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“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”

With heavy hearts, we pay tribute to our friend, mentor, and First Selectman, Russell M. Gray.

December 28, 1944–January 12, 2021

FIRST SELECTMAN FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE AND EKONK GRANGE

“The town lost a great man today. I will miss Russell’s smile, his easy going manner and our morning talks; but most of all I will miss Russell.” -Joyce Gustavson

“A dedicated public servant and a dear friend who loved the town and the people of Sterling.” -Senator Heather Somers

“I am so taken by the news of my friend’s passing. I will always remember Russell’s steadfast smile when facing the unknown. He had an amazing calmness that truly created the atmosphere that ‘We will get through this TOGETHER.’” - Don Buell

“Truly one of the most dedicated public servants ever. May his respect for others inspire us all.” - Lana Way Salisbury



“This town lost a dedicated family man and first selectman today. Thank you for your service to this town.” -Holly Wood

IN ADDITION TO HIS MANY COMMUNITY ROLES, RUSSELL WAS A FAMILY MAN FIRST AND FOREMOST. OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE GRAY FAMILY.

“It’s tough for a small town like ours to lose such an experienced and passionate public servant. He could have taught the politicians a thing or two.” —Jim Verge

“He was such a giving person, a nice man who did so much for this town. No matter how big or small it was. I will surely miss his smile, welcoming demeanor, and his comfortable presence.” -Veronica Philips Moran

“He was a kind man. When I was in high school, he was my bus driver. We had so much fun when he drove the bus. He was so young at that time. Had the best sense of humor ever. He really was one of the nicest guys you could ever meet. Loved his family and his town so much.” - Lorraine Kolek Blake

Goodbye to Old Friends and Looking Ahead in 2021

Dear Readers,

As I worked on this newsletter, I received the sad news that Russell Gray, our First Selectman for the past 16 years, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 12. He is dearly missed by our society, as he was always quick to lend a hand or a word of advice. I personally will miss seeing him whenever I stopped by the town hall, as he always made time to say hello. Without him, our society would not have its permanent home in the Sterling Municipal Building, which at times is the only anchor for us when it's hard to keep regular meetings or when our membership is down.

Our last newsletter was so upbeat with hope for the 2020 which was to be, but our last newsletter was written in February when Covid-19 was only a whisper in a far off place. With the town hall closed, Grange Fair, Family Day, and Farm Day all canceled, our little historical society didn't even meet for months on end. Emails trickled in from researchers stuck at home, and every once in a while an envelope would arrive with some ephemera from folks taking this time to clean out their closets and attics.

I realize that this newsletter is much more somber than most, but our town has lost many treasured citizens over the past year, including five who have contributed in a meaningful way to the historical society even if they weren't able to attend meetings. Edith Remington passed at age 98, who was glad to share her history in an interview with us in 2010. She also donated a large painting to the society of North Sterling which hangs in the front hall of the Sterling Municipal Building so it can be enjoyed by all.

Recent donations include an entire album of Revere Mill Fire photos and newspaper clippings saved by Lester Burdick. Anna Gagner, recently retired tax collector (after 32 years!), donated a lot of ephemera as she cleaned her house in preparation for moving down south.

During our extended downtime, I have been scouring the internet for postcard views of Oneco and Sterling for our archives, and have been pleasantly surprised with different finds. One of them was this view of the Line Church in the early 1900's. See pages 4 and 5 for more!

In July, I had a lovely visit from Pastor Nate Pickowicz, who came to our society from New Hampshire to do research on his ancestor, Rev. Isaac Smith, who was born here in (what later became) Oneco in 1744. The Smith family at that time had settled along the Mousup River and the long house (formerly known as Young's Store) across from the Oneco Fire Department is one of their remaining original homesteads. On the sunny day in which Nate visited, we walked from the historical society to the long house, and from there to Riverside Cemetery. It is quite something to walk in the footsteps of ancestors from 250 years ago! Nate has donated a small volume of Rev. Smith's sermons, [The Faithful and Wise Servant: Fidelity in Pastoral Ministry](#), to our society and is working on a longer biography about the reverend. His trip inspired us to continue to research the oldest houses in the Oneco area and their original residents, including houses rumored to be a part of the Underground Railroad, but haven't yet been proven to have been a part of it.



Above: Edith Remington donated this painting by Raymond J. Holden of the Line Store in North Sterling, visible to the right of the flag pole across from the two-story farmhouse. Holden, a WPA artist who donated his work to the town as well as the Slater Museum, lived and painted in Sterling from 1937 until his passing in 1993. Below: A real photo postcard of the Line Church, (the parsonage was built on the location of the Line Store after it burned in 1889.)



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However, due to the pandemic, plans for further research have been indefinitely sidelined. Different resource centers are closed or open by appointment only and with my son distance learning more days than he is not, the days I have off I have to spend catching up on my own work. It has been a frustrating year for everyone. (It is also the reason there were no newsletters since last March, not like we had all that much to write about.)

Things are looking up, though, with Covid numbers declining and vaccinations taking place. Dare we hope to see Family Day on the calendar for September?

Speaking of celebrations, this year Voluntown celebrates its 300th anniversary. Truthfully, that celebration is as much a celebration for Sterling as Oneco and Sterling Hill were the original location of Voluntown as it was incorporated in 1721. When our towns split, they got the name and got to keep the records, but we got the settlement and all the best farmland. Over time, history became distorted and people began to assume that present-day Voluntown village was the original settlement. While writing that history would be far too much content for a short newsletter, a new history book is in the works which will explain this in far greater detail.

What have YOU been doing during the pandemic/quarantine? Did you take advantage of the town-wide Easter Egg hunt last spring, where residents put paper eggs on their mailboxes? My son and I enjoyed driving around town trying to find eggs. Did you visit the Ekonk Grange's brand new Little Free Library and trade a book, or donate a bunch? If you have never heard of a Little Free Library, the basic concept is "Take a book, Leave a book" and more information (and more libraries can be found at littlefreelibrary.org.) Though the Grange put the library away for the winter, once spring starts up you might find me there a time or two. The Ekonk Little Free Library is the perfect place as coincidentally Sterling's first social library was located in the Line Meetinghouse (present day Sterling Church of Christ). Isn't it interesting how some things come full circle?



While we're on the subject of libraries, everyone has noticed how Oneco is "lit up like Times Square" with the addition of the electronic billboard sign at the Sterling Municipal Building/ Sterling Public Library. This beacon in the night was donated with funds from the estate of the late Danny Sepe, a beloved library volunteer who passed away in November 2017 as a lasting gift to the town. We might just have entered the 21st century when our little town gets an electronic sign before any sort of traffic light!

One relic of the not-so-recent past, the former tire burning plant, met its demise with much less fanfare than it came in with. For those old enough to remember, the giant square building on top of one of our largest hills was the subject of intense debate which split the town back in the late 1980's before it began operation at the dawn of the 90's. I was surprised when I heard it this past March that it was in the middle of being demolished, and took a few pictures for our archives. I was a bit late as not much was left and it was the day before the demo was scheduled to be finished. Funny how something which caused so much controversy came and went, and the blue box on the hill, which could be seen from as far away as Canterbury, became a memory almost overnight. If you would like to contribute your own photos of its demolition to our archives, send them our way!

-Megan McGory-Gleason, President



Photo courtesy Ekonk Grange

Back on September 1, Gov. Ned Lamont came to the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm during the Celebrating Agriculture 20th Anniversary Kick-Off Event, hosted by Rick and Katie Hermonot. Above, late First Selectman Russell Gray converses with Gov. Lamont.



Finding History

Scrolling through my facebook feed a few months ago, I stumbled upon an interesting Marketplace ad: “*Lifetime Collection of Real Photo Postcards, \$9000.*” Of course, not having the funds to purchase such a collection (nor interest, frankly, as it was for the entire state), I messaged the seller asking what he had for Sterling/Oneco/Ekonk. The answer came back, about 50, but I would have to buy them all at \$1500. Again, not interested. Nor would he send any photos as it would decrease the value. I assure you, I really didn’t care, I just wanted to *see* them. To see what I was missing, to see whatever might be out there that I hadn’t seen before. I scheduled a visit with the seller, who told me he would only sell me duplicates.

To be sure, postcards of Sterling, Oneco, North Sterling, and Ekonk are indeed rare. Last spring, I lost an eBay auction on an image of the former Foley Tavern once I tapped out on bidding at \$50. Luckily the seller had posted a decent photo of the postcard, so we have the image. Some of these postcards may indeed be one of a kind, having been developed directly onto postcard backings after this style of postcard (real photo postcards, or RPPC) was approved by the Post Office Department in 1907. So if postcards of Sterling and Oneco are rare, actual photographic postcards of the same are even more so.

In early February I donned my mask and took a trip to see this postcard collection about half an hour away. He only had a couple duplicates of postcards in his collection, one of which I didn’t have, and promptly bought. He did show me the rest of his collection but was adamant about not breaking it up unless I paid a full \$1500. Our historical society luckily has a lot of the same cards he does, but it doesn’t have that Foley Tavern card...which he does. Turns out he bought it on eBay last spring for \$50, and didn’t know where in Oneco it was even located.

But there were a few cards in his collection I had never seen before, one of which being an image of the “Community Service Center” - a large brick building with dormers, in a state of destruction. Someone had written on the back that it had been taken in Oneco “after the tornado”, which I figured was incorrect because I had never heard of a tornado coming through Oneco. But...where was this service center? It didn’t look familiar at all. There was another image of the Oneco schoolhouse prior to the addition of the bell tower. I took notes on what I had seen as soon as I got back to my car. The lone card I did buy of the “Mapleside Grocery Store,” I wasn’t even sure if it was Sterling or Killingly (upon closer examination, the card itself said it was located in North Sterling, so I did feel a bit better).

After a few days I realized that the website Worthpoint keeps old photos from old auctions for several years and set out to see what other postcards I had missed. Lo and behold, there was that “Community Service Station” card. I saved the picture and went to go see my 90-year-old grandfather (who was born and brought up in Plainfield and has gotten the Covid vaccine) to ask him if he had any idea where this service station was. I’ve been researching Sterling history almost 25 years and truly was stumped. If mislabeled, that Community Service Station card could be anywhere in the country.

In the meantime, a trusted local postcard dealer had stumbled upon a cache of RPPCs from Plainfield, Sterling, and Oneco. I ended up purchasing a decent amount of known locations in Sterling, but he still had a large amount of photos with no labels as to their location, but were likely Plainfield/Sterling/Oneco/Central Village. There was an image of a mill building I didn’t recognize, some unique looking large homesteads, an unidentified one-room schoolhouse. These were all one-of-a-kind images taken by John Prior of Moosup back in 1912. John Prior, by the way, was the first president of the Plainfield Historical Society in 1916 and also one of the first librarians of the Aldrich Public Library. His interest in Sterling was that his wife was born on Sterling Hill and he himself was descended from Thomas Champlin, buried in Riverside Cemetery. He took photos all over town of locations we had nothing for; the Potter Tavern, Williams Cemetery, the 1912 Decoration Day Parade in the cemetery. However, he didn’t always label what the locations actually were, leaving us to scratch our heads and scour Google Earth over 100 years later.

My grandfather wasn’t much help with the postcards I showed him other than the cars in the service station photo was a 1934 Ford and a 1933 Buick, which cemented for me that it was likely a 1938 Hurricane photo. He had no reason to travel to Sterling or Oneco while growing up as Plainfield had everything they needed. He didn’t even think he’d come to this town until he was in his 20’s. That’s just how it was back then. But as I showed him the postcards, I realized something; the mill building I didn’t recognize and the Community Service Station building were one and the same, and I hadn’t noticed until I looked at them consecutively. Now I was onto something, knowing that the service station building had to be local if John Prior had photographed it, and that it used to be a mill. I called my husband raving about how the buildings were the same on my way home from my grandparents’. Meanwhile my husband was like “This couldn’t wait until you got home?”

Finding History...continued

When I got home, I started digging through images I had saved of the mills in town, zeroing in on the Oneco paper mill at the turn of the 20th century. The original cotton mill on that location had burned in 1899 so I knew it wasn't that, but there were other buildings in that complex that I hadn't memorized. There was a smokestack in the postcard which didn't match the smokestacks in Oneco. This was not a U.S. Finishing Company mill building. As I flipped through my saved photos, all of the sudden I found an image of the Central Village Yarn Factory. There were the familiar dormers, the correct smokestack. It wasn't Oneco after all. I'd just spent three weeks tracking down a postcard for Central Village instead of Oneco. Well, at least I knew I didn't want to find a copy of that postcard for myself anymore! It was located in the area of the present day Transmission Central at 55 East Main St. It would have been quite the expensive postcard. I write this for future historians, in case they ever come across a card labeled as "Oneco after the Tornado". Labels don't mean anything if they're not correct.



Oneco Paper Mill with 18th century residences in the foreground circa 1915, for reference.



The photo labeled as "Oneco after the Tornado."

(Most likely 1938 Hurricane)



John Prior's unlabeled postcard circa 1912



The image which solved the mystery of the Central Village Yarn Co. circa 1907.

However these weren't the only postcards I was trying to identify, as I said, there were a lot of unidentified photographs of homes and locations, which I am still actively working on. John Prior's work was a treasure trove for us and we are lucky he saw the value in documenting our area at a time when photography as a hobby was still expensive.



This recent eBay find is only labeled "Sterling, CT" and "I want this back" (which of course begs the question did she ever get it back?) The location of the small house is unknown as well as the identity of the family in the photo. Can you recognize them? Circa 1910.

In Memoriam

In 2020 our town had to say goodbye to many long-time and influential residents. Our apologies if we have missed anyone as it is never our intention. To submit individuals for our memorial pages in the future, (those who have had a significant connection to Sterling or Oneco) please email us at sterlinghistoricalsocietyct@gmail.com.

Avis Barr— *April 9, 1917 - February 29, 2020*: At 102, Avis Barr was one of our oldest residents. Prior to her retirement, she worked at the U.S. Finishing Company for many years. She was a longtime member of the Moosup Methodist Church, the Ekonk Grange, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Sterling Senior Center.

Madelene Cleveland— *September 26, 1935 - April 20, 2020*: Madelene Cleveland worked and lived at Falls Creek Farm for 25 years as a caretaker along with her husband, Roger.

Raymond Breault— *October 25, 1941 - May 17, 2020*: Raymond Breault served his community as a member of the Sterling Fire Department and as an EMT for 25 years.

Raymond Brown— *September 23, 1931 - July 3, 2020*: After returning from serving the Army in the Korean War, Ray Brown worked as a mechanic in his father's garage, Brown's Auto, on Rt. 14. Beginning in 1954, he worked on multiple generations of family autos for 60 years until he closed the garage in 2014 to enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

Mary Campbell — *October 26, 1926 - August 24, 2020*: Mary Campbell showed her passion to her community through her dedication to many Sterling organizations. She was President of the PTO, a member of the Board of Education from 1983-1995, a member of the Democratic Town Committee, the Treasurer for the Salvation Army, the President of the Rosary Society for St. Joseph's Church. She worked as the assistant to the superintendent and principal to Sterling Memorial School before working for 20 years at the Frank Chamberland Insurance Agency where she retired in 1998.

Edith Remington— *August 10, 1922 - August 25, 2020*: Edith Remington was a lifelong member of the Ekonk Grange, a member of the Putnam VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and a 4H leader. She loved to garden and sew and owned the "Tie One On" Apron Company. She was a friend to the historical society, always happy to share her memories.

Kaycee Chester — *March 4, 2005 - September 6, 2020*: Kaycee Ann Chester fought a five year battle against Osteosarcoma (bone cancer). The community came together many times through the years to show support and solidarity. She was a Make-A-Wish recipient and her smile is greatly missed.

John Firlik - *October 23, 1958 - September 9, 2020*: John Firlik was active in town politics for years and was elected to serve as Selectman. He was a friend to the historical society, having overseen our financial affairs while we were inactive and it was because of his efforts that we were financially able to pick up from where we left off once we resumed operations.

Marion Emmons — *April 16, 1927 - September 13, 2020*: Marion Emmons, a past Regent of the Jonathan Trumbull D.A.R. and 78-year Grange member, belonged to more than 25 historical and genealogical societies in the northeast. Her greatest interest, after family, was genealogy. Marion published two family booklets and contributed to many genealogical societies and libraries as she traced lineage for families other than her own. She was a Life Member of the Mayflower Society and a staunch supporter of the Sterling Historical Society since our rebirth in 2008.



In this 2008 photo, Marion Emmons receives her 65-year Granger certificate from her son-in-law, Russell Gray, at the Ekonk Grange. (courtesy of the Ekonk Grange)

In Memoriam...continued.

Candace Eno — *September 19, 1946 - October 1, 2020*: Candace Eno led the Sterling painters' class and her students mourn the loss of their mentor and friend. She had been painting since 1965 and her class was always a welcome presence at Sterling Family Day, having a friendly competition amongst themselves while their artwork was on display for the community to see.

Gerald Dewhirst— *September 24, 1948 - October 14, 2020*: A US Air Force veteran who proudly served during the Vietnam War, Gerald was a security specialist who was assigned to the pentagon during the Paris Peace Talks. In the late 70's/early 80's, he was the Sterling Town Planning Commissioner.

Norma Gannon — *December 20, 1927 - December 11, 2020*: Lived in Sterling most of her long life. She was a member of the St. Joseph's Parish Church Choir and also a member of the Sterling P.T.O. Norma loved books and had a great fondness for the Sterling Public Library, if you would like to make a donation in her honor.

Raymond L. Hawkins — *May 25, 1929 - December 13, 2020*: A Korean War vet, Ray Hawkins was a familiar Oneco native, one who was always quick with a story and remembered as being kind and humorous.

Edmond Knox — *September 21, 1956 - December 15, 2020*: Edmond Knox was the Treasurer of the H.B. Mowry Foresters of America and was a lifelong Sterling resident.

Daniel Reen — *September 27, 1931 - December 25, 2020*: "Uncle Danny" Reen worked at Sterling Wine & Spirits until the age of 89, retiring only a few weeks before his passing.

Patrick Dragon — *December 29, 1970 - January 2, 2021*: Retired Trooper First Class Patrick Dragon once served Sterling as the Resident State Trooper. Most recently a Deputy Fire Chief for the East Brooklyn Fire Department, he passed at age 50 from complications of Covid-19.

Helen Molodich — *May 30, 1925 - January 2, 2021*: The matriarch of the Molodich Family, Helen and her late husband John managed Molodich Farm, which they then passed to their five sons. Known as "Mrs. M", Helen was an 80 year Grange member, and the last surviving Life Member of the Sterling Historical Society from its original inception in 1980.

For the future, we will be saving tributes for an annual publication, rather than the quarterly newsletters.



This 1912 photo of the grave of Thomas Champlin was taken in Riverside Cemetery in Oneco by John Prior of Moosup. We have been unable to locate this stone today. It is possible that it has become weather-worn and illegible as it was last recorded in the 1934 Hale Collection.

Additional 2020 Deaths in Sterling and Oneco

Clara Silva 8/17/1945—1/13/2020

Robert Brown, Jr. 9/6/1939—1/18/2020

Walter Cholewa, Sr. 9/28/1941—1/27/2020

Susan Chappell 9/10/1955—2/1/2020

David Wozniak 11/8/1958—2/21/2020

Joyce Zavistoski 6/24/1940—3/4/2020

Gary Gaudreau 1/14/1958—3/7/2020

Billie Jo Gallup 8/7/1991—3/22/2020

Richard Dettore 4/16/67—4/25/2020

Donald Malboeuf, Jr. 3/28/62—7/23/2020

Laurie Hall 6/16/63—9/19/2020

Domenic Zacchio 7/11/1938—9/28/2020

Carol Correia 4/12/1943—10/8/2020

Joseph Mineau 4/11/1953—10/16/2020

Roger Deojay, Sr. 8/12/1943—10/26/2020

Louise Labreque 11/9/1928—11/2/2020

Dennis Dickinson 12/29/1950—11/22/2020

Rebecca Dickinson 12/11/1956—11/22/2020

Doris Roper 1/7/1926—12/8/2020

Francis Amaral 5/11/1930—12/19/2020

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.

- Proof that Samuel Titus (b. 1802) is the son of Sylvanus Titus.
- Info on the Daniel Carr family and the Sept. 1865 fire which claimed 5 children.

Our Wishlist

- Newspaper clippings! Anything pertaining to Sterling/Oneco always welcome!
- Your memories of special things you have done during this covid pandemic and photos where appropriate!
- Book: Do You See Ice? Inuit and Americans at Home and Away by Karen Routledge (it references Ambrose Bates' diary, so we would like to add it to our library.)
- YOUR photos of the tire burning plant demolition from last March for our archives!

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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. 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.

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.

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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September 2021 Addendum

Please note that this newsletter was delayed by a variety of issues, not least of which were technological problems with printing.

Dear Readers,

Spring and summer have come to a close and though we wish Covid were a distant memory, life is beginning to return to normal in our little part of the world. The Ekonk Grange held their annual Grange Fair in person on August 14 and both the Brooklyn and Woodstock Fairs took place again. Voluntown celebrated its 300th anniversary earlier this year as well, which in a way is also an indirect celebration for our town as our town had its roots in Voluntown, and Voluntown's original settlement was in the area of Sterling Hill and Oneco, long before either location was known as such.



Things have been quiet at the historical society as of late although we have received a few donations of newspaper articles of all ages from several different families, as well as other ephemera and photographs. Above left, the article about the condition of the original Sterling Center School (torn down in 1962, present location of the Sterling Post Office) was a part of a large trove of articles about the construction of the Sterling Memorial School (now Sterling Municipal Building, for all of you new to town). Above right, a selection of September 11 articles saved by the Gray family, along with other articles about the turn of the new millenium, which is fitting as we now have reached the 20th anniversary. Where were you on September 11?

Through the summer, we have seen some lively debates on both the various Plainfield and Sterling community facebook pages. Even as this newsletter finally went to print, there was a sudden renewed interest in (coincidentally) the Central Village Yarn Factory, thanks to inquisitory posts by Taylor Jackola and a postcard post by Jim Mortimer.

Speaking of postcards, I am still on the hunt for Sterling/Oneco/Ekonk/North Sterling cards, though they are rarely available. Have you ever heard of the Wheaton Wood Grove? Me neither, but there is a postcard of it out there. I do believe it was located in North Sterling, in the area of the Line Church.

One thing we have been working on setting up is a comfortable reading area within the Historical Society room, and we also have a kids' table with different activity books in case you need to bring the little ones along. For now, we are still open by appointment only, though with covid restrictions easing, we may be able to offer regular office hours soon!

In case you are wondering where the next tributes are, considering we have not updated this newsletter to include residents who have passed since January 2021, we plan to have an annual journal style publication available at every Family Day starting next year, which will be very similar to what we have presented in this newsletter and along the lines of what Killingly Historical Society offers twice per year.