get into an altercation with the local store. A short drive up the road, I spotted a truck stop with lots of rigs, which meant there were hot waitresses there or the food was super great. I ran in and grabbed a large coffee and a bagel, and back on the road looking for a store. The coffee was what truckers call 100 mile coffee; one cup and you are wide awake for 100 miles. Five minutes later, I enter the parking lot of a huge Mall, wired and ready to tackle the world. Naturally being a Sunday, it was mobbed. Up ahead I noticed a car with its back up light on, so I stopped and put on my direction light to let everyone know I intended to occupy the site. As they backed out, they hesitated a second too long, and, in the words of another song, "a Mercedes-Benz pulled right up and turned right in, sumbeach, somewhere". I was ready to lay on my horn and give this low life a piece of my mind. That's when I noticed that the Mercedes-Benz was actually a beat up Chevy truck, with a tailgate and the side panels full of bullet holes. Still, I thought who the #\$@% does he think he is!

And then the door opened and this six foot six serial killer from a Stephen King novel stepped out, looked at me sitting there with my blinker light still blinking. Apparently guessing what I was thinking, he gave me a glare that melted the front bumper of my vehicle. I immediately left the area, doing sixty in reverse. There are some things that even 100 mile coffee cannot do for you.

Back to the motel, stuffed Fran into the car, without aspirin. She still doesn't realize how lucky she was to get home alive. Oh by the way, a half hour up the road were six high class motels/hotels and several fancy restaurants.

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### PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Half-way through summer, so hard to believe. Hope you have taken the time to read through Peggy's article, starting on page one, on how the Hooper transition evolved over the past several years. She, Steve, and all those involved are to be commended for their efforts in preserving this Walpole gem. I wish Fred, and his investors, the best in keeping things as they are for another century and more.

I love it when I am stopped in the post office by people telling me how much they love the **Clarion**, and look forward to it each month. That is very rewarding, thank you. But also please thank my advertisers that make getting each issue into your hands possible. If you would like to join the **Clarion** cadre of advertisers and be recognized throughout the community, please get in touch with me.

— Ray Boas, Publisher



### Savings Bank of Walpole

August 5 Brattleboro, Vermont  
American Legion Band

August 12 Nelson Town Band

All concerts 6:30 - 8 PM

# MILESTONES

## Passed

Susan Bridge Blair

September 11, 1928 - June 21, 2018

Lived in Walpole during the 1940s and '50s,  
she always considered Walpole home.

Her grandfather, Hudson Bridge, gave the Town  
the Bridge Memorial Library,  
and also built St. John's Episcopal Church

## Engaged

Alison Trow & Michael Durling  
are engaged to marry December 14, 2018  
at a private ceremony in New Orleans and plan  
to celebrate  
with family and friends at a later date.

The bride-to-be,  
daughter of Rick and Judy (Bolognani) Trow  
of Walpole;

The groom-to-be,  
son of Karen (Patnode) and Tom Durling of Keene.



*Butterflies were everywhere this month.*

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Cardiac Arrest (SCA) emergency?

## Locations:

**Walpole School – Elementary**  
(during school season)  
8 Bemis Lane

**Walpole Town Pool**  
(during summer season)  
14 Bundy Lane

**Walpole School – Primary**  
18 Primary Lane

**North Walpole School**  
17 Cray Road, NW

**Walpole Town Hall**  
34 Elm Street

**Walpole Recycling Center**  
Rte 123, North Walpole

**Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic**  
11 Westminster Street

**Bensonwood Homes**  
6 & 10 Blackjack Crossing Road

**LaValley's Building Supply**  
40 Meadow Access Lane

**Hooper Golf Course**  
166 Prospect Hill Road

**Congregational Church**  
15 Washington Street

**Chamberlain Machine**  
14 Darling Lane

**Alyson's Orchard**  
Wentworth Road

**Bowman Dental**  
48 Meadow Access Lane

**Hubbard Park**  
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**Savings Bank of Walpole**  
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