

# 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](mailto: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

**Annual Member Renewal Season is underway! Click below to join our membership or renew.**

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## RIDING HIGH FROM OUR RECENT DONATION

In the spirit of friendship and congeniality among like nonprofits, the Maine Historical Society (MHS) recently gifted the Rye Historical Society with four Rye Beach Horse Show ribbons from 1939. These ribbons were among a larger collection donated to the MHS in 2018. As part of a recent evaluation of its holdings, MHS decided to deaccession these non-Maine-related items and return them to their rightful community. We thank the MHS for its generous gesture and gratefully accept them as part of our growing 20th century collection.

Now that we have them, we need to know more about them! Can you tell us

anything about the Rye Beach Horse Shows? Let us know by emailing [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org).

Lew Karabatsos

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## 1951 RYE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS



We know the names of some of these 1951 grads. Can you help us identify the others?

**Front row**, seated (left to right): Stephen Clarkson, Donna Boutilier, Barbara Doherty, Ronald Martensen

**Second row**, standing (left to right): Joanne Jameson, Mona Blake, Ellen Gellat, Shirley(?) Clarke, <unidentified>, <unidentified>, Pete B<?>, Paula Horn, Ruth Rawley, S<?> Goss(?), Anita M<?>

**Third row**, standing (left to right): David Trefethen, <unidentified>, David B<?>, Richard Gendron, H<?> Pease, <unidentified>, <unidentified>, Ben Mehan <?>, <unidentified>, James Sa<?>, <unidentified>, Clyde Roper

[Click here](#) if you can attach names to any of the unidentified..

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## HOME DELIVERY IN 1930s RYE

When I was a little kid in Connecticut, my mother, Corinne Parsons Macdonald, shopped at a grocery store. When we came to Rye to visit my grandmother, it was a different world.

Ice for Annie Locke Parsons' ice box was delivered, as was milk. Every now

and then, a truck full of produce would pull into her courtyard. Meat orders were dropped off by Joe Drake on his way home from his butcher shop in Portsmouth.

Two staples had to be fetched. To pick up eggs, my mother and I would go to a relative on Locke Road. For butter, my grandmother would send us to Florence Marden on Washington Road. I'll never forget the sight of Florence vigorously churning butter. For a young suburban kid, it was a shock to discover that butter churns existed outside of story books.

My grandmother enjoyed one other home delivery service. Next to the usual hot and cold water faucets in her kitchen was a third faucet. A quick turn of this tap brought her delicious spring water, piped in from a nearby spring west of Washington Road.



Annie Locke Parsons with her dogs

*Jim Macdonald*

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## Where is This?

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



## Last Month's Winner

**John Provencher** was the first to correctly identify Don's Cabins and Motel. Located on Ocean Boulevard at Glendale Avenue, this 17-unit complex boasted private kitchenettes and showers. It has been demolished and replaced by condominiums.



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### THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

#### **1770 – OVER SEVEN FISHERMEN DIE IN STORM**

In October, 1770, after a very pleasant day, a violent storm arose and many fishing vessels were lost. Among those who lost their lives were Joshua Foss, John Yeaton, Samuel Sanders and his sons George and Samuel, John Sanders and his son John and others of this town. (L. B. Parsons, *History of Rye*)

Rye's 1770 population was probably less than 900; the loss of so many lives must have been a severe blow.

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Join the the Genealogy Group's meeting on Zoom  
**Tuesday, October 19, at 7 P.M**

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 7 PM

# GENEALOGY GROUP

with the rye historical society  
on Zoom



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