

The Bullard Memorial Farm Association Newsletter



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Holliston, MA 01746
Since 1658



Happy spring, everyone! I hope everyone is well and enjoying the beauty that our natural world provides. The blooming flowers, unfurling leaves, the verdant green grass always spark hope and positivity. For me, spending time outdoors brings peace in an evermore tumultuous world. It's sometimes difficult not to internalize the external goings on, so to help mitigate that I try to spend time walking in the woods or sitting at the ocean's edge to help calm my heart and mind.

I was very excited to hear about our new caretakers, Ruth Potter and Matt Gustafson [more about them on page 2], and the things in common my brothers and I have with where Matt and Ruth have lived and worked. Our mom, Joanna Bullard Hills, worked for Mass Audubon for a number of years, and we grew up on the South Shore in Norwell, close to both Scituate and Marshfield. And, I got my driver's license in Plymouth! Our family are huge fans of Mass Audubon and the National Audubon Society, in general. Welcome Ruth and Matt!

See you on June 4th, I hope!

A Message from Jay McFarland, BMFA President

"The only constant in life is change."
- Heraclitus

It is with great anticipation we welcome Ruth Potter and Matt Gustafson as our new caretakers for the Farm.

Ruth and Matt have been together for roughly seven years and, between them, have a strong background with the Mass Audubon Society, as well as some teaching and caregiving experience. The liaison committee did a fantastic job advertising, sorting resumes, phone calls, interviews and checking references. As you can imagine, this process is never an easy one, and we are sorry to see Steve, Emrys and Meghan leave. Sometimes life has other plans.

Aside from the big change in staff, we need and want you to visit June 4th, if at all possible. We have had more than two long years of relative isolation and we all need to see others and to be seen. We have a lot planned to make it a fun day, including music on the porch.

I hope to see many of you at the BMFA meeting on June 4th. Until then, wishing you a happy and healthy spring and summer!

BMFA Call to Meeting June 4, 2022

9:30 EST: Director's Meeting at the Farm and online via Zoom

(Approximately) 11:30am: Bring your own picnic

12:30pm EST: Association Meeting at the Farm and online via Zoom

Following the meeting: Bullard Farm Scavenger Hunt and LIVE MUSIC from local band Wendy and the Lost Boy!

Please send the Clerk any Bullard descendant birth, death, or marriage announcements as well as new member forms and any other news to share with the Association. If you are a Silver or Gold member who is not able to attend the meeting, please send a proxy to a voting member who will be in attendance.

Meredith Flynn, BMFA Clerk 2022

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More about our new Caretakers: Ruth Potter and Matt Gustafson

Submitted by Melissa Audier

Ruth Potter and Matt Gustafson were caretakers for four years at the Daniel Webster Mass Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield, MA. Matt also worked on the property team in the south-east region of Mass Audubon, while Ruth served in an administrative role. Both Ruth and Matt have lawn and trail maintenance experience and will be sharing the caretaker duties at the Farm.



Before joining the property team and working full time for Mass Audubon, Matt worked as a high school science teacher for a charter school in Plymouth. Ruth worked in a public library in Scituate. They are excited to spend more time working together outdoors in their new roles as caretakers on the farm. Ruth was raised in Minnesota by two avid gardeners and both Ruth and

Matt look forward to having more time to focus on tending a garden. They also enjoy cooking, reading, building furniture for their cat, Laurence, taking walks, biking, playing video games, and exploring their local libraries.

Badger's Fire Extinguisher

*Submitted by Suzanne McFarland
(Artifacts and Collection Committee)*

It was the end of the Spring Meeting June 12, 2021. I had previously noticed that the large fire extinguisher in the Cider Building had been leaking and mentioned it to the crew still left. We decided to wheel it out into the yard to take a look. Unbelievably, the Badger's Non-Freeze 40 Gallon Fire Extinguisher still had liquid in it. The lever to open it was stuck so we loosened the connection by the hose. Water and probably Badger's crystalline came out.



Phil Audier attempting to open the Badger's Fire Extinguisher



Success in getting the Badger's Fire Extinguisher opened (left); Chip Thurlow, Tara Hathaway, Jay McFarland, and Melissa Audier

Here is what is written on the side of the extinguisher. Hopefully at the 2022 spring meeting we can wheel it out for members to see:



BADGER'S NON-FREEZE 40 GALLON ENGINE

BADGER'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER CO
BOSTON, MASS USA
PATENTS APPLIED FOR

WHEEL TO FIRE
LOWER HANDLE TO GROUND
RELEASE LATCH AND THROW
OVER LEVER UNTIL IT LOCKS
IN DISCHARGE POSITION
DO NOT RELEASE LEVER UNTIL
ENGINE HAS BEEN LOWERED



TO CHARGE

PLACE 132 LBS. BADGER'S CRYSTALLINE IN TANK.
FILL WITH

WATER TO LOWER EDGE OF TUBE IN NECK RING.
THOROUGHLY

DISSOLVE. PUT LEVER IN CHARGE POSITION WITH
LATCH LOCKED.

PLACE CARTRIDGE WITH ADAPTER IN HOLDER ON
COVER AND

TURN CARTRIDGE TO RIGHT UNTIL FLAT SPRINGS
LOCKS ADAPTER

SCREW COVER ON TIGHTLY AND SEAL LEVER IN
CHARGED POSITION

USE SEAL FURNISHED WITH CHARGE

INSPECT YEARLY EMPTY AND CLEAN THOROUGHLY
CHECK

WEIGHT STAMPED ON CARTRIDGE IF WEIGHT IS ?
UNDER-

RENEW REFILL WITH BADGER'S CRYSTALLINE

RECORD DATE LAST CHARGED ON CARD AT-
TACHED

TESTED TO 400 LBS.



My Great-Grandmother, Mary Brooks Bullard, 1851-1930

[From the May, 1930 Bulletin of the Bullard Me-
morial Farm Association,
Volume IV, Number 3]



Mary Tewksbury Taylor Brooks was born August 13, 1851 in Boston, the second child of Mary Taylor and Alvan Brooks. When a child, her father bought a farm on Concord Street in East Holliston and here she spent a happy childhood with her parents, sister and two brothers. Here she attended the district school and graduated

from the high school in 1869. She was a very healthy child and had an exceedingly happy and jolly disposition, a ready laugh, was very quick witted, and always good at repartee. When small she was always very much afraid of the minister and when he called would run upstairs and hide under a bed, but once when she was quite grown-up, he came into a store where she was buying a pair of white gloves and saw her. Going up to her he asked, "Why Mary, what does this mean, is there going to be a wedding in the family?" She turned quick as a flash and asked "Are you looking for a job Mr. Adams?"

After graduating from the high school Mary first taught in the Miller District, then Braggville, and later in her own home district where she taught for ten years. Her ability to see a joke and her readiness to laugh made her a favorite with her pupils. She told them that when she laughed, they might laugh also and that was rather often. She always had well-behaved classes and was known to be very fair and impartial.

Mary left the teaching profession to marry Albert Wheeler Bullard, January 21, 1885. She was married by Rev. George Adams at a very simple home wedding. Their first married years were spent in Newton Highlands and there Marian was born. Mary was very happy there and made many very dear friends whom she kept as long as she lived. She hated to leave there and move to 26 Alexander Street, Framingham, but in time she grew to like her new home. In Framingham four more children were born, three boys and one girl: Alvan Henry, Carleton Wheeler, Clifton Brooks, and Emma Alberta.



Albert and Mary Bullard's children circa ~1900. Left to right: Carleton (b. 1891), Emma (b. 1895), Marian (b. 1887), Clifton (b. 1894), and my grandfather, Alvan (b. 1889). (This photo was sent to me by Steve Hood and appeared in the last issue of the BMFA newsletter.)

them. Her days were busy ones especially Saturdays with baking all the morning, pies, cakes, five or six loaves of bread, puddings, etc.—getting three nourishing meals then giving each child a bath and getting them to bed before her husband got home at night. In the evening, mending—and such a pile of stockings to darn—with three healthy vigorous boys—you can well imagine the number. Up Sunday morning getting the family dressed and at church on time. She was always so interested in the doings of her children. Helping them in their school work, with their English themes, spelling and letter writing, while their father helped with algebra and arithmetic. Their friends were always so welcome in the home and she was never too tired to help them get up a party or good time. Holidays she loved to have her family at home and many were the happy Thanksgivings and Christmases with the long table bountifully spread with good things and the house decorated with greens.

She was very fond of music and although untrained could sing well, and one of the fondest memories her children have of her is of singing and rocking them to sleep when they were young. She loved her church and she was very faithful to it and could always be counted on to do her share and more. She was very generous often depriving herself to give to others.

Her life will always be an inspiration to all who knew her especially to her children. She was the type of mother spoken of in the Bible—"Her children arise up and call her blessed."

Robert W. Bullard Memorial Scholarship

Sent by Marlene Bullard McIntosh

[In April, I received the following letter from my aunt Marlene which included letters from two recent recipients of the Robert W. Bullard Scholarship at Indiana University]:

Dear Jennifer,

...Enclosed are letters I rec'd from the recent recipients of the RWB Scholarship award.

As of last summer the Medical Science Program has a new Director + that combined with the pandemic effects, the scholarship was not awarded in 2020-2021. I will know more when I

receive the yearly I.U. Foundation's report in October of 2022.

Please take from this the information you need for the newsletter...

Fondly,
Marlene Bullard McIntosh

[I have included excerpts from the two letters—expressing their gratitude and giving Marlene a sense of who the deserving medical students are as human beings]:

Dear Marlene,

My name is Evan Aders, I am a first year medical student at IUSM Bloomington, and I am the most recent recipient of the Robert W. Bullard Memorial scholarship. When I got the news that Indiana University had accepted me into their medical school program, I was filled with a joy that I knew would last me a lifetime: the joy of providing healing...I am so grateful and honored to have been selected for this scholarship and for your investment in me as a person and future physician.

I have only been a medical student for approximately 8 months, but the learning experience has already been phenomenal. Anatomy and Physiology have been among my favorite topics so far, but I have quite honestly enjoyed learning anything and everything...I am open to pursuing several different careers in medicine; if I had to pick right now, I would choose orthopedic surgery, radiology, or cardiology as my top picks.

The Bullard Scholarship has helped fuel the fire within me to become the best physician possible...I will use every ounce of my ability to honor Robert's life and his memory.

Thank you and GOD BLESS,

Evan Aders

Dear Ms. McIntosh,

I was extremely excited when I was notified that I received the Bullard scholarship. After being awarded the scholarship, I read on the history behind this incredible gift....For Dr. Bullard's family and friends to memorialize him with this scholarship to the students that he worked so closely with is truly outstanding. Among all of the courses we take during the first year of medical school, the professors in anatomy and physiology are the ones that work most closely with students. From the first unforgettable day of anatomy lab,

our professors guide us through the difficult emotions and challenging material inherent in working so closely with the human body. I know the impact that Dr. Bullard had on his students was as profound as the impact my anatomy instructors had on me...

...I started my career in finance after graduating from Indiana University-Bloomington. After shadowing some physicians and conversations with my oldest brother, an emergency medicine physician, I decided to change careers into medicine. I was accepted to the University of Virginia where I completed the prerequisite courses for medical school. Once I finished the MCAT, I worked as a substitute teacher...while volunteering at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL and the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, IL...Going forward, I'm so excited about the support from this scholarship and the possibilities it may unlock.

Sincerely,

Tom Murphy
IUSM Class of 2025

Needed: Additional or Missing BMFA Bulletin Copies As of March 19, 2022

[Editor's note: When Peter and I were visiting the Farm in early March, we overlapped with Suzanne McFarland by a few hours, as she was spending time to inventory and catalog copies of the BMFA bulletins. When we left her, the many surfaces upstairs were starting to be over-taken by copies of bulletins and newsletters that were on hand. However, as is evident in these photos, much was done after our visit. That said, Suzanne provided the following appeal for missing copies.]



I have sorted through all the BMFA Newsletter/Bulletins that are presently at the Farm. The Artifacts and Collections committee would like to have two complete sets. Therefore, I am requesting some specific issues [see next page]:

From 1979-1985:

Only one copy each of these is on hand:

- No. 1 September 1979 – No. 30 November 1983
- No. 31 January 1984 – No. 51 November 25, 1985
- #44 is incomplete so two copies of that issue are needed

1986:

Need one more copy of: (you will note that #53 is repeated with two different dates and that 60-64 states different years):

#53 2.13.1986

#53 3.28.1986

#54 4.30.1986

#55 5.28.1986

Missing #56 completely (may have skipped a number)

#57 7.7.1986

#58 8.21.1986

#59 9.8.1986

#60 4.4.1987

#61 12.2.1986 this is the date printed

#62 12.26.86 " "

#63 2.19 1987

#64 missing completely (may have skipped a number)

#181 needs one more copy and if we have two, I will replace the one presently at the farm as it is damaged

#183 " "



If anyone has copies of these on hand, before sending please contact me via either email to mcfarland.suzanne21@gmail.com, or USPS, if needed to:

Suzanne McFarland
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Rye, NH 03870

Thank you.

Bullard Scene from Yesteryear

During the same trip to the Farm, Suzanne shared a few old photos, one of which I include below. Written on the back of the photo is the following: *Albert Bullard — 2nd from right, Dr. Ellis on right, Uncle Louis [sic] (oldest boy) 3rd from right, Dr. Ellis' wife — 4th from right, Margaret — Raleigh's wife 5th from right, Uncle John — with cane 3rd from left, Blanche — Dudley's wife oldest sister [?] 2nd from left, Raleigh Adams on left in front of cellar hole.*



Caretakers' Cottage Spruce-up

Melissa Audier posted some photos on Facebook of the hard working members who helped clean up the Caretakers' Cottage on April 30th/May 1st to get it ready for Matt and Ruth. A HUGE thank you to the volunteers: Jay and Suzanne McFarland, Phil (and Melissa) Audier, Jennifer McPhee, Joe Kingsbury and his friend, Kelly, and Chip Thurlow.



Seen on Facebook: Bullard Memorial Farm Posts

Post from **Richard Alan Wood** on February 9—For the Hathaway branch of the family:



I have a question for our Hathaway branch. I collect daguerreotypes, especially those with a maritime connection. Recently I purchased this daguerreotype of Noah Hathaway (1809-1898). He was a ship carpenter living in Medford, Ma.

He worked on some of the famous clipper ships. One report states, "In time he became recognized as one of the best ship builders in New England, a reputation which he never lost." Another states, "Shipbuilding was a healthy occupation, and to life in the open air Mr Hathaway owes his sound constitution and extended years. Out of the 75 or more vessels on which he labored, the Sultana, of a most beautiful model, furnishes the dearest recollections. The timbers were cut all over New England, and Mr .Hathaway was often detailed for this work. Much of the Sultana's stock came from Haverhill and Concord."

I'm working on a book of maritime related portraits, which will be titled, "Portraits from the Clipper Ship Era: Daguerreotypes & Ambrotypes of Sailors and the Allied Trades, 1842-1865." Many of the portraits will come from my collection.

Noah Hathaway and his wife Hannah had 19 children, so I thought I should ask our Hathaway cousins if they might possibly be related to Noah Hathaway.

Thanks. Dick Wood, Juneau, Alaska.

Melissa Audier posted these photos from her and Phil's visit to the Farm on February 13:

Good Morning from snowy Holliston! 55 degrees yesterday and a snow storm today!



Lastly, a post from **Peter's and my** visit to the Farm on March 4-6:

Our first visit to the farm in two years. We needed a change of scenery and the BMF delivered, once again.

