

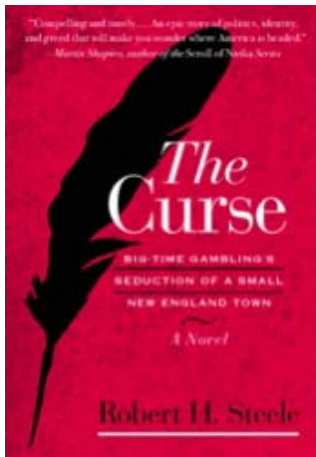


Ellington Historical Society

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February 2014 Newsletter



The Ellington Historical Society will meet on **Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. After a brief business meeting, author **Bob Steele** will discuss his book *The Curse: Big-Time Gambling's Seduction of a Small New England Town* (Levellers Press).

The book is a novel set against the explosion of casino gambling that hit Connecticut during the 1990s, when two Indian tribes built the world's two biggest casinos in the southeastern corner of the state.

The program is free, and the public is invited. New members are always welcome. Refreshments for the February meeting will be provided by Alex and Judy Cardoni.

The program was arranged by Francie Berger of the Hall Memorial Library and is made possible by a grant from The Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Upcoming meetings

Thursday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library

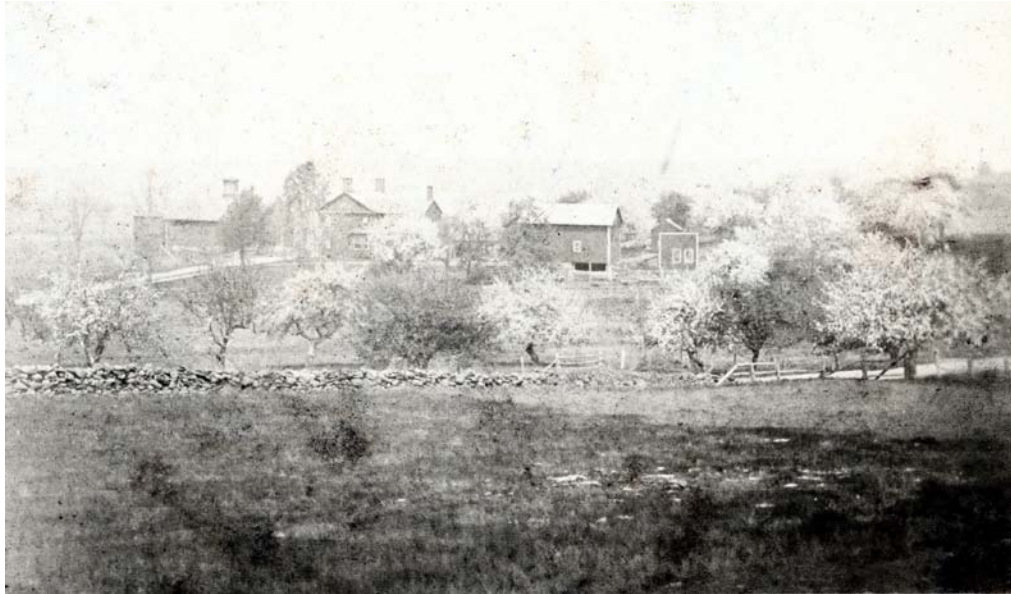
Matthew Bartlett presents: *For the Sake of the Country: Female Spies in the Civil War*

Connecticut resident and American military historian Bartlett will discuss his new book, which tell the stories of four extraordinary women who risked all for their countries during the American Civil War as spies.

Thursday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library--Potluck supper and annual elections (Members Only)

News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy

Dianne Trueeb asked me to write a monthly blog for the Ellington Farmers Market. The first one will be about the Hyde Farm and includes a photo of the farm given to the Historical Society by the Hyde Family.



This 19th century photograph is of the Hyde Farm on Somers Road. The red brick house was built in 1812 or 1813 by Peleg Martin. On an 1869 map of Ellington, it is identified as the house of E. F. Hyde. Ellington Historical Society member Robert E. “Bob” Hyde, II, who passed away in 2011, was the son of E. Foster Hyde and grew up on his family’s dairy farm. Bob was also known as the builder of the Ellington Airport across the street from the family home in the 1960s.

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