

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

Join us in celebrating the 375th Anniversary of the signing of the Shawomet Purchase that occurred on January 12, 1642 by attending a series of programs at the Warwick Library throughout the coming year. They are as follows:

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| March 29 | Early Settlers and Where They Finally Settled
Pegee Malcolm and the Warwick Historical Cemetery Commission will identify the final resting place of some of our founding fathers. |
| April 26 | The Colonial Period: The Seventeenth Century
Henry AL Brown will describe Four Miles Common, our early city. |
| May 17 | The Pawtuxet Rangers: The Eighteenth Century
Col. Ron Barnes will discuss the place of the Rangers during the Revolution and how they remain a vital part of our community today. |
| August 2 | Historic Warwick Mills
Genevieve Belcher will present her documentary on how the mills affected the growth of our city. |
| September 27 | Warwick Railway and Villages Along the Way: The Nineteenth Century
How a railroad only eight miles long and lasting only two years had such a profound influence on our growth. |
| November 8 | Quahogs and Carousels: The Twentieth Century
Felicia Gardella will present the slideshow originally produced by John Caruthers highlighting the heyday of the Rocky Point and Oakland Beach Amusement Parks. |

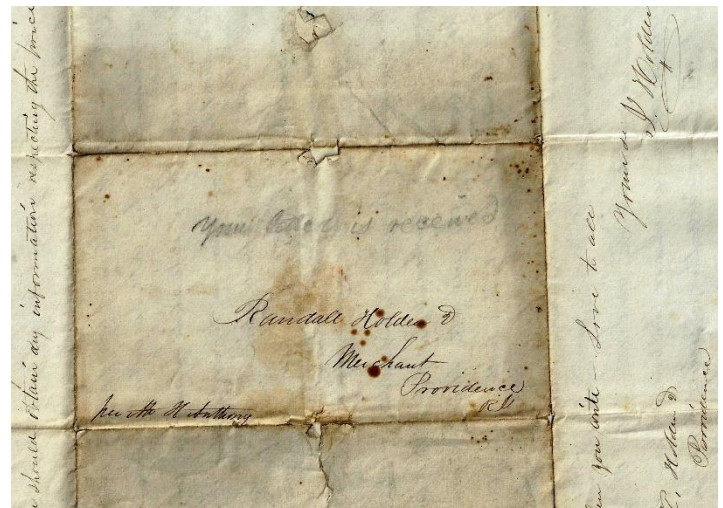
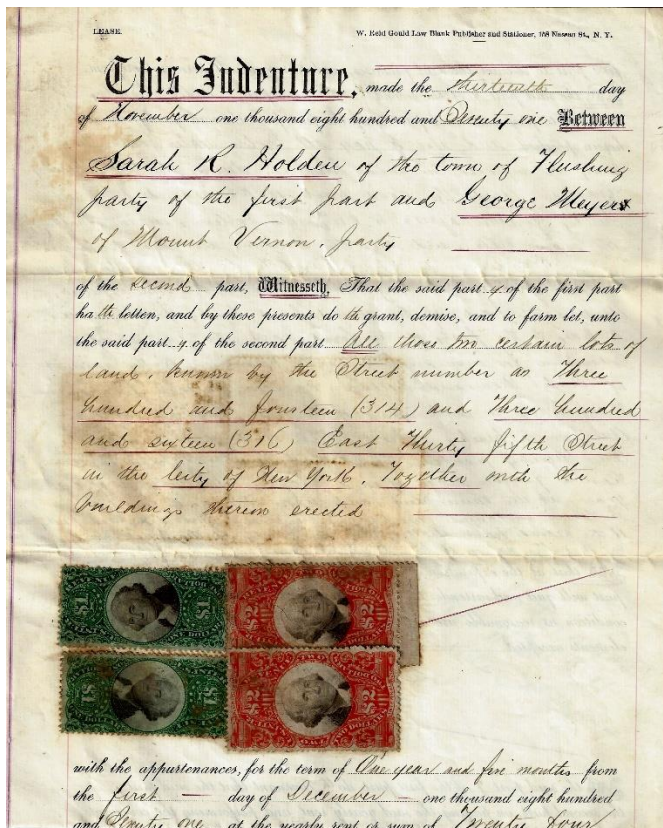
Our display currently in City Hall has a selection from our library of some of the material we have on our early history.

In Addition we will schedule a Victorian Tea, our annual Open House and participate in Gaspee Days.



Our Victorian Tea

A descendant of Randall **Holden** who currently resides in Connecticut has granted us access to documents collected by his grandmother related to the Holden family. To date we have digitized material dating from 1811 to 1841. Hopefully we will be adding more deeds and documents in the future. Examples:



We have recently added books to our library donated by our members.

The Hanging and Redemption of John Gordon by Paul Caranci—Felicia Gardella

RI Painted Rooms by Ann Eckert Brown—Ann Brown

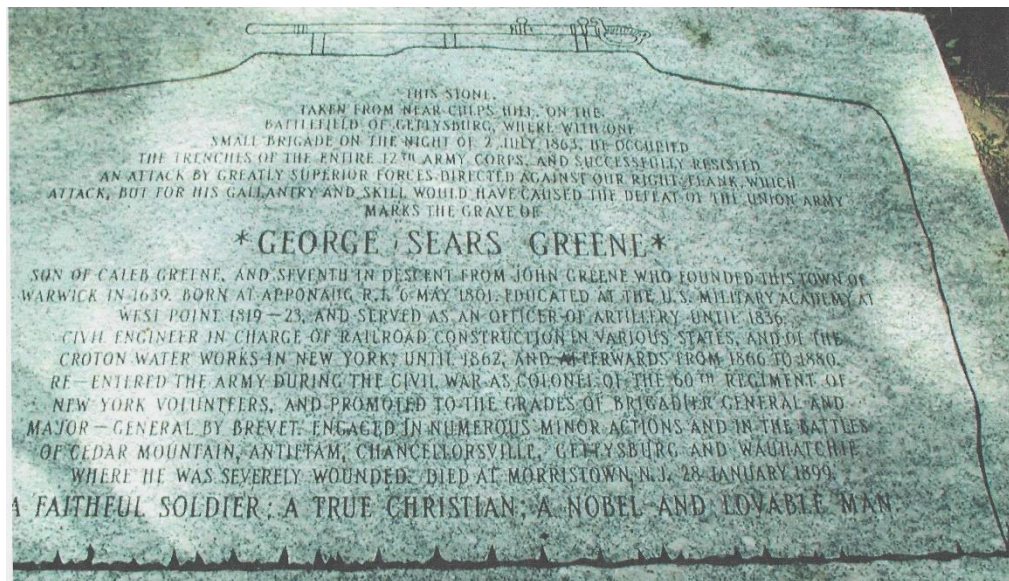
American Painted Rooms by Ann Eckert Brown—Ann Brown

The Forgotten Hero of Gettysburg by David Palmer—Bob Chorney

Sudden Sea by R A Scotti—Felicia Gardella

A notebook containing a collection of material related to George Sears Greene—Brian Guiot

Materials of Marshall Morgan who translated early records of Warwick



Judy Jencks gave us copies of two interesting pictures of Apponaug.



Railroad Trestle



Railroad Station

INTERESTING EXCERPTS FROM WARWICK TOWN RECORDS BOOK II 1713-1779

- 8-14-1722 Any dog taken ½ mile from his master shall be killed and the owner made liable for any damages caused.
- 3-6-1722/3 Voted 3 freemen be allowed out of town in order to build a school house at Cowesett Forge.
- 12-7-1724 Any time a ram was found running beyond his own yard and beyond one mile from the pound said ram shall be kept in the pound until the owner paid a fine—otherwise the ram would be slaughtered.
- 7-1724 Voted to build a school in Pawtuxet.
- 9-1731 Voted to build a highway in town from Apponaug to the Fulling Mill
Voted to divide the town into six parts.
- 1734 Voted to build two bridges in Apponaug over the Apponaug Brook and the Kikamuit Brook
- 11-1734 Voted for the repeal of a bounty on fox and wildcat.
- 1736 Voted to build a school house at the Fulling Mill.
- 4-1738 Voted to pay for the burial of an Indian woman.
- 1739 Voted to extend the road from the Fulling Mill westward.
- 1741 Voted to build a bridge over the south bank of the Pawtuxet River.
- 1742 Voted monies paid to Thomas Wickes, jailor for transporting Benjamin Holden to gaol.
- 8-30-1742 Ordered the building of stocks and whipping posts.
David Greene gave accounting of building the town pound in Cowesett.
Bounty paid for killing squirrels.
- 1745 Squirrel bounty repealed.
- 4-1746 James Lippitt paid for purchase of Colony Law Book.
- 1747 William Tibbitts paid for the keeping of an Indian child.
- 1748 Bounty paid for foxes. (see 1734-fox bounty repealed?)
- 1749 Nathan Pearce paid for his care and trouble for taking care of "Indian Squaw" Hannah and her child.

*The present is the living total of the whole past----*Thomas Carlyle