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Official Programme



Enfield Bicentennial Observance



Saturday, August 13, 2016
Hanks Picnic Area, Quabbin Park



Swift River Valley Historical Society

Programme

11 A.M. Parade from Webster Road

11:30 A.M. Opening Ceremonies (Tent # 1)

Featured Speakers:

M.C. - Gene Theroux, President, Friends of Quabbin

Matthew Sisk, Deputy Commissioner DCR

Introduction of Former Residents

Marty Howe, Descendant of Enfield

Cindi LaBombard, Vice President, Friends of Quabbin

Presentation of Norwegian Defense Medal - Recipient:
Raymond E. Cook, former resident of Smiths Village

12 to 2 P.M. Musket Fire Demonstrations

Nipmuc Youth Council Shawl Dance Demonstrations

A Shave and a Haircut Barbershop Quartet

Interpretive guided tour of Webster Road
(12:30 P.M. & 2:30 P.M.)

2 to 3:45 P.M. Vintage Base Ball Game - Baseball Field

Westfield Wheelmen vs. Whately Pioneers

4 to 5 P.M. Belchertown Community Band Concert

Enfield

Enfield also had a lively export business in whetstones made of sandstone from Great Quabbin Mountain. The mountain was known for mysterious internal explosions, now explained as seismic activity that used to shake the dishes off the walls of Enfield homes. Earlier, the Nipmuc Indians had given the mountain a wide berth, believing it to be the home of demons.

Smith's Village, named for the family who developed a weaving industry there, was also very successful. Smith's was a company town full of Irish weavers, imported sheep and mills which produced cotton, wool and wool-silk cloth that had a world-wide reputation for quality.

Distinguished citizens include Francis Underwood (1825-94), a diplomat and author of nine books (including a history of the town), and sculptor Edward Clark Potter (1854-1923), who created the stone lions that guard the entrance to the New York Public Library.

Enfield's last town meeting was held April 9, 1938, 19 days before it was disincorporated. The last residents were not evacuated until early 1939. Portions of Enfield's territory were absorbed by Belchertown, New Salem, Pelham and Ware.



Above: Enfield business district as rebuilt after the first fire

About the Participants

Friends of Quabbin: was formed in 1984 as a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to increasing public awareness and appreciation of the unique natural and historical resources of the Quabbin Reservoir and Reservation. The Friends of Quabbin is currently augmenting its extensive library of historic photos and oral histories with videos merging the two that place personal histories in the context of place and time.

The **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation**, Division of Water Supply Protection, (DCR-DWSP) manages and protects the watersheds and reservoirs that provides exceptional drinking water for 2.5 million MA residents. The DCR-DWSP is also responsible for protecting the natural and cultural resources of the Commonwealth.

Swift River Valley Historical Society in New Salem, Massachusetts, keeps alive the memories of the “lost” towns of the Swift River Valley. The Whitaker-Clary House, carriage shed, and Prescott Church hold over 5,000 artifacts, and the archives contains thousands of documents and photographs relating to the towns and their histories.

The **Historical Societies of Quabbin Valley** with displays:

Ware Historical Society
Hardwick Historical Society
Petersham Historical Society
Shutesbury Historical Commission
Swift River Historical Society
Friends of Quabbin

Nipmuc Youth Council carries on the traditions of the Nipmuc peoples who have lived in this region for at least 12,000 years.

Raven Angel Nighthawk will describe Nipmuc History in our area; regalia with definition; artifacts; native language; flute music.

His Majesty's **35th Regiment of Foot** was active in North America during the French & Indian War, specifically from 1756 through 1763. Soldiers use reproduction black powder muskets, don period wool military uniforms and sleep in canvas tents while cooking over open fires much as was done 250 years ago.

Peters' Corp, the Queen's Loyal Rangers, is today portraying 18th century local militia. Today they will interpret both the Americans Patriots and Loyalists during the American Revolution.

Webster Road Tour



Continuing down Webster Road and across the road stood the home of Henry H. & Harriet R. Hunt. The Hunt homestead and farm would have been the second home southwest of the Powers estate.

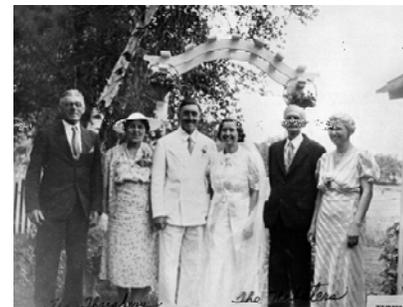
Playing Croquet on the Martindale Farm

Joel & Mary (Webster) Martindale and family playing croquet on the Martindale farm.



The Last Wedding in the Valley took place on Webster Road

Harrison & Lucille (Webster) Thresher were the last couple married before the disincorporation of the towns (1938) and flooding in 1939. They were married on Webster Road (former home of George H. & Sarah L. Webster).



Hanks Meadow was once the location of Harry Hanks Home



Cora A. & Harry A. Hanks farmhouse and farm once stood here on Hanks Meadow. Hanks Meadow was named after the former owners of this land. It was 87.2 acres which 30.1 of it being Arable (farmable) and 57.1 acres being woodland. The house formerly stood east of the access road (Webster Road).

Webster Road Tour



Just across from Hanks Meadow (gate 54) where the opening parade began on the left (east side) is the former residence of Henrietta Powers; her home was known as *Quaint Quabbin*. The above right photo shows an afternoon gathering on the porch of *Quaint Quabbin* on a summer afternoon.

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Gallant 10th Mass: Their mission is to make the public aware of the history of the 10th Massachusetts Regiment since its inception in Springfield in 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War, to the present day 104th Infantry Regiment of the Massachusetts National Guard. As an active unit, they participate in drills, parades, ceremonies and events to honor the memory and traditions of a past military regiment which played an important part in the protection of the western part of the state of Massachusetts and the preservation of the Union.

Members of the **Ware Historical Society** are recreating memories of a schoolroom circa 1916. Each year in Ware Center the Society hosts local third graders to explore Ware's history. Research and many anecdotes from Anne DeSantis Bullock who travelled from Enfield to the two room school house in Ware Center give substance to the history. Students of all ages are invited to attend class and join in the activities of school and recess. Make your manners and come learn with us. Julie Bullock, school marm. Ware Historical Society members: Paul Larson, Helen Hayes.

A Shave and a Haircut Barbershop Quartet have been singing together for 3 years. Their style of four-part harmony originated in the barbershops, livery stables, fire houses and parlors of America in the early years of the twentieth century.

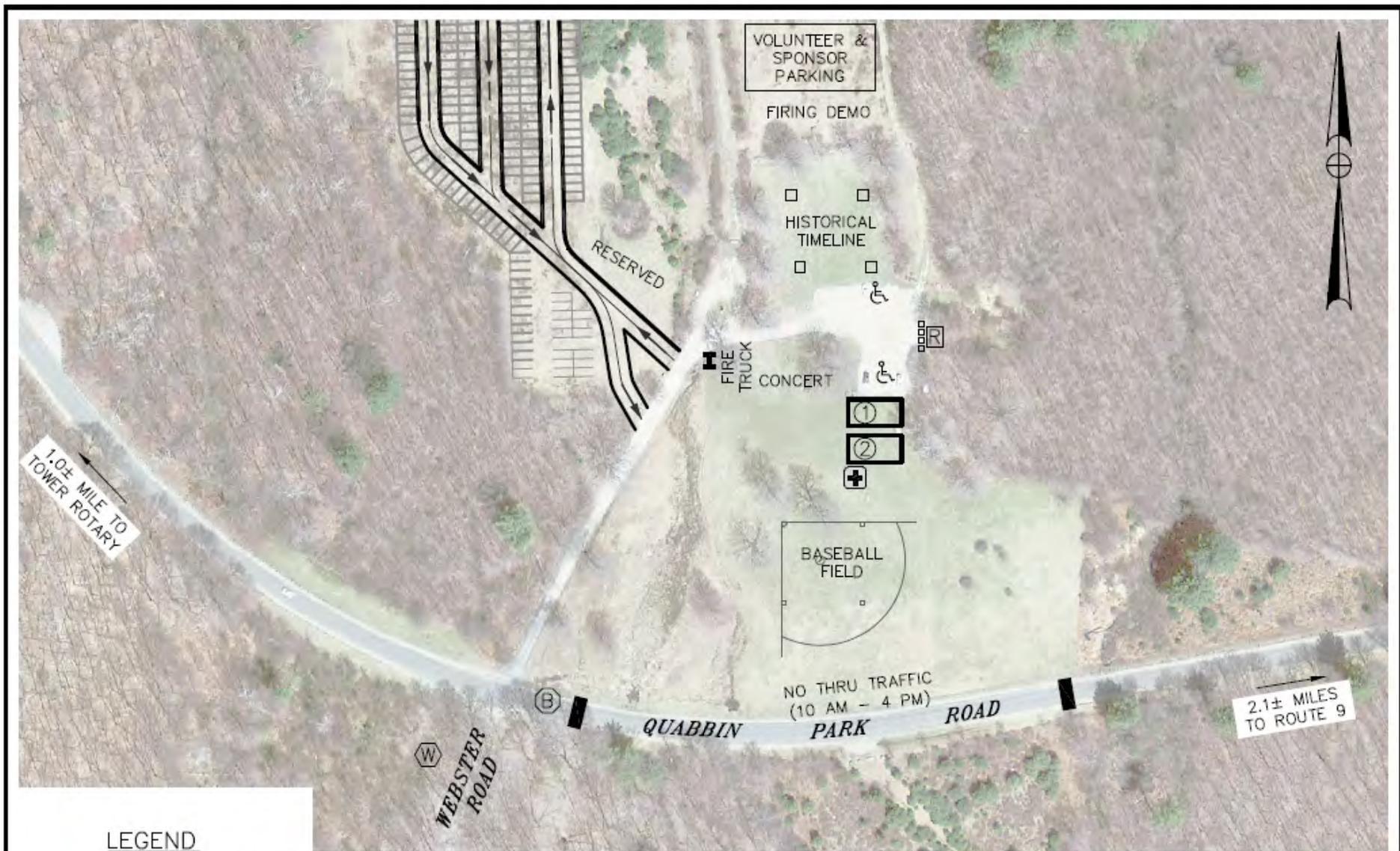
The **Belchertown Community Band** was established in 1986 by returning native Chris Harper. It performs each year during the Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day Services held the Sunday before Memorial Day at 11:00 a.m.

Vintage Base Ball Game Participants: Westfield Wheelmen and Whately Pioneers. They will be playing to the 1886 rules. Both the Westfield Wheelmen and the Whately Pioneers are on Facebook including their game schedules.



Westfield Wheelmen's Dan Genovese

Dan Genovese is the re-founder of the Westfield Wheelmen (the original Westfield Wheelmen were formed in the early 1880s) and captain of the team. The team has helped raise the interest in Westfield's stake in the development of the National Pastime. Dan was also recognized in 2010 by the Westfield Historical Commission as the recipient of their Annual Preservation Award.



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**ENFIELD BICENTENNIAL
OBSERVANCE
HANK'S MEADOW
WARE, MA**

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