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# THE WHIPPING POST

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

In 1964, the Tiverton Historical Society was privileged to receive the Chace-Cory house from J. William and Isabelle Middendorf. Restoration began in earnest under the direction of Carlton Brownell, and the lovely historic building was saved, to become a jewel in the crown that is Tiverton Four Corners. But, as with all historic buildings, Chace-Cory House needs constant attention.

During the last several years we have been able to completely re-shingle the Chace-Cory house, including the roof, with all donated supplies and labor. The windows have been re-glazed (again, with labor donated by a talented local glazier), and part of the trim has been scraped and painted. Much of the trim work is left to do because many of the boards and window sills have to be replaced. The entire wash house has been completed, including shingling, wood replacement, and painting. The front parlor walls

have been painted with a calcimine blocker, and the floor is scheduled to be re-painted this spring. The corn crib is in dire straits, and will be the center of our concern when the house is completely finished.

Much of our collections still need to be archived and stored properly. Archival quality storage is very expensive, so we are purchasing that as we can.

As you can see, we have accomplished a lot, but much is left to do. We hope you will take this opportunity to become a member, and/or send a donation to help us in our endeavors, by filling out the form on the back of this newsletter, and returning it at your earliest convenience. We are a 501 c 3 organization, and therefore your donations are tax deductible.

Thanks you for your continued support of the Tiverton Historical Society in our efforts to maintain the historic Chace-Cory House, and to preserve the history and artifacts of our unique town.

Sincerely,  
John D. Manchester  
President





1. WHAT IS GOOD TO THE LAST DROP?

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—2015

June 7th- CHACE-CORY HOUSE OPENS FOR SEASON—2 TO 4:30

June 7th- COLONIAL DAYS, FIBER ARTS—NOON TO 4

June 15th-OUR 6 WEEK "SALUTE TO THE MILITARY" BEGINS—2 TO 4:30

Please watch newspapers for weekly programs

July 4th-READING OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE—9

WWI DOUGHBOY MONUMENT AT STONE BRIDGE

September 19th - COLONIAL DAYS: CRAFTS AND FOOD—11 TO 3 (rain date Sept. 20th)

October (date to be announced) - PARANORMAL EVENT

November 17th—ANNUAL MEETING & DESSERT SOCIAL—7

December 12th & 13th- HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND SALE

Saturday- 10 to 4 \* Sunday NOON to 4

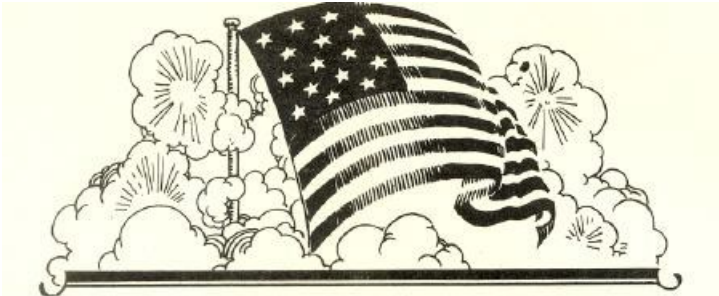
(All events held at Chace-Cory House unless stated otherwise)

2. WHAT IS THE BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS?

SALUTE TO THE MILITARY

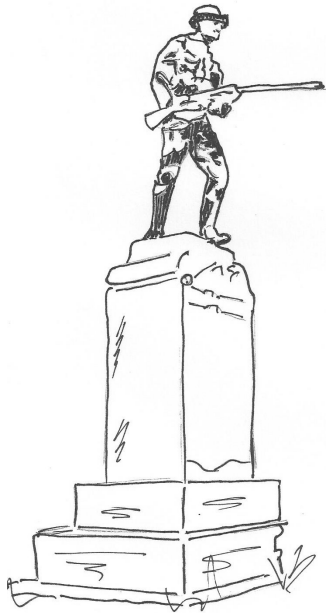
On June 15th, we begin a 6 week TRIBUTE TO THE MILITARY, in honor of all veterans. There will be many items on display that previously have not been seen by the general public. Included will be a Civil War uniform, U.S. Flags of various eras, a restored flag carried by George Washington's regiment, an early copy of the Declaration of Independence, a Civil War register for Tiverton residents, a rare framed poster of events to honor Tiverton's returning World War I heroes, a quilt made from the uniform of General Peleg Wadsworth who served in the Revolutionary War, as well as many other items that have been loaned by local residents. If you have memorabilia to loan, please email Susan@TivertonHistorical.org,

3. WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS?



# TIVERTON'S DOUGHBOY MONUMENT

by Christopher Blanchette



Do you have any genealogies of Tiverton families?

We would love to have a copy for our archives.

Please contact us at [www.tivertonhistorical.org](http://www.tivertonhistorical.org), P.O. Box 95, Tiverton R.I., or connect with one of the officers or directors listed below.

5. WE COVER THE EARTH?

For nearly one hundred years, Tivertonians have passed by a statue that has survived hurricanes and seen countless soldiers going off to wars, like World War II, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. It watched the Old Stone Bridge collapse and the once flourishing Stone Bridge Inn crumble into disrepair. Tivertonians have crashed into him at least four times, causing him to be moved in 1988. Of course, this is the Doughboy statue that stands near the Old Stone Bridge. It is a World War I memorial statue that commemorates those from Tiverton who served in that war. It was commissioned by Nathan Charette from Fort Barton School, and is neither a copy nor an original of E.M. Viquesney's, "The Spirit of the American Doughboy." Viquesney's famous Doughboy can be seen throughout the United States. Our Doughboy statue, however, is unique in that it was designed and completed by J.N. White & Son of West Quincy in the mid-1920's. Our statue depicts a Doughboy from World War I, standing strong with his bayonet fixed and rifle ready to protect those behind him. This stoic statue with an expression of extreme concentration makes the viewer feel like part of the action. The front of the Doughboy holds an Honor Roll that lists those Tiverton residents who served. Personally, I found my Great Uncle Ephraim D. Morin's name on that honor roll, and many others can find their link to Tiverton's past through the names listed on this iconic statue. To paraphrase the words on the back, "May the deeds to those citizens who went forth at the call of their country be remembered for those deeds, and live as an inspiration to courage and patriotism. This monument was erected in most grateful recognition for their high achievements."

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4. FROM CONTENTED COWS?

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HELP US IN OUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF TIVERTON!

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TIVERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO  
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C/O M.J. COBB, ASST. TREASURER**

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6. 57 VARIETIES?

### TINY TALE OF TIVERTON

**The states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho became American territories as a result of the daring explorations of Capt. Robert Gray of Tiverton. He discovered the Columbia River in 1791, a year after he became the first person to carry the American flag around the world in his ship the "Columbia." He named the river, then proceeded to take possession in the name of the United States.**

### THE OLD STONE BRIDGE

Due to the requirements of commerce in colonial days, the area where the Sakonnet River narrows was the location of numerous ferries. One ferry was established there in 1650, probably the first regular ferry to be commissioned in Rhode Island. It was locally referred to as Howland's Ferry, but was also called Pocasset Ferry, Sanford's Ferry and Wanton's Ferry. It was run by the Howland family from about 1703 to 1776. It was also the area where colonial troops crossed from Tiverton in the summer of 1778, expecting to dislodge the British from Newport. This effort, known as the Battle of Rhode Island, failed. The ferry right was sold to the R.I. Bridge Company in 1794, and a wooden bridge was built and opened the next year, only to be swept away by a high tide in 1797. The bridge was rebuilt, and lasted a year. The ferry system was resumed until 1810, when \$80,000 was raised to construct a new bridge with 280,000 tons of stone. Storms of 1815 and 1868 caused damage to the bridge, and the State of Rhode Island took control in 1871. In 1898 a new structure of steel and iron was erected to accommodate the crossing of heavier vehicles. The hurricanes of 1938 and 1954 weakened the bridge, which soon led to the construction of the Sakonnet River Bridge to the north. The last car crossed the Old Stone Bridge in 1957.

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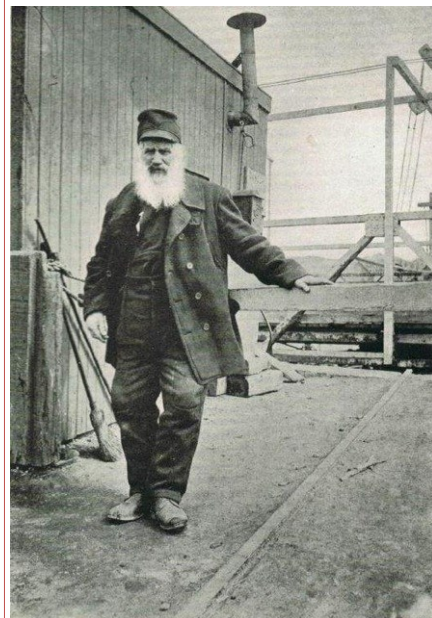


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