

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

The Rye Town Museum is open to visitors on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 through October, and at almost all other times by appointment.

Make your appointment online, email us at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org, or call 603-436-9278

Schedule Museum Visit

DECEMBER 2022

SEASON'S GREETINGS!



**CELEBRATE WITH US
SUNDAY, DECEMBER
4TH**

HOLIDAY PARADE

3-6 p.m. Floats, music and more!

CANDLELIGHT STROLL

TREE LIGHTING



Join us for the kick-off to the holidays AND the Rye400 celebration! The parade, funded by the citizens of Rye and organized by Lt. Chuck Gallant of the Rye Fire Department, starts at 3 p.m. and will be followed by candlelight strolling to view historic houses, caroling, Santa and a tree lighting at Parsons Field. Thank you, *Tate & Foss/Sotheby's International Realty*, for your support!

Oh What Fun it is to Ride...

Think of "Jingle Bells." Did you know the song's original title was "One Horse Open Sleigh"? Also, did you know the Rye Historical Society owns a late-19th/early-20th-century one horse open sleigh?" It was donated in 2014 and, because of its size, it had to be stored outside in back of the Town Museum, under a tarp. We would take it out occasionally — you may have seen it over the years in front of the Museum or in a parade during the holidays.

That location changed recently when Society Treasurer, Steve Cash, came forward and offered to shelter the sleigh in a barn on his property. Thank you, Steve, for your generosity and helping protect it from the elements!

Watch for the sleigh in the Dec. 4 Holiday Parade!

Lew Karabatsos

Seeking Photos From the 1900s for the New History of Rye

Rye New Hampshire: A Town at the Crossroads of American history, will be published next year or soon thereafter. It has been a decade long project and 400 years is a long time to cover.

A good number of published books on Rye include Rye photos (see list below). Most are available at the Rye Library or for sale in the Rye Town Museum. The goal in illustrating the new Rye history is to include photos that have NOT been published.

Toward that end, I worked with local history author Tom Clarie to compile a draft of 120 photos from the last 120 years, but it is important to reach out to the community for photos from this time period that should be included in the book. Please send me your suggestions for photos (or paintings).

Send a digital image if you have one. If I do not already have the photo, I will consider using it. Book designer and publisher Grace Peirce of Rye (Great Life Press) will scan any images that are not in digital form.

My new history of Rye includes contributions from over a dozen people in the form of Rye memories of specific time periods and other writings. If you have



such memories from last century, I will be glad to consider including them.

Also, I am seeking assistance in the next stage of compiling the photos and their provenance. If you are interested and have such skills, I will appreciate your help.

Thank you for your support of this book project that will bring Rye's history up to date and include material before 1905 from sources not available to Langdon Parsons when he wrote the original Rye history in 1905.

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Some Books on Rye Containing Photos

History of Rye, NH, Langdon Parsons, 1905

Rye on the Rocks, William Varrell, 1962

Rye and Rye Beach, William Varrell, 1995 (Arcadia series)

Rye and Rye Beach, Lew Karabatsos, 2004, Arcadia postcard series

Just Rye Harbor, Tom and Rose Clarie and Peter Randall, 2005

Seahawk: Confessions of an Old Hockey Goalie, Bruce Valley, 2010

Oceanside History of Rye Beach and the Farragut (hotel) Tom Clarie, 2012

Membership Campaign

400 Members in our 400th Year!

Our thanks to all those who responded to our call for "400 members in our 400th year" by joining the Rye Historical Society for the very first time.



We have a long way to go...
so come on and **JOIN** the fun!

Upcoming Programs and Events

December 1st - SURFMEN OF THE SEACOAST. Presentation by D. Allan Kerr, 7 p.m. at the Rye Congregational Church. This program will also be available to view on [Zoom](#) and will be recorded.

Link for more information: [Events at Rye Historical Society | Rye, NH](#)

In the Spirit of Giving!

The Rye400 Committee acknowledges and thanks these most recent donors for their generous contributions to the 2023 celebration. To date, we have raised more than \$100,00 toward our \$150,000 goal!

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Keep up with all the Rye400 happenings at <https://www.ryenh400.org/>. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@rye400) and watch for us on the Nextdoor Neighborhood app.

Questions? Reach out at ryenh400@gmail.com.

Paintings, Drawings and Photographs Wanted!



Sawyers Beach, July 4, 2022
by Garritt Toohey

Reminder: There's a call for artists and photographers to submit entries for the ***People, Places, and Things: Images of Rye Art Show***, to be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH, **11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** The show is a juried event, open to the public. Prize levels in two categories are as follows:

Adults 18 years and older

- First Prize: A cash award of \$1,000 — The winning piece becomes the property of the Rye Historical Society.
- Second Prize: A cash award of \$500
- Third Prize: A cash award of \$250

Students K-12

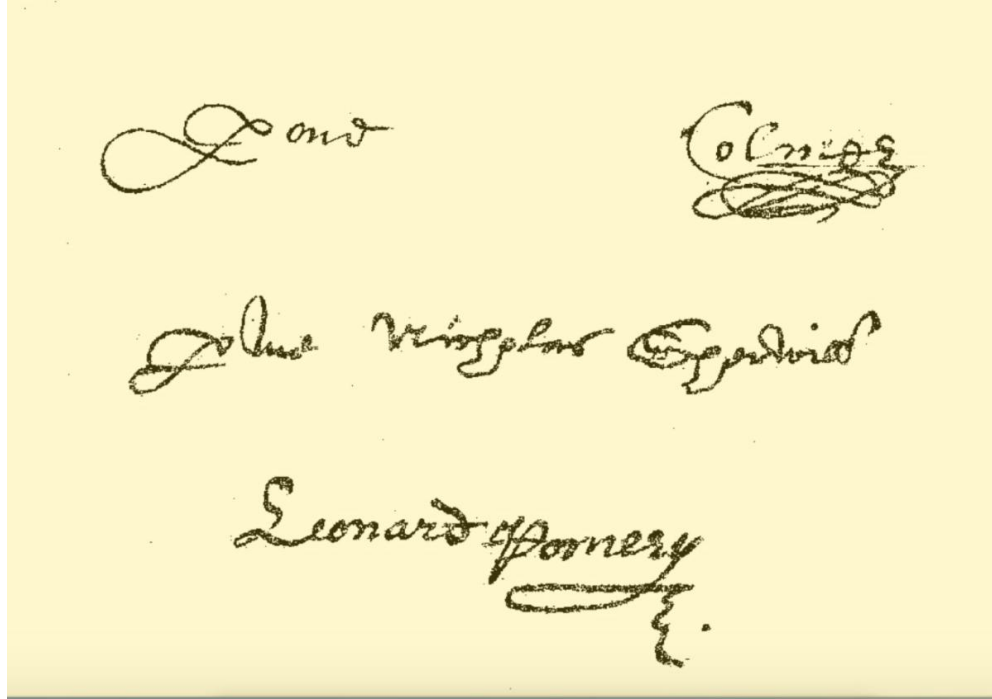
- First Prize: A cash award of \$150
- Second Prize: A cash award of \$100
- Third Prize: A cash award of \$50

Artists/photographers may enter up to three (3) pieces for consideration by **Saturday, February 18, 2023.**

Full event rules and an entry form may be found on the [Rye400 website](#).

THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

David Thomson Seals the Deal



Signatures on the 1622 Indenture

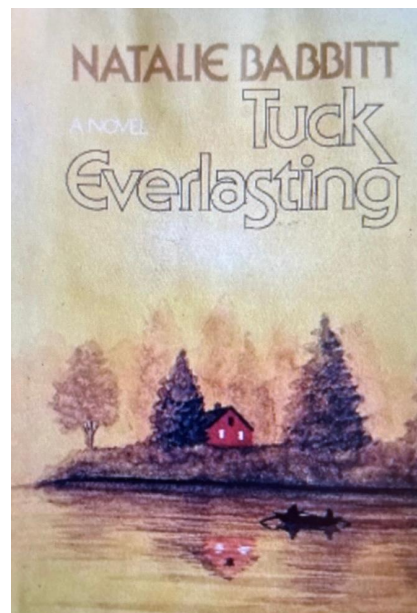
December 14, 1622. David Thomson launches his fishing and trading business in New England by executing an indenture – a contract – with three Plymouth merchants. Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill and Leonard Pomery were among Plymouth's most prominent citizens. They agreed to provide Thomson with supplies, transportation by ship and several workers. In exchange they were to receive a share of the profits for five years and ownership of about a quarter of the 6,000 acres Thomson had been granted.

Thomson or Thompson? New Hampshire's first settler was born in London but seems to have been considered a Scot like his father. In the indenture his name is spelled in the Scottish manner: Thomson without a p.

Rye Reads to Launch in January!

The Rye Public Library (RPL), as part of the 2023 Rye400 celebration, is sponsoring “Rye Reads,” a reading initiative for the community and Rye schools. In January, 2023, RPL will launch the program with Natalie Babbitt’s “Tuck Everlasting”.

The novel is about a young girl in fictional Treegap, NH, who stumbles upon a family's stunning secret and asks the question, “What if you could live forever?” The *New York Times*, calls it “A fearsome and beautifully written book that can't be put down or forgotten.”



Want to be part of the town-wide book club? Details will follow on or about the first of the year on the RPL (<http://www.ryepubliclibrary.org/>) and Rye400 (<http://www.ryenh400.org/>) websites.

Holiday Shopping Made Easy!

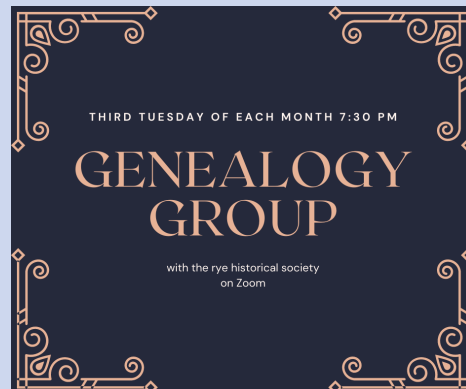
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400 MEMBERSHIPS IN OUR 400TH YEAR?



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Vision: To preserve and share Rye history by understanding the past, informing the present, and influencing the future.

Mission: To engage and educate a diverse population in Rye, New Hampshire's rich history through our programs, collections, and outreach, to encourage them to make a personal connection with their community.

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