

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

Beginning the first week of May, the Rye Town Museum will be open to visitors on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12. And we are always open by appointment.

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

Schedule Museum Visit

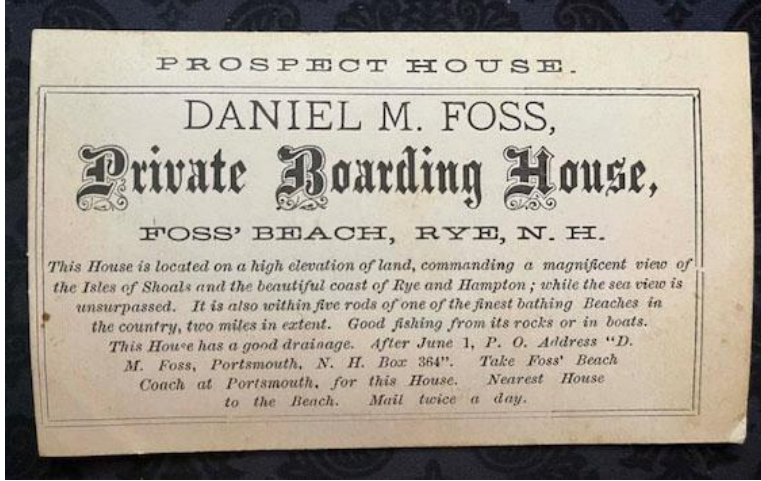
May 2022

PICTURE THIS



The Loudon Historical Society (LHS), one of our sister organizations in New Hampshire, is reviewing its collection and reached out to offer us this little gem of a business card. Showing the Daniel Foss Private Boarding House (later called the Prospect House) on Foss Beach, the image measures a mere 2"X3" and is mounted on 3"X4" piece of cardboard. It is an earlier view of the buildings that now complements both the later stereopticon card and a larger photo we have in our collection.

Take a minute to read the promotional piece on the back of the photo. The property has great views of the ocean, is close to the beach, has great drainage and gets mail delivery twice a day!



Thank you LHS for thinking of us. This is a great addition to our collection!

Lew Karabatsos

Upcoming Programs and Events

[The Renovation of the Wood Island Life Saving Station with Samuel Reid](#)

Thursday, May 19, 7 - 8 p.m. at Rye Congregational Church

Rye Historical Society Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

[Memorial Day Historic Trolley Tour](#)

Monday, May 29, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. starting at the Museum



QUILT NAMES

Share your family stories

RHS is preparing our latest exhibit on life in Rye in the 19th century, set to open July 2, 2022. We created a 'word cloud' of last names that were on the quilt from the late 1800s and have set up a webpage where we hope to collect any family stories about these people. Know any stories that have been preserved by your family? Please visit us at <https://www.ryenhistoricalociety.org/rye-family-stories> to view the names and access a link to share your story.



BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Andy Stecher

Andy Stecher and his family moved to Rye permanently in 2020. Andy's wife, Karlene (née Porkorny), and her family have had a presence in Rye for over 100 years. First the Whalens, then Dennehy from Boston/Quincy and later Carolyn Pokorny (née Dennehy) with her husband Norman and children established a continuous presence off Wallis Road in what was known originally as the Manchester Colonies. What used to be a summer cottage ("The Camp") has recently become the permanent home of the Stecher family. Andy and Karlene have two adult children: Alexander and his wife live in the Chicago area with their newborn son Max, and Katharine is a senior at Northeastern University. Andy is the CEO of a technology firm headquartered in New York. Karlene is a retired middle school teacher and has recently joined the Rye Driftwood Garden Club.

What got you interested in Rye history?

For such a small town, Rye, over its 400 history since first settled in 1623, has experienced a remarkable number of events. Rye is also the birthplace of the state of New Hampshire. The Isles of Shoals are not just a marvelous natural phenomenon but have also participated in Rye's great history.

What is the most exciting part of RHS for you?

Rye Historical Society provides an organized way to learn about and promote Rye's history and become a bridge to a new generation. Keeps memories alive. The Museum adds another point to that equation, allowing for actual historic artifacts to be collected and displayed.

What is your favorite historical landmark in Rye?

Odiorne Point is spectacular: The first landing of settlers, a beautiful landscape, a great park, WWII history, nowadays with the Seacoast Science Center.

Memorial Day Trolley Tour

Sponsored by Partners Bank. A narrated 90-minute tour that explores the rich history

of Rye Beach north to Rye Harbor, with stops along the way.

Monday, May 30th
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
\$25 per person



BUY TICKETS

STRINGS ATTACHED!

The 20-10 Violin Challenge a HUGE Success

You know that old saying, “No strings attached?” Well, in our case, there are strings attached and it’s all because of YOU!

We wanted to raise \$200 by asking you to donate \$10 each to help us restore our violin that was made in Rye in 1878. And what happened? YOU — 17 of you — not only helped us achieve our goal, but also generously went over it by **191%** for a total of **\$581.00!** That means we can not only restore the violin (including new strings), but also have a custom, acid-free box made by the Northeast Document Conservation Center to professionally store the instrument when it’s not on display or being played.

We are grateful to the following members and friends for their generous support at the following donation levels:

\$200

Bruce Valley in memory of Leon “Bud” Valley

\$100

Patricia Nicolino

\$50

Weston Cook
Belinda Mulvey
Janine Quinn

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Frank Dibble

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Marlene Jones
Lew Karabatsos
Linda Lemelin
Daniel Philbrick

Don & Pate Pierson
 John Tilly
 Lydia Tilsley

Violin before restoration

The restored violin will be played at the opening of the new exhibit in our museum on **Saturday, July 2, 2022**. Please mark your calendars and plan on coming to hear the beautiful music from a 144-year-old piece of Rye history!

Thank you again for your interest and participation. It is greatly appreciated.

Lew Karabatsos
 Chair, 20-10 Violin Challenge



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My Grandmother (Marguerite Louise Williams Brown -- daughter of Elizabeth Locke Williams) recorded names to go with the photographs in her album. If anyone recognizes a name and wants a photo, I'd be happy to provide! E-mail me at kkab1979@gmail.com

Katharine Brown

Nathaneel, Nathanell, Nathaneell

Nathanial is spelled three different ways in the 1694 Berry land transfer, as Terry Packer points out in his latest post. Spelling was a creative art back then, as was the use of initial capitals. Read [Part 3, 17th century spelling and phrases](#).

THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

May, 1666

JOHN LOCKE'S FENCE PULLED DOWN

In the 1660s Hampton, New Hampshire, considered its northern boundary line to run inland from the ocean along the north side of Josselyn's Neck. When Hampton's town fathers learned that John Locke had settled on what is now called Locke's Neck and fenced off the land, they sent Thomas Marston and Morris Hobbs to demolish the squatter's fence. Locke's immediate reaction is not recorded, but two years later he agreed to become a legal resident of Hampton.

Saturday, May 21
8 am - 12 pm

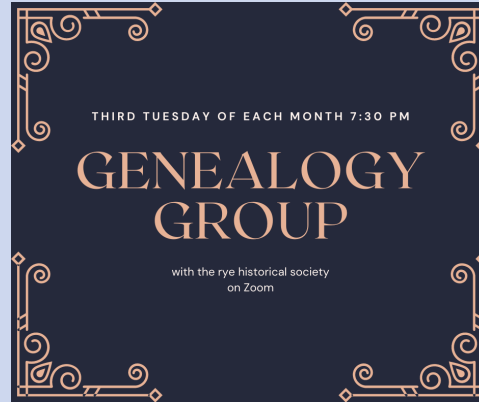
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