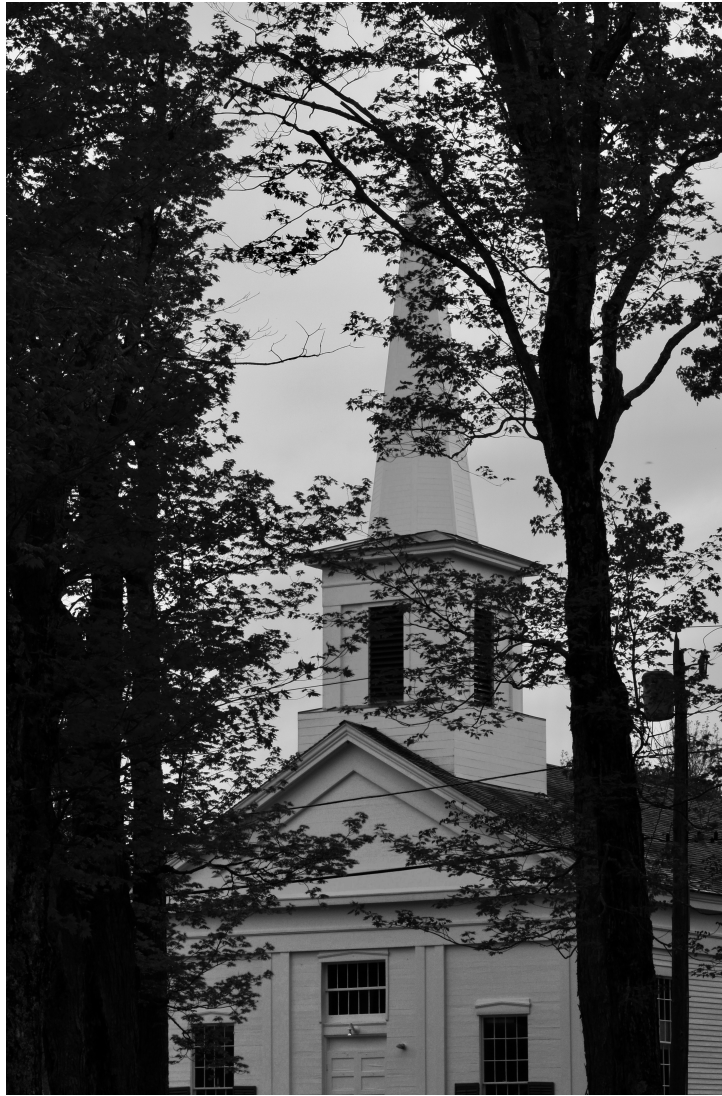


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Sons and Daughters of Hawley

2018 Calendar of Events

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

| Event | Date | Location | Time |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Board Meeting | 6/21 | Grove | 5 pm |
| "It's All Hawley" Tour & Luncheon | 6/30 | For tickets call Melanie Poudrier at 413-339-5347, Lorraine McCarthy at 413-339-4903, or Pam Shrimpton at 413-339- 4091 | 10 am |
| Board Meeting | 7/19 | Grove | 5 pm |
| Hawley Day Annual Meeting | 8/12 | Meetinghouse | 10 am - 3 pm |
| No-Bake Bake Sale | September | Online fundraiser | |
| Harvest Supper | 9/16 | Stump Sprouts | 4:30 - 7 pm |
| Board Meeting | 9/20 | Grove | 5 pm |
| Board Meeting | 10/18 | Grove | 5 pm |
| Apple Fest | TBA | Poudriers' | 4 - 7 pm |
| Illumination Party | 12/9 | Meetinghouse | 4 pm |

The Board of the Sons & Daughters of Hawley does not meet in November, December, January or February.

Events of the Past Season

The Annual Mud Party

On March 25th over 30 Hawleyites gathered at the home of Craig and Pam Shrimpton to celebrate mud season and the end of winter. This annual event was a feast for vegetarians and meat-lovers alike. For starters there were deviled eggs, chips and dips, grape leaves, panino rolls, shrimp cocktail, almonds and olives, and cheeses galore. Entrées included a ham, baby back ribs, squash lasagna, scalloped potatoes, American chop suey, tortellini with pesto, 3 different salads: green, black-eyed pea, and walnut-grain-kale, and crispy rolls and breads. Though all of this left little room for dessert, there were plenty available, among them ricotta and chocolate mousse cake, whoopie pies, brownies, chocolate-almond truffles, and a sheet cake iced in lush, dark chocolate, inscribed in red with the words "Mud party."

The mood was warm and happy as friends and neighbors shared stories of the winter's trials and adventures, made plans for the spring and summer, exchanged news of those who were away, and enjoyed the sense of community that is the core aim of all Sons and Daughters of Hawley gatherings. Many thanks to Craig and Pam Shrimpton for their gracious hospitality!



Caring for Our Roads

April finds members of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley walking along the roads, picking up trash that has collected throughout the winter: beer cans, plastic straws and bags, coffee cups, random bits of paper. This year, in the last week of the month, Lark Thwing hopped on Beth Thwing's new golf cart and drove around East Hawley, filling buckets attached to the back of the cart with the last of the trash and recyclables. This yearly S&D practice results in Hawley's being, at least temporarily, free of the kind of debris that litters much of the countryside. And it's



not only good for the appearance of the town's roads. It gives us a very good reason -- in case we need one -- to get out and go for a walk!

Doane Clean-up Work Party

For the 3rd year in a row, a dozen volunteers arrived on Earth Day to do the annual clean-up of the Doane Cemetery on Forget Road. Yes,



there was still some snow on the ground, and yes, the wind was howling as usual on one of the highest areas in Hawley. But by working quickly, we were able to keep warm and also complete our task in a record time of less than 1 hour! That gave us some time to chat and dream of bigger projects like repairing the stone wall around the perimeter. Perhaps another day, with lots of equipment and strong backs! And since we are so successful with this tiny project, we decided that next year, we would give the same "treatment" to the East Hawley Cemetery across from the Fire Station. Perhaps we'll be able to entice some other area neighbors to help us out!

by Melanie Poudrier with photo by Lark Thwing

Valley Gives Day: May 1, 2018

Valley Gives Day is a 24-hour giving period that helps nonprofits in the Pioneer Valley raise funds to support their missions. Valley Gives Day 2018 was May 1st and the Sons and Daughters of Hawley participated again. With a generous matching grant to encourage donations, we were able to raise \$1,935! Members reached out to relatives and friends, inviting them to take part in this event and contribute whatever they could to help in the on-going work of repairing our Meetinghouse. Thanks very much to all who contributed, near and far!

Upcoming Events

“It’s All Hawley” Summer Tour & Luncheon

On Saturday, June 30th, the Sons & Daughters of Hawley will hold their Summer Tour ... all over Hawley! Included will be lovely, creative, and colorful gardens in East and West Hawley, paintings of Hawley over the years and displayed in one of our antique churches, quilts created by Hawleyites in our other antique church, and demonstrations (cooking in celebration of rhubarb -- our 2018 town fruit -- and the making of Sidehill Farm’s delicious yogurt).

The self-guided tour will begin at 10 a.m. in West Hawley. The West Hawley sites will be open until noon. A luncheon in the amazing gardens of the Poudriers in East Hawley will be served between 12 and 1:30. Then the East Hawley sites will be open from 1:30 to 4.

For tickets, maps, and information please contact Melanie Poudrier at 339-5347, Rainey McCarthy at 339-4903, or Pamela Shrimpton at 339-4091. The tour is \$10 and the luncheon \$12. It’s always a fun event, rain or shine, and the Sons & Daughters hope to see you there!

118th Annual Hawley Day

Hawley Day is August 12th this year. "She Said," the exciting band of Hawleyites Margaret Fitzpatrick and Tanya Bryant, will provide the musical

entertainment. Festivities begin at 10:00 with our traditional Kaffee Klatsch, followed by the Memorial Service at 11:00. Sons and Daughters mugs, aprons, tee shirts, books, tote bags, and note cards will be on sale. The bring-your-own picnic lunch starts at about 12:30. Salads, drinks, and desserts will be provided by the Sons and Daughters of Hawley and, this year, the Hawley Volunteer Fire Department will offer food for sale to help build their discretionary fund, used for emergency services equipment and new uniforms.

Harvest Supper

The annual Harvest Supper will take place on September 16th at Stump Sprouts (West Hill Road), 4:30 - 7:30. The supper, generously provided by Suzanne and Lloyd Crawford, will consist of almost entirely locally grown foods. The after-dinner program will feature Paul Lacinski and Amy Klippenstein, describing the evolution of Sidehill Farm. The event is a fund raiser so we ask participants to make a contribution to support the Sons and Daughters of Hawley.



No-Bake Bake Sale

This is an online fundraising event occurring in September. Members will receive a notice about it at the end of the summer. To mark the event and in a spirit of loving family competitiveness, Alice Parker has composed the following:

A Non-Poem for the No-Bake Sale

Bake a batch of cookies
Whip a bowl of cream
Stack a cake with layers --
Then you need a nap.
Save yourself the trouble,
Save the cleaning up,
Make your life real easy:

Join the NO-BAKE club!

Sing for NO-BAKE Hawley!

Join the NO-BAKE club!

Send your CONTRIBUTION!

Be a NO-BAKE bub!

Help the Hills of Hawley!

Give a Gift today!

Let the Sons and Daughters

Praise Your Name always!

Send a recipe along with your donation, and we'll send you a prize.

All contributions will go to the Building Fund for renovation of the Meetinghouse.

THANK YOU!

Apple Fest

In early November (exact date TBA) Ray and Melanie Poudrier will host the Apple Fest potluck, celebrating our region's glorious apple harvest. As always, there will be lots of delicious, mostly apple-themed dishes to tempt meat-lovers and vegetarians alike, soft and hard local cider, and a wide range of tempting appetizers, desserts, and drinks.



Illumination Party

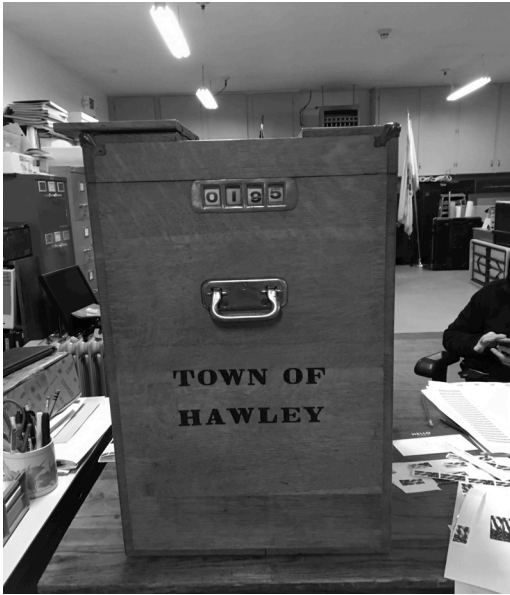
Every year at sundown on the 2nd Sunday of December, the Sons and Daughters of Hawley holds an "Illumination Party" at the Meetinghouse. The oil lamps in the big central chandelier are lit, and celebrants sing carols and share hot cider and cookies.



Community and Town Business

Town Election 2018

63 Hawley residents voted on May 7th for a new member of the Select Board/ Board of Health,



Auditor, Town Moderator, a new member of the Board of Assessors, and Representatives to the Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont School Committees.

Sarah Rich was elected to the Select Board, replacing Robert MacClean.

Incumbents Kirby “Lark” Thwing and Carla Clark were re-elected as Moderator and Auditor. Eugene LaValley was elected to the Board of Assessors, on which he served in the past and to which he returns as replacement for Hank Eggert. Suzanne Crawford was re-elected to the MTR School Committee, Peggy Travers will be our second Representative to it, and CourtneyAnn Hoyt will serve on the Hawlemont School Committee.

Annual Town Meeting

Hawley's Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2018. Moderator Kirby "Lark" Thwing conducted the meeting, attended by 29 voters, who considered and passed unanimously 19 Articles. These included the proposed \$977,194.30 town budget, several other financial actions, and a number of school-related issues, among them support for a study of the feasibility of the Town of Heath joining the Hawlemont Regional School District, and amendments to the contractual funding formulas for the tuition-paying students from Rowe.

Special Town Meeting

32 Hawleyites attended a Special Town Meeting on Monday, May 21st, to vote on Articles concerning the installation of a wireless high speed Internet system. The proposed plan links Hawley with 3 other towns: Florida, Monroe, and Savoy. All the Articles were approved unanimously. Article 1 authorizes the Select Board to pursue the installation project, provided it is approved for funding by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute or any other agency with valid jurisdiction. Article 2 authorizes Hawley's Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$495,000, if and when written assurances are received from the appropriate agency that the project is approved for state funding, that the

town will be reimbursed upon the successful completion of the project, and that the vendors involved are all properly bonded for the amounts the Town will pay to them (or greater), should the project not be completed successfully. Article 3 authorizes the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Stabilization Fund to fund the balance of the installation, to be returned to the GSF upon reimbursement from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. Article 4 was the conventional concluding Article of Town Meeting, authorizing the Select Board to transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

These approvals mark an important milestone in the securing of wireless high speed Internet service for Hawley -- a process that has been going on now for about 7 years. To all who have contributed, as current or past members of the Communications Committee, as liaisons to area groups, as consultants, researchers, or supporters of the process, thank you for all you have done to bring us to this point!

Town-owned Cemetery Regulations

The Hawley Historical Commission has oversight of the 4 cemeteries owned by Hawley. This year the Commission updated the cemetery procedures and regulations. The updates produced through this process, which included a public hearing, were approved by the Board of Selectmen and went into effect on February 6th, 2018.

TOWN OF HAWLEY CEMETERIES

Procedures

(Effective February 6, 2018)

Hawley has 6 cemeteries, 4 town-owned and 2 private. Town-Owned: Doane (Forget Rd.); East Hawley (on Plainfield Rd. opposite the Fire Station); Bozrah (Bozrah Rd.); and South Hawley (Hallockville Rd.). These 4 cemeteries are subject to the most current Hawley Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Private Associations: Pudding Hollow (on Pudding Hollow Rd.) and West Hill Cemetery (on West Hill Rd.). These cemeteries are operated by private cemetery associations and therefore not subject to Hawley Cemetery Rules & Regulations. Should an inquiry be received regarding a lot in one of these cemeteries, the person shall be referred to the current lot manager, secretary, or president of the association that owns the cemetery.

The Hawley Historical Commission (HHC), with the assistance of the town's Administrative Assistant (AA), is responsible for the sale of town-owned cemetery lots. The Administrative Assistant shall be responsible for maintaining a cemetery log, computer database, copies of all lot deeds, maps recording the location of cemetery lots, and any other records related to cemetery business.

The AA, under the supervision of the HHC, shall also mark a small number of empty lots in each cemetery so that they will be available for sale and burial at short notice. A single lot is normally 9'x4'. The actual size of the lot may vary depending on the cemetery. The cost of a lot with perpetual care included is \$350. There will be an additional fee of \$100 paid to the Town of Hawley at the time of every burial. The buyer and the AA shall agree on the selection of an empty lot or lots and payment will be made to the Town of Hawley. The AA shall issue a completed receipt and a completed deed to the buyer, retaining town copies, and enter the sale into the Hawley Cemetery Log, computer database, and cemetery map. The deed and receipt shall include the following information: the date of transaction, specific location of the lot, name of purchaser and contact information, date of birth of the person to be buried there, date of death (to be completed upon the event), next of kin and that person's contact information. The deed shall, in addition, include the name of the owner of the lot. Both documents shall state that when a lot is purchased the buyer is purchasing burial rights only; the land itself remains the property of the Town of Hawley.

When a death occurs, the funeral home shall contact the town office to inform the AA of the need for a burial and confirm the lot to be used for burial. The AA will ensure that the lot is staked for excavation within the proper time frame. For a casket burial, the family of the deceased is responsible for excavation and closing of the grave. In the case of cremation, the family of the deceased may choose not to involve a funeral home. In that case the family should contact the AA, who will ensure that the lot is staked for excavation. Excavation and closing the grave in such cases are the responsibility of the deceased's family, though, if the family wishes, the Town of Hawley will assume the responsibilities of excavation and closing of the grave for an additional fee of \$100.

The AA or a member of the HHC must be present at all funerals or immediately after to ensure that the lot is properly closed. Any damage to adjoining lots or to the cemetery grounds is the responsibility of the excavator to rectify.

TOWN OF HAWLEY CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS (Effective February 6, 2018)

Hawley cemeteries are under the supervision of the Hawley Historical Commission (HHC) with the assistance of the town's Administrative Assistant (AA). The Hawley Board of Selectmen has approved the following rules and regulations, which may be revised from time to time by the HHC with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. The Board reserves the right to temporarily suspend or modify a regulation as necessary. All work done in any of the town-owned cemeteries shall be under the direction of, and subject to the consent, satisfaction, and approval of the HHC.

These rules and regulations apply to the 4 Hawley town owned cemeteries: Doane (Forget Rd.); East Hawley (on Plainfield Rd. opposite the Fire Station); Bozrah (Bozrah Rd.); and South Hawley (Hallockville Rd.). 2 cemeteries (Pudding Hollow on Pudding Hollow Rd. & West Hill Cemetery on West Hill Rd.) are operated by private cemetery associations and are therefore not subject to these rules and regulations.

The adoption of these rules and regulations is necessary to maintain order within the town cemeteries, to protect the interests of the lot owners, and to preserve the beauty of the grounds.

Sale of all lots shall be restricted to residents or former residents of the Town of Hawley or those individuals with demonstrated strong geographic or familial ties to the town.

Resale of an existing lot shall only be made to the Town of Hawley at the same price for which it was purchased. Not more than 1 casket shall be interred in any 1 individual lot. Caskets should be buried at least 5 feet deep and cremated remains at least 2.5 feet deep. Cremated remains must be in a sealed container for interment. Ashes may not be scattered within the confines of the cemetery.

1 casket and as many as 3 containers of cremated remains may be placed in one individual lot. The cremated remains should be placed at the head of the lot; caskets should be placed toward the foot of the lot, leaving sufficient space at the head of the lot for the possible burial of cremated remains.

If there is to be no casket in a lot, as many as 4 containers of cremated remains may be placed in it, in a single layer, arranged in a quadrant.

Green burial, which is understood to be burial without embalming (the use of preservatives such as formaldehyde or other chemicals) and burial without a vault, will be allowed in town cemeteries. A biodegradable shroud or casket that will collapse when grade is filled will be required to maintain a level soil surface and prevent accidental punctures of graves. The HHC or the AA must be informed of green burial plans when the request for interment is made. For a green burial, the depth of the grave should be at least 5 feet to the bottom.

Cemetery lots shall not be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for human remains and for the erection of monuments or markers.

Not more than 1 headstone or monument of moderate size will be allowed on any individual lot. Headstones must be placed at the head of the lot and in line with the other headstones in the row. Monuments, markers, and decorations should be in keeping with the serenity, historical, and aesthetic character of the cemetery. The HHC reserves the right to prohibit or remove items that it views as disruptive to the character of the cemetery, a potential public nuisance or impediment to maintenance and care, or

likely to create a safety hazard. The HHC's determinations in these matters may be appealed, first to the HHC and then to the Board of Selectmen. Any existing markers, enclosures, or decorations that do not conform to these regulations on the date the regulations are adopted by the Select Board shall be permitted to remain in place

No trees, bushes, or shrubs shall be planted on a burial lot. Bulbs, annuals, and potted flowers are allowed. Dead plants or flowers shall be removed by the HHC when no longer fresh.

No enclosure of any nature, such as a fence, ditch, or curb shall be allowed within a lot. No above ground tomb may be placed on any lot.

Trees, bushes, or shrubs may be planted by the HHC occasionally in common areas of the cemetery. When a requested lot is not available, or unusable for some reason (such as the presence of ledge), the HHC may, at its sole discretion, provide the buyer with a lot in a location as close as possible to the one requested. The purpose of this policy is to prevent the delay of a funeral.

The Town of Hawley shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage within the cemeteries to sites or monuments due to causes beyond their control, such as damage caused by the elements, an act of God, vandals, unavoidable accidents, etc.

The general care of the cemeteries is the responsibility of the Town of Hawley and shall include cutting of the grass and removal of fallen debris. A perpetual care fee, included in the purchase price, and the separate burial fee address ongoing cemetery maintenance and administrative costs. The Town of Hawley may receive gifts or bequests for the maintenance of the cemeteries. These funds shall be kept in a Cemetery Fund separate from other town funds and invested in accordance with any stipulations from the grantor. Proceeds from lot sales or rights of burial shall be paid into the Cemetery Fund for the preservation, care, and improvement of the cemeteries or lots of the cemeteries. The

town treasurer shall invest these monies in a financially prudent manner.

In addition to being subject to these rules and regulations, all interments, disinterments, and removals shall be subject to all applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, including the issuance of any burial or other permits. The laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts govern the descent of title to cemetery lots as well as other matters pertaining to assignments, conveyances, devises, trust deeds, and inalienability.

Massachusetts State Historic Records Advisory Board Grant

The Sons and Daughters of Hawley has received a \$2,000 grant to support our work in cleaning and "righting" veterans' gravestones in the Doane Cemetery. Members of the S&D Board and other Hawley residents with connections to Hawley cemeteries will attend a workshop this summer to receive training in how to do that work.



Correspondence

Charlotte Pignatelli grew up in Hawley and was a regular attendee at the annual Hawley Day gatherings. News of her passing reached the editorial board of The Edge too late for inclusion in the last issue. But her son, Michael Pignatelli, has written to us about his mother's deep connection to and abiding love for Hawley, and we are very happy to be able to include his remembrance of his mother in this issue.

Charlotte Barnard Hunt Pignatelli, a native of West Hawley, passed away in her home in Lenox, Massachusetts. She lived a long, healthy, and happy life until 98 years of age.

Charlotte leaves three sons, two in Lenox and one in New Hampshire. Over the years, they made frequent trips to the Hawley area with Charlotte, who passed along all the stories of her family and community during her childhood years in West Hawley.

Family genealogy shows that Charlotte's ancestors emigrated to the United States from England in 1636. After some years living in eastern Massachusetts, the families of the Barnards and Hunts relocated to the Pioneer Valley. One relative, Lucius Hunt, was a Representative to the Massachusetts General Court. Another was a veteran of the Civil War. Her Aunt Lottie White, a mainstay in town, was always a very special person to her.

Charlotte was the only child of LeRoy Stiles Hunt

and Ruby Barnard Hunt. They lived on a small farm where LeRoy tended his cows next door to what was the old West Hawley post office in the Maynard residence and across the street from what was then a small sawmill. Charlotte enjoyed friendships, intellectual pursuits, school activities and skiing at the old Chickley Alps ski area. After graduating as valedictorian from Charlemont High School, she attended the same college as her mother, North Adams Teachers College, where she earned her B.A. in education.

In college, Charlotte became fast friends with Louise Pignatelli, whose brother, Bart, she married in 1944. They moved to Lenox, but when Bart went off to fight in the Battle of the Bulge, Charlotte and her first son moved back into the Hunt family residence in West Hawley. When her decorated husband returned from the war, they moved back to Lenox for good, raised three sons and lived a happy and productive life. Always a giver, Charlotte became a popular school teacher and school principal in town.

Living in Lenox from 1945 until 2016 Charlotte frequently visited Hawley to see friends and relatives including the Whites, the Stileses and others. Though she loved her life in the Berkshires, she never forgot her hometown and the people who left their mark on her. At least annually, she would visit the old cemetery on the hill to plant flowers at her parents' graves and also the large cemetery on Route 2 to pay tribute to her grandparents who are buried under the

Hunt headstone. With her three sons in tow, she would attend the Yankee Doodle Day parades, fish in the Chickley River, help in Grandpa Roy's barn, enjoy maple sugar on snow, and stop by Avery's General Store.

Charlotte enjoyed reading *The Edge of Hawley* right until the end. In spite of her advanced age, she had all of her faculties and was maintaining the family home in Lenox. She always kept her small-town charm and was a beloved member of the Lenox community.

Throughout her long and happy life, she often reflected on her upbringing in West Hawley. She passed on to her sons an ancient family Bible, farming diaries from her father, photographs, and cowbells that had adorned her father's cows.



by Michael Pignatelli

Bygone Years of Hawley

200 years ago, in 1818, the population of Hawley was 1,089 -- the highest it would ever be, and larger than the populations of Charlemont, Buckland, and Shelburne, according to Harrison Parker, author of *Hawley Massachusetts: The First Fifty Years* (1992). There were 133 working farms in the town, 129 houses, 126 barns, and 67 shops and mills. Orchards occupied 61 of the town's acres and tillage 301. Over 1,000 acres of Hawley land was being mowed for hay, and about twice that was used as pastureland. Parker estimates that, on average, each farm had 2 draft animals (horses or oxen), 23 sheep, 6 cattle, and 1 pig.

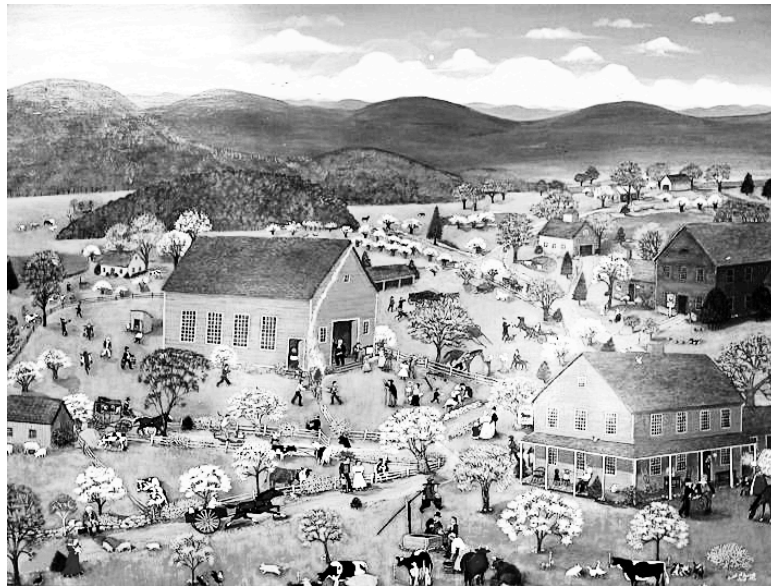
In 1818, Hawleyites experienced a new level of prosperity, with milk, cheese, beef and mutton, leather, and wool available in increased amounts. The townspeople were able to spend more time improving the conditions of their homesteads, socializing, and engaging in town governance, and less on the back-breaking drudgery of clearing land, which had been the principle occupation of Hawley settlers from the earliest years of Plantation #7.

The town at that time was divided into 8 School/Public Works Districts: Pudding Hollow, Bozrah, Dodge Corner, Doane, East Hawley, South Hawley, Hallockville-King Corner, and Forge Hollow-West Hill-Fullerville. Thus, there were 8 different schools where Hawley children received their basic education. Most of the districts had at least

1 dam and mill (grist or saw). Pudding Hollow had an iron ore mine and a forge, and Bozrah a clothier's shop. In Doane, where the original Town Common was located (which was in its "heyday" in 1818, Parker tells us), was the Longley Tavern (also inn and store), the First Church/Meetinghouse, Sanford Tavern (and inn and store), a blacksmith's shop, a doctor, and at least 2 additional retail stores attached to houses, where Hawleyites could purchase tools, salt, cloth, needles, and general household staples. And inside the Longley Tavern was Hawley's first Post Office, 1 year old that year. In South Hawley there was a tanyard; in Hallockville-King Corner several busy gristmills and sawmills, a tavern, and a water-powered shop. The district of Forge Hollow-West Hill-Fullerville was dominated by the mining of iron ore, the workings of a forge, and charcoal kilns, and there was also a mill in Fullerville. Forge Hollow, Parker tells us, was "the center of communications in all of West Hawley." He describes a road running east-to-west across Forge Hill through Pudding Hollow to the old Town Common (interestingly, a path that will soon be open for travel again, thanks to the work being done *this* year by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation).

In 1818 Hawley had been settled for 48 years. That year the population reached its peak, the farms and mills operated profitably, and the citizens began to experience a higher standard of living. Hawley

was on the threshold of its "golden age." Much has changed in the 200 years that followed: farming became increasingly mechanized; there was a great westward emigration; local transportation routes changed; the Civil War took the lives of many Hawley men, as did World War I, then there was the Great Depression, when many families were forced to leave their homes and farms, and then, World War II (in 1940, Hawley's population hit its lowest -- 257). The Hawley we know and love today is a very different kind of place from the one it was 200 years ago, or the one it became during the years between 1818 and the end of World War II. But Harrison Parker's account of the changes experienced by the town between 1940 and 1990 (pp. 460-463) demonstrates how much it has bounced back, so that it is a reasonable assertion that Hawley in 2018 may well be on the verge of its second Golden Age.



"The Hawley Town Common ca. 1818" painted by Judith Russell in 1992 for Hawley's Bicentennial

Births

A daughter, Addison Jane Dix, born on April 13, 2018 to Alyssa Sinistore and Nick Dix of Whitingham, Vermont, at Franklin Bay State Hospital.

Editor's note: If we missed anyone, please let us know.

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Obituaries



Margaret A. "Peg" (Flemming) Hicks, age 82, of Weymouth, died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by her family, on February 12, 2018. She was born in Dorchester on February 24, 1935, the daughter of Frank and Marion (Wagner) Flemming. She is preceded in death by her brother Frank Flemming, her sister, Leslie Smyth, and her beloved husband, Roderick J. Hicks, to whom she was married for 63 years.

Peg and Roderick spent most of that time raising a family of four in Quincy before retiring to Florida. They had four children: Christine Hicks of Hawley, Linda Conant and her husband David of Weymouth, David Hicks and his wife Jeanne of Weymouth, and the late Laurie Hicks McDonough of Quincy.



Freeman P. Hawkes, Jr. (1932-2018) died on April 6, 2018 at the Buckley HealthCare Center, Greenfield. He was born in Hawley on July 9, 1932, the son of Freeman, Sr. and Gladys (Trench) Hawkes.

Freeman attended Arms Academy and worked at the family sawmill in Hawley. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1952, served for four years, and received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Korean Service Medal.

Freeman was a machinist at the Kendall Mills Co. in Colrain (later American Fiber and Finishing) for 39 years, then moved to Albemarle, South Carolina. He was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan, and enjoyed family and family gatherings, cruising, vacationing at the Cape and Wells Beach, walking at Look Park, and relaxing on his front porch.



Josephine W. Smith passed away in early May, 2018, in the peace and comfort of her home.

Born in London, England in 1922 to Joseph and Winifred (Stone) Getzman, Jo was educated in Dartmouth, Devonshire. At the age of 17 she went to work at the Air Transport Auxiliary,

a British civilian organization set up during World War II. Jo was the voice on the radio that pilots relied on to guide their aircraft in and out of the base. In 1943 she married Peter H. Peel.

In 1947, as a widowed mother with two children, she traveled to the United States, eventually settling in West Hawley with relatives from Switzerland. Jo went to work in a North Adams factory, then at Mohawk Park in Charlemont, and later in Greenfield at the Tap and Die.

In 1954, she married Richard A. "Smitty" Smith and together they raised 4 additional children. Later in life, Jo worked at the Candlelight Motor Inn restaurant and, for 20 years, until retirement in 1991, at the Franklin Medical Center in the pharmacy department.

Jo spent many hours tending her home and lovely English garden and was also an avid reader. But, what she loved most was her family. As she aged, Jo enjoyed the daily visits each of her children would make, and Sunday mornings were spent with many family members together.

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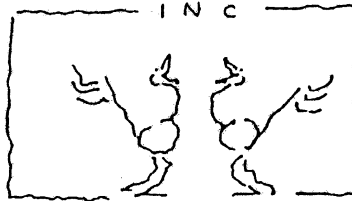
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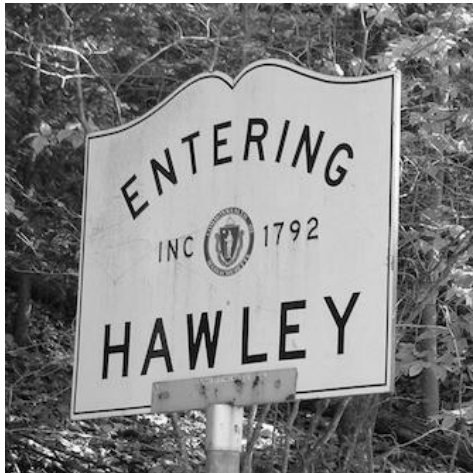
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