

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

CIVIL WAR DRUMSKIN AND DRUMSTICKS

Our drumskin has been beautifully framed by one of our business sponsors, American Picture Frame. Once hung it will be flanked by informational documents to explain its origins.



CORPORAL WILLIAM E. DICKERSON
 1839-October 31, 1862
 Batt. B, R.I. Art. GAR
 Civil War Veteran died at Harper's Ferry, Virginia at 28 years old

William was the son of William A. [1808-1899] and Mary Reynolds Dickerson [1805-1889]
 Originally buried in N Kingstown Historical Cemetery NK007, Reynolds family plot, LOT #56.
 This plot moved to Elm Grove Cemetery, North Kingstown Historical Cemetery NK025, Capt. Benjamin Reynolds Lot, in 1962. Find A Grave Memorial #72918783 Plot #502-1



Inscription
 FROM REYNOLDS HIST. LOT #56
 B. 1808-1899 - 1849
 CAPT. SON, & ELIZ. REYNOLDS
 SON, CAPT. JOHN A. &
 MARY WILES WORTH
 DAUGHTERS, SARAH &
 FRANKLIN (ENAM'D) & MARY
 HUBBARD, WM. DICKERSON
 SON #62-29
 BENJ. CHILD OF EMMA R. &
 REYNOLD SURVEY

CIVIL WAR DRUM SKIN & DRUMSTICKS

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| TOP | BOTTOM |
| <i>W. E. Dickerson</i> | <i>W. E. Dickerson, Drums</i> |
| <i>Drummer Co. H. Barnside Cavalry</i> | <i>Co. H. 4th Regt.</i> |
| <i>1st Regt. R.I. Vol</i> | <i>R. I. V.</i> |
| <i>at Battery Forward</i> | <i>no 5 rec</i> |

H Company (5-28-1862 to 5-1-1863) uniform consisted of a sky blue frock jacket with yellow trim, a sky blue sack, a red hat (usually worn with a white horsehair covering), a sky blue vest, and chamois style red trousers.

Drumskin is body of training except
 (drum) can contain water (2) containing down to protect neck
 has flat or concave with or without stars
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Snare Drum



Humsted's Drives of Providence, Rhode Island 1861-1870

Framing made possible by donations to the Warwick Historical Society in Memory of Ed Groer, Pawlaert Rangers, and Madeline Toy, former members of the society.

LIBRARY MEETING

Our next meeting will be at the Warwick Library on Wednesday May 1st at 7 pm. Les Rolston will speak about his book on the Civil War *Long Time Gone*.

Long Time Gone: Neighbors Divided by Civil War

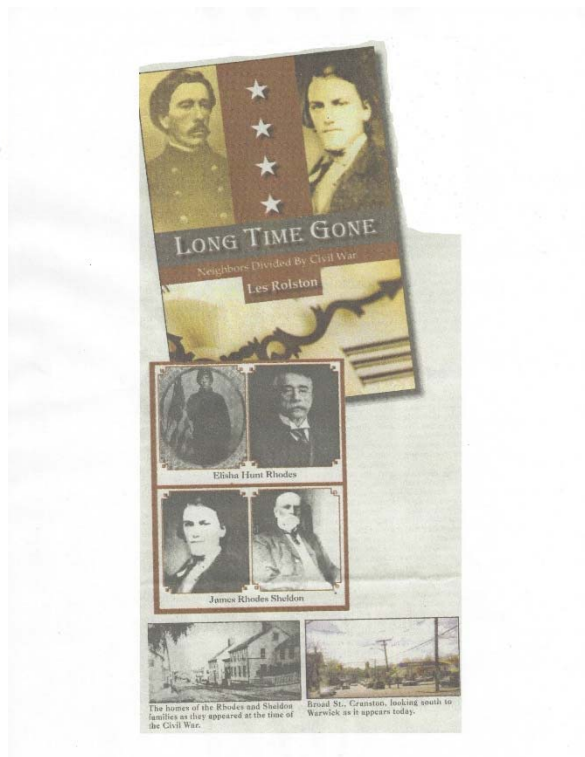
Join author Les Rolston and the Warwick Historical Society for a presentation on the book *Long Time Gone: Neighbors Divided by Civil War*.



Hear the tale of Elisha Hunt Rhodes and James Rhodes Sheldon, boyhood friends in Pawtuxet Village who found themselves on opposite sides in the Civil War. As soldiers in the 2nd Rhode Island Regiment and the 50th Georgia Regiment, Rhodes and Sheldon came close to facing each other in battle 11 times.

The author of three books on the Civil War, Les Rolston has received citations from the Rhode Island House of Representatives, a letter of commendation from former United States Senator Claiborne, and the Jefferson Davis Medal, the United Daughters of the Confederacy's highest award.

This event is free and open to all.



SAVE THE DATES-ACTIVITIES AT ARNOLD HOUSE

On Saturday May 11th from 10-12 we are having a yard clean-up. We need a lot of help to get things done. Please bring gloves, rakes, loppers and any yard tools that may be helpful.

On Saturday August 24th from 2-4 pm we are having an Ice Cream Social as a Membership Appreciation Day. More details to come.

OTHER EVENTS

We recently presented the slideshow *Carousels and Quohaugs* at the Atria Assisted Living Facility on Division Rd that was greatly appreciated.

Felicia gave a talk with a slideshow on Warwick History to 60 enthusiastic members of the 6th grade English class at Warwick Vets.

Go to our Facebook page to see postings about Pawtuxet Ranger Events that we support.

May 5th 2 pm Cranston Historic Cemetery #35 Event

May 29th 7 pm RI Statehood Day Event

Also on our Facebook page are photos of cemetery clean-ups of interest. Our display case at City Hall is now highlighting Warwick's 166 historical cemeteries.

ANOTHER LOST CEMETERY FOUND?

Our colleague and diligent researcher Mark Brown is currently working on confirming the location of lost lot A10 in Oakland Beach. According to Sterling "James Arnold visited this lot 24 June 1891, 'on the West Side of Old Warwick Cove and on the north side of a small creek are three graves and a small one without protection of whom we are told are Greenes, have markers of only rude stones.'" We'll keep you informed of his findings.

BOARD MEMBERS-ELECTION

Our current officers and board members have agreed to continue for another year with one exception who has regretfully resigned. We now have an at-large position vacant. If anyone would like to join our board please contact us. [fag311@cox.net] This is a great way to become involved. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERSHIP

Current memberships expire June 30th. Informational packets will be mailed next month. It is important that you renew and encourage relatives and friends to join. We rely on these funds to support our various activities.

Reprinted from an old historical society newsletter.

Historical Societies perform significant and valuable services to the community. Their primary concern is to preserve the historical record of the area in which they are located, and to keep alive the tradition and spirit of our national heritage.

Historical Societies attract members with varied backgrounds but their one common bond is their interest in local history.

Traditionally, historical societies have collected and preserved the written records of the community—letters, diaries, journals, newspapers. They make these research materials available. Thus providing for the broad dissemination of their records.

History museums operated by local historical societies have become an important extension of America's educational system.

Informal education programs round out the activities of local historical societies—commemorating anniversaries of historic events, sponsoring lecture programs, and arranging for tours.

When you join an historical society, you derive useful knowledge from studying history at the local level. Exploring the byways of local history has become one of the most popular and absorbing forms of informal education in America.

You need not be a trained historian to enjoy history any more than a trained horticulturist to grow fine roses or an expert philatelist to collect stamps.

If you have interest, curiosity, enthusiasm, patience, and are willing to learn, you will find your efforts well rewarded. We want and need your membership it is in your hands now.

The world is hugged by faithful volunteers---Everett Mámor