

# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

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

**Make your appointment online**, email us at [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org), or call 603-436-9278

Schedule Museum Visit

JUNE 2022

## OPENING RECEPTION JULY 2



RYE FAMILY  
CONNECTIONS

Celebrating  
20 years!

HOW THE THREADS OF LIFE CONNECT US THROUGH  
HOME, ECONOMICS & COMMUNITY

Exhibit Opening Reception

July 2, 2022 4-6 p.m.  
Rye Town Museum 10 Olde Parish Road, Rye

Rye Historical Society & Museum  
100 Years  
1892-2022

The poster features a sepia-toned photograph of a group of people in 19th-century attire. A small logo for the Rye Historical Society & Museum is in the bottom left corner.

Please join us on **Saturday, July 2nd from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Rye Town Museum** for our new exhibit's opening reception.

**Rye Family Connections** gives observers glimpses into the life of Rye, primarily in the 19th century (including early 1600s to contemporary Rye), a period when our town grew from a small farming and fishing community into a bustling summer resort. Inspired by an 1897 Rye Signature Quilt & the "Old House Project", woven together are images and stories of "ancient family names", textiles, a tableaux of a Victorian living area and some "then and now."

Steve Roy will give a short demonstration and performance on the Rye violin, which he is currently making playable again.

# INDEPENDENCE DAY TROLLEY TOUR

Tour leaves the museum parking lot and visits historical areas in Rye Beach and along the coast, including St. Andrew's Church and the Drake House.

**Monday, July 4, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**\$25.00 per person**

Tickets



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## MAKING THEIR MARKS

"John Locke and Joseph and Rachel Berry all initialed the signatures provided for them," writes Terry Packer in his latest post concerning the 1694 Berry land transfer. "But Locke and the Berrys could all be considered semi-literate for the time because each was capable of writing a version of his initials. This elevated them above those who could only make a simple cross."

Read [Part 4 - Witnesses, Signatures and Seals](#)

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## RYE FROM THE CAMERA'S EYE



The Society recently received a box filled with more than 100 photos of Rye from 1900-1945. Sent to us by Doug Parsons, the photos include images of Rye Center, Farms, Family Homes, Trolleys, Snowstorms, Beaches, Boy Scouts, opening of the Rye Library, construction of the Rye Consolidated School, Army Encampments, the construction of the Rye Harbor Breakwater and color photos of the Rye Bicentennial. What a treasure trove of visual history!

We thank Mr. Parsons for not only these photos, but also the miscellaneous deeds and a circa 1800 medical dictionary belonging to Dr. Warren Parsons.

*Lew Karabatsos*

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## WATCH THE WOOD ISLAND PROGRAM

Did you want to come to Sam Reid's program on the Wood Island Life Saving Station but couldn't make it? Lucky for you we recorded it! Visit [Presentations](#) on our RHS web site.



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THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

**June, 1936**

**First Commencement at Stoneleigh College**

**Stoneleigh to Hear Bridges**  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

RYE, N. H., June 25.—Governor Bridges of New Hampshire will address the graduating class of Stoneleigh College for young women at commencement exercises to be held at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea Monday morning. The exercises will mark the first commencement of Stoneleigh College, which was founded in September, 1934.

**The New York Times**

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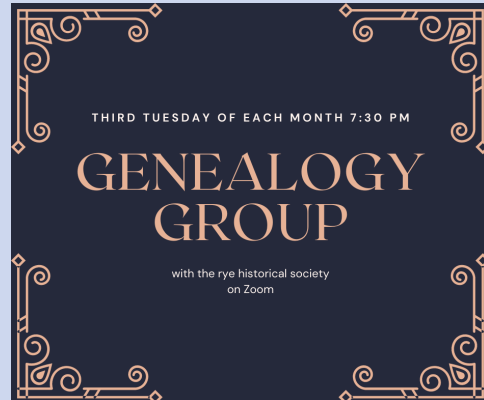
The junior college held only a few commencements before closing during World War II. A second effort to run a school at Stoneleigh, Atlantic Air Academy, lasted only three years.

Stoneleigh last served as a Franciscan Retreat House. In 1996 the property was cleared to make way for houses.

## Ongoing Free Programs



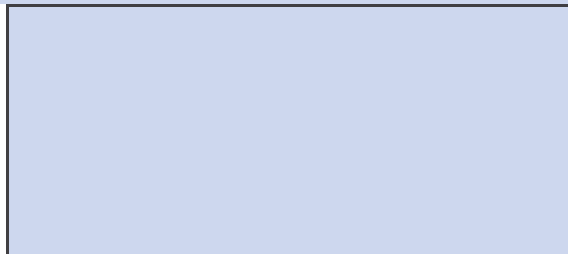
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Rye Historical Society & Museum



400 Years

New Hampshire  
1623



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