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MY 50 YEARS OF ENJOYMENT

by HAROLD C. KILMER

My 50 years of enjoyment started when I was age 12 at my friend grandmother's house. This house was built in Sutton, now West Millbury in 1742 that no longer stands. It was in her home that I had read the history of Millbury-which is about the settlers of Sutton prior to 1813. I left West Millbury in 1931. The information I learned have been and will be the most important part of my life. It helped me to be aware and concern of my father and mother's ancestors who came to America in 1638 and 1710.

My father 84 and mother 82 when they passed away. My mother's parents died age 40 in 1900 and 1901. There were 6 orphans who went to separate homes. My mother then age 10 went to live with her greataunt, age 70. Her home is on Central Turnpike where Mr & Mrs Oscar Tourtelotte now lives. She was born 1831 and died 1908. My mother lived in East Douglas for awhile. Mother came to Millbury in 1907 when her greataunt became ill. My parents were married in 1912 and were married 58 years.

May 1966 Mrs. John C. Dudley who I had never met or known of was having a reprint of the History of Sutton in memory of her sister done. I read it in the paper and

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AN INVITATION TO YOU

The June meeting of the Historical Society will be held at the Blacksmith Shop in Sutton Center on Tuesday June 8 at 8 p.m. We will be making preparations for the "Oldies but Goodies Sale". The annual sale will be at the same location on Saturday June 11 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you want to donate some articles please drop them off June 7 or 9 in the evening at the Blacksmith Shop. By all means come to the "Oldies but Goodies Sale" on June 11.

A potluck picnic is planned for the July 5th meeting at the Waters home. Mr. Jack Sughrue from East Douglas will be in charge of old-fashioned outdoor games.

August 2 meeting is a picnic at the Eight Lots School and the members will be showing slides.

October 4 is the date of the annual meeting. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Colby from Whitinsville who will show slides and display many strange and interesting relics he brought back from an expedition he made to Peru in search of poisonous frogs to be used for medical purposes.

All meetings are open to the public and you are most welcome to come and become part of the Sutton Historical Society. Most of the meetings are held at the West Sutton Community Hall at 8 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

decided that I needed one. She told me to wait because she had to get a quota so it was in Jan. 1967 that I received my book. Mrs. Dudley asked me why was I interested in the book. I told her I wanted to know more about the early settlers of Sutton and now Millbury since 1813.

When I mentioned my mother's maiden name. She told me, I am a descendant of the Paines of Worcester. After I returned home, I looked at my records and discovered that Mrs. Dudley is a descendant of one brother and I am of the other brother who came to America in 1638. The brother's father's first wife died in 1661 and he remarried in 1662.

My mother told me on the road from Manchaug to South Sutton, where the 2 granite posts standing near the road, that he had cut the keystone in the arch of the tower of the Manchaug Mill that burned in 1975. He was born in 1826 in R.I. and died in Sutton in 1891, a Civil War Veteran. I was told by Mr. Lucins Marsh that my greatgrandfather was one of the best stonemason around, and had worked on the mills, dams, walls and foundations in East Douglas and Manchaug area.

There was a story in the Blackstone Tribune October 9, 1976. I have had 3,000 copies made and will share without cost to concerned persons. It tells more about the 50 years of enjoyment concerning the histories of Millbury and Sutton.

My address is 31 Beach St.
Millbury, Mass. 01527

CORRECTION

In the March Issue, I inserted the last name wrong in the "I've been told" article. The writer of the article corrected my mistake right before mailing. I am sorry for the mistake. It should have been written-"Marion Cressy Chausse" not "Marion King".

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Within Phyllis B. Mac Laren's possession is a copy of the Bond placed upon one of her ancestors, Thomas Howe, (1656-1733) who owned a public house in Marlboro. We talk lightly of Blue Laws today. They were mighty serious business during the years of our country's beginnings and are exemplified within this Bond. Had Mr. Howe not kept to the letter of that legal document he'd have been given a whack at cooling his heels in the local "goal".

The provisions of this Bond read thus "He shall not suffer or have any playing at cards, dice, tally-bowls, ninepins, billiards or any other unlawful game or games in his said house or yard or gardens, or backside, nor shall suffer to remain in his house any person or persons not being of his family on Saturday night after dark, or on the Sabbath Day, or during the time of God's Public Worship, not shall he entertain as lodger in his house, any stranger in his house, men or women, above the space of 48 hours, but such whoes name and surnames he shall deliver to someone of the Selectmen of the town, or the Constables, unless they shall be such as he well knoweth and will ensure for his, or her, or their forthcoming, nor shall sell any wine to the Indians or negroes nor suffer any children or servant or other person to remain in his house, barn, stable, or elsewhere any rogues, vagabonds, thieves, sturdy beggars, masterless men or women, or other notorious offenders whatsoever, nor entertain any such as persons of jolly conversation or given to tippling."

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Please submit articles of historical content, memoirs, old photographs, letters and other ideas for future issues to the Editor.

FACTS ABOUT THE DAR

by Vice-Regent BEULAH WALLACE

History of the Millbury-Sutton Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. The chapter is named for our local hero of the Revolution-General Rufus Putnam. It was organized by Sarah E. Caldwell Brown, December 15, 1909 and the charter was granted Oct. 10, 1912.

There are three objectives in the organization-Historical, Educational and Patriotism. From this basis we have committees on American Heritage, American Indians, Music, Conservation, DAR Good Citizen, Museums, Schools, the Flag of U.S.A., Genealogical Records, National Defense, and Service for Veteran Patients. There is much interest in all of these group efforts.

Any woman is eligible who is a direct descendant of a Revolutionary Soldier or one who aided and abetted the cause. We are fortunate in this area to have so many interested members and others who are eligible will be warmly welcome into the organization.

This chapter has a lovely room in Colonial Hall over the Sutton Center Library. It is really a mini museum and we cherish and care for mementos which have been donated. We have many national credits for work done in our committees.

INFORMATION PLEASE

I have an interest in the activities of the Mass. Militia that fought in the French and Indian War, from Sutton under Gen. or Col. Lyman. Elisha Putnam age 39 died July 8, 1758 at Ft. Ticonderoga, N.Y. If you have any information please send it to me. Mrs. Warren (Elaine) Liepshutz Germantown, N.Y. 12526

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The Sutton Historical Society is an organization that exists to promote research and learning in the history of the town of Sutton, Massachusetts; to acquire, protect and preserve property, historical documents, relics and objects; and promote celebration of patriotic and historic anniversaries.

We own and currently are preserving and protecting a turn of the century blacksmith shop in Sutton Center. The shop is open to the public on Saturday afternoons during the summer.

We meet monthly for various programs of historical significance. The public is cordially invited to attend any of our programs.

We are governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twelve persons.

All persons who love the town of Sutton and who wish to see its historical character preserved are welcome to become members of our active and growing society by submitting the application below.

To: The Sutton Historical Society
Mr. Keneth Hoover, Treasurer
Box 127
Manchaug, Mass. 01526

I/We are interested in joining the Sutton Historical Society.

(Check one of the below)

Family membership at \$5 per yr _____

Single membership at \$3 per yr _____

Junior membership at \$1 per yr _____
(under 18 years of age)

Signature _____

(Please print) Name _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to the Sutton Historical Society.

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GENERAL RUFUS PUTNAM BUILDING IN SUTTON CENTER

Photo taken by the late Mary E. Sherman about 1900

The Charter Members of the DAR in the Millbury-Sutton Chapter:

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