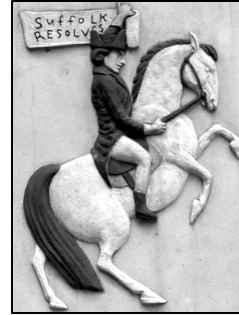


The Milton Historical Society
The Suffolk Resolves House
1370 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186



Madigan Monsour & Gordon Campbell
welcome guests at April Open House

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Newsletter

Spring 2012

Calendar

May 12, 2012 (Milton Public Library 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Mass Memories Road Show: Bring up to 3 photos to celebrate Milton's 350th at Mass Memories Road Show, a state-wide digital history project, which will be documenting people, places, and events in Milton's history. More info at <http://www.massmemories.org/>

May 17, 2012 (Thursday 6-9 p.m.)

MHS Annual Dinner—the Neighborhood Club of Quincy
Dr. Joseph Warren will be our honored guest and speaker.

Suffolk Resolves House Summer Schedule

SRH will be open to the public the **2nd Sunday of May, June, July and August (1-3 p.m.)**.

Check website www.miltonhistoricalsociety.org and local newspapers for further details as event get closer.

* 350th Anniversary Special *

A History of Milton by Edward Pierce Hamilton

SPECIAL PRICE \$75

La Belle Chocolatiere mirrors

*** SPECIAL PRICE \$15 ***

To order call Steve at (617) 333-0566 or MHS at 617-333-9700.
Books can be shipped. Mirrors need to be picked up.

Membership

The Historical Society is pleased to welcome the following new members: **Charles & Ellie McGillicuddy, James Bono, Catherine & William King, Michael Kluskens & Claire Prechtel-Kluskens.** We look forward to your participation in our activities.

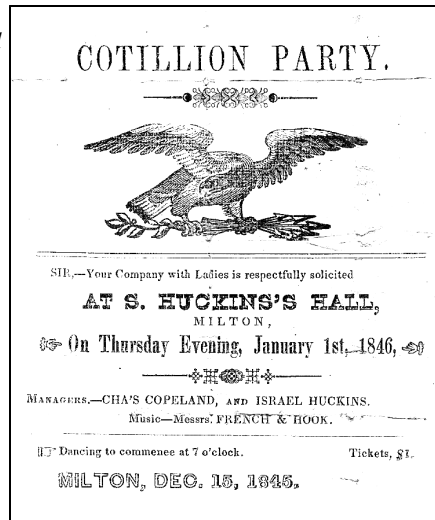


Blue Hill Hotel/Clark's Tavern - 1183 Randolph Avenue

The Blue Hill Hotel, as it was originally known, was built in 1809 along the new Blue Hill turnpike by Samuel Tucker for his son Joshua Tucker. Minot Thayer purchased the tavern in 1832 which he rented out until his son-in-law William H. Clark eventually took over ownership in 1877. Clark, the last landlord, kept open house until 1888 when the tavern became a private home.

In 1907 Harriet (Belcher) Caswell recalled her childhood days at the tavern:

"The old tavern was my home during the best part of my girlhood," recalled Mrs. Caswell in her 85th year, "and it was a place with a great deal of business at that time. Being nine miles from Boston the drovers from Taunton and New Bedford way could stop at the house over night, go on to Boston for their day's business and get back for another night's rest before completing their long journey homeward. My father (Cephas Belcher, son-in-law of owner Minot Thayer), accommodated as many as 30 people at one time. Then it was a favorite tavern for dancing parties from the Lower Mills and from Randolph and even North Bridgewater."



The most exciting event in the history of the tavern occurred during the war of 1812. One Saturday a British ship appeared off Boston harbor with the supposed purpose of landing marauding parties. Landlord Major Joshua Tucker received orders to collect his men and be ready to march. Tucker's forces were summoned to the 'tavern in Scott's woods,' to sharpen their swords and to mold bullets; however, the British sailed away without a fight. Today the former tavern is the headquarters of the Copeland Family Foundation.

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MHS Wish List

Anniversary Booklets for Milton Churches and Synagogues

20th century photos: town celebrations, local sports teams, military portraits
WWI & WWII service men and women.

WANTED: Postcards of Collicot School and Cunningham Jr. High School

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Colored Postcard 1431 Brush Hill Road; Deval Patrick card; Print:
Mrs. Whitney Home, Canton Avenue; Milton Spring Beverages Lemon
and Lime Soda label

Accessions Sep. 2011 - Mar. 2012

Carol Melley: (daughter-in-law of Harriet and William Melley, who was a founder of Milton Cooperative Bank. His father was Head of the Milton Water Department.)

Walker Atlas 1896; Walker Atlas 1905; Water Department Studies 1914 and 1918; *The Milton News*, Vol. 1, No. 1, April 29, 1882; Photo: Godfrey's Coal and Lumber Warehouse; T. W. Melley Scrapbook (1889)

Rick and Judy Pevear: *The Uniquity Echo*, April 1941, Spring 1942, Winter 1942; Letter; Milton Committee on Public Safety, December 18, 1942

John Wyatt: Lincoln Fasch Milton elementary report card: 1956-1956; Letter to Lincoln Fasch at Camp Wampanoag from his grandmother July 1959; 2 Portraits and 1 negative of a young girl, taken by Clifton Fasch.

Maritta Manning Cronin: Thatcher Farm 2011 Calendar

Richard Thomason: Milton and Area Shoppers' Guide (1955-1956)

Michael Kinney: Charles C. Copeland Inc, Milton Spring Beverages bottle

Forbes House Museum: Kerr, Phyllis Forbes. *Cabin Boy: Robert Bennet Forbes*. (2008)

Medfield Historical Society: Rules and Regulations of the Milton School Committee (1902)

Kathleen Daly: Milton 300th Anniversary plate

Kathy Lunt Mitchell: (niece of Clifton Fasch) B/W photos of the Moving of the Suffolk Resolves House, Oct. 1950; Family photographs of the Lunt Family, taken by Clifton Fasch

Ellen Pendoley: DVD - Images from *The Milton Book* 1954, 1956, 1968; Milton Cemetery, 1672-1883, Catalogue; Milton High School graduation exercises, June 1965; Milton High School senior prom card 1965; 300th Anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Milton pamphlet (1678-1978)

Dorothy Harrington Estate: *The Uniquity Echo* Yearbook: 1948 and 1994; Hamilton, Edward Pierce. *The History of Milton*; Milton 300th Anniversary Plates (2)

Susan Abell Morison: Howard Abell's World War II Milton leather ration book holder and ration book

Peter Hopkins: CD - Vose, Lewis and Crane Liberty Paper Mill Ledger 1770-1793

Cohasset Historical Society: 4 Photographs; First Parish Church, post-1907

The Incomplete History of the Suffolk Resolves House

-Steve Kluskens, Curator

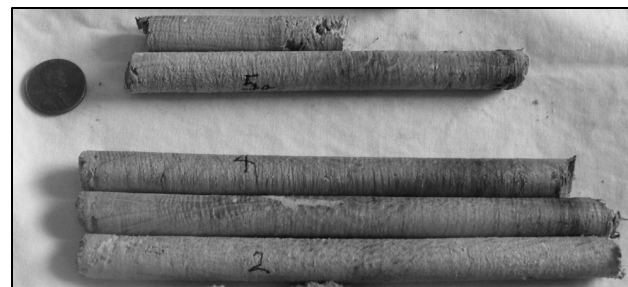
The Journals of the Continental Congress record in 1774 that the Suffolk Resolves were signed at "*the house of Mr. Vose of Milton.*" However, the next known reference to the house of the Resolves is not until 1862, in James Robbins' speech celebrating the town's bicentennial. He was head of his time in noting historic places.

In 1874, Robbins joined in the commemoration of the Resolves' centennial in the parlor of the house we know today. Ten years later, he joined Albert Teele in gathering and documenting the town's history. They included in their *History of Milton* the tradition that Daniel Vose built two houses on the location where the Resolves were first signed, the first—our Suffolk Resolves House—having been moved afterwards to make room for the second, which burned down in 1861.

In 1924, Massachusetts Historical Society's Worthington Ford, the esteemed editor of those same Journals of the Continental Congress, concluded that our Suffolk Resolves House never belonged to Daniel Vose, and that the house noted in the Journals was the house which burned. Ford discounted the 1874 commemoration in our parlor explaining, "*What the energy of one man, influenced or not by self-interest, can accomplish in such matters is a well recognized feature of like occasions.*"

For Ford, documents alone were evidence. Our Suffolk Resolves House first appears on paper in 1785, when Daniel Vose and his eldest daughter agree that it would be passed to her family, even though it belonged to Daniel's young son. Daniel's will, read in 1807, confirms both the agreement and that the house is owned by the son.

Despite a century of searching, we have nothing before this. Yet another type of evidence—more reliable than documents—has been in the house all along, waiting for us. Later this year, analysis of the tree-rings in the oak frame should return felling years (probably precise to the season). The results will support Ford or the town's tradition, but not both.



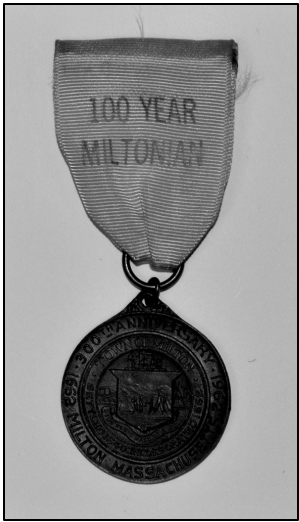
Some of the thirty- seven cores drawn in March shown next to a penny. The tree rings will be measured to the nearest .01mm and their variation compared to a database of New England oaks.

Questions? Email Steve at webmaster@miltonhistoricalsociety.org

Milton's 300th Anniversary Parade

Mike Doyle still remembers the 1962 parade...

Although my grandfather Roy Bent died late December 1962, all that year he had been excited about the Town's 300th anniversary celebrations. One afternoon I spotted my grandfather's car, an old green, 1951 Chevy - Power Glide, making its way down the hill on Churchill's Lane to my house. He often stopped by to drop off piles of comic books he had finished reading. This time it was different. He had a big smile on his face as he stepped out of the car with two bags. He handed me the one without the comic books. Inside were a handful of Milton 300th Anniversary commemorative medals. Each medal came attached with a pin clasp and a yellow ribbon which read "100 year Miltonian". My grandfather joked about the ribbon's inscription saying the family had been Miltonians for a lot longer than 100 years and he wanted his grandchildren to wear the medals to the parade. I still have the medal and pin...tarnished now but still shining brightly with memories.



What excited me most about the parade were the military missiles.



South Weymouth Naval Air Station came with a big red missile. My uncle, Patrick Doyle, was a pilot and had flown blimps out of the air station during the Second World War and another uncle, Richard Bent, was an airman stationed there for a time during the War. In 1962 both my uncles were still in active service and would fly combat missions during the Vietnam War. As things turned out I enlisted at the South Weymouth Naval Air Reserve Station three years later.



100 Year Miltonian pins were distributed to individuals whose family had been in Milton for 100 years or longer.

(Fasch photo)

"Miss Milton"
Diane Rogers and her court were featured in the parade. (l-r) Jane Scheffler, Ellen Sandler, Diane Rogers, Eileen Murphy, Deanna Haines & Gertrude Collins.



Of 26 floats depicting the town's history, judged 'best' was the Library's horse-drawn bookmobile, created and driven by Martin Wifholm who remodeled the wagon after a photo of the original bookmobile.

(Fasch photo)