



GATHERINGS FROM THE GREEN

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Executive Director's Report

I am writing this report from Mississippi where Ben and I have spent the winter. We are enjoying a few months escaping the snow and ice in the company of old and new friends and great food. We have attracted our share of NH visitors trying to do the same, and along with that comes touring local museums and attractions.

With every museum visit not only do I learn something new about the area or subject matter, but also how the museum interprets its story, mounts an exhibit, or writes a display label. For me, it is fascinating on so many levels and I try to bring fresh ideas home.

This winter, I met a collector of "everything" Mississippi Coast related, Paul Jermyn. His extensive collection includes 6,000 postcards and 15,000 images. He is generous by sharing his collection with organizations all over the state and is the type of person who keeps all of our small museums going. Paul even had a unique postcard of Hampton's Whittier Hotel stagecoach in his collection that he has donated to us (see it below).

One of our own local collectors, Steve Brigandi, will be a guest curator in this summer's special exhibit. Kathy McLaughlin and I will be creating an exhibit of Hampton souvenir china and Steve has agreed to loan some of his unique collection and work with us on the project.

Our program committee has a diverse line-up of speakers and events planned for 2018, from history of the Toppan family to the celebration of the 380th birthday of Hampton. Please check out the website for updates or become Friends with us on Facebook where you can find up-to-the-minute information and other interesting things from the HHS or bits of Hampton history.

Betty Moore



Every Picture Tells a Story -

The History of the Toppan Family in Hampton

The Hampton Historical Society kicks off its 2018 season on **Thursday, April 19**, at the **Tuck Museum, 7 p.m.**, with a program by Lori White Cotter – *Every Picture Tells a Story: The History of the Toppan Family in Hampton*.

A Toppan descendant through her grandmother, Wilma Toppan White, Cotter will present a virtual history of her ancestors through family artifacts which include an 18th century ledger. She will also share family stories.

The Toppans left England and settled in Newbury, Massachusetts in 1637. They moved to Hampton, New Hampshire in 1727. Cotter will draw from her book, *Toppan's History of Hampton: The Early Settlers 1630-1730*, a collection of notes compiled by her three times great grandfather. Cotter recently joined the Hampton Historical Society board of trustees. She taught at Hampton Academy for 33 years.

All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.



After the St. George mast ship ran aground at Plaise Cove in 1764, Colonels Christopher Toppan and Jonathan Moulton were granted salvage rights and rescued these buttons. Cotter will tell the story of these buttons, now part of her museum of Toppan family history.

Mission

The mission of the Hampton Historical Society is to increase public knowledge and understanding of the history and cultural heritage of the town of Hampton, New Hampshire, from its earliest inhabitants to the present generation. We will communicate that history through an active museum, educational programs, and a resource library.

18th Century Whimsical Chairs on Display at Tuck Museum of Hampton History

Now on display at the Tuck Museum is a significant addition to its collection – a c. 1735 side chair made in Hampton.

“Early Hampton furniture is scarce, and the chair is an uncommon example of the often whimsical furniture that is characteristic of 18th century Hampton work,” said Elizabeth Aykroyd, a member of the Hampton Historical Society’s collection committee.

According to Aykroyd, the chair is “practically the twin” of a chair that has been in the Tuck Museum collection since 1925, a gift from the James family (see the article in the [November, 2007](#) newsletter).

“The James chair was thought to be a solitary chair, made in Hampton, possibly by a member of that family who was a joiner,” said Aykroyd. “A careful study of the two chairs proved that both were made by the same person, although the name of that person is not known.”

“Unlike the James chair, which has been refinished, the newly acquired chair has a very old finish, under which we can see what is possibly the original reddish color,” Aykroyd said.

“Purchasing the side chair contributes to the understanding of Hampton’s history and cultural heritage and enriches our collection,” said Betty Moore, Executive Director of the Tuck Museum.

“We have received some contributions toward the \$4,200 cost of the chair, which drained our small collection fund,” Moore continued. “As a non-profit organization, we rely on and always appreciate assistance from our members and the community.”

Stop by the Tuck Museum to see the chairs. To make a contribution, go to the [Donations](#) page on our website. To quickly go to that page, scan the code at right with your tablet or smartphone.



The chair on the left is the newly acquired 1735 Hampton side chair; on the right is the James chair.



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When This You See Remember Me

The Tuck Museum of Hampton History announces this year's special exhibit of **Hampton Souvenir China** with pieces from its collection and the collection of guest curator and Hampton resident Steve Brigandi.

The exhibit opens Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m., with a reception at the Tuck Museum hosted by Executive Director Betty Moore, Kathy McLaughlin, who along with Moore developed the exhibit, and Brigandi. Admission is free and all are welcome.



Souvenir china was popular at the turn of the 20th century. With advances in transportation, people traveled more, and souvenir china provided a way for them to remember where they'd visited. It was also a time when people felt strongly about their communities, and souvenir china depicted places people took pride in.

Hampton souvenir china is a window into Hampton's history. The pretty pieces, some of which are quite unique, show what people favored – their churches, schools, local businesses and, of course, Hampton Beach!

And mark your calendar for Sunday, November 18, when Moore will host a talk about Hampton souvenir china at 3 p.m. at the Tuck Museum.



Donations to the Annual Operating Fund.

We greatly appreciate the donations received from members towards the operating costs of the Museum. These donations in addition to yearly dues are important to the success of the Historical Society.

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2018 Calendar of Events

For more info, visit our website

- **Thursday, April 19 @ 7:00 p.m.**
The History of the Toppan Family in Hampton
Tuck Museum
- **Tuesday, May 22 @ 6:30 p.m.**
Opening of the Hampton Souvenir China Exhibit
Tuck Museum
- **Wednesday, June 13 @ 7:00 p.m.**
A Night of Music With Two Old Friends
Tuck Museum Barn
- **Saturday, July 14 @TBA**
Hampton's 380th Birthday Celebration
Tuck Museum grounds
- **Saturday August 25, 12-2:30 p.m.**
17th Annual Pig Roast
Tuck Museum grounds
- **Thursday, September 20 @ 7:00 p.m.**
Behind The Stage Door: How Theatre Magic Really Happens!
Tuck Museum
- **Thursday, October 18 @ 6:30 P.M.**
HHS ANNUAL MEETING
Program: Vagabond Quakers: Northern Colonies; Tuck Museum
- **Sunday, November 18 @ 3:00 p.m.**
When This You See: Hampton Souvenir China
Tuck Museum
- **Friday, November 30 @ 6:30 p.m.**
Tree Lighting at Marelli Square
- **Saturday, December 1 @ 1:00 p.m.**
Christmas Parade; Lafayette Rd
- **Sunday, December 2 @ 2:00 p.m.**
HHS Open House at the Museum
Tuck Museum

Gifts to the Collection 2017 – Including Educational Items and Display Aids

- Ruth Stimson Slide Collections II & III – Lori Cotter
- Quilt from the Towle Family homestead – Shari Garrett-Miller
- Scrapbook – *History of Hampton and Hampton Beach Police Stations* – Harold Fernald
- Hampton Rod and Gun Club program, Hampton Academy memorabilia – Paul Farrell
- Wagon chock, post hole digger- Hampton Falls Historical Society
- *Great Fires* supplement 1984 – Janet Battenbury
- Souvenirs from First Baptist Church of Hampton 200th anniversary– cookbook, coffee mug, t-shirt – Donna Horton
- Collection of Hampton history books, *History of Rockingham County, NH Manual for the General Court 1680-1891*, collection of Godfrey family photos– Richard Dennison
- Farmer’s notebook, feed grinder, darning egg, bung tap, **wood planes**, hay hook, handmade broom, butcher paper cutter, handmade carry-all, handmade clothes washer agitator, auger, wood clamp – Alison and Curt Johnston
- Books – *The Queens of Hampton Beach* (Lassiter & Raynes authors), *Wentworth by the Sea, Landscapes and Gardening for Historic Buildings* – Karen Raynes
- Book – *An Age of Barns* – Sammi Moe
- Book – *The Boss of Hampton Beach* – Carol Keating
- Toppan family crest, photos of Hampton, sled top belonging to Mary Toppan, piano from Toppan family, plan of the Ring Swamp 1837, Hampton voter List, Toppan family papers pre-1845, plan of land belonging to John Sherborn 1758, plan of levy – Michael Toppan
- Priscilla Gillespie Collection; sheet music & 45 rpm record of “When Priscilla Walks on the Beach”, postcard of Priscilla Gillespie – Ginny Smith
- HHS Personal Property Books Index 1837-1974 – Candy Stellmach (Digitization Committee)
- Button from EH&A Street Railway – Priscilla Thoen
- WWI scrapbook – Craig and Carol Orze
- Collection of Frank Swallow post cards, *The Guild Cookbook* – H. Alfred Casassa
- Book – *Three Centuries of Freemasonry in New Hampshire* – Dean Merrill
- Townscape Studio map of Hampton, NH, souvenir dish towel, collection of paperweights, **U.S. Bicentennial souvenirs**, **souvenir ashtrays**, Hampton Academy wall plaque, Winnacunnet Plantation stein, Marine Memorial souvenir plate – Jewell Brown
- Hampton National coin bank – Kathe Lobdell
- Magazines, *The Homemaker* – Bill Keating
- Hampton dance programs c. 1900, George Moore papers – Mary Jane Williams
- Civil War currency – Eleanor Becotte
- School memorabilia, Hampton Beach Community Church ephemera, play scripts and handbills, advertisement for Church Army Troubadours – Janice Marston Jassmond
- Minutes from Hampton Oceanside Grange – Dick Patten NH State Grange Historian
- Mini photo album Class of 1935, yearbook Hampton Jr. High 1939 – Paul Farrell
- Book – *War of the Nations Portfolio* – William Gallagher
- NH tourism booklets, yearbooks, school ephemera, class photographs and cards from 1953 – Alan Bowie
- Vinyl record vocalist Bill Elliot – David Doss
- Collection of Philbrick deeds, collection of Philbrick family papers – Betsy Davis
- Folding wooden crate S.A. Dow Co. – Elizabeth Aykroyd
- Book *The Three Sermons* (1796) – Eugene Orcutt
- Photograph – Blue Spruce Cottages – Richard King
- Chart of Hampton fire alarm boxes – Bruce Dow



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- Towle family collection including **children's clothes and shoes**, women's clothing, hatpins, wooden knitting needles, cross stitched laundry bag – Rueline Taylor Geishecker
- Hampton Town Clock Committee papers, building plans, application and NH Preservation Award – Elizabeth Aykroyd Town Clock Committee Clerk of the Works



- Book *Subs, Guns and Honor* – author Thomas Claire
- From estate of Arthur Moody – award clock from Town of Hampton, *USS Hampton* key to town, commemorative coins, Hampton 350th Banner, *USS Hampton* Banner signed by crew – Town Manager Fred Welch
- Booklet – *State of New Hampshire Coast* – Kathleen Bean
- Book *Hampton History Matters* – author Cheryl Lassiter
- Hampton Beach band photos, Centre School photo, fire fighter souvenir mugs, Hampton Beach souvenir plate, collection of matchbooks, political souvenirs, pill box from Tobey's Drug Store, Hampton souvenirs, **Hampton Beach souvenir toy china tea set**, A.P. Munger stereopticon cards, sign - rules from NH state beach – Steve Brigandi



- "Tidbit" patch – Joe McArdle
- From estate of Arthur Moody – Books – *Elements of General History, History of Hampton, NH* (special bindings), *History of the First New Hampshire Regiment in the War of the Revolution, New England Meeting Houses and Churches 1630-1850, Summer by the Sea, and Exeter-Hampton Directory 1938-40*, collection of Hampton property valuations, souvenirs from Hampton 350th celebration, patches from Seacoast Striders, souvenir "Art Moody" pencils, paperweight WHS & Hampton Alumni Association, stein Winnacunnet Plantation Restorations, lithograph and watercolor "Old Grist Mill"; photographs – from bicentennial celebration including events, ball, bonfire, time capsule, parade; photographs old Landing Road marker, dedication of Congregational Church plaque, downtown businesses c. 1976, Hampton schools, Winnacunnet Plantation Restoration, Summerfest; Arthur Moody historical articles, correspondence and editorials; maps -hand-drawn map of Hampton school location, map of seacoast area, Hampton Zoning Maps 1984,1987,and 1998; Moody diary from 2007; 2 scrapbooks (1941-1964) made by John G. Peterman, glass plate negatives, pamphlet *Proceedings of the Rockingham Convention*, NH highway surveyor account book (Hampton area), zoning ordinance 1949 - Albert Moody

- Pewter bicentennial medallion necklace – Betsy Dunbrack
- **L.C. Smith and Corona typewriter** – Liz Premo
- Book – *Connecting Maine's Capitals by Stage Coach* – author Lee Hanchett
- Book – *The Log Cabin* – author Andrew Belonsky
- Hampton Playhouse poster, NH Turnpike tokens – Dan & Ruth Sullivan
- Jackson family genealogy – Leonard Bjorkman
- NH State Senator Robert Preston Memorial Day speech – Robert Preston, Jr.
- Reports -*Hampton School District SAU 90 Annual Report 2016-17, Town of Hampton, NH 2016 Annual Report, Winnacunnet Cooperative School District Annual Report 2016-17*, photos WWI opening exhibit, photos 3rd grade cemetery tour, cookbook *Sharing Our Best Recipes*, photographs from Queens of the Beach Event 2017 and event poster, baseball caps from Seafood Festival and Hampton 375th celebration, books- *Rock of Ages, Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, NH Marriage Licenses and Intentions 1709-1961, Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700, and The New Hampshire Colony*, 2017 Christmas parade poster – Collection Committee
- Framed Photo Miss Hampton Beach 2017 (Emily Durant) – museum purchase

