

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!

May 13, 2018

The SHS's March and April Programs

March 28th - The State House Tour with a reception in Representative Kate Hogan's office, celebrating the *Images of Stow* exhibit, was a wonderful afternoon.



Eleven of the *Images of Stow* prints are now hanging in Stow's COA offices and rooms at Pompo.



April 25th - It was an engaging evening with Ken Gloss, proprietor of Brattle Book Shop, Boston. The audience was mesmerized by his stories of appraising books and why many old and treasured books do not hold the monetary value in the book market. There were two books appraised in the \$80 range and one at \$2500.



May 14th and 15th - The Stow Historical Society will be presenting an early Stow history program in each of Center School's five third-grade classrooms this week. Town history is part of the Massachusetts 3rd grade social studies curriculum.



SpringFest

May 19, 2018

Center School

10 AM - 3 PM

Please visit the Stow Historical Society/ Ancient Documents exhibit in the school gym.

The exhibit, which spans over 16 feet in length, is featuring



STOW 1908

Union School Walter Stephenson & his family



School Report

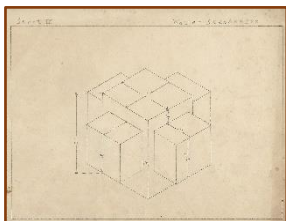
Stow Town Report March 1903

Report of Stow School House Building Committee.

At the annual Town meeting in March 1902, it was voted to build a new union school house at the Center, and combine the several schools, including the Hale High School, in one building. At a later meeting it was voted to borrow eight thousand dollars to build and furnish the same, and the School Committee were chosen to carry out the plan. At the annual fall meeting two thousand dollars was appropriated to complete the work.

Walter Stephenson Oct 29, 1907
Union School Grade III.

Stow.
Stow is about twenty five miles from Boston.
It's area is about eleven thousand acres and has a population of about one thousand.
Stow is a hilly place with two or three



Walter's younger brothers,
Stanley and Wendell
Stephenson.
pre-1984 photo



The Stephenson home stood at 184 Gleasondale Road, until 1992, when it was transformed into *small farm* by Dwight and Barbara Sipler.

The Union School and Stephenson documents were donated by Dwight Sipler February 2018.

The Stow Historical Society/Ancient Document Committee extends a special thank you to:

- Dwight Sipler for the Union School and Stephenson family documents (February 16, 2018)
- Don and Marica Rising for the green trunk which housed Civil War documents and an extensive collection of newspapers about the Spanish and American War (March 23, 2018)
- Walter Pavelchek of West Chester, PA (father-in-law of Kathy Pavelchek) for two 1898 newspapers: *The Stow Enterprise* and the *Lowell Weekly Journal* (April 22, 2018)

NOTE: SpringFest was begun to celebrate Stow's founding in May 1683. **335 YEARS AGO!**

Enjoy this weekend's events:

Friday, May 18th

4:30 -7:00 pm Hale Middle School
Ice Cream Social Fundraiser
All proceeds to Warm Hearts of Stow

Friday, May 18th

7:00 pm Town Hall
Silent Movie, Stow Lions Club

Saturday, May 19th

8:00 – 10:00 am Church of St Isidore
Pancake Breakfast
Hosted by the Friends of COA

Saturday, May 19th

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Center School
SpringFest

Sunday, May 20th

8:30 & 9:30 am Hale Middle School
Stow Conservation Trust
Annual Run for the Woods

Sunday, May 20th

4:00 pm First Parish of Stow & Acton
Sounds of Stow "Lure of the Sea"
- Sea chanties, English folk songs, sing along...

SPRINGFEST
May 18, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
Old Stow Town Hall

Silent Movie Night

Charlie Chaplin
Use it or lose it
THE IDLE CLASS
Written and directed by Charlie Chaplin
A FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION

Richard Hughes begins the evening's performance by playing some ragtime music on his piano to get us in the mood, and then shows a series of short Charlie Chaplin silent movies that illustrates Charlie's early professional life as a famous pantomime silent movie actor. After a short social break, Richard plays the background music for the showing of the full-length silent movie "The Idle Class" in which Charlie plays the part of two people creating lots of unexpected situations and tons of laughter.

Your Host: **Stow Lions Club**

FREE Charlie Chaplin Silent Film
FREE P.O.P. C.O.R.N.
FREE Good Time, Good Company.
7:00 PM, Stow Town Hall,
Friday, May 18, 2018

Featuring Silent Movie Pianist
Richard Hughes

