

News from the Stow Historical Society

*A newsletter for all friends of Stow history.
Please feel free to pass it along to others who might be interested!*

September 16, 2019

October and November Programs

Wednesday, October 16th: The SHS hosts Center Schools' four third-grade classes at West School. Throughout the day each class will travel to the 1825 schoolhouse to experience Stow's early school days.

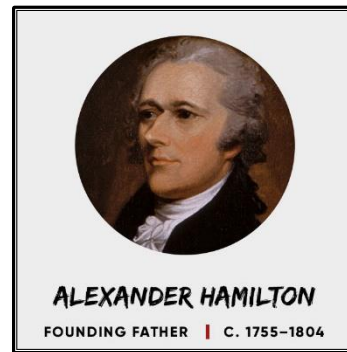


This is the first program of three which supports the third-grade town history, social studies curriculum. Transportation will be provided by Big Yellow School Bus grant from the MCC, which helps schools meet the transportation costs of educational field trips to non-profit cultural institutions.



Saturday, November 9th:

Alexander Hamilton and Stow: The Founding of a New Nation



<https://www.biography.com/political-figure/alexander-hamilton>

Presented by Mariana Oller,

Thomas Oller

and the SHS

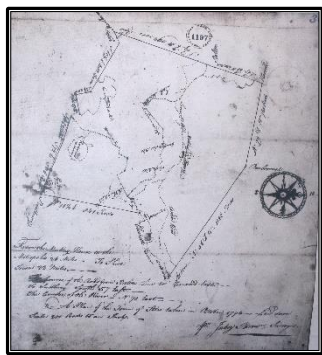
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7 PM

at the Pompositticut Community Center

The American Revolution set the colonies on the long and difficult path of gaining independence and forming a new country. On the national level, Founding Father Alexander Hamilton played a key role in the Revolutionary War. Later, he was instrumental in getting the Constitution ratified and in establishing a stable, strong, and prosperous United States.



At the local level, the military, political, and economic developments that occurred on the national stage during this period are clearly echoed in Stow. This presentation will examine America's founding documents and Stow historical records to provide evidence of Stow's active participation in the events of this era.

A plan of the Town of Stow taken in October 1794 *Scale 200 rods to an Inch* *Jalen Brown Surveyor*

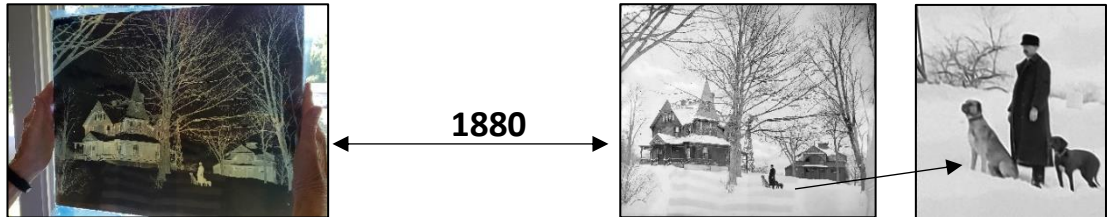
Mariana Oller is Associate Curator of Special Collections at the Wellesley College Library. She is also Chair of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society (the AHA Society), a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about Hamilton.

Dr. Thomas Oller is a Senior Lecturer in the Writing Program at Boston University, where he teaches a course on Founding Fathers Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson and their competing visions of America. He is also Vice Chair of the AHA Society.

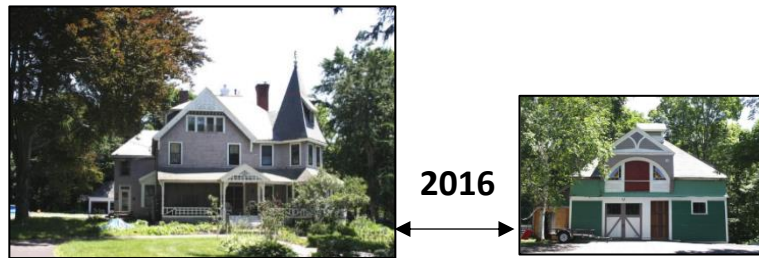
Special thanks to:

1. **Susanne Fuller** of Tennessee for the 17 inches by 14 inches glass plate negative of the 1880 Alfred Gleason house in Gleasondale. The SHS and Ancient Documents Committee have never seen this photograph.

Suzanne Fuller is the great granddaughter of Alfred Dwight Gleason and Blanche A. Pratt. Alfred was the youngest son of Benjamin Gleason, the owner of the Gleasondale Mills.



In 2019 the Alfred Gleason house and carriage house are painted a deep green.



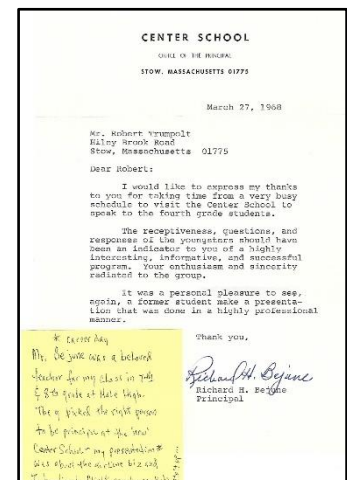
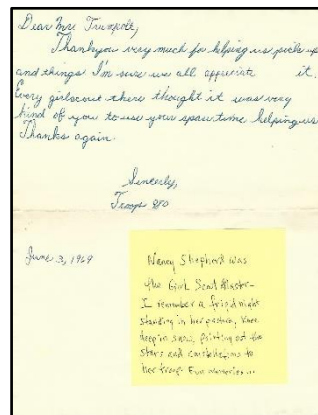
A treasure trove of documented history

The Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System MACRIS Massachusetts Historical Commission

NOTE: Stow's historic homes and properties inventory compiled in 1982 and 2016 are available online at <http://mhc-macris.net/index.htm>

2. **Bob Trumpolt** for memorabilia of Stow's youth from 50 years ago.

Photos and keepsakes of Stow are important to the SHS.



Visitors from Iowa

On Saturday, September 14, 2019 the SHS explored the Randall connections in Stow with Angie Kilmer and her family from Davenport, Iowa. Angie is a direct descendant of Stephen Randall, who received a land grant from the king in 1685.



The Kilmer family beside the gravestones of Silas and Elizabeth Randall, 2 of 14 Randall family members buried in Lower Village Cemetery



A special thanks to Andy and Eve Fischer, the owners of Stephen Randall's 1710 home on Sudbury Road, for welcoming us to their historic home.

In the planning:

2020 is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment Women's Suffrage

In conjunction with Freedom's Way <http://freedomsway.org/>, the SHS will be hosting a program about Stow's women who were the first to register for the November 1920 presidential election. This event will be in May 2020.

The SHS has begun reaching out to those who had relatives living in Stow in 1920.

A list of 165 women, who registered between August and October 1920, has been compiled.

The SHS is seeking photos from the 1920's and memorabilia.

Please contact the SHS and share your memories, photos and documents.