



Ellington Historical Society

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September 2011 Newsletter

September Meeting Notice

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. After a brief business meeting, there will be a program about Hiram Bingham, a Yale University graduate and U.S. Senator from Connecticut, who discovered the lost city of the Incas, Machu Picchu, in 1911. The 100th anniversary of his famous discovery is being celebrated this year and was marked by the return of artifacts collected by Bingham to Peru. Tim and Lynn Fahy will show slides of their May trip to the mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu and other Peruvian sites. The program is free, and the public is invited. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be provided by Nancy Long and Tim Fahy. A sign-up sheet for doing refreshments this year will be circulated at the meeting.



Photo of Machu Picchu taken by Tim Fahy, May 2011

News from the Curator-Nancy Long



We had fewer than average number of visitors this summer in spite of repeated press releases in the Journal Inquirer and our new sign. We relocated our old white sign to face directly on Main Street and this brought in a few new guests. The lesson here is to keep changing things so people stop and take notice! We were pleased to have one of the Windermere third graders come to the museum with her family and visiting grandparents.

It was a busy summer working on the grounds and the redecorating of Nellie's bedroom. Some of the things we tackled this summer:

New sign-Jake Sadler; installed and landscaped by Nancy and Jim Long

Scraping of front porch; installation of replacement trim above front steps--Tim Fahy and Rick Ameika

West side of museum re-landscaped with two butterfly bushes--Nancy and Jim Long

Sandstone sink moved to shed--Peter Pagani and his construction crew and Tim Fahy

Shed cleaned and reorganized--Nancy and Tim Fahy

Painting in Nellie's bedroom--Mary Temple and Nancy Long

Removal of a large hornet's nest on the east side of the museum--Tim Fahy

Repair and painting of picnic table—Tim Fahy

Stone floor completed in east side of barn—Tim Fahy

News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy

Shirley Hayden, Hilary Brady and I were busy in the archives this summer. Hilary has been working on the Ellington Grange records. Shirley worked on the Aborn collection and scanned some of the diaries from the museum collection, the Kibbe ones in particular. She found one in which the writer was unidentified and played "History Detective" to solve the mystery.



Annie Neelans' diary has a sewing needle in it!

Shirley wrote, "The author describes sewing for various people, some in Ellington, some in Enfield, and some in Longmeadow. She sewed for someone or other virtually every day ... I have now come up with a candidate for who wrote this diary: Annie Neelans of Enfield. She was a seamstress ... her sister Martha married an Ellington man, Frank Nangle. In the 1900 census, Frank and Martha Nangle lived in Enfield, and Annie Neelans lived with them." The Nangles later lived on a farm in Ellington at the corner of Pinney and Middle Rd.

Mildred Dimock donated a collection of obituaries of Ellington residents from the 1980s to the present, as well as funeral programs and cards. They are a good source of genealogical information, and I am photocopying the newspaper clippings for preservation. Everything will be stored in an acid-free document box and the names entered in PastPerfect Museum software, so that we can locate and retrieve the items when we need them.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

2011-2012 EHS Officers--At our annual meeting and potluck supper on June 23th at the Hall Memorial Library, members accepted the slate of officers as presented: President, Tim Fahy; Vice-President, Denise Archibald; Treasurer, Mary Temple; Recording Secretary, Santina Fiore. The Executive Board includes current officers as well as members Dave Lehmann, Jim Stoughton, Karyn Kloter, Hilary Brady, Curator Nancy Long, and Archivist Lynn Kloter Fahy.

<http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org/>

Membership dues are due in September and we have enclosed a form to fill out and include with your dues payment.

Ellington Historical Society Membership Dues

Class of Membership	_____	Individual \$10.00
	_____	Senior Individual \$8.00 (Over 62)
	_____	Family \$20.00
	_____	Senior Family \$15.00 (Over 62)
(Check one)	_____	Patron \$25.00
	_____	Business \$50.00

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