

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

Covid-19 Statement

Until further notice, the museum will be open by appointment only, limited to 2 visitors per appointment. Masks are required inside, as is hand sanitizing upon entering the building.

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

Schedule Museum Visit

THE RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS AN INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO COLLECTING AND PRESERVING THE RICH HISTORY OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE BY ENGAGING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS THROUGH OUR MUSEUM AND PROGRAMS

As we usher in 2022, let's take a look back at what the Rye Historical Society accomplished last year. Happy New Year!



Colonial Mills in Rye
(virtual program)

In May 2021, the Society hosted presenter Craig Hessemaier, who shared insights on the mills that were built and operated at eleven sites in Rye between the mid-1600's and 1900 – grist mills, sawmills, and fulling mills.



Bringing Home A Souvenir

Not unlike we do today, in the late 19th/early 20th centuries, vacationers up and down the eastern seacoast brought home various pictorial knick-knack souvenirs as remembrances of their time away from home. Those coming to Rye, one of New Hampshire and New England's go-to summer destinations, were no different. Visitors to the magnificent Farragut House/Hotel expected, and found, high-end souvenirs like the English-made Wedgwood china piece pictured above. Measuring approximately 9" in diameter, this flora-bordered blue and white plate has been donated to the Rye Historical Society by Blair Nelson and Lee Seaver. What a beautiful addition to our collection!



Back of Farragut plate

Lew Karabatsos

THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

January, 1750

REV. PARSONS ACQUIRES A SERVANT GIRL

From L. B. Parsons' *History of Rye*:

Receipt of Alexander Raitt of New Castle Jan. 11, 1750 for £87.10 old tenor for Negro girl Phillis now at house of Joseph Newmarch, New Castle. Condition upon delivery of said Phillis to Mr. Samuel Parsons of Rye. Geo. Frost, John Blunt, Witness.

Phillis Wallis, a negro woman who died in 1821 at the age of 80, may have been the same Phillis.

Where is This?

[Click here or on the picture if you know!](#) Answer will be in next month's newsletter.



First person to reply correctly will be mentioned in next month's newsletter.

November's Winner

Bruce Valley was the first to correctly identify Brown's Grist Mill -- located on Brown's Pond on Love (Lovers) Lane. Today, the property belongs to the Nature Conservancy.

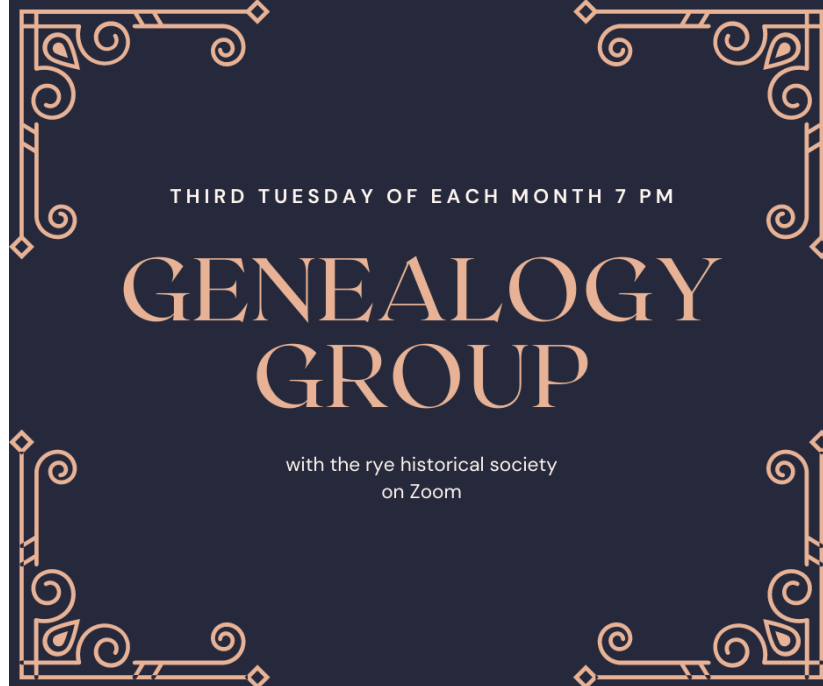


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Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30 PM



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