

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

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NOVEMBER 18 | 7PM TO 8:30PM

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THE NEW HISTORY OF RYE

Author Seeks Help Scanning Photos

I have been working off and on for most of the past decade in writing a new history of the town. Starting from a modest time line of the town's past for the first trolley tour ten years ago, it has been a long, slow process, but much interesting material has been unearthed.

The History of Rye, NH, by Langdon Parsons, 1905, is a thematic and very

good history, but he did not use newspapers and town reports which I have incorporated in this new history. This book will be chronological, but also personal, as I am a native and have been interested in the town's past all my life. The title is: Rye NH: A Town at the Crossroads of American History. Half of this book will chronicle what Parsons didn't, the last 120 years.

At this point I need someone to scan and file the many 20th century photos for the book so they may be then incorporated by the book designer into the text. Volunteers are welcome, but I am also happy to pay someone whatever rate we can agree upon. In addition, I am looking for volunteers to help me gather and choose the photos which will reflect the vitality of our town's history in its last century. For anyone who knows any part of Rye's 20th century history, this will be an enjoyable project. If you are interested please e-mail: alexherlihy@comcast.net or call 603 997 6742

Alex Herlihy

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.

Last Month's Winner

If you told us this photo showed the office of the OceanWave Hotel, you were correct. Unfortunately, Mercury went into retrograde on September 28th and lasted until October 18th, which pretty much coincided with our technological challenges at RHS. If you responded to the survey, or tried to contact us through email, please know that your communication did not reach us. Lines of communication are now restored, we hope.



THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

November, 1922

CIVIL WAR VETERANS SUE FOR \$12,000 BONUS

Four in Rye, N. H., After Waiting 58 Years for Town to Pay, Resort to Courts.

RYE, N. H., Nov. 12.—After waiting more than a half century for a Civil War bonus of \$400 from this town and another of \$100 from the State, three veterans, Levi W. Marden, John E. Trefethen and Oliver Locke, who enlisted in the navy July 1, 1864, in the Union's cause, have instituted suit in the Superior Court at Portsmouth for full payment of the sum, with interest amounting to \$12,000.

The veterans set forth in their brief that for years their attempts to collect have been met with refusals on the part of various boards of selectmen. When they joined the navy fifty-eight years ago they said a bonus of \$400 from the town and \$100 from the State was promised to each of them.

The trio asserted that in 1872 the State of New Hampshire issued municipal bonds to reimburse the cities and towns for the bonus, Rye receiving its share.

The New York Times

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Four or three? Did they ever get their money?

RHS Thanks its Steadfast Volunteers

This fall two Rye men stepped forward and have been of immense help to the museum.

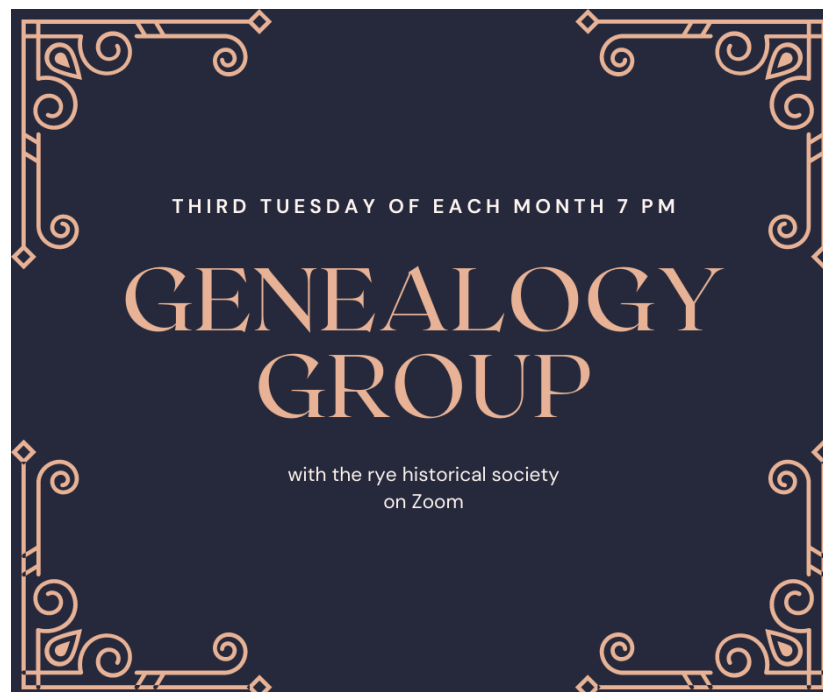
Bob Blanchard has trimmed the trees in back, power washed and waterproofed our access ramp and helped organize and clean out our basement. **Shannon Murphy** has completed the meticulous job of staining all of the many parts of our access ramp's railings and lattice work.

In addition, **Lydia Tilsley**, wife of Shannon Murphy, has been helping with the old house project for over a year, now working as part of the new Rye Advocates group which has taken over the project from RHS. Lydia has brought unique organizational skills in upgrading the four old house binders and her expertise in researching the registry of deeds on line has expanded our knowledge of old houses. She has also been helpful recently in deed research for homeowners in dating their houses.

And of course, thank you to **Jim Macdonald** who has been putting together our monthly newsletter this last year.

RHS welcomes new volunteers as there is always a task to suit your interest. A historical society is only as good as its volunteers and these three generous people have certainly given us a boost and we are very grateful to them.

Join the the Genealogy Group's meeting on Zoom
Tuesday, November 16, at 7:30 P.M (Note new time)





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