

WHIPPING POST

***This issue of "The Whipping Post" is dedicated to the memory of
CARLTON C. BROWNELL
without whose knowledge and dedication the Chace-Cory house
renovation would not have been completed.***

In February of 2013, the Tiverton Historical Society lost Director Emeritus Carlton Brownell. Carlton would have been 96 years old on March 30th. He enjoyed a rich and useful life and was of great service to Tiverton & Little Compton.

A generation of Tiverton history students knew Mr. Brownell from his tenure at both Pocasset School and Tiverton High School. He had a wealth of local historical knowledge as well as being a renowned antiquarian. He was a life long student of history and antiques.

*Carlton Brownell played a crucial role in the acquisition of Chace-Cory House by the Tiverton Historical Society. He then undertook the restoration of the building and the grounds with only the assistance of local high school students.**

I think it is safe to say that without Carlton we would not have Chace-Cory House or a Historical Society in the form that we have today! Although other members worked on fundraising, publicity, etc., Carlton Brownell was the fellow who was swinging the hammer or wielding the paintbrush; or teaching a group of kids what to do.

Tiverton Historical Society had a rare treasure in Carlton Brownell. Those of us who knew him

respected him, honored him, and loved him. He was my teacher, my mentor, and my friend.

I will never forget you Carlton.

By Jeffrey Cobb

****The tradition continues...***

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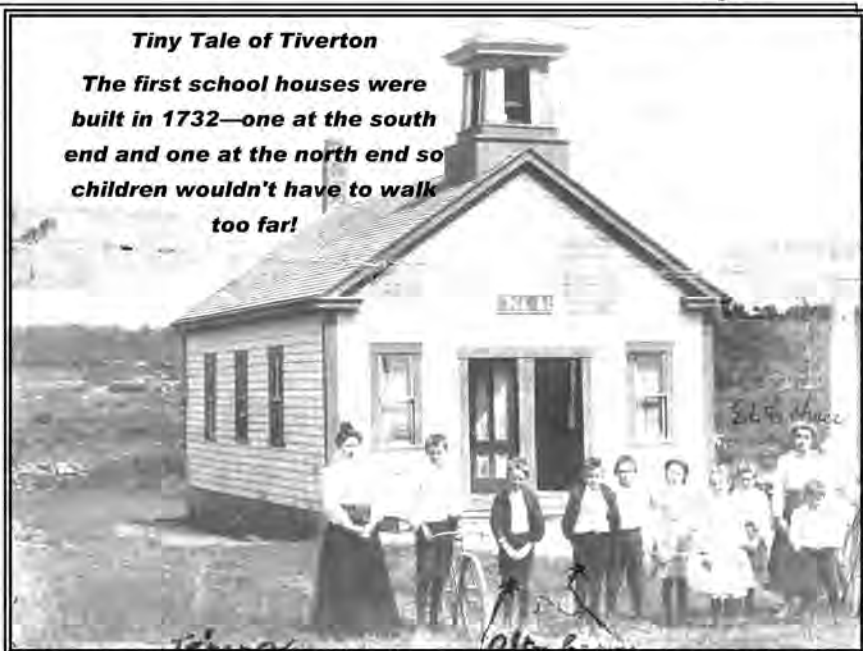


ACQUISITIONS

- ◆ **4 Oil Paintings donated by Rich Tosi**
- ◆ **Wooden Baby Tender-Standing**
- ◆ **Wooden Baby Tender-Sitting**
- ◆ **Wooden Rocking Horse with real horse-hair mane.**
- ◆ **The 3 above items on loan from a private collection**
- ◆ **Scythe from the Vincent Almeida Farm donated by Caroline Wordell**

Tiny Tale of Tiverton

The first school houses were built in 1732—one at the south end and one at the north end so children wouldn't have to walk too far!



TIVERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHARTERED
IN 1879, THE
TIVERTON
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ONE OF THE
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The Tiverton Historical Society was chartered in 1879 as an educational and charitable institution under the name "The Whitridge Hall and Bowen Memorial Chapel Association." For many years, Whitridge Hall provided a meeting place for clubs, church groups, young peoples' organizations, etc. Lectures and plays were given there. With the large number of modern public

meeting places available in Tiverton after 1950, the Hall was sold, and the association has devoted itself as a local historical society. Current officers and directors are: Paul Cellemme-President; Jeffrey Cobb-Vice President; Al Silvia- Treasurer; Mary Jane Cobb-Assistant Treasurer; Richard Taylor- Secretary; Carlton Brownell-Director Emeritus, and the following directors: John Manchester, Christopher Blanchette, Victor St. Laurent, Kathryn Ryan, Susan Anderson, Caroline W. Wordell. Acquisitions-Jeffrey Cobb, Buildings & Grounds-Jeffrey Cobb & John Manchester, Membership-Mary Jane Cobb, Outreach/Education-Susan Anderson, Publications-Caroline W. Wordell, and Webmaster-Susan Anderson.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS FROM TIVERTON, R.I.

We recently found stacks of a payroll page from Capt. Isaac Cook's company in Col. John Cook's Regiment of Militia, dating the week 24th through the 31st of July 1778. We have had many of them laminated and they are just the right size for placemats! Some of the surnames listed include Cook, Cory, Manchester, Seabury, Dennis, King, Taber, Sanford, Rounds, Bailey, Sawdy, Simmons, Davenport, Little, Crandall, Bennit, Lake, Macomber, Hart, Wilkey, Briggs, Almy, Peckham, Palmer, Brown, Borden, Gray, Fish, Lawton, Durfee, Wait, Tripp

MUSEUM STORE

Plans are underway to convert the former storage space on the south-east end of the Chace-Cory House to a museum store. Items to be sold include books, pamphlets, and other literature about our area, jams & jellies from our pantry, mugs, ornaments, and other items as they become available.

Watch for grand opening!

Tiny Tale of Tiverton

So, you thought this was a bad winter? The bay was so frozen during the winters of 1739, 1740, and 1780, it was possible to drive across to Portsmouth!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 28—Dr. Karl Stephens will present an illustrated talk on Major-General John Sullivan. He was the American Revolution's most controversial, and interesting, general, and the commander at the Battle of Rhode Island. Dr. Stephens book "Major-General John Sullivan, Neither the Charm Nor the Luck," will be available for sale and signing. Free and open to the public, Refreshments will be provided. Amicable Church, 7 p.m.

June 2—Grand Opening of Chace-Cory House & Grounds—Watch for details

July 4—Reading of the Declaration of Independence, at the Doughboy Monument, Stone Bridge, 9 a.m.

July 27—Clamboil, Chace-Cory House grounds, 1 p.m.

August—Tales of Tiverton: Rum Runners, Speakeasy—Watch for details

September—75th anniversary of the hurricane of 1938 - oral histories of those who lived through the nightmare—Amicable Church

September—Pardon Gray Day, Tiverton Historical Society Exhibit 10-4

November 12—Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Supper—Amicable Church , 6:30 p.m.

November 26—Lecture by Edward Lodi, "The Women of King Philip's War," Amicable Church, 7 p.m.

December 7 & 8—Christmas Fair, Chace-Cory House 12-6 Saturday, 12-4 Sunday

The pantry at the Chace -Cory House is brimming full of our jellies and jams! You may choose from Ft. Barton Boysenberry, Seapowet Strawberry, Crandall Road Cranberry, Fogland Beach Blackberry, Weetamo Wed Waspberry, Nonquit Blueberry, Stafford Pond Strawberry-Rhubarb (sugarless), Four Corners Pepper Jam, Pocasset Pineapple, Grinnell's Beach Orange Marmalade, Punkateest Peach (sugarless), Eagleville Elderberry, C.B. Cherry Berry, and Stone Bridge Blackberry (sugarless).



OUTREACH

Families and home-schoolers are welcome at Chace Cory House

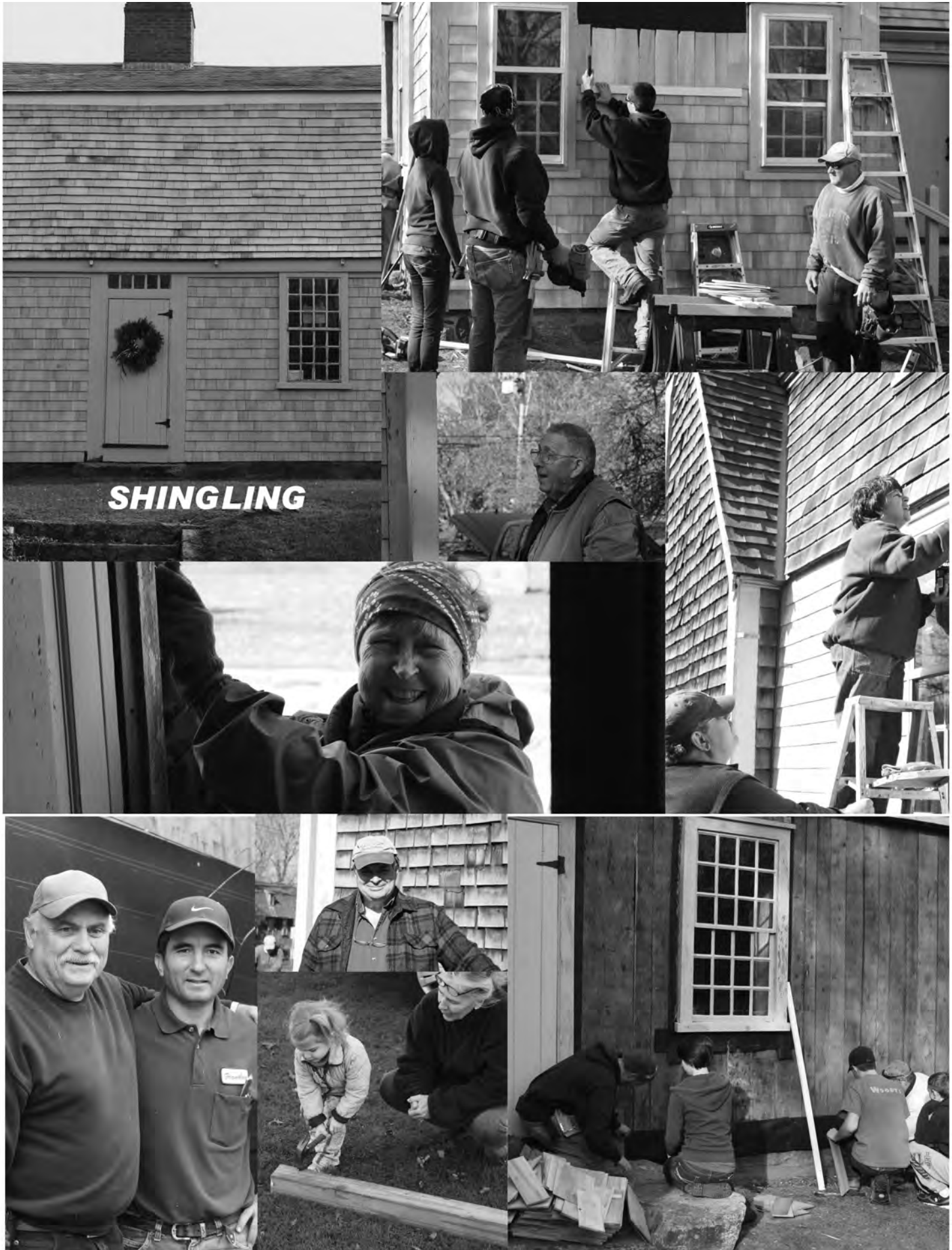
Look for new scavenger hunt sheets to make your visit with us an historical one. Check out youth programs on our website or contact outreach@tivertonhistorical.org

CARLTON BROWNELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Tiverton Historical Society is soliciting donations to establish a Carlton Brownell Memorial Scholarship to be awarded yearly to a graduating senior from Tiverton or Little Compton continuing education in the field of history, historic preservation, or related fields. Tax deductible checks made payable to the Tiverton Historical Society may be sent c/o M.J. Cobb, 89 Lewis St., Tiverton, R.I. 02878. Please note "Carlton Brownell Scholarship" on the check.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER AT
LIL' BEAR**



REFLECTIONS OF AN AUCTIONEER'S DAUGHTER

By Caroline Wilkie Wordell

"One man's trash is another's treasure" is an axiom frequently applied to auctions. As true as this may be, there is an aura about auctions that only a true auction lover can detect. To be sure, there is always the hope of finding that treasure for which you've always searched (with the popularity of "The Antiques Roadshow" there is always the hope of a big payoff, also). But I've never seen an auction lover leave unhappily because he didn't have anything to show for his day's diligence. They've always gone away happy, excited that they've taken part in the rollicking fellowship, glad that someone else found a treasure, and hopeful, looking forward to the next auction day and possible success.

I'm an auction lover; not by necessity or want, but by birth. I think the love of auctions is genetic, inherited in the same way as my blue eyes and freckles. My dad, Chet Wilkie, was an auctioneer, and he instilled in me the love of old things. He taught me to feel the patina of aged woods, to look beneath the too often ugly and myriad coats of paint to find the beautiful raw wood and lines of a piece. He taught me to overlook the rust on the old tin, the layers of corrosion on an old copper kettle, and the tiny chip on the Meissen teapot.

People loved his auctions because he was honest. He felt that people had a right to know the true condition of the items for which they were paying their hard earned money. He started off his auctions by saying that if he failed to reveal a chip or crack or other imperfection, the buyer could return the item for a full refund. It was not unusual to hear him say, "How much am I bid for this cracked crock?"

My dad didn't claim to be an expert on antiques, although he did have a vast knowledge of them. When he was selling a piece of glassware or china, everyone who attended his auctions regularly knew that "constructed in the Far East" meant "made in Japan."

I can always remember auctions holding a special fascination for me, even when I was a child. Those were the days when you could really pick up a bargain, but I was too young to realize what some of those things would be worth in a few years. I just knew I liked being among them, searching the drawers and trunks, poking through boxes of old dishes, pewter, photos, papers, linens, and anything there was to rummage through.

My Dad has gone now, and so have most of the good auctions, but I have the memories of those great days, as do many of the auction lovers in this area. Ask them, they'll tell you, - auctions and antiques get into your blood, and then you are hooked!!

We need you——to help us open the Chace-Cory House more hours this season. Anyone interested in being a docent should contact us at Tivhissoc1730@gmail.com. Admission to Tiverton Historical Society is free to members and children under 12, \$3.00 for non-members, and \$2.00 for students and seniors (60+)

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Tiny Tale of Tiverton:

Richard Morris of Portsmouth purchased Nanaquaket from the Indians for the price of 4 coats of Dutch cloth, 4 hoes, and 2 axes!

***The tradition continues...**

Tiverton High School students Zack Silveira, Ryan Mirka, and Hannah Cook-Dumas, along with their technical education instructor, William Phillips, helped to shingle the Chace-Cory House, much the same as students helped Carlton Brownell restore the house in the 1970's.



PLEASE KEEP OUR PIGGY BANK JINGLING SO WE CAN FINISH THE SHINGLING!!



Shingling on the historic Chace-Cory house at Tiverton Four Corners resumes this spring. Thankfully the roof was completed last summer. With the winter we have had, it is quite possible we would have been facing a disaster. The south and north sides will be shingled this year, and the outbuildings will be done if funds and weather hold out. Anyone wishing to contribute to the shingling fund should contact John Manchester at 265-2650. Costs for a bundle (\$30) or a square (\$120) are tax deductible. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Tiny tale of Tiverton:

Isaac Brown of Main Road attempted to start a silk farm. He planted mulberry trees and imported silkworms. He made some silk, but the venture proved unprofitable and he gave it up.