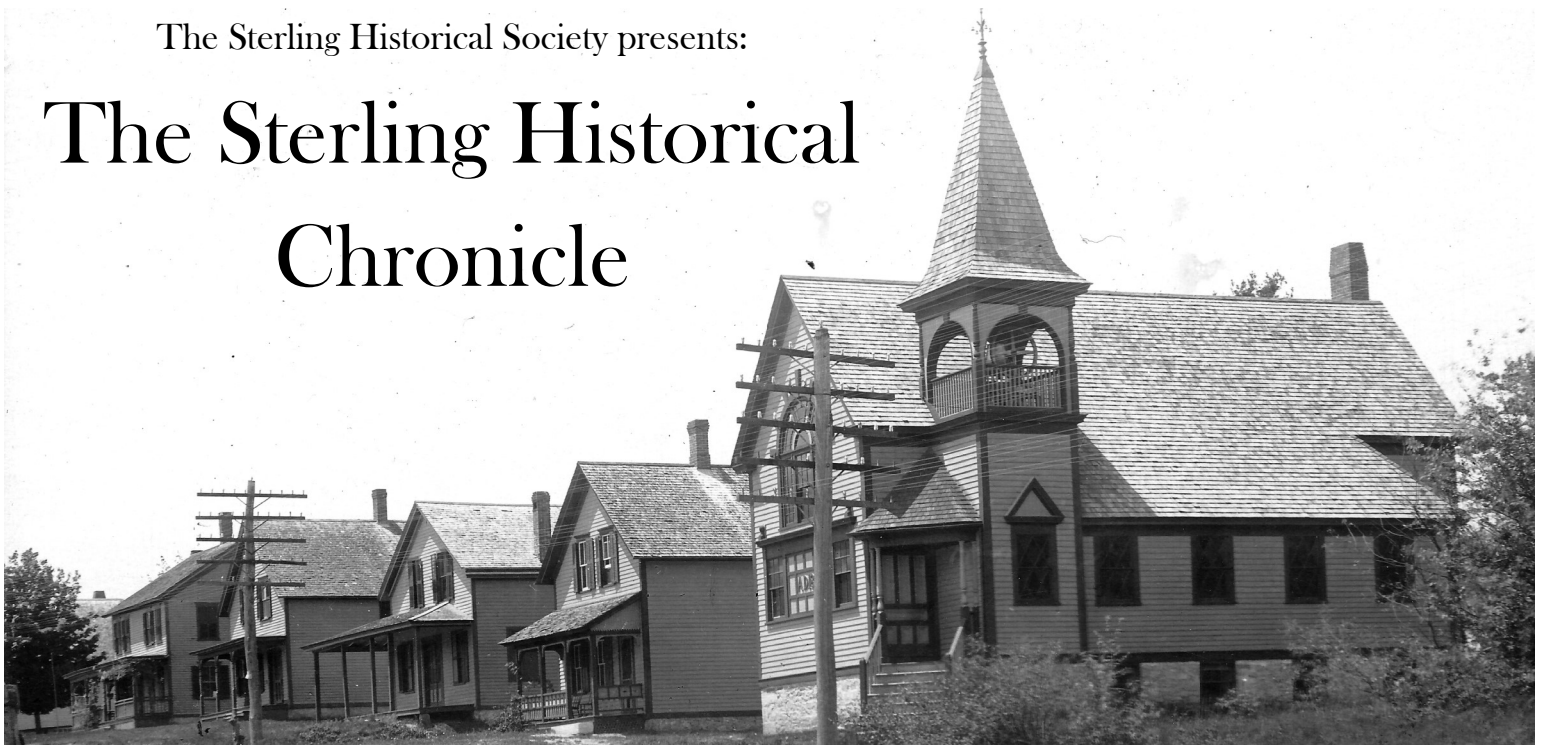


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Happy Spring!

Dear Readers,

We enjoyed seeing many of you at our booksigning of the Connecticut 169 Club with Marty Podskotch at the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm at the end of 2018. It was a lovely afternoon and we had a great time chatting with everyone who came to pick up their own copy of the book. The turkey farm is also now carrying copies of both this book and our Sterling in Retrospect reprint.

While we're on the subject of books, I had the pleasure of reading A Winding Stream: The Handy-Hudson Canoe Trip of 1924 by Martha Reynolds on one of those cold days just after the holidays were over. It documents a two-week canoe & camping trip down the Moosup River, to the Quinebaug, to the Thames, and onward around Little Narragansett Bay and back into Rhode Island, with brief mentions of stops in Oneco and Sterling. I donated a copy to our society's small library. Speaking of our library and archives, our curator (who has kept track of our materials for the past ten years), Ron Marchesseault, is preparing to hand the reins over to Mike Gadoury. Mike was instrumental in getting Sterling in Retrospect reprinted and is a librarian over at ECSU in Willimantic. We thank Ron for his extensive cataloging work!

Now that spring is just around the corner, we are getting back to work on our various projects. The Sterling Gardening and Beautification Club is trying to launch with a growing community on Facebook and we have floated the idea of teaming up with them to get some cleanup work in our small cemeteries done.

-Megan McGory Gleason, President

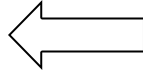


*Author Marty Podskotch, President Megan McGory Gleason, and Treasurer/Curator Ron Marchesseault*

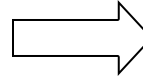
## The Marriott Granite Quarry and its Connection to the Titanic



What does this



Have to do



With this?



Believe it or not, our little town has a direct connection to the most famous maritime disaster of all time. Join us on Saturday, April 20th to find out more about this connection. We will host a presentation both about the Titanic and the quarry, so if you have an interest in either then this is an event that you won't want to miss.

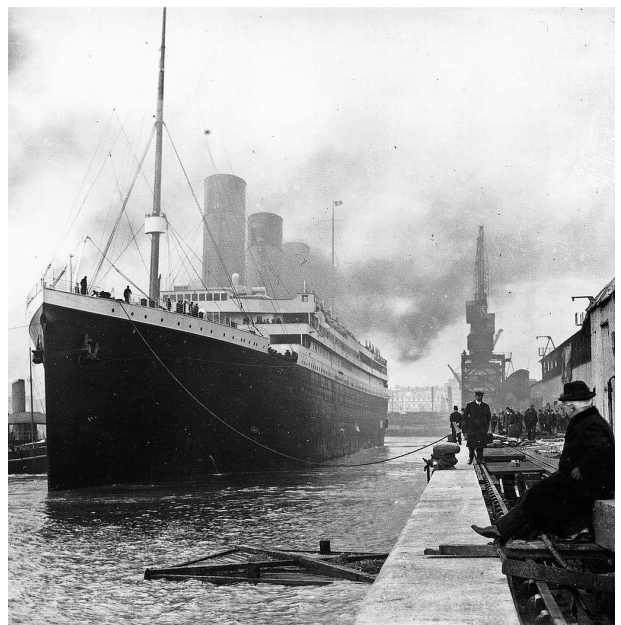


### IF YOU WANT TO GO:

**WHAT:** The Marriott Quarry and its Connection to the *TITANIC*

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 20, 2019 10:30AM

**WHERE:** Sterling Senior Center, Sterling Municipal Building



## From the Archives!



A group of quarrymen. We unfortunately don't have identification for anyone in this photo. Do you recognize them?



### SHERMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY—1919

50TH Anniversary of Robert Aldrich Sherman and Anna Jane Sayles Sherman, married Dec. 26, 1869. The identities of everyone in this photo are out of order but written on the back as follows: Henry Sherman, Francis Sherman, Aurilla Congdon, Ethel Sherman, Charles Hess, Hattie Miller, Robert I. Sherman, Grace Dixon, James Dixon, Eileen Sherman, Joseph Duquemin, Clark Congdon, Fred Sherman, Robert Dixon, Henry Miller, Richard Sherman, Mary Hess, Bertha Whitford, Angie Duquemin, Charles Sherman, Tacy Lincoln, Silvia Whitford, Edward Sherman, Wilbur Sherman, Fred Whitford, Lester Whitford.

*-Photo courtesy of Debbie Varieur*

# Research Requests

*These are requests which have been received by our society. We do our best to answer questions but perhaps our readers may be able to help, too! Please email sterlinghistoricalsocietyct@gmail.com with information if you are able to help.*

- Information relating to the historic Card homestead on Valley View Road.
- Information relating to Frank Hazard (1855-1936) and wife Josephine (1850-1925) as well as Edith Hill (1901-1979)

# Our Wishlist

- SMS/SCS yearbooks! **ALL YEARS NEEDED!**
- Any issues of SMS newsletter “News You Can Use” or other town-related newsletters.
- Empty binders—We can always use them!
- Large plastic scrapbook page holders/protectors.
- Male mannequin (full mannequin or torso with stand).

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 We have many resources available in our room for your own historical research including the C.E.T.A. Research papers compiled by a team of researchers in 1978 and led by Carolyn Bailey-Orr. This research, written by hand on several reams of yellow legal pads, has been organized and put into page protectors and binders by the SHS after we received the repository of information from the town hall. It took us five years of preparation to be able to present this project to the public! Much of the research was later compiled by Mrs. Orr into her book, *The Roads Lead Back to Glory* (1982), of which only 50 copies were originally printed. Another 50 were printed in 1991, and we are currently at work on scanning and digitizing her book in order to have it reprinted in the future.

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 Other resources we have include Frank Decker’s life work of *The Pike Saga*, five large tomes of genealogical research written by Mr. Decker from the 70’s through 1990. We will also be digitizing these and printing them so that they will be available to the public for the first time ever.

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 We also have The Hale Collection, some early Voluntown church records, and many hard to find & out of print books relating to all of eastern Connecticut. Come visit us and learn something new!  
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