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## **SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY**

### **Calendar of Events**

- Board Meeting—6/15/2017—Grove--5 pm
- Tag Sale—6/17&18/2017—Grove--9 am-3 pm
- Board Meeting--7/20/2017—Grove--5 pm
- Hawley Day/Annual Meeting—8/13/2017—
  - Meetinghouse--10 am-3 pm
- Celebration of the birth and life of Henry David Thoreau at the Deerfield River, 9/10/17, specific location to be announced, followed by Harvest Supper at Stump Sprouts--4:30 - 7 pm
- Board Meeting--9/21/2017—Grove--5 pm
- No-Bake Bake Sale--9/2017
- Board Meeting—10/19/2017—Grove --5 pm
- Apple Fest—11/5/2017—Poudriers' -- 4 -7 pm
- Illumination Party--Sunday, 12/10/17--Meetinghouse--4 pm.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these events.

**No S&D board meetings in November, December, January or February**

## **Correspondence**

*After the Winter, 2017 issue of The Edge of Hawley came out, we received this letter from the daughter of a gentleman whose forebears were among the earliest settlers in Hawley (see his full obituary on page 23).*

### **Another Leaf Falls**

By Lori Rolfe, Seekonk, Massachusetts

My dad recently passed away. In the jumble of emotions and practical things to deal with, my mother handed me a copy of *The Edge of Hawley*. "Can you contact them and let them know your father passed away?" I had never seen the publication but in looking at it, I realized I could belong to the Sons and Daughters of Hawley, a hidden blessing.

So I'm submitting this little article, with a heavy heart, to let you all know, another leaf has fallen from a branch of your town's family tree. Our branch originates with some of the oldest pioneer families; back to the days when the area was referred to as Plantation No 7.

My paternal great-grandmother, Lida (Temple) Kinne, was born, an identical twin, in Hawley in 1885, the daughter of Lewis W. Temple and Ella C. Sears. Although she moved to Deerfield and eventually further still, the stories she passed on of the beauty of the rolling hills and hominess of the town were intriguing enough capture the minds of generations to come.

Through memories my own grandmother shared with me, I enjoyed dreamily imagining a perfect and pristine life, lived out by our ancestors in the rural towns of Western Massachusetts, so close to the Mohawk Trail.

I've researched some of our genealogy from the area. The first ancestors I find in the Hawley area are Edmund Howes and Timothy Baker. They are in the 1790 census, in Plantation No. 7, which became incorporated as the Town of Hawley in 1792. In 1800, Howe's daughter Bethia, by wife Abigail Crosby, married Alvan, the son of another early pioneer couple, Roland Sears, Jr. and Thankful Crowell. The Temple family is also included in accounts of the early years of Hawley.

*The History of Hawley* by William Giles Atkins contains a number of endearing stories, two of which I am including because they pertain to the Bakers in my own family tree. The first concerns Abigail (Kibbe) Baker, my 5th great-grandmother. I like knowing that she had something to do with the naming of an area, Pudding Hollow, used by so many generations to follow. The second story involves Timothy Baker, my 5th great-grandfather. I was intrigued to discover he was learned in religion and was one of the first heads of a family in Hawley's early years. Please enjoy the following:

#### PUDDING CONTEST

In the primitive days, probably before 1780, Mrs. Baker, wife of Timothy, was matched against another woman, to see which would make the largest hasty pudding. Mrs. Baker made hers in a five pail kettle, and came out triumphantly the "pudding head" of Hawley. That circumstance gave the title "Pudding Hollow" to that neighborhood, embracing school district No. 1, lying in the north part of the town.

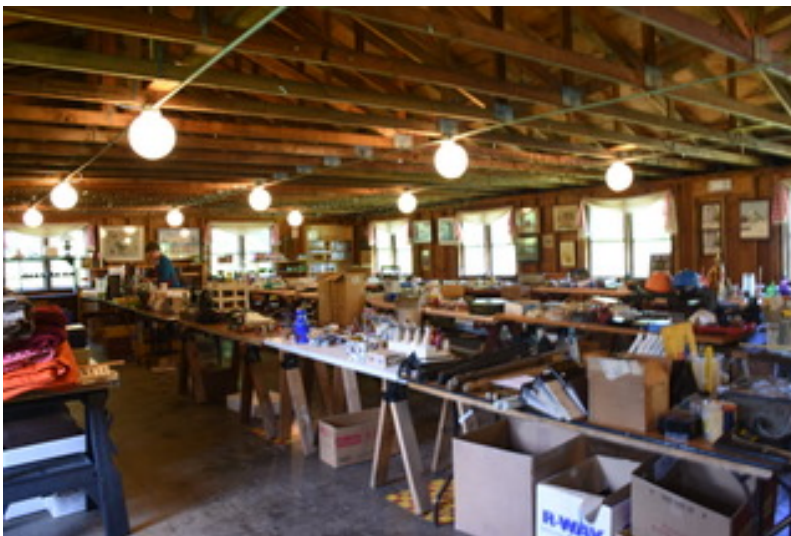
## FIRST THANKSGIVING.

During the summer, these seven families fully realized the hardships and privations of a pioneer life, and felt a strong desire to return to their old homes and enjoy Thanksgiving with their friends; but as traveling in those days was only on horseback or with ox teams it was hardly possible for them to go. Mr. King proposed that they have a Thanksgiving and have all the town meet at one place. Accordingly, each family made preparations, and all met at Mr. Burt's. Their number was 22, which included every person in town. Their supper consisted of baked meat, puddings, chicken pie, mince pie made of bear's meat, apple pie made of apples brought from Conway, bread, &c. When their meal was nearly ready, one of the women remarked that they had everything necessary but milk to put in their tea. Mr. Taylor said, 'Give me a pail and I will go and milk my horse.' He had driven his furrow cow, harnessed to a sled to convey himself and wife. He also drew his wood and did other work, with the same team. When supper was ready, they all stood around the table, when God's blessing was invoked upon the food, they took seats and partook of the meal with thankful hearts, also thankful for the pleasant interview they had enjoyed. After supper, Mr. King read a portion of Scripture and read a hymn from the Psalter (the most approved hymn book in those days) then offered prayer. Soon came the parting and dispersing to their homes, which closed the first

Thanksgiving in Hawley in 1772. In those seven families there were but 3 professors of religion, Mr. King and wife and Timothy Baker.

I'm grateful that I'm descended from such brave, strong people. They would have been proud of my dad, Richard G. Bertini, M.D. He was a prime example of a truly good person, humble, generous, well-educated, a community leader, a trusted and successful orthopedic surgeon, a lifelong member of the Pawtucket Congregational church, a faithful and loving family man, adventurous, brave and a whole lot of fun to be with. He has now joined the line of departed loved ones, to be remembered through stories and memories of those left behind. I believe he's in good company. If you'd like to learn more about him, he authored a light hearted autobiography, *Memories With a Sprinkling of Opinion*. It can be found on amazon.com.

## **Sons and Daughters GIANT TAG SALE 2017**



Can you believe this is the 8th Sons & Daughters Giant Tag Sale coming up on June 17th and 18th? Neither can I, but it is! Hawley residents and their relatives from afar have



managed to fill all 2,000 square feet of space at the Grove once again! This is quite remarkable to me.

This year, items of interest include two gorgeous old trunks, an adorable baby bassinet in fantastic condition, five chests of drawers, a still-in-the-box Frigidaire 1100W microwave, a good amount of Depression glass, a table burgeoning with tools and related merchandise, not to mention china, glassware, and a broad array of miscellaneous goods, too varied to list.

With a mere two weeks to the Sale, my trusty team of volunteers and I are up to our elbows in the pricing process. We have two goals: 1) to provide unbelievable bargains for folks who come to shop, and 2) to provide the Sons and Daughters with a tidy sum to apply toward the amount owed on the restoration of the windows in our 1848 Meeting House.

We do hope you'll be among the many who arrive between 9am and 3pm on Saturday and Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. RAIN or SHINE!

Beth Thwing (339-0124) Tag Sale Chairperson

### **Valley Gives Day Returned: May 2, 2017**

Valley Gives is a 24-hour giving day that helps nonprofits throughout the Pioneer Valley raise needed funds to support their missions. Valley Gives 2017 occurred on May 2, 2017 and the Sons and Daughters of Hawley participated again this year, with a matching grant to encourage donations, and we were able to raise \$700. While this was less than has been raised in years past, it was, nevertheless, very welcome. Thanks very much to all who contributed! Next year we hope to do more to encourage a larger number of people to give.

## Grove Hall Gets a New Stove

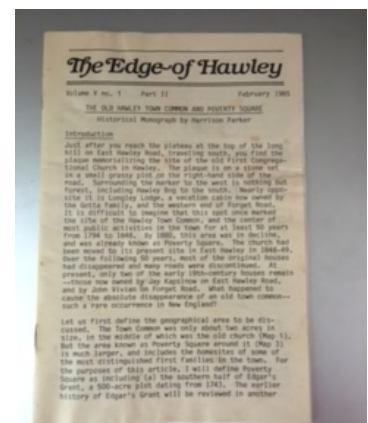


For years, Juanita Clark and her helpers have worked around a non-functioning stove in the Grove Hall kitchen, whenever the Sons and Daughters of Hawley have had events that included food -- struggling -- and succeeding by dint

of creative problem-solving techniques -- even when some of the dishes being served needed to be warm. Finally, this spring, Serra Root got in touch with the Board, announcing her discovery of a GE Adora 5.0 cubic foot gas range, available at Home Depot and listing for \$899.10, being offered at a sale price of \$698.00. She wondered if with some donations from members of the Board, the Sons and Daughters would consider replacing the old, non-functioning stove for a new, up-to-date, perfectly functioning one. Several members of the Board donated on the spot, and three days later, the stove was purchased! It was delivered free of charge, cost the Sons and Daughters only \$198, and -- best of all -- there is now a perfectly working stove that will enhance our events for many years to come!

## *The Edge of Hawley Transition*

Harrison Parker introduced *The Edge of Hawley* as a newsletter of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley in 1980 and edited it for twenty years, helped by many Hawleyites,



including (but not limited to) Peter Beck, Ken Bertsch, Ed Brady, Eric Carle, Juanita Clark, Celeste Cosby, Lloyd Crawford, Greg Cox, Phil Keenan, Richard Mathews, Jane O'Connor, Richard Ohmann, Alice Parker, Scott Purinton, Ray Poudrier, Serra Root, Elvira Scott, Kathryn Sears, Cyndie Stetson, Annie and Phil Stiles, Charlotte and Kirby Thwing, Sr., Jan and Tinky Weisblat, Ethel White, Hal White, Jr., and Florette Zuelke. Serra Root became editor in 2000, working with a staff that included Beth and Lark Thwing and Melanie Poudrier. In 2002, Lark, then living in eastern Massachusetts (but intending to retire in Hawley, where he had spent large chunks of time since childhood), took over the editing of the *Edge*, which provided the conduit for his involvement in the Sons and Daughters of Hawley and the community, to which he has devoted himself in a dizzying array of roles, since coming to live here full time.

In the fifteen years since Lark Thwing began editing the *Edge*, there have been great advances in technology. *Edges* are now posted electronically to our Sons & Daughters of Hawley website, and bound volumes with ten years of issues each, can be consulted in the Hawley Grove, the Hawley Town Office, the Tyler Memorial Library in Charlemont, Historic Deerfield, and at UMass Amherst.

In our last issue (Winter, 2017), we noted that Lark now feels it is time to turn over the editorial reins of the *Edge*. Suzy Groden, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sons and Daughters, will take them up with the help of an editorial board that includes Alice Parker, John Sears, and Pamela Shrimpton. The *Edge* will continue to be a community resource, providing information about the activities of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley and the life of our community, listing births, marriages, deaths, and land transfers. The Sons and Daughters' Archival Project will be an increasingly rich source of articles about Hawley's long and fascinating history,

and occasionally new features, suggested by board members and readers, will be introduced.

The Board of Trustees of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley is deeply grateful to Lark Thwing for the time, energy, and thought he has devoted *The Edge*, and to Beth Thwing, as well, for all that she has done to support the editing and publishing processes throughout those same years.

### **Grove Hall 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tree Planting**



On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Serra and Bob Root planted eight new maple trees in two rows behind the Grove, and two others, next to the Meetinghouse, for a total of ten in all, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley assuming ownership of Grove Hall. Unfortunately, the two beside the Meetinghouse did not survive and will be replaced. The

Trustees have begun to discuss the need to address the condition of the trees around the Meetinghouse and Grove, possibly taking down the dead trees and investing in the planting of new ones. This may call for consultation with a tree surgeon/arborist such as Lanoue and the making of an inventory to determine our needs; to be revisited after this summer.

## Doane Cemetery



As you walk by the Doane Cemetery, set in a marvelous location on Forget Road with views of pastures, hillsides and Mount Monadnock, you may wonder who takes care of the grounds on a regular basis? The town provides for the mowing of the grass several times per season, but there is no actual plan for the remainder of what needs to be done. So, on a very misty, cold and foggy Earth Day (April 22, 2017), fifteen Hawley neighbors arrived there for our second annual spruce-up.

Our main focus was to tighten up the perimeter stone wall and prune back that persistent growth that seems to want to take over everything. A number of small ash trees had to be cut down with a chain saw since the voles had girdled them almost completely (and the trees are also prone to Emerald Ash Borer). Most of those stumps were also removed using a backhoe, and stones were pushed back into the wall. The

following day, a number of us returned to burn the substantial brush pile and to make it more worthwhile (why waste a good fire?), we roasted hot dogs and enjoyed our lunch on another cold drizzly day.

Many of the headstones were severely leaning from years of neglect and weather. So, Jerry McCarthy was able to set a number of them straight using gravel as backfill and will continue to do a few at a time throughout the summer. Still, a number of headstones have been broken and will require some sort of major repair that we will try to undertake sometime in the future.

So, as you pass your local cemetery, consider gathering some of your neighbors for a work party of an hour or two to neaten the area in honor of those who passed before us and who also must have loved Hawley as much as we do today.

*By Melanie Poudrier*

## **117<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawley Day**

Hawley Day is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> this year. Tex and Pat LaMountain will provide the musical entertainment. Festivities begin at 10 am with our traditional Kaffee Klatsch, followed by the Memorial Service at 11:00 am. The bring-your-own-picnic lunch will start at about 12:30 pm with salads, drinks, and desserts provided by the Sons and Daughters of Hawley.

Leo Roy, Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, will be honored for the work he has done to enable several roads in Hawley forests, washed out by Hurricane Irene in August, 2011, to be repaired and reopened.

## **Harvest Supper with Henry David Thoreau**

The Sons & Daughters of Hawley will celebrate Henry David Thoreau's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday at its annual Harvest Supper on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker on this occasion, jointly sponsored by Tyler Memorial Library in Charlemont, will be Dr. Michael Hoberman, a professor of English Studies at Fitchburg State University. At 2 pm he will give a talk on Thoreau at a site along the Deerfield River, which Thoreau traversed on foot in 1844 and wrote about in *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*. Michael will then join us for supper at Stump Sprouts at 4 pm. After the meal, anyone who wishes to read a favorite passage from Thoreau will be invited to do so and Michael will lead a discussion. The supper, generously provided by Lloyd and Suzanne Crawford, will consist almost entirely of locally grown food. The event is a fundraiser and we ask participants to make a contribution to support the activities of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley and Tyler Library.

## **COMMUNITY AND TOWN BUSINESS**

### **Town Election held on May 1, 2017**

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Root was elected to the Hawley Select Board on May 1, 2017. He replaces John Sears, who is stepping down after serving for two terms. In addition, the following incumbents were reelected to three year terms: Pamela Shrimpton, Town Clerk; Rick Kean, Board of Assessors; Sally Rich, Hawlemont School Committee. Lark Thwing was reelected as Town Moderator, receiving the largest number of write-in votes for that position, and Carla Clark also received enough write-in votes to be reelected as Auditor.

### **Annual Town Meeting, May 8, 2017**

Hawley's annual town meeting was on Monday, May 8, 2017. Conducted by Town Moderator Kirby Thwing, the meeting was attended by 24 voters who considered and passed unanimously 20 Articles, approving the proposed \$978,898 Town budget, and amending the language of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Agreement to allow Rowe to join the district and Heath to close its elementary school and tuition its students to Hawlemont. Two of the Articles in the Meeting Warrant were passed over because the specific amounts of money to be transferred between accounts were not defined in the Articles. Michael Buoniconti, Superintendent of the Hawlemont and Mohawk Trail Regional School District addressed the meeting prior to the vote on the schools Article (three separate Articles having been consolidated into one), to



explain the financial and educational benefits of the proposals to the Town, and to answer any questions residents might raise.

## **Green Communities News**

Hawley was formally accepted into the State's Green Communities Program after successfully completing all of the required application steps. In April, a designation grant of \$136,000 was awarded to Hawley at a formal ceremony in North Adams.

We received notification this past Friday that we can now proceed to spend money from this grant on our first series of energy-saving improvements for town buildings. Soon, we'll be converting most lighting in town buildings to LED. Insulation and air sealing measures for the Town Office and Town Garage are also planned, and we will be fielding proposals for a PV system that will produce enough solar-generated electricity to offset all of the town's electric usage. All of these undertakings will be funded with this grant, and there should be sufficient funds left over to upgrade all of our town-owned heating systems once decisions are made about any potential expansions of the Town Office and/or the Fire Station.

## **State gives grant for storm damaged Ashfield-Hawley forest**

(Adapted from the article by Diane Broncaccio, *Greenfield Recorder*, Wednesday, January 25, 2017)

ASHFIELD — More than 100 private acres along the border between Ashfield and Hawley were extensively damaged by the ice storm of December 2008. But thanks to a \$47,950 MassWildlife Habitat Management grant, the damaged and dying trees of the Taylor Forest can be removed to create a

new-growth forest habitat. The grant was awarded to the Massachusetts Forest Alliance, and it was one of the largest grants given Tuesday by the Baker-Polito Administration. Altogether, the Baker administration gave \$317,243 in grants for wildlife habitat improvement projects in 13 communities.

According to Gregory Cox of Hawley, program director for the Massachusetts Forest Alliance, the damaged forest is on 110 acres, including a 30-acre wetland, along the Hawley-Ashfield Road. “We have sought grants in the past to pay for the cost of getting the old trees removed,” Cox said. He explained that the crowns of the old trees have been broken and damaged, and that the trees are slowly dying. They are of no value to foresters and yet they block the sunlight so that new growth can’t take root. He said the tree removal would make it possible to create a habitat for birds and wildlife that feed on berries, sedge and other open-habitat growth.

Cox said the growth of a new forest would take at least 10 years, and that the early growth stages could provide a food source for up to 70 species of birds and wildlife. “The funds are to pay for the equipment to go in and remove the (damaged trees) that have no market value,” he said.

Cox said the grant was applied in conjunction with the Ruffed Grouse Society, which wants to expand that species’ habitat. “We are proud to provide municipality, conservation organizations and private landowners the resources necessary to improve habitats for wildlife in need of conservation assistance, while enhancing recreational opportunities for people who enjoy hunting, bird watching and other wildlife-related recreation,” Governor Baker said.

## BYGONE YEARS OF HAWLEY

### An Oral History of Hawley

*In 1987, the Sons and Daughters of Hawley began a project of recording interviews with elder townspeople about life in Hawley in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some of these interviews were transcribed for the Archives, and some are currently being transcribed electronically so that they can be published.*

*In the past two issues of the Edge, we have published excerpts from two of three interviews originally conducted on February 10, 1987 by Richard Mathews (RM) with Darwin Clark (DC), Sr. and his wife, Dorothy (Dottie). Here is an excerpt from the third, and last part of that conversation, in which the Clarks recall some events from their youth.*

RM: Were you ... ? You were obviously in Hawley during the big flood -- when was it ? '38?

Dottie: '38. Floods -- Oh yes!

RM: Yes, yes ... I don't suppose it was as bad over here as it was in West Hawley, 'cause of the river --

DC: I don't know -- there's -- you've got little brooks here, it cleaned all the bridges out.

RM: Oh, is that right?

DC: Yes. Starting the top of this hill, it took half that road out, got that deep, right down through there. You could drive a car down to the town line, but that little bridge then -- it criss-crossed there -- little stone one -- that was it. That

got all flooded over. And then that washed right on down the road. Because I remember, me and my brothers, you know, so that we could get to Charlemont, we took shovels and fixed it up so we could drive a car through there [laughs] after that.

RM: How long did it take the state to fix the road?

DC: Oh, I don't know ...

RM: A while?

Dottie: A long time!

DC: Yes.

Dottie: Because I was walking to high school then -- I took two bridges on East Road over here, and now they have just one bridge there, but they had two ... and I had to go over back where the temple is and walk down through the woods there to get to high school.

DC: This road comes out to the Berkshire East Ski Area there. There used to be a road all the way.

RM: Comes down from above?

DC: Yes.

Dottie: I'd walk down there and then cross over. They made a foot bridge for us to go over it because the other -- Did the other bridge go? Or did -- The Long Bridge didn't go, did it?

DC: No, not the old covered bridge.

Dottie: But we had to walk across there to go to high school. That was the only way you could get to town. You couldn't get to this side -- everything was washed out.

RM: And that went on for a long time?

DC & Dottie: Yes -- Uh-huh.

Dottie: Quite a while.

RM: I recall reading about another flood in -- uh -- 1869?

DC: Yes.

RM: Let's see, your grandfather would have been alive ... um  
... your father probably wouldn't have --

DC: No. I don't think so.

Dottie: There was one, too, in 1927. My brother was born ...

DC: Yes.

RM: Do you remember people talking about things like that --  
uh -- floods and what they did, and ... ?

DC: No, I don't, because they wouldn't get news around up  
this way, you know, like they do now.

RM: Yeah.

DC: You know ...

RM: Yeah, it must have been an isolated life.

DC: Yes, I guess it was, probably.

Dottie: You worked after the floods, didn't you? Worked in  
what? Dover?

DC: In Dover, Vermont. Yes.

Dottie: He worked down here and in Vermont. Colrain ...

DC: Colrain ...

RM: Doing what? Repairing damage?

DC: Up in Vermont, it was the bridges up there -- right -- you  
know -- wheeling sand and stone from mixing the  
cement. *(The conversation breaks off here)*

## BIRTHS

Dylan Jakob Michael Hoyt, to CourtneyAnn and Paul Hoyt.  
4/18/17.

In Baystate Franklin Medical Center, May 9, 2017, a daughter, Cyleigh Katherine, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, to Samantha and Scott Roberts of Colrain; granddaughter of Charleene Stockwell of Smithsgrove, Kentucky, David Tanguay of Hawley, and Patty and Deane Roberts of Colrain; great-granddaughter of Carol Nims of Antioch, Tennessee, Buster Tanguay of Hawley, and Wallace MacLean of Charlemont.

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## OBITUARIES

### **Joanne M. Clark (1940 - 2017)**

HAWLEY - Joanne M. Clark, 77, passed away on March 1, 2017, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Born February 20, 1940 in Hawley, she was the daughter of Darwin H. and Dorothy M. (Taylor) Clark, Sr. She was educated in local schools. In her earlier years, Joanne worked at Neighbor's store in Charlemont. She was a member of Charlemont Federated Church.

A member of the Charlemont Senior Center, she spent time helping at various events there. She enjoyed watching Dr. Phil and girl's basketball, especially the UCONN girls team, on TV. Joanne loved spending time with her family and spent numerous hours taking care of her nieces and nephews as well as their children. Another favorite pastime was following her family to numerous fairs throughout New England, watching their award-winning teams of oxen. She was a member of the Ox Teamsters Association.

Joanne is survived by 3 brothers: Roger H. Clark (Judy), William N. Clark, of Heath, and Timothy J. Clark (Robyn) of Hawley. She leaves 2 sisters: Judith A. Johnson (Dana) and Linda S. Reynolds (Erwin) of Charlemont. She also leaves many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her parents; a brother, Darwin Clark, Jr.; a sister, Doreen Gagner; a nephew, Darryl St. Hilaire; a niece, Sarah Sessions; and a grand-niece, Andrea Belval.

A memorial service was held on March 10th at 1:00 pm at the Charlemont Federated Church with Rev. Cara

Hochhalter officiating.

**Bertini, Richard G., MD**

July 27, 1932 – January 27, 2017, of Pawtucket, RI and Monument Beach, MA died of complications of vascular disease on Friday January 27, 2017. An orthopedic surgeon who practiced medicine in Pawtucket for over forty years, he was a loving husband, dedicated family man and well known to many as kind, generous, humble and having a great sense of humor.

The son of Armand A. Bertini, MD and Elizabeth (Kinne) Bertini, he was born on July 27, 1932. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Lois D. Higgins Bertini, his children Lori D. Rolfe (Steven), Jena E. McNulty (Michael) and Richard G. Bertini Jr. (Kimberly), his grandchildren Michael R. McNulty, Jr. (Kaitlin), Heather D. Daly (Matthew), Jonathan R. McNulty (Sarah), Eric A. Pinault and Jacqueline R. Loffredo (Michael) and his six great grandchildren Michael III , Gwenyth, Rosalie, Laurel , Lillian and to-be-born baby Loffredo. Richard is also survived by his sister Elaine J. Roske, his niece Diane E. Roske and nephew Paul D. Roske. He will be profoundly missed by all.

Richard was a member of the Rhode Island Society of Mayflower Descendants. Educated in the Pawtucket Public Schools, he went on to graduate with honors from Wesleyan University followed by Albany Medical College and had an internship and residency at RI hospital, was a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic surgeons, practiced in Pawtucket at Memorial Hospital for over 40 years and was Chief of the Orthopedic Department for 19 years before retiring in 1999. Upon retirement he received the Emeriti Award from the Brown University School of Medicine. Richard made additional contributions to higher education as trustee of Talladega College in Alabama where he served for 14 years in multiple chairs. As past President of both the RI



Medical Society and Pawtucket Medical Association, he was honored with The Dr. Charles L. Hill Award in 1996. He also served as ship's physician for the Landmark School's High school program aboard the tall ship "TeVega" for two Atlantic crossings.

He grew up in and became a leading member of the Pawtucket Congregational Church UCC. He was a choir member for more than 40 years and served as a delegate to the state conference and General Synod. Richard was a patron of the RI-UCC Haiti Task Force from its early years, with which he traveled accompanied by his wife Lois and their daughter Lori to aid in building a medical clinic and school in Port-au-Prince. He also, along with his wife, served as delegate to the US-USSR Bridges for Peace program through which was able to deliver surplus medical supplies and equipment for victims of the Chernobyl disaster.

Richard was a tireless worker at all things he endeavored to take on. He loved his family and was consistently present to support and participate in their lives. His passion for music was a major component in his life. On his eightieth birthday his memoir "Memories, With a Sprinkling of Opinion" was published.

A memorial service followed by collation was held at Swan Point Cemetery on Saturday February 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

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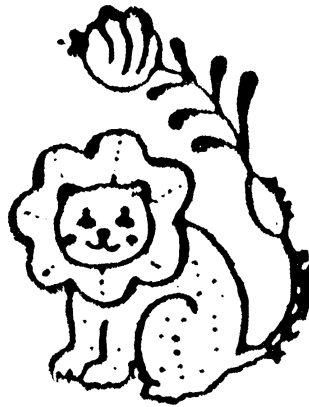
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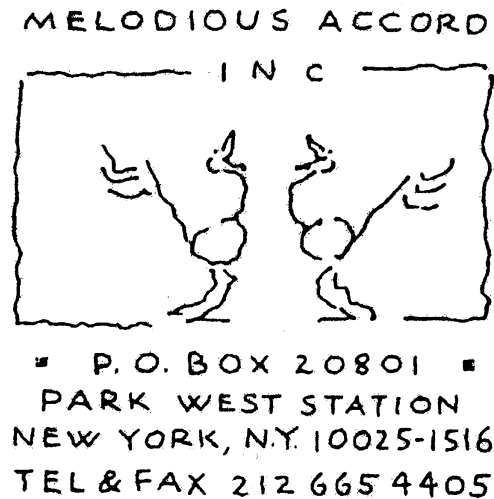
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