The Ledyard Up-Down Sawmill to be Featured in May

Springtime at the Ledyard Up-Down Sawmill located on the original site on Lee's Brook in Ledyard, CT. Still in operation today, the 130 year old mill uses a unique six-foot long straight saw blade in a wooden frame, powered by a recently refurbished John Tyler Turbine Water Wheel - as described and shown in the original 1870 advertisement at right.

The Ledyard Up-Down Sawmill is a rare surviving example of a technology that was once commonplace – a water-powered up-and-down, or sash-type, sawmill. The Ledyard operation is unique – it is the only operating water-powered sash sawmill in the U.S. on its original site using the original 19th century mill equipment. The mill and surrounding property were purchased by the town of Ledyard in 1966 after members of the Ledyard Historical Society recognized the importance of saving the mill. The mill was restored by volunteers in the 1970s and became operational again in 1975.

Alan Ganong will discuss the history of the Ledyard sawmill and the workings and components of early sawmill technology from New England’s past. The mill is open for sawing demonstrations Saturday afternoons in April & May, and October & November. Visit us online at www.ledyardsawmill.org and on facebook.

Alan Ganong’s woodworking and antique tools hobbies originally piqued his interest in the nearby Ledyard Up-Down Sawmill. After several visits to the mill in the 1990s, he joined the volunteer group and has now been involved for over 15 years with operating the mill, researching the history of the Ledyard mill, and learning about historical sawmill technology. Alan is a retired scientist and currently works at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Waterford.

Please join us on Wednesday May 28th, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Mystic Congregational Church, 43 E. Main St, Mystic. Open to all. Free for MRHS members and a suggested donation of $5 from non-members is always greatly appreciated.
I don’t like to disappoint, so let’s get started in the usual way, with an apparently banal statement—we are a product of our personal environment and the sum total of our life experiences influence and color our view of the world. I can see eyes rolling and can hear muttered complaints that the statement includes nothing particularly compelling or insightful. True enough. However, it’s not quite so obvious that those life experiences tend to color our interpretation of history, also. To the extent we don’t reflect on our own inherent prejudices, we may misunderstand why people did what they did and why events occurred as they did. And, as I’ve maintained consistently on these pages, misinterpreting the past invariably results in misunderstanding the present.

Doesn’t it strike you as odd that Southern Jews could celebrate a holiday about freedom from slavery and still support, fight and die for the Southern cause, which at heart was the defense of that very institution? And yet, they did just that. They did because they found nothing inconsistent or odd about it. And this is where one must be careful to override personal experience.

The Passover holiday has come to focus on freedom from slavery as a universal lesson and goal, praying for the end of oppression and bigotry everywhere in the world. Thus, it would seem the height of hypocrisy for Southern Jews to celebrate the holiday and not only defend the institution of slavery, but to have slaves themselves. But the apparent hypocrisy is a product not of the views of those Jewish residents of the South, but of our own here in the 21st century. As the article notes, prior to the 20th century, Passover was not about setting human beings free in a universal way, but rather theological, about redemption and the power of God. In fact, as study of the Old Testament notes, slavery itself wasn’t seen as an evil institution (you were required to free your slaves periodically, but the institution itself wasn’t viewed as inherently evil). so, the argument was made by many, Jews and non-Jews alike in the South and the North, that slavery was supported by the Bible. And, Southerners could point out with some justification that God didn’t free all slaves in the world, he just freed the Hebrews in Egypt. He left slavery intact everywhere else.

So, if we permit personal experience to dominate when we read history, we may miss ironies like the one described above. But worse, we may misunderstand why people did what they did and why events occurred as they did. And, as I’ve maintained consistently on these pages, misinterpreting the past invariably results in misunderstanding the present.

Jewish Confederate soldiers of the 46th Virginia: Isaac Levy, Infantry (top) and Capt. Ezekiel “Zeke” J Levy

In April 1864, while encamped at Adam’s Run, NC, the Levy brothers observed what would unfortunately be Isaac’s last Passover. See p. 7 for Isaac’s letter which describes the details to their sister. From www.jewish-history.com/civilwar/seder

Mystic River Historical Society Mission Statement

The Society exists to collect, arrange, exhibit and preserve records, papers, photographs, artifacts, relics and related archival materials that document the history of the people who lived in the area around the Mystic River from the first settlement in 1634 to the present.

Officers: President - Lou Allyn  •  Vice President - Bill Everett
Treasurer - Barry Thorp  •  Corresponding Secretary - Lois Glazer  •  Recording Secretary - Cindy Allyn

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As announced in January, Mystic River Historical Society received an historically valuable gift of primary source materials, including many photographs and diaries, from Coogan and Marshall family members. Much relates to family history and life at the Coogan Farm, of Coogan, Crumb, Holmes, Marshall, Morgan, and Newberry families, and the Mystic area in general.

Ed Coogan first brought us bins of material several years ago. Working with Ed, Ellen Coogan Marshall, her husband Jim, and sons Bob and Patrick, we began our great association: organizing, cataloging and sharing this treasure trove; identifying people and documenting the history; and learning special family stories with universal themes.

Not long after the Coogan Farm had been purchased this year by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, we welcomed the chance to collaborate on a special photographic history exhibit, celebrating Coogan Farm photos, ca. 1900-1945.

“Coogan Farm ~ A Photographic History” was presented at a special reception at the Coogan Farmhouse, with prints mounted on the walls of the downstairs rooms for people to view in the surroundings of the time period. The photos were scanned at high resolution and when they were enlarged, brought new details to light.

The event presented an opportunity to try out a plan I made with the family to share diaries, by scanning Clara Coogan’s 1922 diary, and Walter C. Morgan’s December, 1919 diary, which corresponded to the exhibit photos. They were reproduced as booklets, representing a way using today’s technology for families & researchers to access material, while keeping originals in archival storage.

Work on the collection will be ongoing by Betsy Boucher, Dorrie Hanna and me. We will continue to collaborate with DPNC in mining the material to share and illustrate the history of the farm, and the families represented.

A number of photographic images are displayed in our online photo galleries at www.mystichistory.org from this collection and others representing Mystic area families and businesses, so keep checking back!
FIFTH DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE

The Fifth school district’s first schoolhouse was located west of the Mariner’s Church (now the Union Baptist Church) and served the district until 1838 when the voters in the district decided to build a schoolhouse large enough to accommodate all the children of the district, of which there were some one hundred, and divide them into two departments according to age. It was built just north of the Mariners Church at a cost of $1364.95. Gradation was a rather new idea at the time but the inhabitants were highly praised for their efforts and foresightedness by Henry Barnard in his Common School Journal in the November 1839 issue. The article he wrote describes what the voters were attempting to do and why. He said; “And right faithfully have the committee entrusted with this vote discharged their duty. The district has now the best schoolhouse, with the exception of the one at Greenville, in the county, and we might add, in the State. It has some defects. It is too small. There are no recitation or class rooms. The means of ventilation are not quite sufficient; but take it all in all it can be pointed to as one of the best located, best built, best internally and externally fitted up school houses in the State.”

He goes on to describe the building and furnishings in some detail — with particular attention paid to the description of the desks. He closes his article by saying “We hope the district will go on with the same spirit and liberality which has thus far marked their efforts, and when we repeat our visit that we may be able to point to the schools as kept by well qualified teachers, punctually attended by all the children of the district, and frequently visited by parents and school officers. The man who wrote these words went on to become the first United States Commissioner of Education.

The building’s second claim to fame came just 10 years later in 1849. It was the eve of departure for the ship “Trescott” which was leaving for the California Gold fields with many of Mystic’s first citizens aboard. An evening program of recitations, speeches and song was being presented in the upstairs room of the schoolhouse. The room was crowded and there was much applauding and stamping of feet. Halfway through the program, while Frank Dudley was singing the “California” song the south half of the floor began to settle and down, down it went, till half the audience was eight feet below the other half. Not a scream was heard for some moments, and the singer kept on until he was aware of the situation. A succession of screams, yells and groans followed. Many supposed that there must be scores killed and the story was raised that men women and children were crushed beneath the fallen floor. The house was at first filled with a cloud of dust which arose from the tanbark between the floors, and the cause of alarm was the stove which had live embers in it. The principal of the school slipped off the platform and found the stove, and at once had snowballs handed in to put out the fire. He and others explored under the porch and floor and found no victims there. It proved no bones were broken and no one seriously hurt. A subscription was started for repairs to the building which were started the following day. The effect of the fall of the ceiling can still be seen as there is a beam running lengthwise supported by posts.

According to the records of the 5th school district, it was decided in 1856 to buy the wooden privately owned schoolhouse of the Mystic Academy Association which had been built the previous year on the site of the present Academy building. In 1879 another building was erected.
As a new member, I have spent some time getting acquainted with the history of the MRHS, its current members and past projects and finally some ideas of future visions, most specifically surrounding education and outreach. We need now to re-establish the Education/Outreach committee and to solicit interested volunteers that are willing to serve.

Our vision of responsibilities for the Committee includes:

- **Education** – To create, staff, and implement educational programs based on Mystic’s history
- **Outreach** – To bring Mystic’s history to the community through external projects
- **Portersville Academy** – Maintain calendar of use, physical plant, and exhibits, special events

The initial focus of the new committee will be to:

- Continue the work that is already started and ongoing - that of identifying, collating and organizing the many educational and outreach programs that have been done in the past.
- Create vehicles for storage and access (of those projects) - to ensure that in the future the excellent work that has been done in the past will serve as a valuable resource to members and to the community at lodge.
- Identify a work plan for next year - Working in close counsel with members that have been involved in past projects, and in consideration of community needs/opportunities, the committee will identify new or replicated educational and outreach programs to be completed.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, or if you have any questions, comments or advice, please call or email me: 860-536-0504 or mfaustin@sbcglobal.net

Any and all communication will be appreciated!

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As part of the agreement between the Town of Groton and Mr. Evans he was to have the building moved at his own expense - the agreement said “I will sell the School House Building to the Town and put same on town lot on good broke stone under pinnings, with cut stone steps, set complete for $500.” The lot it was to be placed on was at the corner of High St. and New London Road and had been purchased by the town from the 2nd Baptist Church in 1869; the church building on that site having been removed and joined with the Mariners Church to become the Union Baptist Church, a familiar landmark in Mystic.

The first meeting of the voting district was held October 1st, 1868 in the building in it’s new location and it continued to serve in it’s role of Town Hall of the First Voting District of the Village of Mystic River until 1958 when it was abandoned by the town and the upstairs rooms shuttered and barred. The downstairs continued to be used by the Boy Scouts of Troop 17 for their weekly meetings and as a storage place for the flags that line downtown Mystic on patriotic occasions.

In July 1961 the Groton Town Council appeared ready to direct that the building be demolished. This is when the Civic Association stepped in and decided to do what it could to save the old building.

It is our thought that there is need in Mystic for a small hall for meetings of different groups. We think the preservation of the old 5th District Schoolhouse or the First District Hall of Mystic will fill this need as well as continue to add to the architectural and historical variety of the village of Mystic.

The original of this document is object number 2007.030.0001 in the Mystic River Historical Society’s PastPerfect catalog.

*Perhaps about $35,000. in today’s dollars, using calculators at measuringworth.com and davemanuel.com
April heralds the start of the fishing and planting seasons, and year four of a Civil War that has lasted much longer than anyone could have foretold. For a few weeks, the excitement of state and local elections eclipses reports for Governor Buckingham and his Union ticket suggest in other areas of the North the Peace Democrats are making inroads. Widely published “propaganda” reports attempt to re-energize home front morale. Confederate soldiers are said to be deserting in large groups; the Rebel army is Florida is allegedly “melting away by desertion.” Reports of the capture of Confederate blockade runners loaded with much-needed powder, shot and coffee, along with reports attributed to refugees that “people are generally disgusted with the Rebel rule” give the welcome impression that the South’s economy – and its will to fight – are on the verge of collapse.

Mystic’s economy remains strong. New homes are going up throughout the village. The Mallory Shipyard launches a new sidewheeler steamer for local owners, while down the river at Oldfields the Maxson and Fish Shipyard has four new vessels in the stocks and a contract for two more. The First National Bank of Mystic opens its doors, with Charles Mallory as President and E.P. Randall as Cashier.

But these successes are balanced by a staggering new accounting of the war’s costs, a “Table of Losses for 1861, 1862 and 1863” published in the local paper. According to the chart, the Confederacy has lost 28,000 soldiers killed in the war, and an additional 130,000 to disease. The Federal losses are 41,000 killed, and 290,000 men dead from disease. What the Mystic Pioneer calls the “Excess of Federal Loss” is 205,255 men. In truth, the Confederate numbers are really only guesses based on scattered reports in captured Southern papers, but there is no denying that the war has been unexpectedly costly for the North. Perhaps a new song, “He was not afraid to die,” just out in sheet music, is meant to console some of the more than a quarter million Northern families who have lost fathers, husbands, brothers or sons, including the family of twenty-two year old Herbert Maxson, son of shipbuilder William Ellery Maxson, Company K’s last casualty, who died at the family home in Mystic River on April 16.

A week earlier, the Pioneer reported the sale of the Mystic-built clipper ship Andrew Jackson to Liverpool, England. Andrew Jackson, one of the fastest ships in the world, was a war casualty of another sort. As the threat of Confederate commerce raiders led to a spike in maritime insurance rates, many American-flagged vessels, unable to compete for cargoes, were sold off to overseas interests. The loss of Andrew Jackson and hundreds of other American-built vessels permanently will change the course of American maritime commerce long after the end of this long and bloody war.
**Civil War Snapshots from 1863-64**

Adams Run
April 24th, 1864

Dear Leonora

No doubt you were much surprised on receiving a letter from me addressed to our dear parents dated on the 21st inst which was the first day of (Pesach)\(^4\). We were all under the impression in camp that the first day of the festival was the 22nd and if my memory serves me right I think that Ma wrote me that Pesach was on the 22nd inst. Zeke\(^2\) was somewhat astonished on arriving in Charleston on Wednesday afternoon, to learn that that was the first (Seder) night. He purchased (Matzot) sufficient to last us for the week. The cost is somewhat less than in Richmond, being but two dollars per pound.\(^3\) We are observing the festival in a truly Orthodox style. On the first day we had a fine vegetable soup. It was made of a bunch of vegetables which Zeke brought from Charleston containing new onions, parsley, carrots turnips and a young cauliflower also a pound and a half of fresh (kosher) beef, the latter article sells for four dollars per pound in Charleston. Zeke E. did not bring us any meat from home. He brought some of his own, smoked meat, which he is sharing with us, he says that he supposes that Pa forgot to deliver it to him.

No news in the section at present. Troops from Florida are passing over the road en route for Richmond. 'Tis probable that we will remain in this department and were it not for the unhealthy season which is approaching, would be well satisfied to remain here.

We received this morning Sarah's\(^4\) letter of the 18th inst. and are truly sorry to hear that her sight is affected and that in a few days she will have recovered entirely her perfect sight.

Love to all.

Your affectionate Brother

Isaac J. Levy

Notes:

Isaac J. Levy was killed in the trenches at Petersburg, August 21, 1864. He was 21 years old. Isaac is buried in the Hebrew Cemetery on Shoekoe Hill in Richmond, in the Levy family plot. The original letter is on file in the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, OH.

Parenthetical words have been transcribed from Hebrew alphabet.

\(^1\) Orthodox Jews are prohibited from writing on Sabbath or a festival

\(^2\) Isaac's brother Capt. Ezekiel J. Levy of the 46th VA

\(^3\) For point of reference, Matzoh in New York City was then 6 cents a pound.

\(^4\) Sarah Levy, Isaac's sister. Sarah recovered from her eye problems and after the war married her sweetheart Cpl. Edwin Kursheldt, of the Louisiana Washington Artillery.

From www.jewish-history.com
April Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Mystic River Historical Society met on Monday, April 21, 2014. Attendees included: Cindy Allyn, Lou Allyn, Margaret Austin, David Evans, Bill Everett, Cathy Marco, David Scott, and Richard Semeraro. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published.

President’s Report (L. Allyn): A motion was made, seconded & approved to adopt the following Privacy Policy:

MRHS Privacy Policy: The Mystic River Historical Society is committed to respecting the privacy of our donors. We provide this Donor Privacy Policy to make you aware of our privacy policy, and to inform you of the way your information is used.

Financial Donor: We record and maintain donor’s name, postal address, telephone number and email address. MRHS will not give personal information to other organizations unless required to do so by legal process. The names and category of members and patrons of the newsletter are published in the Portersville Press, unless anonymity is requested. Otherwise, the identity of donors is kept confidential.

Donations to our Collections: The names of those who donate items to our collections are not made available to the public without the express consent of the donor. Information about the donor is entered into our PastPerfect catalog records and is available to the curatorial staff.

Corresponding Secretary (L. Glazier): Thank you notes for membership renewals & donations are almost completed.

Treasurer’s Report (B. Thorpe): Because of travel commitments this report is for a shortened period (21 March to 4 April 2014). At this time all deposits have been made and all bills are paid current. The Treasurer’s account books are reconciled with the Chelsea Groton Bank statements. During this period income included a higher level of deposits as a result of 2014 dues and donations being made by the members in response to the renewal notices sent out in January. The checking account balance is positive.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings & Grounds (D. Scott): The spring workday was held Saturday morning April 12. An inspection of Portersville Academy revealed a rotten window sill needs replacement. David Tetlow will be contacted to do this.

Curatorial (L. Allyn, acting): The Curatorial Committee met on April 14. Louisa detailed her work with the Nature Center to create the March 28 exhibit at the Coogan farm house, which was very well received. The process of transferring VHS tapes to DVDs is almost complete and a new storage system is in place. An image of the Old Mystic baseball team was provided to a design firm that is re-decorating Friendly’s. An item will be donated to the Mystic & Noank Library Silent Auction.

Education/Outreach (M. Austin): Volunteers are being recruited to serve on a newly established Education/Outreach committee. Margaret has been organizing the GeoHistorian project material for future use and an historical record. We have filing cabinet full of material from many of our past projects (house tours, walking tours, lecture, membership meeting, etc.) to be documented and made available for reuse.

Finance (D. Evans): Year to date there is a slight overall gain on our mix of Vanguard funds.

Information Technology (S. Thorpe): All backups were done. PastPerfect was upgraded to Version 5 C9.

Marketing & Special Events (S. Halsey): Press releases continue for MRHS activities. The Patron’s Appreciation Party at Mary Ferrier’s home was well attended & enjoyed by all.

Newsletter: (J. Pryor) The copy deadline is Friday for the May edition of the Portersville Press - the final one of this year, vol. 40.

Program & Membership (A. Allaire): March’s program on the Trolleys of Mystic given by the enthusiastic Bob Suppicich was enjoyed by over 60 people and attendees donated $112. This brings this year’s total donations at meetings through March to $241. This Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014 we welcome Mystic Seaport Historian Dr. Glenn Gordinier as he gives his talk “Children of Neptune Then and Now: Yankee Sailors and Surfer Dudes in the American Imagination.” The Program and Membership committee meets next in May. We have five new members since the last Board meeting.

No new business.

Next meeting is May 19, 2014 at 7pm, Mystic Noank Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Allyn

March Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Mystic River Historical Society met on Monday, March 17, 2014. Attendees included: Aimeé Allaire, Cindy Allyn, Lou Allyn, Margaret Austin, Bill Everett, Sally Halsey, Cathy Marco, Richard Semeraro, and Barry Thorp. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published.

President’s Report (L. Allyn): Lou agreed to join the Board of the Lower Mystic (Fishtown) Cemetery to help maintain some old Allyn graves and strengthen the link between organizations.

Corresponding Secretary (L. Glazier): In February Lois sent correspondence to Dorrie & Doug Hanna for replacing the light bulbs in the Downes Building and to Pat Schaefer for the December program. In March, 47 pieces of correspondence have been sent out so far.

Treasurer’s Report (B. Thorpe): During the period of February through March 2014 Chelsea Groton checking account activity deposits exceeded withdrawals. Expenses were essentially for usual services & operations. The Chelsea Groton checking account balance is in good standing.
STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings & Grounds (D. Scott): The spring workday will be Saturday April 12 from 9:00 am to noon. David Tetlow will replace the rotten moulding along the bottom of Portersville’s south pediment.

Curatorial (L. Allyn, acting): The Curatorial Committee met on March 10. Among the topics discussed were providing images to the Nature Center/Coogan Farm and transferring potentially obsolete media (such as VHS tapes) to DVDs. 12 tapes were later transferred by Lou. Louisa met with Maggie Jones and Linda Visscher from DPNC, who selected some groups of images and pages of diary and account books representing the Coogan Farm family and activities, to be used in a photographic exhibit on March 28th at the farm. Pictures from the MAC exhibit last October are on display at the Library for the month of March. The Committee welcomed the efforts of Margaret Austin to organize all the material related to the GeoHistory project, including all the research conducted.

Education/Outreach (M. Austin): Margaret joined the Curatorial Committee in recognition of the overlap between managing our archives and using them for education and outreach. As noted above she has been sorting the GeoHistorian working papers into two groups: project and historical. The next step will be to catalog this information.

Finance (D. Evans): Current Vanguard fund balances were emailed to the Board.

Information Technology (S. Thorpe): All backups were done. PastPerfect was upgraded to Version C(8). AT&T installed a modem for their new U-Verse fiber optic service.

Marketing & Special Events (S. Halsey): Press releases continue for MRHS activities. The Patron’s Appreciation Party will be Sunday April 13 at Mary Ferrier’s home (4 W. Mystic Avenue). • A Photographic History (c.1900-1960s) special exhibit & cocktails will be held at the Coogan Farmhouse on Friday March 28th 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Newsletter: Copy deadline for May/Junie is April 25th.

Program & Membership (A. Allaire): The Program and Membership Committee met on Thursday, March 13th, 2014. We are now booked through 2014 for programs & speakers and are looking into topics for 2015. February’s program, Discovering the Denisons, given by Katherine Dimancescu was excellent & thoroughly researched; 50 people attended. • Mr. Trolley, Bob Suppicich, will be speaking on March 26th to tell us about Mystic and the Groton-Stonington Trolley Company.

No new business. Next meeting is April 21, 2014 at 7 pm at the Mystic Noank Library

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Allyn

Let’s Talk about "History" by Dorrie Hanna, Collections

The Day is going to publish a second pictorial history book, which will focus on the 40s, 50s and 60s in New London County. When Betsy and I were pulling pictures for possible inclusion in this publication, we realized that the MRHS collection doesn’t contain a great amount of material from that time frame. I think that may be, in part at least, because it’s hard to think of events that we can personally remember as “historic”. But they are.

Think about the Coogan Farm Project and how it will change that property, while preserving it and telling its story. Olde Mistick Village was an open field, CVS was the A&P, Mystic River Park was Cottrell’s Lumber Yard. You get the idea. Our historical society should be documenting recent changes in our community, as well as preserving material from 100 years ago. Of course I don’t mean that we want your many boxes of family snapshots, but pictures that show Mystic as it has changed over the last 75 years would be welcome additions to our collection.

As we move deeper into “the digital age” we create fewer hard copies of images and documents. If what you have to share is only digital we can work with that. Or if you have items that you are not ready to donate outright, we can scan them for our database, and return the originals to you. History is not static. Let’s work together to keep a record of how our community is changing and evolving.

Connecticut Digital Archives - New Resource

An insider historian tip comes from Lou Allyn: our online readers may wish to further investigate Connecticut Digital Archives - a new “service and a resource that others use to preserve and make available their digital material” by acting as a nexus of historical organizations and their data.

Having launched in late 2013 with the freshly digitized Nuremberg Trial Papers from the University of Connecticut Dodd Research Center, CTDA current participants include: Barnum Museum, Bridgeport History Center, Connecticut Data Collaborative, Connecticut Historical Society, Connecticut History Online (CHO), Connecticut State Data Center, Connecticut State Library, Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), Fairfield Museum and History Center, Hartford History Center at Hartford Public Library, and Mystic Seaport. Explore for yourself at ct.digitalarchive.org.
**Membership Updates**

We have five new memberships for the past month. They are Sharon Brown and Marcia Kubilis both at the Individual level, Mr and Mrs Eric Garafano at the Family level, and Barry and Linda Boodman and Kathleen Kennedy at the Contributing level. We welcome you all to the MRHS.

- Cynthia Allyn, Membership