

NEW ACQUISITIONS • Private donations enabled the Historical Society to add a massive **six-gallon crock by S.D. Kellogg**,

c. 1851-53, to its collection this spring (WHS 2023.098.001). The crock's heavily detailed plant and blossom decoration complements existing holdings in the WHS collection. Come take a look during your next visit to the Museum!



John Pease, Whately-born but now living in Hatfield, has just donated a marvelous collection of more than 100 **photographs** and WWII V-letters inherited from his father, Marshall Ross Pease, Jr. (1920-2006). V-mail, free for members of the military, was microfilmed and reduced to ¼ original size, requiring a magnifier to read.



CHANGING OF THE GUARD •

Sara Cooper, newly elected WHS Treasurer, succeeds Bill Saunders who ably served for 15 years, overseeing growth in WHS resources through wise investments, acting as fiscal agent for the Friends of Town Hall throughout a highly successful fundraising effort (2013-18) and negotiating the leasing contracts with the USPS for the Whately Post Office after WHS inherited the building from Gertrude Bardwell (1916-2009). Thank you, Bill, and welcome, Sara!

WHATELY MILITARY SERVICE •

Six new bronze plaques honoring Whately residents who served in times of war and peace will be dedicated in the Veterans Memorial Park following the Whately Grange's Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 28, at 11 a.m. The new plaques recognize 345 men and women who served between the French and Indian War and 2023, complementing the existing plaque that recognizes service in the two World Wars, Korea and Vietnam. Historical research and present-day documentation has been a team effort by Dereka Smith, Jim Ross, Larry Ashman and Neal Abraham. Funding for the project has been provided by the Community Preservation Act, the Town of Whately, and the Whately Veterans Committee.

Marshall Pease, Jr. and friends serving in Egypt during WWII.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Whately's beautiful 1976 bicentennial quilt (WHS 1999.186.002), which includes 35 individually designed squares, is now hanging in the Town Hall Auditorium next to the 250th anniversary quilt of 2021. Do you know who made these three squares? Contact Adelia Bardwell at (413) 665-3837 or adeliafred@comcast.net.



Who made these 3 quilt panels? The left one is signed "G.I.L.". Center one is signed "B.S.". Right one is signed "J.A.B.".

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Festival • Sunday, May 28, noon–3 pm,
Town Hall lawn • Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, education, and good food!

- **Food** by Tom's Long Hot Dogs, including hamburgers and chili
- **Music** by Westhampton-based country-rock band, the Lonesome Brothers (with support from the Whately Cultural Commission and Massachusetts Cultural Commission)
- **Woodworking!** Whately's own Dan and J.P. Kennedy will demonstrate traditional woodworking tools and techniques, featuring augers, drill presses, planes, mortise-and-tenon joint making, plus a shingle splitter and shingle shaper. Samples of different local wood will be on display, and stools, tables, and benches by these craftsmen will be available for sale.



- **Pollinators!** Local bee expert Fred Morrison will explain the critical role of insects in the life of our flowering plants. He'll have

mounted bee specimens, posters, a stereoscope, nets and other collecting equipment—and perhaps a few live bees that will visit nearby flowers.

- **Free ice cream** from Snow's Dairy, Greenfield.

Roaring Brook exhibit explores history, geography, flora and fauna of Whately's famous Whately Glen and Roaring Brook and its waterfalls. Roaring Brook feeds the Great Swamp and the Mill River. Two impoundments provide water for South Deerfield. Whately Glen attracted students, tourists and artists including the Hatfield-based Kingsley brothers. (Allison Bell, Maida Goodwin, and Donna Wiley, curators)



Family History exhibits with photographs and memorabilia of the Sanderson/Bean family of West Whately and the Zaniewski family of East Whately. (Adelia Bardwell and Jane Grybko, curators)

Both exhibits will be open Tuesday, 9 a.m.–noon; 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 10 a.m.–noon; and during the Spring and Fall WHS Festivals.

Support the Historical Society

Offer Materials • We're always looking for items that illustrate the past and complement our holdings. Call for an appointment to bring materials to Town Hall. Our archivist and curator will review all offers to decide which to add to the collection.

Volunteer • We always need help maintaining and documenting the collection, social media, and planning and supporting events. Call Adelia at 665-3837 or email info@whatelyhistorical.org.

Contribute & Become a Member • Join others who care about the history of our town! Receive notices about all public programs and invitations to special activities. Donations to support our work of preservation, documentation and expansion of our museum collection are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Individual donors of at least \$10 become one-year members; higher annual contributions are encouraged: Supporter \$40, Sponsor \$75, Patron \$150. Donors of \$500 or more become five-year members. Make your check out to: *Whately Historical Society*. Send it with name, address, phone number and email address to Whately Historical Society, P.O. Box 7, Whately, MA 01093. You may also pay with a credit card or via PayPal at www.whatelyhistorical.org.

The Whately Historical Society was founded in 1966 to preserve the town's history and to educate townspeople and others about Whately's past. The Society sponsors programs, research and activities about the history and culture of Whately and the region; maintains a museum of Whately documents, images and objects; and responds to inquiries about Whately history and genealogy.

The Whately Historical Society is incorporated as a charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Mass. and has been designated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the IRS.

Explore www.whatelyhistorical.org to learn more about our collections, access resources about Whately history, learn about future events, and purchase Town histories, historic postcards and note cards, T-shirts, or sweatshirts.

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