



Dennis Historical Society Newsletter

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Newsletter Committee: Lura Crowell, Nancy & Richard Howes, Beth Deck

October 2000

Calendar of Events MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Our fiscal year began September 1st. Don't forget to send in your membership dues! Thank you to our new life members -

James Coogan

Muriel Hanger

Denman & Barbara McNear

David & Chris Talbott

Paula Bacon

Check the date on your newsletter mailing label to make sure we have received your dues.

Wednesday, October 11th

7:00 PM

Board of Directors
Meeting

Josiah Dennis Manse

All interested members are
welcome to attend.

Wednesday, October 25th

Bus Trip to

Concord & Lexington

The cost for the tour is \$47.00 per person, including lunch at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. Please send your check to Bacon Tours, Box 1028, South Dennis, MA 02660. Note on the check "DHS bus tour." Reservations must be in by October 11th.

Wednesday, October 18th

7:00 PM

Newsletter Committee Meets

Josiah Dennis Manse

Please submit your materials for the newsletter no later than Tuesday, October 17th.

Our Lady of the Cape, Brewster

Why are we including an article about a Brewster church in your Dennis Historical Newsletter? Mary Walker of Dennis was instrumental in getting the Catholic services at Carleton Hall, and later in getting the church built on Stoney Brook Road in Brewster.



Our Lady of the Cape

Originally the people of Brewster were served by priests who came from Woods Hole to Sandwich where they took the train to Harwich to say mass. In 1907 land was purchased on Route 6A in East Brewster and the church known as the Immaculate Conception Church was built by the men of the parish.

Prior to 1961, residents of Dennis would travel to West Harwich, East Brewster or Orleans to attend mass. In April of 1961, Fr. Joseph A. Nolan, M.S. of the LaSalette Order was appointed by Bishop Connolly as Administrator of a newly created parish to be known as Immaculate Conception Parish. Services were held in the East Brewster church and Carleton Hall in Dennis until a new building was erected on 28 acres of land off Stoney Brook Road, the geographical center of the parish.

Much of this information is contained in the 1978 souvenir booklet put out by Our Lady of the Cape. This booklet contains a picture of Mary, shovel in hand, at the ground breaking ceremony on December 8, 1961.

Mary, an Irish immigrant, came to Dennis as a housekeeper for Dr. Sam Crowell. She married Benjamin Walker, and was the mother of Joseph, Margaret (Mig) and Daniel. She and Ben built their home at 19 Corporation Road, Dennis in 1923. For many years they rented rooms to actors from the Cape Playhouse.

(Many of our members will remember Mary's children. Mig and her husband, Fred Maher, postmaster of Dennis, later moved into her parents home. Mig taught 2nd grade for many years. Dan, with Paul McDowell, ran the original Dennis Garage on Route 6A, where the Homestead Condos are today. Joe established the J.P. Walker & Sons oil business, which is now run by his son, Joe.)

DENNIS FESTIVAL DAYS



Jericho Historical Center

Jericho's open house demonstrated skills necessary for everyday life in an 1800's household, including spinning, knitting, making braided rugs, and quilting. The open house was very well attended, and provided a perfect place to view the antique car parade! Joan Monteiro is shown here, demonstrating her craft to Jasmine and Jade Fuchs of Rochester, NY.

Photo by R.S. Howes



Josiah Dennis Manse

The Manse holds the record for the youngest "docent," Deana Furman. Deana comes from Arlington, MA and vacationed here for a month this summer. Deana visited the Manse last summer for the Colonial Open House, and liked it so much that she returned this summer! She worked as a docent while the house was open this summer, and volunteered for our open house in August. Deana is pictured here with Ruth Derick.

Photo by R.S. Howes

Looking to get a start on your holiday shopping? Let us help!

Price List

<i>Dennis: Cape Cod</i> (history)	\$51.45	<i>A Few Memories & Digressions</i>	\$15.00
<i>The Story of Two Old Houses</i>	\$ 2.50	<i>Master Mariners of Dennis</i>	\$ 8.00
<i>Scuttle Watch</i>	\$10.00	<i>Lighthouses of Cape Cod</i>	\$31.45
<i>Cape Cod Remembrances</i> (soft)	\$10.00	<i>Dennis Vital Records</i>	\$100.00
(hard cover)	\$15.00	<i>Shiverick Ship Tiles</i>	\$ 6.50
<i>History of Levi Crowell</i>	\$15.00	Complete set of eight, in	
1858 Map of N. & E. Dennis	\$ 8.00	blue or brown	\$50.00
<i>They Built Clipper Ships</i>	\$ 8.00	<i>Cape Cod Companion</i>	\$14.95
Sears Folly (tile)	\$ 6.00		
Cup Plate (Collector's item		All above items include Massachusetts	
limited edition)	\$25.00	sales tax, but not shipping and handling.	
Howes Family Tree (31" x 25")	\$25.00	Please call Nancy Howes at 385-3528 if	
Sears Family Tree (29.25" x 24.5")	\$25.00	you have any questions!	
<i>Dennis Journal</i>	\$ 8.35		

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THE WAY WE WERE...

Sorting Cranberries

It's cranberry harvest time! Today, modern machines make short work of picking and sorting the berries for the market.

Here we have pictured workers who are sorting the good berries from the bad, and removing the chaff. In the background is a cranberry separator, which helped to sort the berries by "bouncing" the good berries away from the soft ones.



"Uncle" Jim Hinckley
Original from Marion Baker

Visitors to the Jericho Barn may remember seeing a cranberry separator on display.

