

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!

March 31, 2020

In this issue:

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100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: Women's Suffrage

1920: Celebrating Stow's Women Who Registered to Vote

In conjunction with Freedom's Way (<http://freedomsway.org/>) plus Stow's Girl Scouts, the SHS will have displays about Stow's women who registered to vote during the summer and fall before the November presidential election of 1920.

POSTPONED

SpringFest has been cancelled.

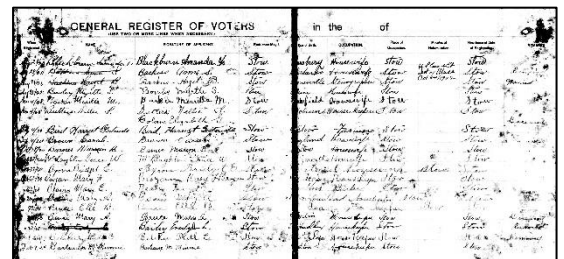
This event will be held during **SpringFest** on ~~May 16, 2020~~.



A culminating program IS scheduled for Sunday September 13th at 3 PM.

A list of 171 Stow women, who registered to vote between August and October 1920, has been compiled.

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



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

1920 register of Stow women with the last name beginning with "B".

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Behind the Scenes: The Twisting and Turning Journey to Learn about Stow's Women Who Registered to Vote in 1920

Stow Historical Society's journey to research Stow's women in 1920 began during the summer of 2019 when Freedom's Way National Heritage Area sent out invitations to member towns to participate in their Hidden Treasures 2020, the 19th Amendment (Women's Suffrage) program. The Stow Historical Society began to research the town's resources and immediately *hit a brick wall*. None of the three written histories of Stow covered this subject:

- 1) the 1933 book by Olivia Crowell, *Stow, Massachusetts 1683-1933*,
- 2) the 1961 book by C. K. Anthony, *History of Stow, Part of the New England Story*, or
- 3) the 1983 Ethel B. Childs book, *The History of Stow*.

The Search begins: The SHS and the Stow Ancient Documents Committee could not access the Town Vault due to the installation of the new heating and cooling systems in the Town Building. Think! Which of Stow's early families might have had extended family living in Stow in 1920? Gates, Peck, Warren, Lewis, Lawrence, Davidson, Derby, Gleason, Priest, Fletcher, Smith, Underwood, Wetherbee, Stow, Trumpolt... Two members of Stow's Ancient Documents Committee had grandparents in Stow at that time. The surnames Byron and Gould were added to the list.

Web search - Happening upon Stow's Voter Records: Using www.ancestry.com (Ancestry® Genealogy, Family Trees & Family History Records), **surnames**, the **date**, 1920, and the **place**, Stow, Massachusetts, were entered into this search engine. After a half dozen entries, *Eureka!* Skip Warren's grandmother, **Adelia F. (Moore) Warren**, was included in a listing of *Voter Records, 4 Sep 1920, Stow, Massachusetts*. Her name was on page 155 of 159 of scanned, xeroxed documents. 159 pages! Xerox! When these registers were scanned is an unknown. It could have been 30 years ago or more. The black and white scanned xerox copies can be challenging to read. Any blemishes on the page, such as mold, are black splotches.

Onward we go! Mid- August 2019: 69 pages of jpegs of Stow voter registrations were downloaded from the ancestry website into a folder.

- This scanned grouping of 159 documents contained:
 - Pages 01 – 30: Late 1890's documents of Henry Gates, Stow Town Clerk
 - Page 31: Hand-written title page, *Stow's Registry of Voters 1884-1934*
 - Pages 32 – 159: Voter registrations
 - Pages 32 – 69 and 71 – 93: Stow's men voter registrations from 1884 through 1919
 - *Page 70: a list of **seven women** who registered on Oct 30 with no recorded year
 - *Pages 94 – 115: **Stow's women registrants from 1920 – 1924**, which were bound backwards and at times randomly alphabetized.
 - Pages 116 – 159: Men and women, who registered after 1924, and then below these names were the recopied names of men and women who registered from the teens to 1924. The recopied names were all in the same handwriting. All earlier registrants included personal signatures.

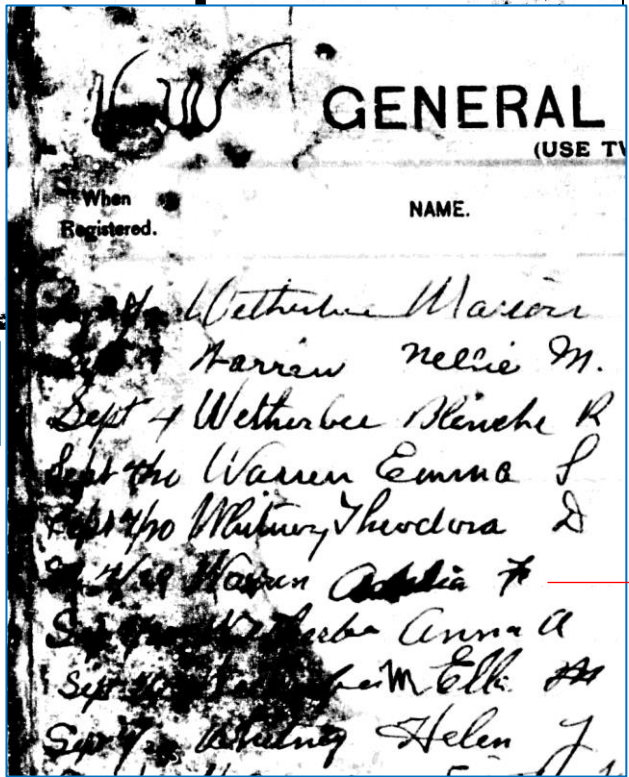
Page 95 W GENERAL REGISTER OF VOTERS - Women 1920 -1924

| NAME | SIGNATURE - APPLICANT | Residence April 1, or subsequent date | Place of Birth | OCCUPATION | Place of Occupation | Minutes of Naturalization, Court filing letters and Date of Naturalization | Residence at Date of Registration | REMARKS |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Sept 1920 Wetherbee Marjorie | Wetherbee Marjorie | Stow | England | Teacher | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Warren Nellie M. | Warren Nellie M. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Wetherbee Blanche R. | Wetherbee Blanche R. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Warren Emma S. | Warren Emma S. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Wetherbee Theodora D. | Wetherbee Theodora D. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Warren Adelia F. | Warren Adelia F. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Wetherbee Anna A. | Wetherbee Anna A. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Wetherbee M. E. | Wetherbee M. E. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Wetherbee Helen J. | Wetherbee Helen J. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |

Warren, Adelia F.

NOTE: Registrants' ages were bound into the crease of this ledger and unreadable in the xerox scan.

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Note the lines which are illegible due to mold, which shows as black on the xerox pages.

Warren, Adelia F

Page 155 GENERAL REGISTER OF VOTERS - partial page

| NAME | SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT | Residence April 1, or subsequent date | Place of Birth | OCCUPATION | Place of Occupation | Minutes of Naturalization, Court filing letters and Date of Naturalization | Residence at Date of Registration | REMARKS |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Sept 1920 Wheeler Carrie M. | Wheeler Carrie M. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Warren Mary J. | Warren Mary J. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Wilgren Nilo J. | Wilgren Nilo J. | Stow | Mass | Student | Stow | | Stow | |
| Oct 1920 Walker Hollis K. | Walker Hollis K. | Stow | Mass | Farmer | Stow | | Stow | |
| Oct 1920 Walters William H. | Walters William H. | Stow | Mass | Watchman | Raymond | | Stow | |
| Nov 1920 Warren Adelia F. | Warren Adelia F. | Stow | Mass | Farmer | Stow | | Stow | |
| Aug 1920 Warren Dorothy J. | Warren Dorothy J. | Stow | Mass | Farmer | Stow | | Stow | |
| Mar 1920 Warren Edward A. | Warren Edward A. | Stow | Mass | Farmer | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Warren Emma S. | Warren Emma S. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Warren Henry H. | Warren Henry H. | Stow | Mass | Farmer | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Warren Nellie M. | Warren Nellie M. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Feb 1920 Warren Russell A. | Warren Russell A. | Stow | Mass | Black | Boston | | Stow | |
| Feb 1920 Weaver Blanchard E. | Weaver Blanchard E. | Stow | Mass | Black | Boston | | Stow | |
| Apr 1920 Walter Elvino G. | Walter Elvino G. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| April 1920 Webber Fannie J. | Webber Fannie J. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| April 1920 Webber Sory C. | Webber Sory C. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Sept 1920 Webber Amy E. | Webber Amy E. | Stow | Mass | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |

Warren, Adelia F.

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Now to build a spreadsheet! By August 30, 2019 the SHS had documented 165 Stow women who registered to vote. But there were more to be located! The information was most certainly free-floating, yet storylines could be envisioned. The SHS contacted Freedom's Way and we were registered as a participant in their community programming. Extended family members of these women were being contacted, as the Society began to seek family recollections, story snippets, and photos of these Stow women.

Members of Stow's Ancient Documents Committee could not recall seeing any information about women's suffrage in the Stow Town Vault. It was hoped that vault access could be gained after Labor Day as the work on the Town Building progressed. The vault remained inaccessible until January 10, 2020. No problem! Planning was in full swing.

November 2019 the spreadsheet looked like this:

1920 Stow Women Registering to Vote

| Last Name | Maiden Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | Place of Birth | Birth-Death Dates | Occupation | Place of Occupation | Minutes of Naturalization | Residence at Date of Registration | Date of Registration | |
|--|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Backus | Budd | Anna | S | 63 | Ontario, Canada | 1857 - 1932 | Housewife | Stow | naturalized in 1904 | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday |
| Backus | | Hazel | Budd | 28 | Somerville | 1892 - 1978 | Stenographer | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday |
| Bailey | Taylor | Evalyn | Lenore | 45 | Hadley | 1875 - 1963 | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-23 | Saturday |
| Barker | Banks | Merrilla | May | 39 | Wakefield | 1881 - 1959 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday |
| Beavis | Tobin | Mary | A | 43 | Newfoundland | 1877 - 1942 | Housekeeper | Stow | naturalized in 1907 | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |
| Beavis | Cavanaugh | Mary | Elizabeth | 37 | Marlboro | 1883 - 1948 | surfer in woolen mill | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |
| Bird | | Harriet | Gertrude | 47 | Boston | 1873 - 1965 | Farrier | Stow | | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday |
| Blackburn (sister of Anne Gates) | Gates | Amanda | Fitzalan | 71 | Shrewsbury | 1849 - 1938 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday |
| Bowley | Stratton | Myrtle | Belle | 35 | Hancock, Maine | 1885 - 1941 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday |
| Brogan (widow) | | Mary | F | 61 | Sutton | 1859 - | Housekeeper for James Croft family | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |
| Brown | Stoll | Sarah | | 46 | England | 1874 - | Housewife | Stow | naturalized in 1916 | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday |
| Bruce | Mason | Ella | B | 46 | Bolton | 1874 - 1941 | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |
| Bruce (widow) | Stone | Mary | Ann | 75 | Berlin | 1845 - | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |
| Bryon | Delaney | Bridget | E | 51 | Ireland | 1869 - | Housework | Stow | naturalized in 1893 | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |
| Butters (lived with cousins, Charles & Ethel Grandall) | | Nellie (Ellen) | Stevens | 48 | Woburn | 1872 - | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday |
| Candage | White | Ella | Maria | 68 | Revere, Mass | 1852 - | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday |
| Carlisle | Dobson | Lydia | Elizabeth | 63 | Nova Scotia | 1857 - 1936 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |
| Cary | Gould | Mary | Susan | 60 | Nova Scotia | 1859 - 1938 | Housewife | Stow | naturalized after 1880 | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday |
| Cate | Connoly | Madeline | M | 26 | Rhode Island | 1894 - 1965 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-23 | Saturday |
| Chapman | Furbush | Jane | E | 82 | Lebanon, Maine | 1838 - 1923 | Housekeeper | Stow | naturalized after 1865 | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday |
| Chisholm | Turnbull | Jane | Shiel | 56 | Scotland | 1874 - | Weaver | Stow | naturalized in 1911 | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday |

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The AGE column, which was not visible in the xerox scan, was calculated by using online genealogy and census data.

Page 70 of the xeroxed voter registry: This page listed seven women who registered on October 30 with no year recorded.

- The last day to register in 1920 was October 23rd.
- What were we missing?
- Three of these women were relatives of John Peck (Gates/Peck family), one being his great grandmother. We were thinking 1920! It was he who noted that his great grandmother's age

was off by 25 years. **Of course!** All seven of the women had ages which corresponded with the year **1895**.

“Twice, woman suffrage was put to the Massachusetts voters and both times it was defeated. In 1895, women were permitted to vote along with men on a non-binding referendum to gauge public opinion on enfranchising women in municipal elections. Only four percent of eligible women voters participated but they overwhelmingly voted in favor of the measure. Sixty-eight percent of the male votes were cast against. Woman suffrage went down in defeat again in 1915.” <https://www.nps.gov/articles/massachusetts-and-the-19th-amendment.htm>

Our first Stow women to register to vote in 1895 included:

| Name | Age | Place of Birth | Birth/Death Dates | |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|-------------------|---|
| Susan Ann Gates Peck | 54 | Stow | 1841-1922 | } Susan Gates Peck is John Peck’s great grandmother. These women all are related by marriage. |
| Isabelle Leland Staples | 54 | Westborough | 1840-1933 | |
| Mary C. Parks Lewis | 48 | Stow | 1847-1918 | |
| Susan Proctor Lawrence | 51 | Carlisle | 1844-1927 | → school teacher & 1 st Randall librarian |
| Elizabeth Gillespie Bolam | 44 | Scotland | 1851-1923 | |
| Annie C. Gates | 34 | Stow | 1861-1940 | } related |
| Fannie Robinson Gates | 23 | Groton | 1872-1945 | |

*****We do not know whether these seven Stow women voted in the 1895 referendum.**

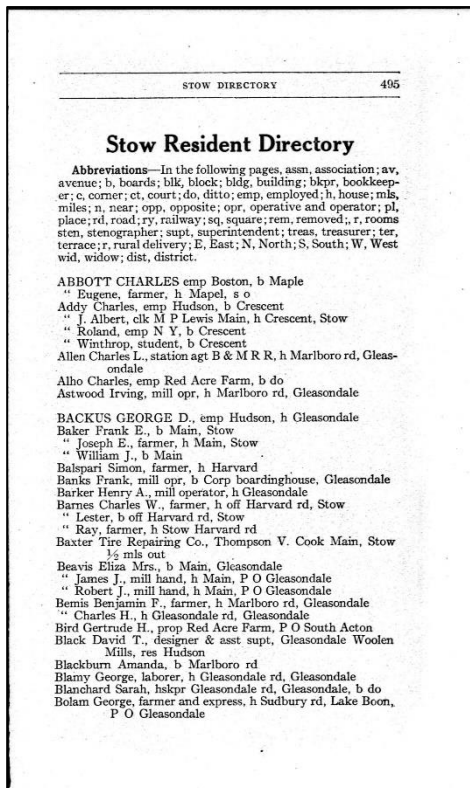
Five of the seven women were included in the 1920 registration. Missing were:

- Fannie Robinson Gates and family, who moved to Hudson pre-1910, and
- Mary C. Parks Lewis, who died in 1918.

Stow Directories for 1918, 1921 and 1923 were downloaded from ancestry.com in 12/2019.

1921

The data printed in the 1921 Stow Resident Directory was gathered in 1920.



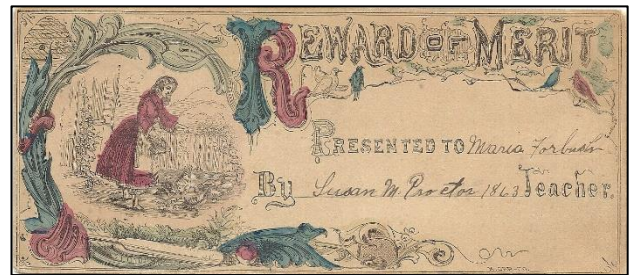
Additional columns were added to the spreadsheet: *1920 Address, Related Families, & Family Relationships.*

Stow Town Vault, January 10, 2020: Three of us searched the vault's file folders, its genealogical folders, and its photograph folders for women's suffrage. We checked the historical file boxes and Stow's primary document books. No data about Stow's women registering to vote in 1920 could be located. Nothing on women's suffrage! Where was the 1884 – 1934 voters' ledger, which had been scanned and was now available on ancestry.com?

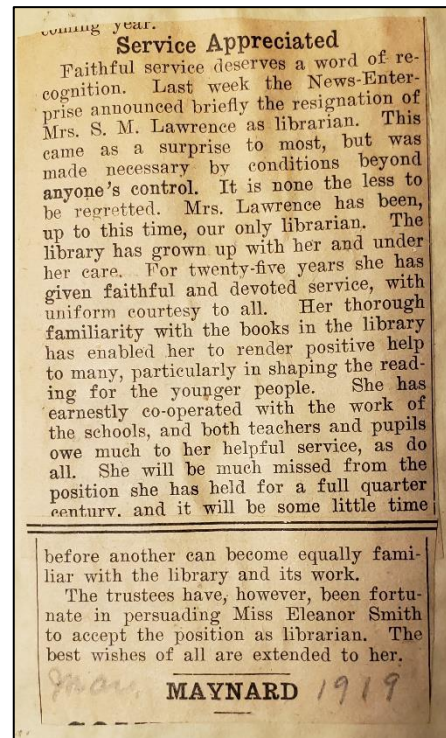
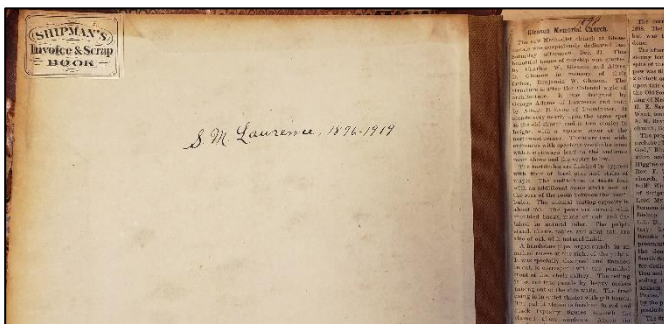
However, we were not left empty-handed. With each search we were also watching for specific women's names. There were photos of some of these women as students in Stow's schools between 1903 to the teens, which we digitized. There were photographs in labeled family reunions from the 1940's. There were 1940's newspaper articles, some with photos, about the Stow Woman's Association (not related to the Stow Woman's Cub of today) and the Stow Garden Club. And there were the early newspaper articles from the Susan Lawrence scrapbook!

The Susan Lawrence Scrapbook:

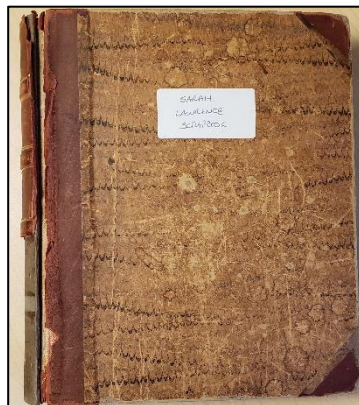
Susan M. Proctor Lawrence: In 1864, sixteen-year-old Susan M. Proctor began teaching at Stow's West School. She married Sgt. Samuel Lawrence in 1864 when he was home on furlough. She taught at West, Lower Village and Stow Center Schools. In 1894 she was appointed the first librarian of the Stow's new Randall Library. She held this position until 1919, when she resigned to stay home to care for her adult daughter who was ill.



Susan M. Lawrence's scrapbook contains newspaper articles which were important to her. None included the newspaper's name, although many had datelines. A good number can be identified as published by the *Hudson News-Enterprise*. Two are from unidentified Boston newspapers. Both Boston articles are circa 1905 and reference women's suffrage.



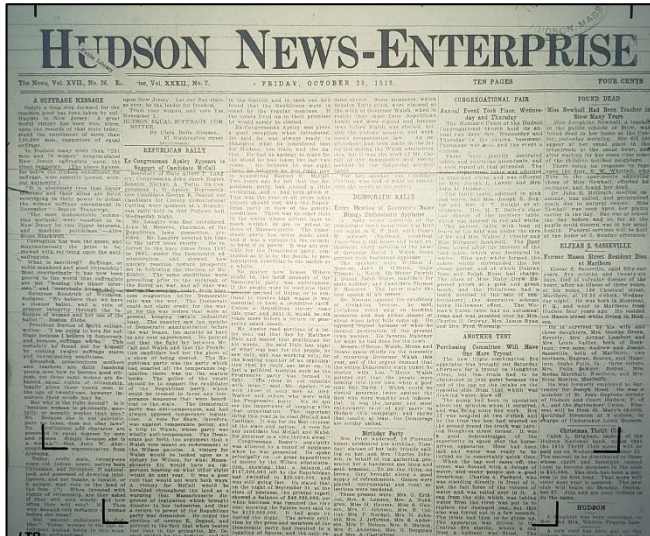
Susan Lawrence was a correspondent for the *Hudson News-Enterprise* for many, many years until 1919, when she retired due to the illness of her daughter. The newspaper thanked her in a column.



Hudson Public Library, January 23, 24, and Feb 6, 2020: Three days were spent reading the *Hudson News-Enterprise* on the microfiche machine. (See the picture on right) This newspaper was published weekly – 52 issues a year with each issue running between 8 to 10 pages in length.

Newspapers from October 30, 1914 – November 5, 1915 and from May 10, 1918 – September 9, 1920 were skimmed, approximately 600 pages in all. This dated technology gave us a lifeline to the pulse of Stow and many of her ladies.

The microfiche screen can display part of a newspaper's page at a time. The film must be moved up and down and left to right. No matter how the display is adjusted, it is not totally sharp.



Friday, October 20, 1915
Prelude to the November 1915 vote for equal rights.

To the left is an example of a partial page. To save the research articles, one must take a photo of the screen and then carefully record the date and page in a notebook.

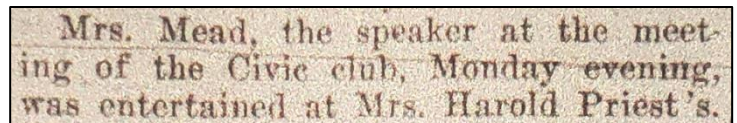
How married women were identified in print:

The *Hudson News-Enterprise* printed local news from the surrounding towns, plus WWI news relating to the local towns. In each issue there was a news column for STOW and for GLEASONDALE. From reading these columns, it was learned that the correspondent(s) mailed in the weekly news to the publisher. When the mailed news briefs did not arrive in a timely fashion, the publisher noted the fact.

The citizens of Stow were community-spirited and active in this pre- and post-era. Women were in the forefront; however, they were identified as Mrs. William Smith, or Mrs. Harold Priest, or Mrs. Albert Gleason, or Mrs. Clifton Fletcher, or Mrs. Henry Warren... It was not proper to use given names for married women.

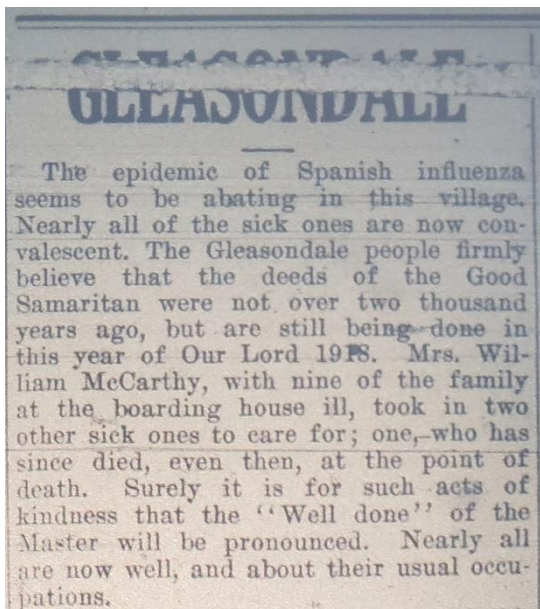
Now the spreadsheet needed to be adapted to include husbands' names. The voter registrations only recorded women's given and last names. With many women with the same last name, verification was required to correctly identify Stow's women who registered.

Hudson News-Enterprise
December 12, 1919



Sarah Priest = Mrs. Harold Priest

There was also Mmes. Alice Priest, Emma Priest, and Marguerite Priest.



GLEASONDALE
October 11, 1918
Spanish Flu
Mrs. William McCarthy,
Bill Byron's grandmother

Back to the spreadsheet! Now the spreadsheet had to be further enlarged to include *Husband's Name* and *Husband's Occupation*. Here we go again! Each married woman needed further research.

Stow Historical Society DRAFT 3/30/2020

1895 and 1920 Stow Women Registering to Vote

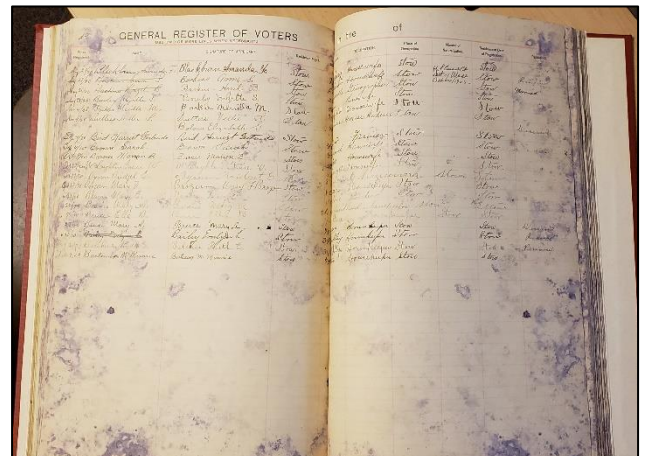
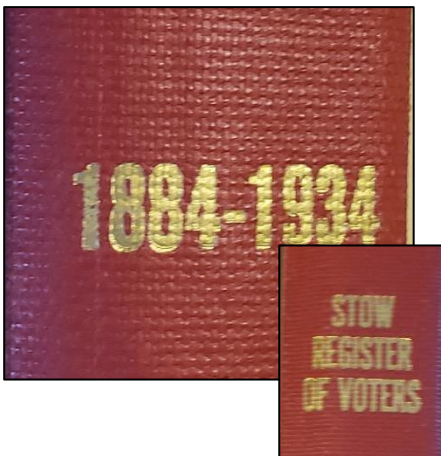
| Last Name | Maiden Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | Place of Birth | Birth-Death Dates | Occupation | Place of Occupation | NA (Noted) | Residence at Date of Registration | Date of Registration | Day of Week | Husband's Name | Husband's Occupation | 1920 Address | Related Families | Family Relationships | |
|--|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Stow Women Who Registered to Vote October 30, 1895 - School Committee Elections | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bolam | Gillespie | Elizabeth | G | 44 | Scotland | 1851 - 1923 | Housewife | Stow | 1879 | Stow | 1895-10-30 | Wednesday | George | Farmer | Sulbury Rd | | | |
| Gates | | Annie (Anna) | Clementine | 34 | Stow | 1861 - 1940 | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1895-10-30 | Wednesday | Annie: Farmer | | Marlboro Rd. | Gates, Reed, Blackburn | Daughter of Anne & Blanche Gates Reed | |
| Gates | Robinson | Fannie | Maria | 23 | Groton | 1872 - 1945 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1895-10-30 | Wednesday | Francis Edward | Farmer, Teamster | Lived in Hudson in 1910 | Gates, Reed, Blackburn | | |
| Lawrence | Proctor | Susan | M | 51 | Carlisle | 1844 - 1927 | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1895-10-30 | Wednesday | Samuel A (died 1900) | Owner, Librarian | Glossonside Rd, Stow | | | |
| Lewis | Parks | Mary | Caroline | 48 | Stow | 1847 - 1918 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1895-10-30 | Wednesday | Walter S | Farmer/Real Estate | Main, Stow | Lewis, Peck, Staples, Lambert | Mother of same, sister-in-law, mother-in-law of Margaret Lewis, relative of Peck | |
| Peck | Gates | Susan | Ann | 54 | Stow | 1841 - 1922 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1895-10-30 | Wednesday | William Henry (died 1873) | Farmer | Main, Stow | Lewis, Peck, Staples, Lambert | Daughter of Anne & Blanche Peck, relative of Lewis | |
| Staples | Leland | Isabella | Culter | 54 | Westborough | 1840 - 1933 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1895-10-30 | Wednesday | Charles H | Farmer | Main, Stow | Lewis, Peck, Staples, Lambert | Mother of Margaret Staples | |
| Stow Women Who Registered to Vote August 14 - October 23, 1920 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stow Women Who Registered in both 1895 and 1920 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | Backus | Budd | Anna | 5 | Ontario, Canada | 1857 - 1932 | Housewife | Stow | 1902 | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday | George | Secretary, News Paper Work | Glossonside | Backus | Mother of Neal Backus | |
| 002 | Backus | | Hazel | Budd | 28 | Somerville | 1892 - 1978 | Stenographer | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday | Wilfred Barrows (died 1922) | Architect | Glossonside | Backus | Daughter of Anna Backus |
| 003 | Bailey (widow) | Taylor | Evalyn | Lenore | 45 | Hadley, MA | 1875 - 1968 | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-23 | Saturday | Fred L | Horse trainer, Laborer, Wadlen Mill | Glossonside | | |
| 004 | Barker | Banks | Merrilla | May | Wakefield | 1881 - 1959 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday | Henry D | Laborer, Wadlen Mill | Glossonside | | | |
| 005 | Barnes | | Marion | Frances | 24 | Stow | 1896 - 1959 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-09 | Saturday | Fred Townsend (died 1918) | Laborer, Wadlen Mill | Glossonside Rd. | | |
| 007 | Beavis | Cavanaugh | Mary | Elizabeth | 37 | Marlborough | 1883 - 1948 | Barber in wooden mill | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday | James J | Spinner, Wadlen Mill | Main Rd., P.O. Glossonside | | |
| 006 | Beavis | Tobin | Mary | Ann | 43 | Newfoundland | 1877 - 1942 | Housekeeper | Stow | 1907 | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday | Robert | Finisher, Wadlen Mill | Main Rd., P.O. Glossonside | | |
| 008 | Bird | | Harriet | Gertrude | 46 | Boston | 1873 - 1965 | Farmer | Stow | | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday | | | Red Acre Farm | | |
| 009 | Blackburn | Gates | Amanda | Fitzalan | 71 | Shrewsbury | 1849 - 1938 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday | Henry L (died 1900) | | Marlboro Rd. | Gates, Reed, Blackburn | Wife, sister of Anne Gates, aunt of Blanche Gates Reed |
| 010 | Bolam | Gillespie | Elizabeth | G | Scotland | 1851 - 1923 | Housewife | Stow | 1879 | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday | George | Farmer | Sulbury Rd. | | | |
| 011 | Bowley | Stratton | Myrtle | Belle | 35 | Hancock, ME | 1885 - 1941 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | 1920-08-28 | Saturday | Ralph | Finisher, Wadlen Mill | High St. | | |
| 012 | Brogan (widow) | Tallis | Mary | Frances | 62 | Sutton | 1859 - 1936 | Housekeeper for James Croft family | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday | James B | Weaver, Spinner, Wadlen Mill | Glossonside Rd. | | |
| 013 | Brown | Stoll | Sarah | | 45 | England | 1874 - 1967 | Housewife | Stow | 1916 | Stow | 1920-09-04 | Saturday | William H | Spinner, Wadlen Mill | Glossonside Rd. | | |
| 014 | Bruce | Mason | Ella | B | 46 | Bolton | 1874 - 1941 | Housekeeper | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday | Herman W | Shoemaker | High St. | | |
| 015 | Bruce (widow) | Stone | Mary | Ann | 75 | Berlin | 1845 - | Farmer | Stow | | Stow | 1920-10-22 | Friday | John L (died 1916) | Mary, b. 1810 Prigun Office | | | |

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A solitary visit to the Stow Town Vault, January 29, 2020: Standing in the vault, talking to the historical documents: “Where are you, voter registrations?” Visually checking off shelf by shelf – total quiet – complete concentration!



And there it was! Lying flat with books stacked on top of it, the **red spine** facing the wall.



Here's page 95, Adelia F. Warren

| When Registered. | NAME. | SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT. | Residence May 1. | Place of Birth. | OCCUPATION. | Place of Occupation. | Minutes of Naturalization. |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Aug 21/90 | Wetherbee Marion | Wetherbee Marion | Stow | England | Sewer | Stow | |
| Sept 7 | Warren Nellie M. | Warren Nellie M. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7 | Wetherbee Blanche R. | Wetherbee Blanche R. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Warren Emma S. | Warren Emma S. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Whitney Thelma D. | Whitney Thelma D. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Warren Adelia F. | Warren Adelia F. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Wetherbee Anna A. | Wetherbee Anna A. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Wetherbee M. Ella | Wetherbee M. Ella | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Whitney Helen J. | Whitney J. Helen | Stow | Maine | Clerk | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Woodman Edith M. | Woodman Edith M. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Oct 23/90 | Wheeler Gertrude | Wheeler Gertrude | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Oct 23/90 | Wheeler Carrie A. | Wheeler Carrie A. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/92 | Weir Amy E. | Weir Amy E. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Oct 23/92 | Whalen Mary | Whalen Mary | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Feb 9, 24 | Wetherbee Olive Stratton | Wetherbee Olive Stratton | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Aug 16/94 | Warren Dorothy T. | Warren Dorothy T. | Stow | Maine | Dressmaker | Stow | |
| Aug 23/94 | Wood Florence A. | Wood Florence A. | Stow | Maine | Secretary | Boston | |
| 11 " | Wood Marion J. | Wood Marion J. | Stow | Maine | At home | Stow | |

Here's page 95, Xerox scan, Adelia F. Warren

| When Registered. | NAME. | SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT. | Residence May 1. | Place of Birth. | OCCUPATION. | Place of Occupation. | Minutes of Naturalization. |
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| Aug 21/90 | Wetherbee Marion | Wetherbee Marion | Stow | England | Sewer | Stow | |
| Sept 7 | Warren Nellie M. | Warren Nellie M. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7 | Wetherbee Blanche R. | Wetherbee Blanche R. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Warren Emma S. | Warren Emma S. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Whitney Thelma D. | Whitney Thelma D. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Warren Adelia F. | Warren Adelia F. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Wetherbee Anna A. | Wetherbee Anna A. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Wetherbee M. Ella | Wetherbee M. Ella | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Whitney Helen J. | Whitney J. Helen | Stow | Maine | Clerk | Stow | |
| Sept 7/90 | Woodman Edith M. | Woodman Edith M. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Oct 23/90 | Wheeler Gertrude | Wheeler Gertrude | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Oct 23/90 | Wheeler Carrie A. | Wheeler Carrie A. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Sept 7/92 | Weir Amy E. | Weir Amy E. | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
| Oct 23/92 | Whalen Mary | Whalen Mary | Stow | Maine | Housewife | Stow | |
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| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT. | Residence May 1. | AGE | OCCUPATION. | Place of Occupation. | Minutes of Naturalization. | Residence at Date of Registration. | REMARKS. |
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| Wetherbee Marion | Stow | 24 | Sewer | Stow | | Stow | |
| Warren Nellie M. | Stow | 43 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Wetherbee Blanche R. | Stow | 40 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Warren Emma S. | Stow | 70 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Whitney Thelma D. | Stow | 45 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Warren Adelia F. | Stow | 43 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |
| Wetherbee Anna A. | Stow | 60 | Housewife | Stow | | Stow | |

With the book opened flat, one can just read the ages of the women!

This SHS newsletter has not begun to tell of the story of Stow: 1920.

Oh, the stories we have, both pictorial and written.



By late February we had met with one of the two Girl Scout troops to coordinate their participation. By mid-March the SHS had displays designed and half had been created. The research continues.

Now the country is in a holding pattern due to the coronavirus.

Stow women 1920 will be presented. This year? Next year?

We sincerely thank John Peck, Bill Byron, Skip Warren, Bob Trumpolt and Bill Wickey for their heartfelt contributions and suggestions. We thank Freedom's Way for their outstanding community rallying and support. We thank the fourth and sixth grade Girl Scout troops for their enthusiasm and gung-ho spirit to partner, assisting with props and handouts and possibly some suffrage songs.

***1920: Celebrating Stow's Women Who Registered to Vote* is the next coming attraction.**