



# The Historian

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## The Three Village Historical Society

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## Welcome New President and Board Members

A new slate of candidates was sworn in by Beverly Tyler (a former president of the Society) at the January 4th Board Meeting at The Old Field Club.

Stephen Healy was elected President of TVHS, Patty Cain Second Vice President and Carol Lane Corresponding Secretary. Returning to the Board this term are Recording Secretary Cathy White and First Vice President Robert Lauto. Christina Klug was appointed Treasurer.

We welcome back the following Trustees: Holly Griesel, Barbara Gottfried, Ron LaVita, Janet McCauley, Ed Miller, Michael O'Dwyer, Jeffrey Schnee, and Frank Turano.

New to the Board of Trustees this term are Christina Klug, Greg Philipps, Paul Gold, and Orlando Maione. Past board member Margo Arceri returns to the TVHS board.

**Christina Klug, TVHS Treasurer**, is an accounting and audit supervisor at Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP. With over 22 years of experience, Christina provides audit and review services for privately and publicly held middle market manufacturers, distributors and service providers, High Net Worth Individuals and families in all tax areas. Both Christina and her husband Ted grew up just a couple of miles away in Smithtown. Today they reside in Stony Brook with their two daughters. Ted is an elementary teacher in the Smithtown School District. Christina loves to read and run in her free time.

**Trustee Greg Philipps**, President and owner of Pension Fund Evaluations, Inc., began his career at PFE in 1988. Mr. Phillips attended Bryant College and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Adelphi University in Business and Finance. Mr.

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## President's Message



Stephen Healy  
President, TVHS

Dear Friends,

The Three Village Historical Society (TVHS) has undergone many changes over the years. The society has grown into the great organization it is today with the help of our past Presidents, board members, employees, and our dedicated volunteers. The biggest thanks must be given to the Three Village community and our members for supporting our events.

The TVHS goals are to promote local history through our educational programs, archives and local events. We also collaborate on programs and events with other local educational groups for the benefit of our community. We are very fortunate to live in an area that is so rich with history, historic homes, beautiful landscape, and a community that supports preservation.

The 38th annual *Candlelight House Tour*, chaired by Patty Yantz and Patty Cain, was a great success. Photographs of this event are now available to view on our website. We have a great year planned for 2017. We will be featuring new events along with our community favorites such as *The Lecture Series* and *Tea With a Spot of History*. The annual Awards Dinner will be held Wednesday, March 22nd from 6-9pm, at the Old Field Club. Please join us that night for food, drinks and great company. The Dominick-Crawford barn is moving along nicely through the planning department. I'd like to extend a "job well done!" to the Barn Committee. Donations for this project are always greatly appreciated.

The Three Village Historical Society is dependent upon our volunteers and our membership for continued growth. Please take the time to review our executive board and the long list of trustees. Chances are you know a few of these fine people and will consider membership in The Three Village Historical Society. Follow us on Facebook or through our website to see upcoming events.

*Stephen Healy*

### The Historian

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*Please Join us for our  
40th Annual Awards Dinner  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 6-9 pm  
Old Field Club, East Setauket*

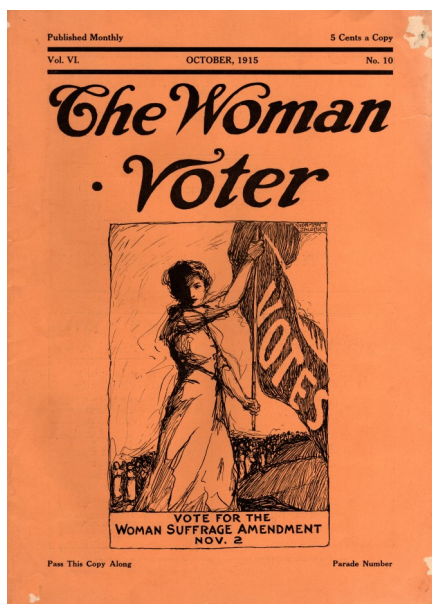
*Music,\*Dinner,\*Cash Bar\*Raffles  
Awards Ceremony*

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**Scroll of Honor listing in the Awards Program**  
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to order tickets and donate to  
our scroll of honor.*

## Woman Suffrage—Research in the Rhodes Collection Archives By Jessica Giannetti



*“The vast majority of women are engaged at their natural business, i.e the raising and improving of families. It is a big job, requiring all their powers. Shall we crowd more on overladen shoulders?” (The Evening Sun, 1 November 1915)*

These unbelievable thoughts were a common occurrence in the beginning of the 1900s. Women had yet to secure the right to vote, despite numerous attempts and countless years of effort. “Trust her not; she is fooling thee”, “They do not want it”, “Not their issue” these are just some of the headlines from *The Evening Sun* in November 1915. Women were thought of as too untrustworthy and uneducated to make such important decisions. In the world we live in today it doesn’t always dawn on us that many of the rights and freedoms we embrace were once sought after and yearned for.

2017 marks the 100 year anniversary of women procuring the right to vote in New York. A battle which began way back in the 1800s with events such as the Seneca Falls Convention and activists like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. Sadly, both women died before the right they fought so hard for was granted, but their efforts were not disregarded. The beginning of the twentieth century brought about a stronger push for woman suffrage. Several demonstrations, parades and leagues were formed; not all of them women. In 1912, The National Men’s League for Woman Suffrage was formed. In 1913, the New York chapter for men was established and Three Village’s own Ward Melville joined the fight.

*“Supporters of woman’s suffrage do not claim for it that it is a universal panacea for all the evils of our government, or that women when they obtain the vote will be less susceptible to temptation than men. We feel that the vote is a right, that no man has a right to set himself upon a pinnacle and cry to women: “So! I am the all-wise, the all-seeing, the all-beneficent creature. To me should be ascribed the willingness and the ability to see and to accomplish all that is best for you.” Who is man that he should do this? Who has said to him that he is by nature the superior and the governor of his mate?” (Ward Melville, The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 3 July 1913)*



Brooklyn’s first suffrage parade, November 1st, 1913

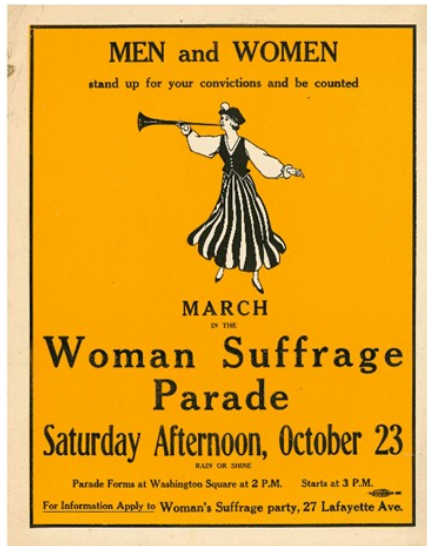
The Melville family (Frank, wife Jennie and son Ward) played a large role in the fight for women’s rights. They joined organizations, held and attended weekly meetings and even participated in the 1913 Woman Suffrage parade in New York City.

*“Frankie and Jane Melville being, young, handsome, & frisky stood in line hours & hours & hours & marched Jane from Washington Sq. to 59” St. Frankie from eleventh St. and Wardie being younger, handsomer (tho that is purely a matter of taste) and friskier mounted a white steed and played Marshall.” (Jennie Melville, Personal Notes, 1913)*

The Melville Family’s involvement did not stop there. They held formal dinners with notable speakers, organized demonstrations, and participated in several rallies including the rally in October 1915, at Carnegie Hall. As

secretary of the Men’s League for Woman Suffrage, Ward Melville was instrumental in planning a horseback or motor car hike to Washington to present the New York State petition for woman suffrage to Congress.

Woman Suffrage—Rhodes Collection Archives By Jessica Giannetti (Cont. from page 3 )



In 1915, the Woman Suffrage amendment finally came to a vote in New York State. Even with the large outpouring of support for women's rights the amendment did not pass. However, Brookhaven was the only town in Suffolk to have a majority of "Yes" votes. Perhaps we have the Melville Family and the community involvement to thank for that. It was not until November 1917, seventy nine years after the Seneca Falls Convention that women were granted the same right men had held for centuries. It took generations of people almost a century to have equality among the genders. Today, because of the valiant efforts of these activists voting is a privilege and a right for everyone.

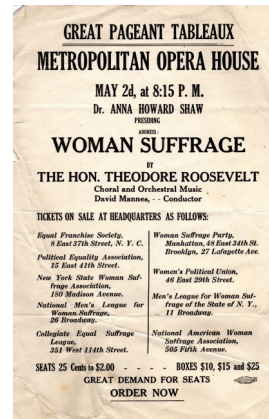
"Votes for Women" sash and graphics from the Melville Family Papers -Three Village Historical Society

For more information and further reading:

Melville Family Papers-Three Village Historical Society

Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement: [www.longislandwomensuffrage.com](http://www.longislandwomensuffrage.com)

Leoniak, Mallory & Jane Gombieski, *To Get the Vote: Woman Suffrage Leaders in Suffolk County, Town of Brookhaven, 1992.*



History Close At Hand—Trivia and Local History By Beverly C. Tyler

In searching through old papers and documents I often find an interesting piece of trivia that cannot be developed into an article on local history. I have compiled a few of these bits and pieces and offer them as appetizers for Three Village history.



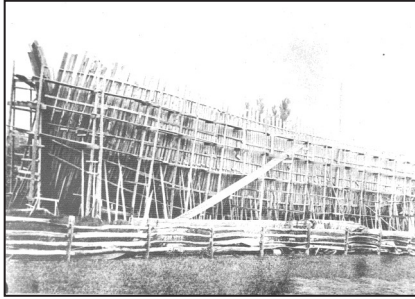
On the Setauket Village Green you'll find a boulder with a plaque dedicated to Zachariah Hawkins and his wife Mary Biggs who settled in Setauket about 1661. The plaque says that their home was "near this site." The "home lot" of Zachariah was located, "... taking in three rows of apple trees, running to the harbor ..." The actual home site was probably just north of the village green.

The Reverend Zachariah Greene was pastor of the Setauket Presbyterian Church from 1797 to 1850. He took part in the battle of Setauket during the Revolutionary War and participated in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1826.

In 1850, Rachel Jones, "native Indian" was listed as a member of the Setauket Presbyterian Church at the age of 104. Four other members of the church were over 100 years of age and 18 were more than 90 years old including the retired pastor, the Rev. Zachariah Greene.

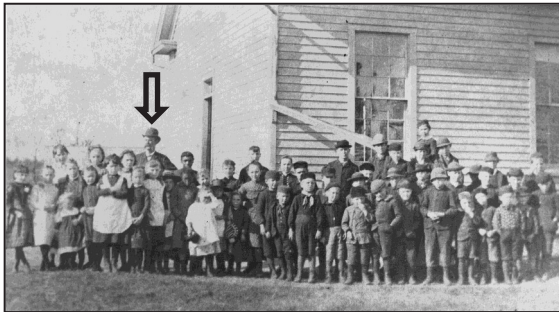


## History Close At Hand—Local History Trivia Corner By Beverly C. Tyler (Cont. from pg. 4 )



On November 24, 1883, the steamer "Florence" built in East Setauket by George E. Hand was completed and left the harbor for Connecticut. The "Florence" and the coal barge "Wilkesbarre" [at left] built by David B. Bayles are the only steam vessels known to have been built in East Setauket.

George Will Hawkins, West Setauket school teacher, told a story of Captain Kidd that he said was passed down from his grandparents, Captain and Mrs. George Hawkins. He said that, "when Captain Kidd needed provisions or a hiding place after some particularly daring raid along the Sound ...he would slip in this creek, haul down his topmast, and he was secure from prying or troublesome Government boats that were looking for him, as his vessel could not be seen from the Sound.



William Sidney Mount spent most of his life in Stony Brook. However, he was born in Setauket, died in East Setauket and is buried in the Setauket Presbyterian Church graveyard. Hawkins Mount House pictured below.



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Photos from TVHS Archives.

## Candlelight House Tour Recap By Patty Yantz and Patty Cain



The Three Village Historical Society hosted its 38th annual Candlelight House Tour last weekend. Titled *Visions of Historic Setauket: A Look Back in Time*, the event attracted over 1,000 visitors to our little hamlet.

This year's tour was dedicated to four members who passed away this year, Blanche Tyler Davis, Chuck Glaser, Bruce McCauley and Elaine Stow, each of whom played a vital role within the society.

Four of the five homes featured in this year's tour were originally owned by members of the Wells family. The tour served as a history lesson of life as it was around the pond. The ticket contains much history of the area and is a keepsake in itself. We are honored to have the kindness of the wonderful homeowners who opened up their beautiful homes decked out in holiday decor.

Gallery North and the Three Village Historical Society History Center added more historical interest to the tour. We are so thankful for our generous sponsors and restaurants, and the numerous volunteers who served as decorators, house chairs, committee chairs, traffic people, docents and our staff who worked hard to make this event come to life. Without their support and generosity the tour would not be possible.

The Candlelight House Tour is the biggest fundraising event held by the society. The proceeds enable the society to continue to preserve local photographs with proceeds benefiting the society's educational programs.

This year the Friday night tour with a reception at the Old Field Club was in such high demand that for the first time we opened a few tickets to the Friday night tour without the reception. This too proved to be successful. On Saturday people could start the tour with breakfast at the Old Field Club. The food and the views at the site set the tone for a wonderful day. The weather was perfect, the homes were perfect, the location was perfect, and everyone who supported this event was perfect!

On behalf of the society, a deep heartfelt THANK YOU for all who helped make this year's tour the success that it was. It is events like this that makes the Three Village area a wonderful place to live!

### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

2017 is here and it's time to think about the year ahead and renew your membership with the Three Village Historical Society or maybe even purchase a gift membership. Please encourage friends who might share your interest in the history and culture of our beautiful area to become members.

Individual dues are only \$35 and Dual/Family dues are \$50. Both entitle members to Basic Benefits:10% discount on many Gift Shop Purchases, the newsletter: *The Historian*, and discount and advance purchases on many of our programs and events. You're able to attend our Member's Only event: **Tea with a Spot of History** and gain free entrance to our exhibits. Patron dues are \$100 and along with basic benefits you will receive 2 complimentary walking tour tickets. Higher categories of membership bring additional benefits, such as complimentary tickets to the Candlelight House Tour and the Spirits Tour. You can see a full description of member benefits on our website, as well as, all the events and programs we have planned this year: [www.tvhs.org](http://www.tvhs.org)

Thank you for your support,  
Janette Handley, Membership Chair

**Visit our website: [www.tvhs.org](http://www.tvhs.org) to make a secure online payment for your membership!**

### 2017 Three Village Historical Society-Membership Application

10% discount on gift shop purchases, subscription to The Historian Newsletter, free entrance to our exhibits, nine monthly Member Meetings, discount and advance purchase on many Society events and Programs.

#### Suggested Membership Levels:

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- Patron: \$100.00
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## Welcome New President and Board Members (cont. from cover page)

Phillips serves as the Firm's General Securities Principal and is a Registered Representative with the National Association of Security Dealers (FINRA) series 24, 7, and 63 registered. He is also the director of Long Island Charities. Greg has spoken at numerous investment about asset allocation, diversification, trade execution, and alternative investments.

**Trustee Paul Gold** is Director for Social Studies in the Three Village Central School District. Paul has been with the TVCDS for fourteen years and has served as an educator for the past twenty-five years in various capacities with other districts, including the New York City Public Schools. Mr. Gold serves as a consultant for the New York State Education Department and is the President-Elect of the New York State Council for the Social Studies. In addition, he is on the Board of Trustees of his local religious organization. Paul lives in East Setauket with his two sons.

**Trustee Orlando Maione**, a native New Yorker, resides in Stony Brook. He attended the University of Notre Dame's accredited architectural program which was classically focused. Orlando has extensive experience in healthcare architecture and Americans with Disabilities Act barrier removal. A founding member of the American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA) he became one of the nation's first recognized Board Certified Healthcare Architects. After a long career in California he became the Chief Architect for the State University of New York Medical Center at Stony Brook. Retiring from Stony Brook University Hospital in 2006 he opened a healthcare architectural consulting firm. Orlando is a "Fellow" in the AIA and ACHA. A member of TVHS since 1994 he is also Vice President of the Emma S.

Clark Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

**Trustee Margo Arceri**, growing up in Strong's Neck, spent time with local historian Kate Wheeler Strong, descendant of Anna Smith Strong of the Culper Spy Ring. Thus began her own quest to search the hidden trails of Strong's Neck and Setauket where the British and Patriots once roamed. This interest led Ms. Arceri to get involved with TVHS: committee chair for walking tours, Young American's camp director, school program presenter, TVHS Vice President and Secretary. Margo is the creator of the walking, biking and kayaking tour "Tri-Spy" developed with TVHS. She was a historical consultant for the book *Ghosts of Long Island II* by Kerriann Flanagan Brosky, featuring stories about the Three Villages. Margo is a partner in the screenplay development of *Redcoats and Petticoats*, a children's book about the Culper Spy Ring by Katherine Kirkpatrick.

**Stephen Healy, TVHS President** has previously served as Vice President and on the Board of Trustees. He currently serves as co-chair on the Dominick-Crawford Barn Committee and is involved with the Finance Committee. He's participated in numerous events including, the Apple Festival, Candlelight House Tour, Annual Yard Sale, Founder's Day and you may remember him playing Henry Smith Mount in the last Spirits Tour. Stephen is a member of the Cain-Healy team at Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty in Stony Brook. He returned to college after serving 20 years in the F.D.N.Y. as a Lieutenant. He received his BA (2010) and then his MBA (2012) from Stony Brook University. He has lived in Stony Brook for the last 25 years, with his wife, and they have raised a son and two daughters. He currently lives in a 1926 Dutch Colonial home that was on the Candlelight House Tour in 2015. He loves running, fishing, motorcycles, and photography.

## Dominick-Crawford Barn Update



The Three Village Historical Society's "Dominick-Crawford Barn" project is moving along. The barn was built around 1850. Originally located on Old Field Road the barn was donated to TVHS by the Village of Old Field.

The site plan has been submitted to re-purpose the barn to our property in Setauket. We are currently working with the Town of Brookhaven on this project. John Cunniffe is coordinating the process with the town Planning and Building department.



It will be re-purposed into an Educational Resources Center with space allocated for much needed storage for the TVHS. The center will provide expanded space for the society to fulfill its mission to preserve local history, display our artifacts, and to educate the public.

The cement slab for the barn should be poured in the summer/fall of 2017. We are in the process of expediting plans through planning, building, and septic departments. If you would like to donate to this great project contact the Society.

The Blizzard of 1934 By Karen Martin

# Port Jefferson Times-Echo

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PORT JEFFERSON, N. Y., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1934

Forty-Sixth Year—No. 2873

## Blizzard Ties Up Auto, Rail and Bus Traffic In County

Four Deaths Reported Following Snow Storm | Schools Close, Mail Deliveries Cease, Commuters Are Unable to Reach City



Digging out in front of Ruhland's Garage

The blizzard of 1934 was reported, at the time, to be Long Island's worst snow storm since the famous blizzard of 1888. According to the Friday, February 23, 1934 issue of the *Port Jefferson Times-Echo* "Northern Brookhaven township was still struggling today to extricate itself from Monday night's blizzard. Digging their way with shovels through drifts as deep as twelve feet, where huge snow plows and tractors failed to go through, employees of the town highway department have succeeded in making some progress in clearing the main streets in north shore communities."

Even today when a storm is predicted how many of us have experienced a run on bread, milk and eggs? In 1934 with chain stores unable to get supplies from their warehouses it's reported they

purchased bread from local sources and sold it at inflated prices, milk was at a premium, and stores ran out of shovels. Mail delivery resumed on Wednesday where possible. The paper reports "Women who ventured on the streets attired themselves in men's trousers and availed themselves of the use of hip-boots wherever they could be secured."



Ice Pack, West Meadow Beach

With schools closed and transportation nearly impossible, a local medical emergency could not wait. "Suffering severely from an acute appendicitis attack. Miss Kathryn Combs of Setauket was rushed to Mather Memorial Hospital, Port Jefferson Station on a sled towed by a tractor on Tuesday night. The trip was taken after it was deemed urgent that she undergo an operation. The three-mile trip through snow drifts and some untraveled highways was fraught with danger, but was completed successfully. Miss Combs was operated on Tuesday night and her condition is satisfactory," reports the Port Jefferson newspaper.



Kate Strong at Weather Station

An article in the March 2 issue of the *Port Jefferson Times-Echo* reports "Blizzard of '34 No Equal for Storm of '88, Setauket Records Reveal." The information on the snowfall was provided by Miss Kate Strong, of Strong's Neck, whose family had operated a weather station there for the US Weather Bureau since 1885. According to Miss Strong's data "The snowfall on the night of Feb. 19 measured 18.3 inches and the fall of the night of the 25th and all day the 26th measured 11.3 inches, making a total of 29.6 inches. In the blizzard of '88 30 inches fell, or 0.4 of an inch more than the present storms. Miss Strong's record also shows that the drifts were 15ft. high between their home and the barns and what ordinarily was an easy walk of 5 minutes took half an hour."

## ANNUAL YARD SALE : SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD | 9AM—3PM

A fundraiser to benefit the Three Village Historical Society. Free and Open to the Public.

### DONATIONS

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Our yard sale depends on your donations. Start saving your gently used household items!  
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\$30 fee (non-members), \$25 fee (members). 10'x10' spaces available.

Applications available at [www.tvhs.org](http://www.tvhs.org)



22nd Annual Spirits Tour: *William Sidney Mount—Family, Friends & Ideas*



L-R: Henry Smith Mount/Steve Healy, Julia Hawkins Mount/Susan Gill, Ruth Mount Seabury/Karin Lynch, Nancy Williamson Smith/Donna Smith, Reverend Zachariah Greene/Mort Rosen, Shepard Alonzo Mount/Tim McNamara, Mary Wollsey Smith Muirson/Cathleen Shannon, William Davis/Art Billadello, Maria Smith Williamson/Stephanie Carsten, Robert Nelson Mount/Robert Ogden, Lumen Reed/Michael Tessler, Shepard Smith Jones/George Overin, William Sidney Mount/Steve Hintze.



Robert Nelson Mount, brother of William Sidney Mount. Had a taste for vanilla alcohol. Played by Robert Ogden.



Maria Smith Williamson, friend of the Mount family. Mount painted a memorial portrait of her son. Played by Stephanie Carsten.



Mary Wollsey Smith Muirson, wife of Tory Doctor, had her property confiscated after the Revolution. Played by Cathleen Shannon.



L-R : William Davis, friend and student of Mount, played by Art Billadello. Nancy Williamson Smith, wife of Jonas Smith, played by Donna Smith. Ruth Mount Seabury, sister of Mount, played by Karin Lynch.

38th Annual Candlelight House Tour- Dec. 2nd & 3rd, 2016



Left:  
Three Village  
Historical  
Society  
History Center



Right:  
Dining Room,  
40 Main Street.



Left:  
Dining Room,  
77 Main Street.



Right:  
Dining Room,  
26 Lake Street.



Left:  
Dining Room,  
6 Old Field Rd.



Right:  
Dining Room,  
20 Dyke Rd.



Homeowners from L-R: The Delaneys of 20 Dyke Rd., The Bastins of 26 Lake St., The Prinzivallis of 6 Old Field Rd., Jacob Fish and Erin Gill of 40 Main St., and Eric Stach and Dana Adamson of 77 Main St.

## Israel G. Hawkins House, Route 25A, Stony Brook By Karen Martin

Along 25A opposite the Stony Brook station tracks, set back on the property fronted by greenhouses, sits the Israel Green Hawkins house. Soon to become the site of the Stony Brook Square, the retail center's design plans to incorporate several of the existing structures including the ca. 1893 house.

If there was any doubt as to the original owner of the home you can find his name in raised lettering on the surrounding granite wall. Israel G. Hawkins was born in Lake Grove on Nov. 2, 1846. He would marry Evelina Bayles (born Sept. 1, 1845) of Stony Brook on Jan. 1, 1872. Settling initially in Lake Grove and then Centereach, they had three daughters Ada, Flora, & Effie. A surveyor by profession, the name Israel G. Hawkins can be found on many property surveys of the time.

Through her family's estate Evelina would acquire significant parcels of land in Stony Brook including the Bayles homestead (her birthplace) in the area of Lubber St. A former schoolteacher and a farmer, Israel also invested in many local business and real estate opportunities. By expanding the property of the Bayles homestead westward to include lands on West Meadow they opened "Pine View House" [below] in 1898 to summer boarders with access to the beach on West Meadow.

In 1893 Israel and Evelina acquired the property on Route 25A and built their Stony Brook home. Evelina would pass away on Dec. 2 1929 at the age of 84. Two years later, on Christmas Eve 1931, Israel would also pass away. Both are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Stony Brook. The home was left to their unmarried daughters Effie and Flora.

In 1937 the daughters sold the property to Jennie F. Melville who, about a month later, sold it Paul Lachenauer. Here the Lachenauers established the Stony Brook Florist. Along with their daughter Anita and her husband Peter Gustafson the family business operated on the site for many years.



*A Casual Witness*, published in 1978 by the Museums at Stony Brook (now The Long Island Museum) in cooperation with the Three Village Historical Society, is the story of this family and contains a sampling of some of the 367 family photographs in the collection of the Long Island Museum.



## SAVE THE DATE! 3rd Annual Culper Spy Day – September 16th, 9AM to 4PM



After a successful first two years, the 3rd Annual Culper Spy Day will be held on September 16th.

Culper Spy Day is an event dedicated to celebrating the Three Village Community's unique history as the site of George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. Historic landmarks will be open for attendees to visit all on one day.

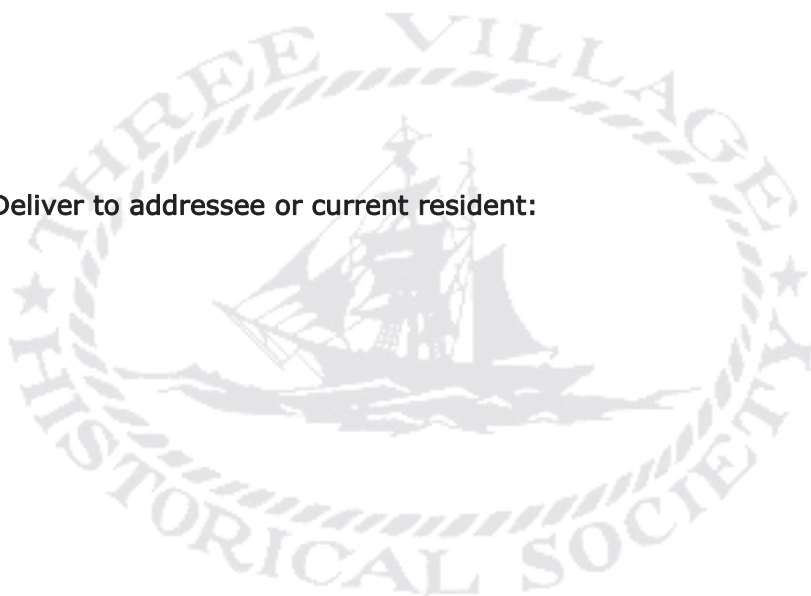
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## TVHS Calendar of Events

### March 22, 2017: Annual Awards Dinner

*Old Field Club, 86 West Meadow Rd, East Setauket  
6-9 pm*

### Tea with a Spot Of History:

*Members Only\* Held at our History Center at  
93 North Country Rd, Setauket at 2:00 pm*

Feb. 6th : **Weather & LI History** w/ Frank Turano  
Mar. 6th : **The Connetquot River Story** w/ Frank Turano  
April 10th : **TBD** w/ Frank Turano  
May 8th : **Annie Rensalaer Tinker** w/ Catherine Tinker  
June 12th : **Wigwams to Water Wheels** w/ Bev Tyler  
April 10th : **TBD** w/ Frank Turano  
Sept. 12th : **TBD** w/ Frank Turano  
Oct. 11th : **Community & General Stores** w/ Bev Tyler  
Nov. 6th : **Transportation over four centuries** w/ Bev Tyler

### Lecture Series

Setauket Neighborhood House, 95 Main Street, Setauket.  
Free and open to the public. 7pm start unless otherwise noted.

**Feb. 27th:** Claire Bellerjeau: **"Spies" Nest, Major Andre's Activities**

**April 17th** (begins at 6pm): **Annual Pot Luck Supper,**  
Tara Rider : Witchcraft of Goody Garlick

**May 15th:** Bruce Kagan: **North Fork Milestones**

**June 19th:** Bob Winowitch: **The Brigade of the American  
Revolution**

**Sept. 18th:** Timothy Green: **WWI Camp Upton, 100th Anniversary**

**Oct. 16th:** Bill Bleyer: **Long Island and the Civil War**

**Nov. 20th:** Frank Turano: **The Parson's Case**

**Annual Yard Sale: June 3rd 9am-3pm**



**Exhibit Hours:** Open Sundays from 1-4 pm

**Chicken Hill:**  
"A Community Lost to Time"



**Spies!** *How a Group of Long Island Patriots  
Helped George Washington Win the Revolution.*

**Admission:** \$5 Children/Students,  
\$10 Adults. **Members Free.**

### Walking Tours \*

**Down the Ways: The Wooden Ship Era:** May 6th, June 4th, July 22nd,  
Aug. 19th, Sept. 17th, Oct. 1st

**Walk Through History with Abraham Woodhull:** April 1st, April 30th, May  
27th, June 17th, July 9th, Aug. 5th, Oct. 7th, Nov. 11th (Veterans Free)

**Explore & Discover Setauket's Revolutionary History Tour:** April 15th,  
May 13th, June 10th, Sept. 23rd

Admission: \$10 *\*Please check the Society's website for complete  
descriptions, location and starting times for all of the Walking Tours or  
contact the office at (631)-751-3730.  
All walks start at 2:00 pm unless otherwise noted*



**Tri Spy Tours**  
**April- November**  
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