

# Sutton Historical Society Bulletin



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## Upcoming Sutton Historical Society Programs:

**June 5th** – *Field trip to  
Artemus Ward House,  
Shrewsbury. Meet at Congo  
Church parking lot at 6:15 PM  
to car pool*

**July 3** – *Sutton Artillery to  
perform 1812 Overture on  
Grafton Common.*

**August 1** - *6:00 PM Pot Luck  
Supper at Eight Lots School  
House. Author Joe Doherty  
quest speaker.*

## A Message from the President

Hello All

Spring and summer are upon us and we are looking forward to an exciting and busy time for the Society. There are several exciting events planned however, we are going to need your support in order for them to be successful.

The Eight Lots School open house will be on Thursday, June 6, from 4 to 7. This was a well attended event last year and we are hoping for the same this year. Both members and the general community are invited to tour this Sutton treasure.

The Society needs a computer. This would greatly help in keeping track of dues, sending out Bulletins and categorizing our artifacts, both written and objects. If anyone has one they are thinking of disposing, the Society could put it to good use.

The Society is having an Antique Show on the Sutton Common on September 22 from 10AM to 4PM.. We are looking to make this an annual event and it will be like the one held in 2004 for the Sutton 300. We have space for about 50 dealers and already have interest expressed from almost 40. This is an extremely important fund raiser for the Society. Volunteers are needed for collecting the patron entrance money, manning the Sutton Historical booth, assist in parking, helping the patrons and dealers move their items to the vehicles, etc. Please contact Cheryl Bonin at 508-865-1329 or at [tavern1775@charter.net](mailto:tavern1775@charter.net).

The Manchaug Baptist Church has a new chimney, replacing the original, which was in extreme danger of falling down. This is first of many items that need to be dealt with in order to insure the stability of our facilities. We will be preparing a list of them in the next Bulletin.

The Eight Lots School needs a new roof. If anyone has expertise in putting up Cedar Shingles and roofing, please contact John Sinacola at 508-865-6914 or at [hotelpound@juno.com](mailto:hotelpound@juno.com).

Best Regards,  
Wally Baker, President



Signing of official lease of Waters Farm to Waters Farm Preservation Society, Tuesday, January 16, 2007 Seated, Idaknow, Bud Gurney, Idaknow2, Standing Joyce Ettamarna, Neil Newton, Ryan Fattman. Photo by Conrad Berthold.

### Not Forgotten In His Hometown, Either Carilyn E. Philbrook.

At the battle of the Wilderness, Kimball is credited with saving the life of then Major William F Draper who after the war lead the company his father started, Draper Mills, to pre-eminence in production of weaving machinery, served a term as US congressman from Massachusetts and US Ambassador to Italy. A wounded Confederate soldier had seen Major Draper and was taking aim when Kimball spotted him and rushed forward in time to strike the musket with his own. Though the musket discharged, the bullet went through Draper's hat.

In early 1865, the now Colonel Draper promoted Kimball to the rank of Sergeant and recommended that Massachusetts Governor John Andrews promote Kimball to Lieutenant but Andrews declined citing his youthfulness. Sergeant Kimball was only 17. At

the ripe old age of 18, Herbert Allston Kimball was mustered out of the infantry on June 8, 1865. He became a successful merchant in Worcester, MA. I was unable to learn the date of his death but he was still living in 1919. He is buried in Worcester in the Hope Cemetery.

My last hero is William Horace Hutchinson, eldest son of Edwin Haven Hutchinson, born February 2, 1846. He was mustered into Company C, 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment MVI but I don't know the date. He was only 18 when he was killed at Cold Harbor, Virginia, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1864, during an assault on a fortified position that has been compared to the Charge of the Light Brigade. Certainly it was a charge that should never have been made because it had no chance of succeeding. By June of 1864, the 25<sup>th</sup> MVI was what was known as a skeleton

regiment of only 300 men down from around 1050 when it was formed. On June third it was combined with 2 other skeleton regiments for the attack. Of the 300 men of the 25<sup>th</sup> who reported for duty that morning 220 were killed, wounded or captured.

I have had two people tell me that they have seen a diary written by Willie's father with an entry that says, "Brought in hay this

morning. Picked up Willie at the train station this afternoon." That's about all I know of Willie Hutchinson. He's buried in Howard Cemetery. He answered his nations call for help. He took part in the charge that caused his death even though he must have known how dangerous it was. He was a hero and he was my fourth cousin four times removed.

## THE NAMING OF MANCHAUG POND

Submitted by SHS member Harry Anderson

Daniel Gookin (1612 – 1687) had a great interest in the welfare of the Indians and in 1656 was appointed Superintendent of the Indians of Massachusetts. His Historical Collections of the Indians of New England (1) is invaluable to the study of Massachusetts Indians. The following account is summarized from that text.

John Eliot (1604 – 1696), in his work to bring Christianity to the Indians by 1670 had brought the Gospel to 14 Indian towns. His Indian followers were called "praying Indians," and the towns call "praying towns." Seven of the oldest towns where the majority had become believers were each granted land by the General Court of Massachusetts in parcels varying from 3,000 to 6,000 acres.

In 1673 and again in 1674, Eliot's work continued and he and Gookin made the journey to revisit some of the newer or less established praying towns to "encourage and exhort them to proceed in the ways of God." These newer towns had not yet reached the status prerequisite for land grant by the General Court. The first town to be visited was Manchage. Gookin estimated a population of 60 souls and observed that it was "seated in a fertile country for good land."

Gookin recorded its location in distance from known locations over long established Indian trails. Using Gookin's information, J. Fred Humes in History of the Town of Sutton, Vol. II (2) fixes the location of the Indian town of Manchage in vicinity of West Sutton. It likely extended to the pond and westward to include the valley and rolling hills toward Oxford.

In 1675, a year after the last visit of Eliot and Gookin, King Philip's War left the village named Manchage destroyed and uninhabited. Its population seemed to have vanished with the wind, never to return.

***IN MEMORIAM***

OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND SUTTONIANS

Jean Flynn Violet King Statia Chase

Future Sutton Historical Society Events

September 22 – First Annual Sutton Historical Society Antique Show, Sutton Common. Volunteers desperately needed, even if for only an hour or two. Contact Cheryl Bonin or Wally Baker.

September 4 – 9 to 2 PM Annual Labor Day Flea Market and Bakesale at the Blacksmith Shop. Be sure to bring your baked goods!

October 24 – 7:30 PM Meet at Asa Waters Mansion for a joint meeting with the Millbury Historical Society. Guest Speakers are Tom and Brenda Malloy from the Association for Gravestone Studies. (Date subject to change – watch for the notice)

For further information on any of the above programs, please contact Wally Baker at 508-865-4135

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