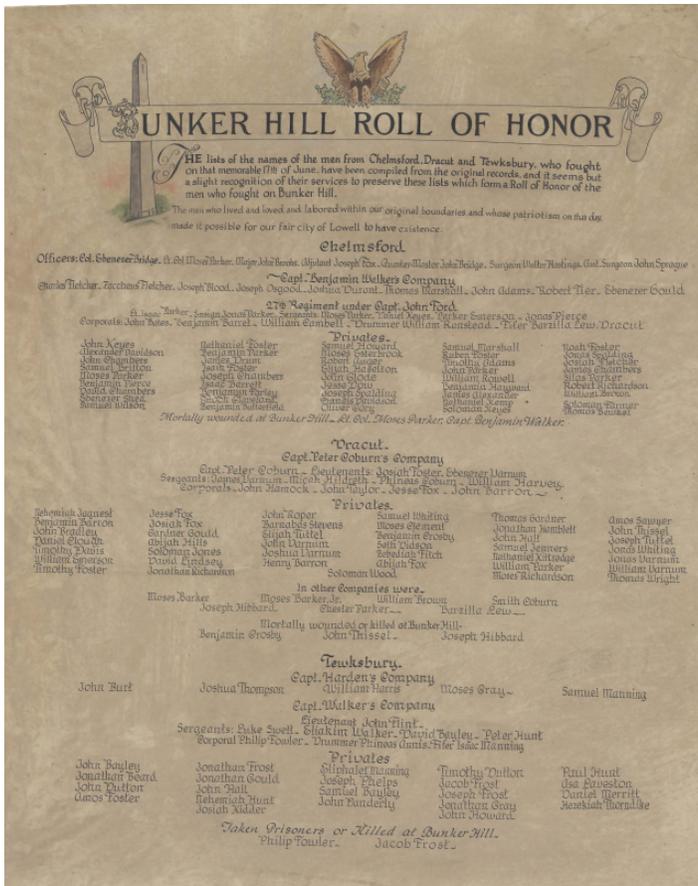


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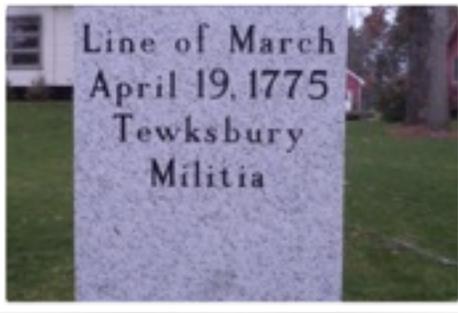
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The Tewksbury Historical Society, the Tewksbury Library, and the Friends of the Library, had helped the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust conserve a parchment document that is called the “Roll of Honor”. The Roll of Honor is a list of men who served in the Battle of Bunker Hill during the American Revolutionary War for Lowell. Lowell was not incorporated in 1775 so the catch is the men on the Roll served for Dracut, Chelmsford or Tewksbury. These veterans lived in the area, today called Lowell. The Tewksbury Historical Society and the Friends of the Tewksbury Library contributed money for the conservation of the document and Tewksbury received a high definition copy of the original document, suitably framed. This preservation effort was organized by Jane Calvin, Executive Director of the

Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust. Dave Marcus knew instantly that the “Honor Roll” was a work of Lowell historian, Sarah Swan Griffin around the early 1900s. Tewksbury Historical Society’s Line-of-March will use some graphics from the document on educational plaques.

The “Roll of Honor” will join another Revolutionary War plaque that was donated in the 1930s by the DAR to Tewksbury. When the DAR stopped functioning, the Spaulding House was given to Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust along with the “Roll of Honor”. The DAR plaque first hung in Pickering Hall located on the top floor of the Foster School. When the Foster School Pickering Auditorium closed, the marble plaque was moved to Patten Library and later was moved to the Library at Chandler



Re-enactment

April 19, 1775, 1:30pm

Re-enactment starts at 1:30pm, April 19, 2017, with the mustering of Tewksbury Militia at Tewksbury Common and ending at the Tewksbury library.

Come with us after the muster and walk the 4 tenths of a mile to the library with the re-enactors. A bus will take people back to the various parking lots.

Outdoors at the library, several short stories about the Battle of Concord will be told and the official hanging of the "Roll of Honor" in the library. Outdoors the muskets will be fired to honor the Tewksbury Militia Veterans, ending our re-enactment event.

and Main Street in Tewksbury. Problem is the DAR weighs a lot because it is marble. It is not easy to hang that on a wall!

Historical Society Spring Events

"New Members Meeting"

March 25, 2017

On Saturday, March 27, 2017, the Society will be hosting its Annual "New Members Meeting," starting at 1:00pm. This is a mix of Society missions. Our Preservation Archive is working on a collection donated by Judy Garland, Mary Garland's daughter. Most of the donation was women's clothing (Mary's grandmother clothes). A donation of a large metal rack will be used to store the clothing in acid free boxes. Interested in seeing these fashions some as early as the late 1880s, see them on Saturday, March 27. They will be on display at the New Members meeting. This is open to the public and the Library is helping to sponsor this program.

We will have 2 speakers. One is author of a book entitled "Hamilton and Burr" about the Revolutionary War. Dave Marcus will also speak about Private Jacob Frost who was a veteran of the Tewksbury Militia in the Battle of Concord and the Battle of Bunker Hill. While we had many men who were in both battles, Jacob was not only wounded, he was captured and spent time in jail in Boston and after the British left Boston on March 17, 1776, they took Jacob with them and he was imprisoned in New Brunswick, Canada. You will be amazed at what this Tewksbury veteran did. Dave will tell the story about this wounded but very heroic man's time in captivity.

Annual Meeting

The end of our year comes on **June 28, 2017** when we have our **Annual Meeting at 6:00pm**. We will have a brief business meeting to elect officers and

directors. The President and Treasurer will give a report for the past year. Our volunteer award, the Samuel Hunt Award will be given to one or maybe several people who have volunteered their time to further the mission of our Historical Society. This year we have a special speaker, Larz Neilson Jr., whose family owned and published the Town Crier for many years. He will use his father's research and his own research to tell some real Tewksbury tales.

This meeting will have the Society Store, an opportunity to join the Society, and a chance to have some refreshments and mingle with Historical Members. This is a free event to the public.

2015-2016 Annual Fund Drive (AFD)

Our Annual Fund Drive will be held this spring. Some members are ahead of us and have already send in donations. If you would like to be an early bird and send in a donation for our Society, the Duncan Hazel Preservation Fund, or the Line-of-March Program for Educational Signs, please do. We are in good standing with the IRS and the Attorney General of Massachusetts office and the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office. We are a non-profit, tax exempt organization and your donations are tax deductible:

Society or Line-of-March Donations

Eileen McDonagh (Society)	John Denehy (LOM Maintenance Fund)
Doug Sears (LOM)	RTN Credit Union (LOM & Society)
Janice Higgins (Society)	Pat Garland & Thomas Wolf (Society)
Donna Quigley (Society)	Todd Johnson (Society)
Salem 5 Cent Bank (LOM)	

Memorial Donations

In Memory of **Joan Dunlevy** from David E. Marcus

In Memory of Karen Favreau's Mother from David E. Marcus

Archive Committee

Judy Garland, daughter of Mary Garland, left a large collection of women's clothing dating back to the 1880's. Charles deVarennes donated a large metal storage rack for our Archive storage facility. Rita O'Brien Dee donated a picture of a 1932 Foster Grammar School class. Bill Fullerton brings in many useful items that he collects to donate to us. David Marcus's family donated a small cloth purse made from "a piece of Esther M. Marshall's (Tewksbury, Mass.) mother's wedding dress." An 1881 New Testament that belonged to M.E. Marshall of Tewksbury was also donated by the Marcus family. Sharon Gray donated a 1918 diploma signed by Ella Flemings.

Sarah Depoian donated numerous items of Tewksbury ephemera from her father, Ralph Bennett, some things from William Irving Bailey and some from Beverly Bennett.

Society Photographic Exhibit

A third exhibit by the Society features photographs of "A Winter Day's Past." They can be viewed in the Tewksbury library display case in the lobby. If you would like to see our Photographic Collection, it may be viewed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Local History Room on the 2nd floor of the Library. Come on in!

Membership

These people renewing their membership for the remaining months from the old membership system to the new system start of July 1, 2017, for all members.

New Members: Lawrence Sandsol, Narley Nadege & Jean Francois, Donna Quigley, Janice Higgins, Rita Cammarano, Kathy MacInnis

Renewals: Robert A. Hunter, Doris S. McPhail, Sandra & Joseph DeLucia, Paul Hogman, David E. Marcus, Judith A. Yarbrough, Anthony & Virginia Coviello, Elizabeth E. Ryder, Theresa O. Motyka, Rupert Kosmala, Thomas Cosgrove, Charles P. Karazia, Len Dunn, Joan Starr, James & Betty J. Miceli, John & Roberta Deputat, David & Michelle Jelley, Michael Kelley, Randall Gale, Pat Garland & Thomas Wolf, Phyllis N. Fullerton, William J. Fullerton, Barbara Hunt Rowe, Polly & Brian Flanagan, Karen Favreau, Bob & Sonja Cahill, John E. Denehy, Cheryl Garrity, Paul K. & Louise A. Gearty, Michael L. Kelley, Frank & Michele Marino, Delbert R. Nash, Ryan Rosenberg, Thomas Ruckledge, William J. & Henrietta Wyatt, Luann O'Keefe

Life Members: Cheryl Bush Accardi, Deborah Bernard, Gertrude Carey, Patricia Columbo, Brian Cortez, Elisabeth Desmarais, Alice Golen, Donna Haines, Michael Kelley, Eileen McDonagh, Wamesit Lanes

Remembering Warren Carey

Warren moved to Tewksbury with his family when he was a young child and spent the rest of his life living in Tewksbury. He loved Tewksbury. He liked everything about Tewksbury starting with graduation from Foster School and Tewksbury High School. He worked for an electric company as a dispatcher until he was appointed as the Town Treasurer in Tewksbury. He was a life member of the

Historical Society and was appointed to the Historical Commission. He won election as a Library Trustees, and was appointed representative to the Preservation Act Committee from the Historical Commission.

Attending Town Meetings was Warren's time to shine. He spoke frequently and was very active trying to have what he wanted passed by rising from the floor with a motion to change an agenda item for the town best interest. It was not a town meeting unless he took to the microphone to say what was on his mind. Warren loved "living off the town's nickel" and also loved saving a nickel in the town budget. You may not always agree with him but he was a democratic person who was always involved in various issues in the town. He was the Democratic Town Chairperson who attended all the Democrat's Conventions. His sense of humor was often on display as he proclaimed that he was a "wise guy". When Fox Television visited Tewksbury, he left the commentator, Gene Lavanchy with nothing to say and his mouth wide open with a story about how the teachers at the Foster School "kicked his ass" when he was acting up in school. Another night, Warren arrived late to the Tewksbury Community Preservation Act meeting. He spotted Town Manager David Cressman sitting at the table. He knew Cressman was close to leaving Tewksbury for a job on the South Shore and so Warren innocently said, "Oh, are you still here?" With that Cheshire Cat-like grin on his face, Warren sat down and everyone else in the room had a good laugh.

Remembering Joan M. Dunlevy

Joan M. Dunlevy (2/8/1931-11/23/2016) was one of Tewksbury's most famous females. A Registered Nurse in Lowell, she was a mother with a wonderful family and for many years a member of the Board of Selectmen. Joan worked on the Town Hall Renovation Committee and was not afraid to speak up in the best interests of Tewksbury. She was a member of the Tewksbury Historical Society. In this humble writer's opinion, Joan did more for this community than any other woman in our history. When her son Barry passed away, Joan started a foundation in his name to help Lowell General Hospital take care of families. I put her up on a pedestal with Anne Sullivan {Helen Keller's teacher} and Lucy Needham {1st female Tewksbury teacher}.

What makes something historic?

1. *History is judged by age* - The Hardy-Pike House is still the third oldest house in town despite all the renovations because the framing for the house and the field-stone basement/foundation are both originals to the house. It also helps if the house is *still on the original piece of land it was built upon*. The original

Tewksbury Meetinghouse was moved and placed on the Bridges Farm property that was at the corner of Livingston Street and Main Street. The house and Meetinghouse addition later burned to the ground.

2. The Hardy-Pike House is also historical because *something historical happened there*. Alice Pike was the Town Clerk for many years and many people were married there. Thus when Vito and Marilyn Ivas got their marriage certificate from Alice at the Hardy-Pike house, that was a historic moment for them. It was recently the temporary Town Hall for a year and for the years Alice was Town Clerk. Did something happen on the L-O-M Trail on April 19, 1775, that was historic?
3. *Did someone famous live or work in Tewksbury?* John D. Rockefeller did come to town to visit a famous Civil War General who lived in Tewksbury and resided in Florida next to John D. Rockefeller's southern, winter residence. Also a President did ride his horse down East Street that was earlier called Boston Post Road when it went from the Common to Lee Street (Lee Street was also called Boston Post Road). Do you know who that President was? If you come to the New Members Meeting with the answer, you can win a Tewksbury Historical Society pen!

Membership runs from July 1 to June 30 of the next year. Member who used to renew by the months of February through June, need to renew for a partial membership to bridge our old membership system, see below. Our new membership application is on our website tewksburyhistoricalsociety.com. Use the formula below for joining for the rest of this year (until June 30, 2017).

Regular Membership for one year: students \$10.00 / individuals = \$20.00 / seniors = \$15.00. Dual memberships = \$30.00 Dual Senior Memberships = \$25.00

Join February - June 30, 2017 (42% X \$15.00) = Pay \$6.30

Join April - June 30, 2017 = (25% X \$15.00) = Pay \$3.75

Join May - June 30, 2017 = (17% x \$15.00) = Pay \$ 2,55

Join in *June for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018* = Full price for full year's membership

2016-2017 Tewksbury Historical Society Officers and Board of Directors

Officers: President – David E. Marcus, Vice President - Doug Sears, Treasurer - OPEN, Recording Secretary – Nicole Hutcheon, Corresponding Secretary - Brendan Keiran

Executive Board: Barbara Chandler, Brian Cortez, Bill Daniels, Rita O'Brian Dee, Karen Favreau,, Robert Hunter, Bill Wyatt, and Kim Zunino