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History of Plainville, Massachusetts

In going back to the very beginning of Plainville, it is of course necessary to start with a few facts concerning Wrentham, of which Plainville was at one time a part.

At a General Court holden at Newe Town, September, 2, 1635, it was ordered "That there shall be a plantation settled about two miles above the Falls of Charles River on the north-east side thereof, to have ground lying to it on both sides of the river, both upland and meadow to be laid out hereafter as the Court shall appoint."

This was the original grant of Dedham, which at that time included what later became the plantation of Wollomonuppoag, and later still the town of Wrentham.

According to the records that are available, the first settler of what is now Plainville, was an Indian, one of King Philip's braves, by the name of Matchinamook, who in 1674 petitioned for a grant of land and was given a few acres near Great Springs at the head of Ten Mile River at Patten's line. In all probability this was what is now called Fuller's Dam.

During the early years of the town it was called "Slackville," not from any lack of energy, but from the fact that Mr. Benj. Slack was one of the largest land owners at that time.

One of the earliest industries was the manufacture of nails. The nails were made by hand, cut out at the shop, and given out to be headed.

The earliest grist mill stood where the building occupied by the Plainville Wet Wash now stands. This was later used for the manufacture of snuff and also as a thread factory.

About 1811, Mr. John Richardson built a dam, raised the pond, built a factory and started the manufacture of cotton cloth. The story is told, of a young employee, by the name of Ambler, who took offense at being reprimanded by the overseer and set fire to the factory and at the same time ran away with a very valuable coat.

At this time Slackville town contained about a dozen houses. Some of these are still standing and are now more than two hundred years old, principal among them being the Wellman House, now called the "Hawes House," the Joseph Guild house, now occupied by Mr. Geo. L. Smithlin, the Benj. Slack house now being used as the Public Library.

On the site of a house now standing near the corner of Maple Street, stood the home of a very notable man, named George Robert Twelve Hughes, named twelve because he was the twelfth child. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and was one of the band of "Indians" who filled Boston Harbor with tea. He left Slackville and went out west to live with his son and in 1835 at the age of ninety-nine years he was sent for by the city of Boston as being the only survivor of the Boston Tea Party. It is said of him that at this celebration he was "very smart for a man of his age and remembered the stirring events in which he had participated very clearly." He returned to his son's home and died at the age of one hundred and six.

In 1824, Slackville had a militia company and a copy of the commission of John P. Cheever, as Captain and also his discharge appear in another part of this book.

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A resume of the jewelry business of Plainville shows such firm names as the following:

Maintien Bros. & Elliott
 C. A. Faas & Co.
 Lincoln & Bacon Mfg. Co.
 S. A. Witherell
 J. E. Maintien
 Joyce, Farnham & Ryan
 S. W. Olney
 Bisbee, Swift & Barrows
 Schofield Ashton & Co.
 J. F. Herring & Co.
 Schofield Melcher Co.
 Plainville Stock Co.
 Wade Davis & Co., now Whiting
 & Davis Co.
 Barden Blake & Co.

A history of these firms will be found in the pages of this booklet.

In the year 1856 a store was built and soon after a Post Office was established. In this year also, the name of the Town was changed to Plainville.

In the year 1870 business had begun to increase rapidly and there became a great demand for houses, so much so that in the twelve years following, eighty-seven houses were built, mainly near the center of the Town, besides a store, two large shops, post office, ice house, two school houses. This was without doubt the greatest building boom the town has experienced in the same number of years.

The first school in the center of the town stood opposite the residence of Mr. Frank King on South Street. The next one on the property owned by

Mr. Leslie Young and is now the residence of J. Fred Thompson.

Both these buildings were outgrown very rapidly so that in 1871 what is called "the old school house" was built. It is said that the change in location caused "considerable controversy."

Even this building soon proved too small and again in 1881 a still larger building was erected which was destroyed by fire in 1904.

Plainville has sent its quota of men to all the wars of this country. The following is a list of veterans of the Revolutionary War, as nearly complete as can be made, and obtained through the effort of Dr. N. C. Bullard and Mr. Fred W. Northup.

In the Shepardville Cemetery:

Capt. Benj. Shepard
 Nicholas Barton
 John George
 Sam'l. Bugbee
 Jonathan Everett
 Ezra Blake
 Rob't. Blake
 William Pond
 Ebenezer Blake
 Jeremiah Hartshorn

In the old cemetery, W. Bacon Street:

Wm. Blackington

In the new cemetery, W. Bacon Street:

Nathan Richards

In another part of this booklet will be found a history of the other military organizations of the Town.

It will be seen from the foregoing history that Plainville has enjoyed a steady and wholesome growth. With its location on the main highway and its nearness to Boston and Providence, and with a prospect of a second

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through highway in the near future, it would seem that there was every reason to expect a continued growth for many years to come.

(Note — The writer wishes to acknowledge data gathered from the History of Wrentham by Sam'l. Warner, and a History of Plainville, by Henry U. Wilson).

HISTORY OF PLAINVILLE'S PART IN THE SPANISH WAR

The following are known to have enlisted from Plainville:

- Card, Harry C. 5th Mass.
- Crotty, Charles U. S. Art.
- Entwistle, Edward Jr. 5th Mass.
- Gardner, Bartland U. S. Cavalry
- Langill, C. Bedford 5th Mass.
- Northup, Fred W. 5th Mass.
- Steere, Newell U. S. Cavalry
- Steere, Howard U. S. Cavalry
- Scholz, Emil 1st R. I. Band
- Smith, Martin 6th Mass.

Since mover to Town:

- Dorset, Felix
- Loud, Harry
- Bullard, Newell C.
- Rhodes, Rupert P.

The following served in the World War also: Loud, Newell Steere, and Entwistle. The last named served with the Fifth Canadian Battalian and out of 1200 men, he and one other were the only ones at the close of the war with no hospital record although taking part in many battles including the first gas attack at Ypres. He now resides in California.

Crotty and Rhodes served in the Phillippines, the Steere brothers, Dorset and Loud in Cuba. Martin Smith in Porto Rico. The others in the reserves that saw no active service.

The following Spanish War veterans are buried in local cemeteries:

- Cunningham, Charles 5th Mass.
- Eugester, Jacob 5th Mass.
- Gay, Clinton 5th Mass.
- Langill, Bedford
- Scholz, Emil R. I. Band
- Graves, Beorge

The last named was a member of the U. S. Navy and Georgia Immunes and is buried in Geroulds Corner in the colored section.

Langill is intered in Shepardsville.

The surviving veterans thing that a Memorial of some kind, at least a tablet should be placed in the Town Hall.

The veterans of other wars have suitable memorials, and they fell that the memories of the men who served of their own free will in a war "not for conquest, but for the freedom of oppressed people and the National Honor" should not be forgotten.

We be many tongued and minded
 But one mind and one tongue
 When, wide sent, through the
 Continent

The Nations call was rung
 Then northern tongues sing Dixie
 Beneath the ancient flag
 And the southern dies to re-baptize
 His own, the Yankee rag
 Brothers; to keep in honor
 The flag of stars unfurled
 Beneath the stars of Heaven to keep
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Geo. H. Maintien Post, No. 133 G. A. R

Written by Mrs. R. F. Barton for H. Eugene Coombs, Adj. of Post.

On May 13 and May 20, 1882, a number of veterans met to organize a Post. The meeting was called to order by William H. Wade. Voted that George H. Maintien Post No. 133 Dept. of Mass. G. A. R. should be the name as selected. Mr. Maintien was a veteran who died in Anderson Prison. A committee was chosen to bring in a list of officers. At the first regular meeting May 23 in the school house hall there were twenty-six veterans mustered in to the Grand Army of the Republic and the officers duly installed into their respected stations in compliance from headquarters, by Ass't. Adj. Gen'l. Meech assisted by Chief Mustering Officer Monroe and Wm. A. Streeter Post No. 145 of Attleboro.

The charter members consisted of William H. Wade, James R. Matheron, Albert W. Burton, Ira S. Smith, Wm. A. Blake, Daniel S. Vaughn, H. Eugene Coombs, Francis Young, Jr., Wm. H. Rogers, Franklin Burton, Edward P. Davis, Louis Heckman, Perry A. Ballou, Casper Hartman, John Fry, Samuel Rand, Louis P. Maintien, Peter Roberts, Julius S. Blake, Charles A. Coombs, Charles O. Jackson, Charles A. Esleck, Charles H. Ballou, Granville Morse, George T. Barnes and John G. Doran.

The post was soon moving forward and a fair was soon in progress, and on Dec. 21 - 22 - 23, 1882 it netted to the post the sum of \$1325.00. In the year 1883 a committee reported the purchase of the school building and arrangements were made to have it moved across the street on to a lot bought by them from the Plainville Stock Co., but now belonging to James Crotty on South and School Streets.

A communication was received from D. A. Corey, Supt. of Plainville Stock Co., as follows:

"I enclose for the Plainville Stock Co. our check for four hundred dollars, subscribing said amount by a vote of the Company to the G. A. R. as evidence of our good will and to promote their best interests in their present undertaking."

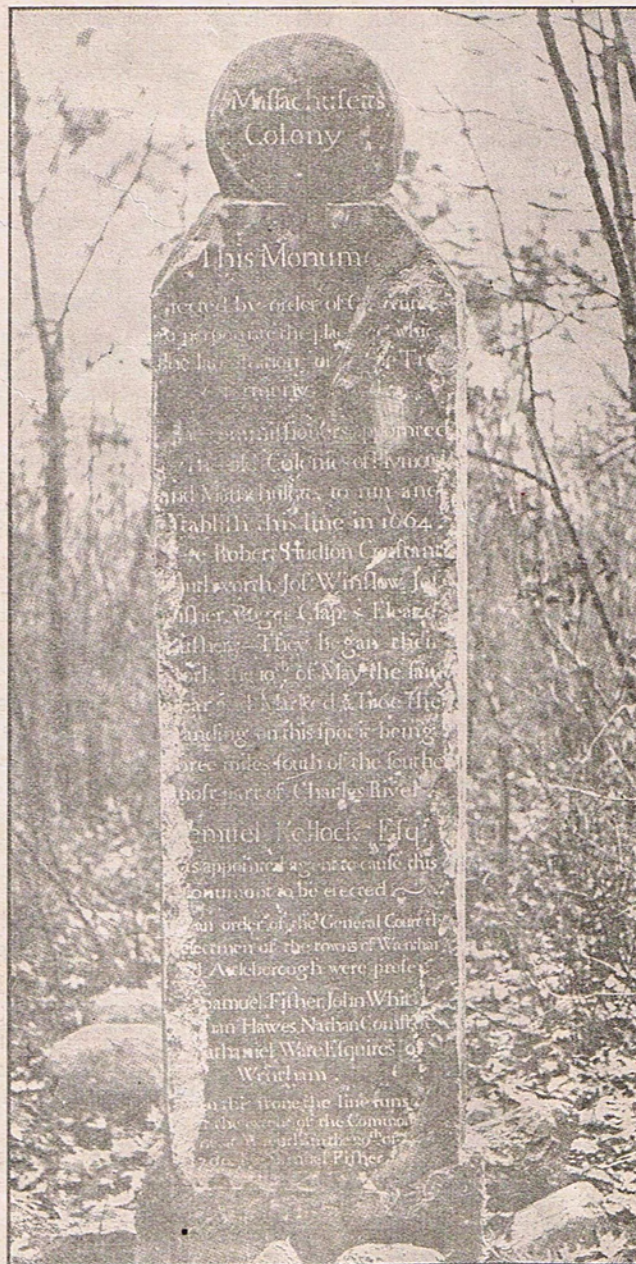
The upper and lower hall and basement of Grand Army Hall were soon fixed up with lights, furniture and all necessary comforts were added and different societies were allowed to use it. Different committees were working for the good of the order. Socials, lectures and entertainments were held. Neighboring Posts visited and conventions were enjoyed. Memorial Day was observed by the Post and many cemeteries were visited and the graves of the soldiers were kept decorated with flowers and flags.

Watchers and nurses were furnished for all sick comrades. A large sum was expended for the assistance of the soldiers and their families. On Dec. 26, 1905 a most disastrous fire occurred, the Grand Army building being entirely destroyed with some of the furniture, pictures, Charter, muskets and other valuables.

The Post took on new courage and started anew in the work, meeting at different places. Their last home was in the building at that time owned by Earl Thompson and later by Falk & Henrich. There has been over seventy members on the roll in the forty-five years of its existence.

At the present time, June 1930, there are three remaining veterans, H. Eugene Coombs, Charles Card, and Casper Hartman.

From the Post, Eugene Coombs, a past Commander, is the only remaining comrade who enlisted from Wrentham as far as is known.



HISTORY OF ANGLE TREE STONE

By John A. Kenerson

During this Tercentenary celebration, Plainville can proudly come forth with a bit of interesting history. It seems appropriate at this time to say something about the Old Angle Tree Monument. This monument which divides the Old Massachusetts Bay Colony and Plymouth Colony, is also on the southern boundary of the town of Plainville. This historical boundary mark dates back to 1628. History tells us that when Charles I. granted the Patent to the Mass. Bay Co. in March 1628, the southern extent of the boundary of the company's domain, was designated as three miles south of the southernly end of Charles River.

Disputes arising as to what was in Plymouth Colony and what was in Massachusetts Colony, and questions of authority as to disputed territory and homesteads, brought about the desire to have this line more real and definite in its marking. The two Colonies by their appointed representatives drew up and signed an agreement in 1640 regarding this line.

The monument is a slate shaft about fourteen feet in height and two feet in width and as the old records express it "Great weight!" The circle at the top of the monument on the north side carries the words "Massachusetts Colony," on the south side "Plymouth Colony." Then follows the text practically alike, on each side, with the exception of the difference in names of those concerned in establishing the line.

Again, Plainville is interested in this old boundary mark as it is the emblem of the town seal. This is due to the untiring efforts of the late James H. Shannon, who for twelve years served as clerk of the town of Plainville, and who was always interested in anything having historical value.

Anyone desiring to visit the Angle Tree Monument can do so by going west on High Street to Peck Road, continue on Peck Road keeping to the right of the sign board reading "Woonsocket via Arnold Mills." About three hundred feet farther a rough sign indicates the path to the monument. A walk of perhaps ten minutes brings the monument into view.



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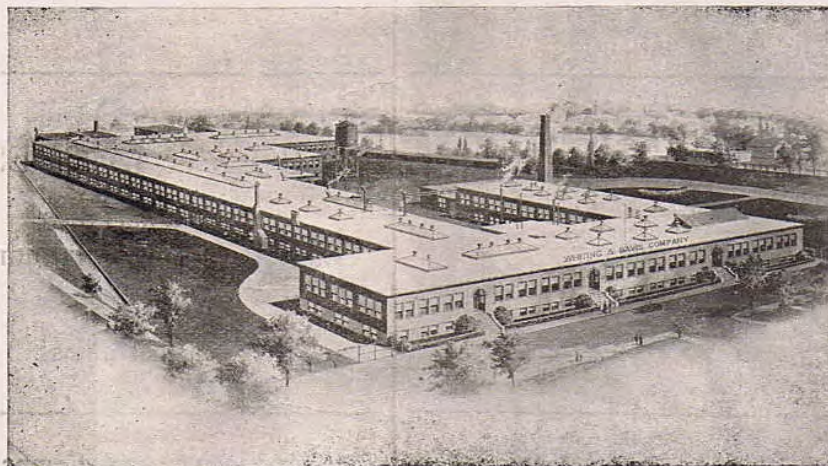


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History of "John Edward McNeill Post" of "The American Legion"

Written by Harold Anderson

Preamble to the Legion Constitution

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

It is necessary if we are to have a complete record of the "John Edward McNeill Post No. 217" of "The American Legion," to go back to that memorable day of April 6, 1917, when our country declared that the right of might should not prevail.

Immediately all the available forces of our nation's defense were called into active service. Co. I. of the old 5th Mass. Regt. was mobilized and encamped at Camp Sweet, Attleboro. There were three Plainville boys who went with this outfit. Emil C. Rudolph, Joseph F. McQuade and Wesley H. Burton.

Realizing the immensity of the struggle its citizens were engaged in, our Government at once took steps to utilize its resources in man power to the utmost. The Selective Draft was put into operation and on June 5th,

1917, all men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one, throughout the country were registered. In this little town of Plainville there were one hundred men registered.

Many of Plainville's sons were leaving to take up arms in defense of their country and on Sept. 21, 1917 the first of the quota to be called in the Selective Draft reported at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. There were five men in this group from our town, and it is worthy to note that four of these were married.

Plainville has not forgotten that beautiful September morn when the new recruits for the National Army, from the Attleboro District, passed thru the center of the town and paused while its citizens wished them God-speed on their great adventure. From this time until the end of the war, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of the year 1918, men were constantly leaving to enter the service of their country, until Plainville was represented by fifty-eight loved ones. The names of these men may be seen on the bronze tablet on the boulder in front of the Town Hall, placed there by the grateful citizens of this town.

When you read these names you will see four "In Memoriam". The four sons Plainville mourns and honors are:—

1. John Edward McNeill, second class seaman U. S. N. died in action Oct. 11, 1917. U. S. S. Lewis Luckenbach, sunk off the coast of France.

2. Clifton Stephen Grinnell, first class seaman U. S. N. died in action Dec. 6, 1917 U. S. S. Jacob Jones, sunk off the coast of Ireland. This man was not killed in the first explosion, but with some others manned one of the ships launches to try to get help, but whether this boat foundered or was sunk by the submarine is unknown. He was never seen again.
3. Fred E. Bolton, Private Co. L. 9th Inf. Second Div. Died in France, Oct. 2, 1918. On first being drafted he was rejected but refused to return home even though strongly urged by his father. He secured work with a contractor of the camp grounds at Devens and later succeeded in enlisting with Co. L. 9th Inf.
4. Elmer O. Walden, 21st Field Artillery Wagoner Supply Co. died in Toul, France, Jan. 26, 1919. This man was a sergeant in the Regular Cavalry stationed on the Mexican border, where he would have been perfectly safe, but was reduced to the ranks, at his own request in order that he might go to the front.

There is nothing greater than to give your life for your country.

In this history of the John Edward McNeill Post 217 of The American Legion, we will touch briefly on the beginning of "The American Legion." Gen. John J. Pershing, Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, in the spring of the year 1919, detailed men from the different organizations to meet for the purpose of founding a society to include all Veterans of the World War. "The American Legion" is the only veteran society which represents all World War Veterans of the United States.

As soon as possible after the Armistice was signed Nov. 11, 1918, our government began to bring our boys home. The first Plainville boy to return was Francis N. Zilch, Dec. 1918, who came all the way from England. From then until September 1919, the boys came back one or two at a time until all had returned. All but four who gave their lives that Democracy Might Live.

Memorial Day 1919, the first Memorial Day for the returned World War Veterans, found them proud to join their comrades-in-arms of the War of '61 in honoring the dead of that great conflict to affirm the principle that all men are equal and this United States must be preserved.

On this occasion it was voiced among the Service Men that there should be some sort of a Veterans organization in the town of Plainville, but no definite steps were taken at this time. The following month, June, Plainville citizens, feeling that her boys should have some tangible evidence of her regard for them, gave a "Welcome Home Banquet" to the returned soldiers in the A. O. U. W. Hall. At this banquet every man who entered the service of his country was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" and a medal bearing a suitable design on the front, and the Town Seal on the back. The service man's name was engraved on the crossbar, which was joined to the medal by a red, white and blue ribbon.

The speakers at this celebration were, Com. Chas. N. Moore of the Geo. H. Maintien Post G. A. R. and Capt. Chas. T. Crossman, the recently returned commanding officer of the Supply Co. 101st, Regt. 26th Div. U. S. A. one of the organizers of the American Legion Post of Attleboro, who urged the ex-service men of

Plainville to form a Post. Both speakers stressing the point that "The American Legion" was the only organization that represents all World War Veterans.

During the summer of 1919 the need of an organization was keenly felt by the local ex-service men and in September of that year, due to the efforts of Capt. Fred W. Northup and Lt. William Russell, a meeting was held in the G. A. R. Rooms A. O. U. W. Hall. These two men with the aid of Capt. Crossman of Attleboro urged the men present to form a Legion Post. It was so decided and a committee was formed to get the fifteen signatures necessary on the application to secure a charter.

This committee composed of Wm. Russell, Emil Rudolph, Herman Rudolph and Harold Anderson, set out that Sunday afternoon to bring a Legion Post to Plainville. One eligible man was seen on an electric car which was promptly boarded by three of the committee, while the committee's faithful fliver trailed along, until the comrade succumbed to the arguments of the three and signed up. The fifteenth and final signature was secured at the Plainville Depot when the evening train from Boston rolled in and a surprised ex-service man stepped into the arms of the committee, who had been tipped off that he was coming. His only remark being, "What's it all about. Oh all right I'll sign." The names of the charter members are:—

List of Charter Members

1. Emil C. Rudolph
2. Herman G. Rudolph
3. William R. Russell
4. Charles E. Russell
5. Harold L. Anderson
6. Lawrence F. Blackwell
7. Howard P. Bigelow
8. Frank E. Culhane
9. Stephen J. Rubuck
10. Kenneth L. Hewes
11. George W. H. Fisler
12. Francis N. Zilch
13. Earl A. Rose
14. Llewellyn H. Esau
15. Robert J. McNeill

The first meeting of the Plainville Post of "The American Legion" was held in the G. A. R. Rooms, A.O.U.W. Hall, Oct. 9, 1919. We will review the minutes of the first meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the committee formed for the purpose of organizing a Legion Post in Plainville, Lt. William Russell. He briefly stated the purpose and ideals of "The American Legion."

The first business was the election of officers with the following men elected:—

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Commander | William Russell |
| Vice Com. | Francis N. Zilch |
| Adjutant | Harold L. Anderson |
| Finance Officer | Charles Russell |
| Chaplain | Robert J. McNeill |
| Historian | Jarvis Kenyon |

Frank Culhane was elected delegate to the State Convention, in Worcester, Oct. 15th & 16th. A committee of three were appointed to look up quarters for the Post.

All members of the Geo. H. Maintien Post, G. A. R. and Capt. Fred W. Northup, who was so instrumental in forming the Post and all other Spanish War Veterans residing in the town of Plainville, and Miss Bertha Cote, who served as a French Red Cross Nurse in the war, were made Honorary Members of the Post.

It was voted to name the Post for the first man killed in action, from this town, the adjutant being instructed to obtain the necessary information. The meeting adjourned at eleven twenty P. M.

It is evident that the committee on quarters accomplished their mission for the second meeting, thru the courtesy of the Firemen was called to order in the Engine House. At this meeting the Post received its name.

It was exceptionally fitting that the Post of "The American Legion" of Plainville should bear the name of John Edward McNeill, for not only was he the first man killed from this town, but he was the first man from Massachusetts to lose his life in the service. Mr. McNeill enlisted April 30, 1917, in the naval service of the United States. He went to the Newport Naval Training Station, where he stayed approximately three weeks. He was then sent to New York City and remained at the Park Barracks a short time, after which he received a rating as second class seaman. He then volunteered for active service and made his first trip across the Atlantic and back as a member of the gun crew of the U. S. S. Gargoyle, plying to Portugal. One month after his return he left Brooklyn again, this time upon the U. S. S. Lewis Luckenbach bound for France. The Luckenbach stopped at the port of Brest and left for Harvre, Oct. 11, 1917. At 5 p. m. on that day the armed guard, of which Seaman McNeill was a member, succeeded in sinking a German submarine, ranging the twin periscope with one shot. At 8 o'clock, three hours later, the U. S. S. Luckenbach was torpedoed about ten miles off the coast of France. The coast line would have been visible but for the darkness which had fallen. A blow from below lifted the vessel out of the water. The noise of the explosion was not great, yet all on board knew what had happened. Three lifeboats were lowered, and every man, said Third Mate Dunphe, would have been saved but for the smashing of one of the lifeboats against the windward side of the vessel. Ten men in all were lost

including Mr. McNeill and the French pilot who had boarded the Luckenbach to direct its safe course into port.

At the sixth meeting of the Post, Dec. 26, 1919, without any previous warning, comrade Robert McNeill, in behalf of his father, presented the National Colors to this Post in memory of his brother, John Edward McNeill. Commander William Russell accepted the gift, his words of thanks being lost in the loud cheers and applause. As the colors were unfurled, comrade Frank Culhane with his usual quick thinking saved a tense moment saying, "Boys let's give the Old Flag a tumble." Every member immediately came to salute.

The following Memorial Day, May 30, 1920, comrade Eugene Coombs of the G. A. R. in behalf of the Plainville Firemen presented this Post with a Massachusetts State Flag, which Commander Russell accepted.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, 1920, this Legion Post acting for the French Government presented engraved certificates to the relatives of those who died in the World War. The engraving is symbolical of the debt to the American soldier, owed and acknowledged by France, and is signed by President Poincare.

Jan. 19, 1921, a committee was appointed to form a "Ladies Auxiliary" to this Post and on Feb. 16, 1921 the report on the forming of this auxiliary was accepted according to the records. This was a most important move and one that the Post has never regretted. The ladies have always given their whole hearted support both morally and financially.

The American Legion has always urged its different Posts to sponsor all boys' activities, particularly the Boy Scouts and in April 1923 the Post sponsored the local troop. In January

1925 comrade Harry Loud, Spanish War Veteran, World War Veteran, a member of this Post, accepted the position of Scout Master which he still retains. Anyone who saw the troop in line on last Memorial Day realizes the work comrade Loud has done in the past and is doing now.

In the spring of 1924 this Post purchased the land known as the Guild lot on South Street opposite Pleasant Street. At the time of the purchase it was hoped to build a home there. This land was disposed of after the purchase of the Town Park by the town.

This Post has always been interested in athletics, and still reading from the records, we find that after a Legion Team had won from the Firemen on July 4, 1922, it was voted to hold open house on Wednesday, July 12th, for the Cellar Rats and Firemen, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a baseball league. This was the beginning of the Twilight League which gave so much pleasure and recreation to the men of Plainville.

The Post has always wished for its own quarters. The first meeting was held in the G. A. R. rooms, A. O. U. W. Hall. Then thru the hospitality of the Firemen we used the Engine House until February 1920, when we moved to the G. A. R. rooms which had been established over Falk & Henrich's market. These rooms had been furnished the G. A. R. thru the generosity of Mr. Earl Thompson who would accept no rent, and the Legion occupied them with the same understanding. When this property was purchased by Falk & Henrich, they continued the same policy for which the John Edward McNeill Post is truly grateful.

In August 1927 we heard that the building formerly occupied by the Tennis Club was to be disposed of. A committee was appointed to confer

with Mr. Charles Whiting to see if this building could be purchased. Mr. Whiting said the price would be ONE DOLLAR and the deal was closed. Permission was obtained from the Park Commissioners to place the building on the park land. The building was moved and reconditioned and an addition built. All Legion and G. A. R. property was moved in and the interior redecorated with the aid of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The first meeting in the new quarters was held Jan. 18, 1928, Commander McKeil presiding.

The commanders who have served this Post since it was organized are:

1919	William R. Russell
1920	William R. Russell
1921	Myron A. Day
1922	C. Frank Stewart
1923	Howard P. Bigelow
1924	Wesley H. Burton
1925	Ernest Tootill
1926	Edward Osterholm
1927	Elmer Pease
1928	Byron MacKeil
1929	Byron MacKeil

The present officers of the Post are:

Commander	Chaster A. Anderson
Vice Com.	Arthur Meyers
Adjt.	Henry Caterer
Fin. Officer	Howard Bigelow
Chaplain	Byron MacKeil
Sgt. at Arms	Ernest Tootill

Since the Post was formed two charter members have gone West. Comrade Kenneth G. Hewes, August 13, 1920; and Herman G. Rudolph, December 12, 1921. When the Grim Reaper calls a Comrade from the ranks his place cannot be filled. We veterans of the World War are numbered and nothing can change that number except death. We are bound by the ties of our Service and our Memories.

In closing this history the John Edward McNeill Post of "The American Legion," wishes to express their appreciation for the loyal support of the citizens of the Town of Plainville. Beside us, through the mist of years In khaki or in blue,

The veterans of our other wars
Stand now in proud review.
The same old flag, the same old faith
The freedom of the world,
Spelt duty in those ripping folds
Above our ranks unfurled.

History of the American Legion Auxiliary

By Decia A. Anderson

At the second meeting of the John Edward McNeill Post No. 217 of "The American Legion," it was suggested to the boys by Capt. Fred W. Northup that they should have a Ladies Auxiliary, he said, "In years to come you will find that the Ladies Auxiliary will be the right arm of your organization." The boys at once appointed a committee and as a result the Auxiliary was formed on February 6th, 1921 with thirty-six charter members,

whose names are as follows:—

1. Eurilla G. Bigelow
2. Mildred F. Sweeting
3. Mary T. Russell
4. Florence E. MacNeill
5. Isabella Main
6. Decia A. Anderson
7. Cora L. Northup
8. Nettie C. Ward
9. Mary E. Landrie
10. Anna C. Bates
11. Mertie G. Day
12. Nettie M. Hewes
13. Louisa Walden
14. Maude McNeill
15. Alice Simmons
16. Catherine Zilch
17. Minnie Tootill
18. Alice Ribero
19. Margaret Shattuck
20. Lucy Simmons
21. Irene Walden
22. Esther Osterholm

23. Ann McGregor
24. Margaret Zilch
25. Alice Pease
26. Eleanor McGregor
27. May Bell
28. Alice Mitchell
29. Rachel Day
30. Ann Kennedy
31. Alice Engelbert
32. Flora Stewart
33. Nina Applebee
34. Loretta Burton
35. Mary Zilch
36. Ethel Horton

The first signature to appear on the list was that of Mrs. Eurilla Bigelow, and it has always remained. The first meeting to be held was in the G.A.R. and Legion rooms at that time over the market of Falk & Henrich, on Feb. 9th, 1921 with ten ladies present. Commander Myron Day had charge of this meeting and temporary officers were elected.

Our first officers of the Auxiliary are as follows:—

President Mrs. Mildred F. Sweeting
V. Pres. Mrs. Eurilla G. Bigelow
Sec. Mrs. Isabella Main
Treas. Mrs. Minnie E. Tootill
Chaplain Mrs. Nettie Hewes

Our first invitation was received from the Rev. Geo. Gamble of the M. E. Church, to attend Memorial

Services there. Our first visitor was in the person of Mrs. W. H. Allen of Mansfield, who was an officer of the Norfolk County Council.

It is the aim and purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary to help and assist the Legion in whatever way we can, as everyone knows. We started in to "Do Our Bit," by first purchasing some folding chairs for the rooms. Being financially embarrassed in the beginning, we decided that each member should earn fifty cents toward this purpose. This was done in various ways, the most novel one being that one of our members cut her husband's hair. We next purchased a piano, which has been greatly enjoyed at our joint meetings, in community singing with Robert MacNeill as director.

Another of our duties is to help the Disabled Veterans, and visit those who are sick and in the hospitals. At these times we carry a box containing fruit, cigarettes and goodies, to each soldier, which numbered twenty-four in the Foxboro Hospital in the year of 1921. At the present time of writing this history there are twenty-nine soldiers and two women nurses there.

Our first gift to the Disabled Veterans was in the form of a check for ten dollars, which was to go toward the radio fund which the National Headquarters were starting. Each month we contribute a sum of money toward the rent of their store in Boston, and at various times we purchase articles from there. The store was under the supervision and general man-

agement of the late Mrs. Clarence E. Edwards and as everyone knows she gave a great part of her time and money for this purpose. Three years ago we presented the Boy Scouts of this town with a flag which they very much desired at the time.

Since the disbanding of the W.R.C. of this town the Auxiliary has felt that the veterans of all wars and their families are more or less in their care. Every year a great deal of welfare work is done, both local and state wide. One of the sources of revenue for this work comes from the sale of poppies at Memorial time, known as "Poppy Day," to which all patriotic citizens contribute.

Since the time our Auxiliary has been formed three of our Charter Members have passed on. They are:

Mrs. Nettie Hewes	..	Sept. 3, 1923
Mrs. Mary Zilch	Dec. 8, 1923
Mrs. Cora L. Northup		Dec. 27, 1929

These women were greatly beloved and respected by our order and we shall always remember them as long as we are in existence.

In conclusion of this history the Auxiliary wishes to thank the citizens of this town for their loyal support of the Legion and its Auxiliary. We feel as if we are interdependent, as the learned judge at a public dinner proposing a toast said,

Woman; without her, man is a savage.

But the printer misplaced the comma and in the morning paper it read,
Woman; without her man, is a savage.

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History of Whiting & Davis, Inc.

George H. Maintien Post, No. 133



PICTURE TAKEN ON MEMORIAL DAY
on the Common at Wrentham, showing from left to right
comrades Chas. Card, Allen Dart, Casper Hartman, Amos
Anderson, Granville Moose, H. Eugene Coombs.

HIS EXCELLENCY
William H. Smith,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF

OF THE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Gentlemen,

GENTLEMEN: YOU having been elected on the *nineteenth* day of *March* A. D. one thousand eight hundred and *twenty four*, *Captain* of a Company, in the *third* Regiment of *Infantry*, in the *second* Brigade, and *first* Division of the Militia of this Commonwealth; reposing special trust and confidence in your ability, courage and good conduct, I do, by these Presents, Commission you accordingly. You will, therefore, with honor and fidelity, discharge the duties of said office, according to the Laws of this Commonwealth, and to Military Rule and Discipline. And all inferior Officers and Soldiers are hereby commanded to obey you in your said capacity; and you will yourself observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from time to time, receive from the Commander in Chief, or others, your Superior Officers.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the Commonwealth, the *twenty sixth* day of *March*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *twenty four*, and of the *forty eighth* year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By His Excellency the Governor.

William Brewster
Secretary of the Commonwealth.



W. Smith's

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Head Quarters, Boston, April 14th 1826.

THE Governor and Commander in Chief has

accepted the Resignation of *John P. Sawyer*
as *Captain of a Company*
in the *Third* Regiment of Infantry. In the second
Brigade and *first* Division of the Militia of this Common-
wealth; and he is hereby honorably discharged, at his own request,
from the Office of *Captain* in the
Regiment aforesaid.



BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

W. D. Johnson
Adjutant General.

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History of Whiting & Davis, Inc.

Wade - Davis and Co., was organized in Plainville in August 1876. The firm consisted of William H. Wade, Edward P. Davis and Louis Heckmann, active partners; and Joseph T. Bacon, James D. Lincoln and Frank Tefft as special partners. The total capitalization of the firm at that time was \$3,000.00. In 1882 the active members purchased the interest of the silent partners.

In 1896 the old firm was taken over by C. A. Whiting and Edward P. Davis and the name changed to Whiting & Davis. In 1907, C. A. Whiting purchased Mr. Davvis' interest, and in 1908 incorporated under the present name of Whiting & Davis Co. Inc.

First Pay Roll made for two weeks Aug. 7, 1876 to Aug. 19, was \$36.92.

Oscar Walden was the first Bench Hand, Sept. 5, 1876.

He has been constantly in employ of firm and is still going strong.

Mr. C. A. Whiting began work July 13, 1880—50 years ago.

The following is a history of the manufacture of the Mesh Bag, as told by Mr. Whiting, and supplemented by a newspaper article which was published not long ago.

The earliest history we can find relating to ring mesh is published in Laking's record of "European Armour and Arms," which first mentions ring mesh as used for making shirts to be worn by warriors for protection against spears and like implements as used in war at that period. These shirts, or hauberks as they were called, were considered as very precious and not to be bartered or to be sent over the sea. Shirts of this make have

been discovered at Vimose and Thosberg, and undoubtedly were used prior to the year 700 A. D.

The First Mesh

This same history speaks of chain mesh being used by the English, beginning about the year 1000. At that time chain mesh was manufactured from iron wire, as steel wire was as yet unheard of, and to quote from Laking, "the actual medius of chain metal was iron wire of varying thickness, according to need. This thread of iron of the requisite thickness had then to be made into rings. This was accomplished by obtaining a cylindrical bar of metal, a little smaller in diameter than that of the ring. Around this was carefully wound the wire, each twist being afterwards cut with a chisel, for the iron was worked cold. The cut ends were then flattened with a hammer until they overlapped, and were finally riveted together." In the town library of Nuremberg is a picture of chain mail armor. The towns of Chambly, France, and Milan in Lombardy were famous for the manufacture of chain armor.

The art of the ancient armorer has been revived by a New England man and turned to the production of articles intensely feminine, the refining of chain armor into exquisite fabric.

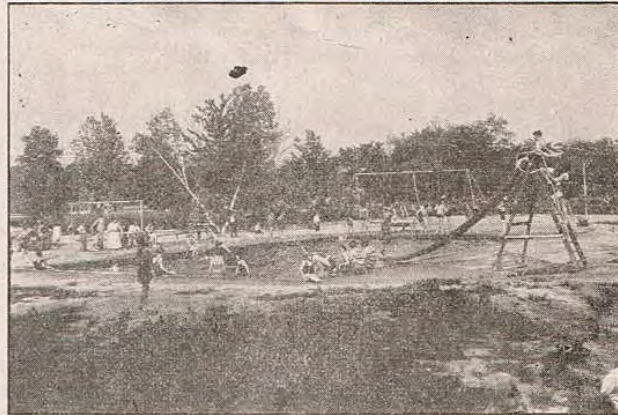
Thus, milady's Christmas-gift table this year will be graced by the extreme development of this art, which had its birth in the dim, dark ages when men were struggling up from the stone age through the slow centuries that brought them knowledge of metals and their use.

There is romance in the making of what is known to the "trade" as



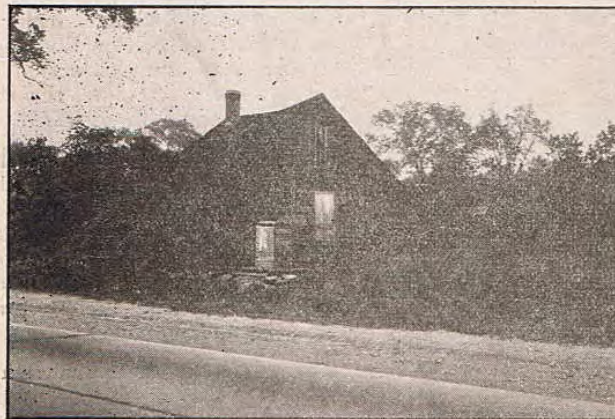
THE BENJ. SLACK HOUSE

built about 1730. This house stands today practically as built, and is now being used as a Public Library.



TOWN PLAYGROUND

These cuts show views of Pool. This fine spot has efforts of the various citizens are justly proud few Towns of its size.



THE WELLMAN HOUSE

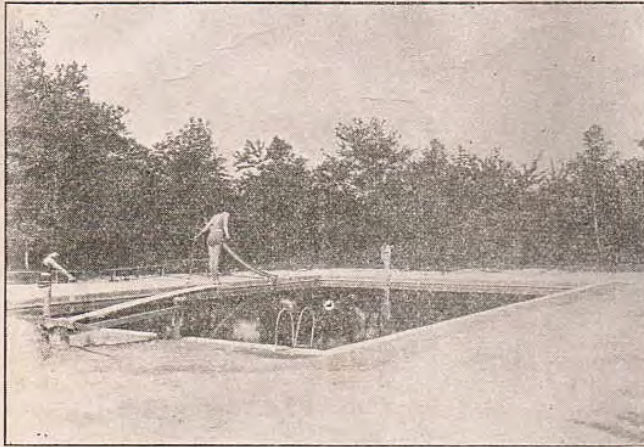
Now Known As The Hawes House

This is not as old as the other houses shown on this page, but it was built considerably before the Revolutionary War.



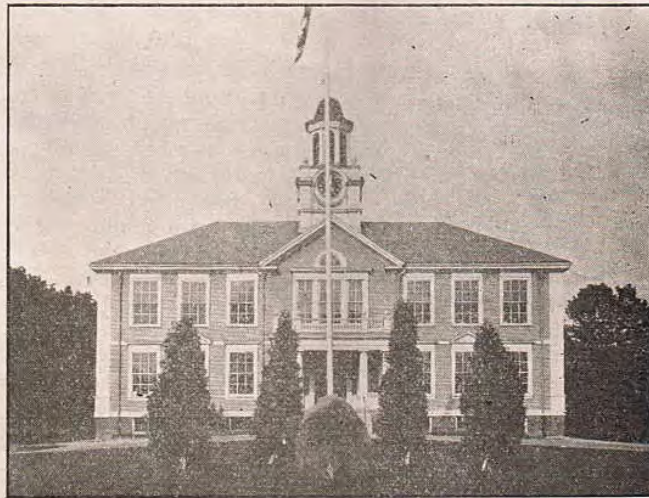
THE OLD JOSEPH GUILD HOUSE

now the residence of Geo. L. Smithlin. This is the oldest house still standing in town, although recent re-modeling tends to make it look more modern. Built probably about 1725.



SWIMMING POOL

ground and Swimming possible through the of the Town, and the it is second to very



PLAINVILLE TOWN HALL

located in the center of the Town on the Providence, Boston Road. In foreground is shown memorial tablet to the World War heroes.

"metal mesh," used today in the making of mesh bags.

The ancient Vikings, who feared the mythological hammer of Thor, went into battle fearing no man and wearing armor of interlinking iron rings made with hand-riveted rows alternating with hand-welded rows. Centuries later science discovered that part of the story the Vikings had so laboriously wrought with their crude tools. Archaeologists excavating ancient graves of the Norsemen in Schleswig found their ancient war-gear.

Famous Tapestry Tells a Story

The famous tapestry of Bayeux, France, which depicts the career of William the Conqueror, ruler of England from 1066-1087, tells more of the story. In that seven-colored weave, thought to have been his Queen Matilda's own handiwork, is pictured a warrior of that time clad in his coat of mail.

This metal mesh, hand-welded, one link at a time, became the generally adopted form of armor for the great crusades that followed the Norman conquests. It was used for centuries until gradually supplanted by solid plate armor between 1390 and 1410 A. D.

Beginning a New Story

It is a long jump from that time to 1880, at which time C. A. Whiting, then a small boy went to work in a jewelry factory at Plainville. Young Whiting received 9 cents an hour for his services. Later he became assistant foreman; then the company's only traveling salesman, covering the United States from New York to San Francisco. In 1899 he became a member of the firm.

In 1892 he took up the story of metal mesh at the point where ancient

armorers had left off. That year his firm produced its first mesh bag, a tiny, plated novelty of coarse, unsoldered rings, made and put together entirely by hand.

Today we have the gold and silver mesh bag, the utmost refinement of the ancient art. The process is an amazing one to the uninitiated. For instance, 100,000 tiny gold or silver rings made into one complete mesh bag may be soldered securely in the short space of 60 seconds. So well is the work done that each ring will hold a weight of 5½ pounds—and that ring only 9-1000th of an inch in thickness.

All Done by Machinery

By patented machinery, controlled by Mr. Whiting's firm, bar silver is melted and rolled and hammered into a long silver thread only 9-1000ths of an inch in width. This thread is fed to a mesh machine—the magician of the factory—that weaves it into metal fabric.

The rings are so light that gravity alone would not pull them to their proper place, so the machine helps them along with little puffs of compressed air.

There they go, 300 links per minute and above the machine rises a phantom column of silver, perfectly round, luminous with its silver sheen, and so delicate as to seem almost transparent. The mesh is woven in cylindrical form, untouched and unguided by human hands, the machine goes on until the "stocking," as it is called, rises nearly to the ceiling. And if ever a single link is missed or if the end of the wire is reached, the machine automatically stops and waits for the man who cares for the needs of 15 machines like it to come and feed it the proper medicine.

Off to the slitting machine goes the shining "stocking." Little cogs fit into the tiny meshes and draw it toward the revolving circular knife that does much more neatly and accurately what once was done with shears. Presently it is one long, flat piece of silver mesh that ripples like fine silk and glistens like a great dew-drenched cobweb in the grass at sunrise.

Putting It Into Form

The flat strip then goes to the cutting room, where it is fed into a combination of a clothes-wringer and a player-piano. The clothes-wringer part grips the strip with corrugated rollers that fit the mesh.

A roll of tough paper in which are slits not unlike those of a player-piano roll is the pattern. The slits allow certain little knives to operate and hold back all the others. Thus as the mesh and the paper pattern proceed, the machine cuts out the perfect pattern of the bag that is to be.

The cut-out patterns go to a joining room, where girls use machines that sew up the bags with little single links of silver exactly like all the others in the bag. They do much more easily and quickly now the work that up to a year ago had to tax the eyes and deftness of experienced hand-workers.

The Finishing Process

A cleaning process prepares the mesh bag for the soldering room, where electric furnaces solder all the

rings in a bag at once whether there be 25,000 or 100,000—and in about 60 seconds.

Another cleaning and the bag is given a good tubbing of silver and then sent to the lacquer room and on to the assembling room, where the frame will soon catch up to it.

And while all this was happening in the making of the mesh, the frame was being made in other departments.

For the making of frames the metal is cast in flat iron ingots about an inch thick, four to six inches wide and about 10 inches long. This is rolled and annealed until the required thickness is reached and then sent to the stamping room.

Fine spiral wire is used in the assembly department to join the mesh and the finished frame together into milady's completed mesh bag.

The mesh bag's chain is made of wire manufactured by the solder-filled process. Automatic machines make and handle the links more deftly than any human being could—and turn out as much as 75 yards of chain per day, all in one piece or in separate one-inch pieces for use in making fringed bags.

Into the inspection department for the final approval of experienced eyes go the finished mesh bags. Then comes the soft envelope, and box, and the bag is ready for either the foreign or the domestic shipping department that send them out in larger boxes.

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The Church

In the early days of the settlement all citizens were naturally members of the original church, at Wrentham, as they were obliged by law to be. The first records of an independent society within the limits of the present town is in the late Eighteen Forties or Fifties and was formed by certain families who were followers of Wm. Mills, in that time known as The Great Delusion who met in the old school house then and now standing on Wades Hill, residence of Mr. Hemmingsen.

The No. Attleboro M. E. Church in earlier days The Free Evangelical Society organized over Breens store is an outgrowth of this gathering. At its disappearance the town was for many years without a religious society, the people of many different faiths attending service in No. Attleboro or Wrenthem, and naturally, many children growing up without attendance anywhere. To correct this a Meeting was called in the school-house by the then schoolmaster Mr. O. D. Crockett, still living in New Hampshire, and others, and a Sabbath day School organized. This school was attended by people of many denominations even by some children of Catholic and Jewish parents, and theological questions received a thorough airing. This school continued in existence until its library and other property was burned in the Town Hall fire in 1904. The people of the town had meanwhile organized a new society, known as Union Congregational

Church, the parent of the present Methodist Society. It had a more or less successful existence for several years, at one time holding a revival that caused many to unite with it. The meeting place was in the Old G. A. R. hall on the site now occupied by Crotty's Store. Increasing expense caused it to change its name and apply for membership in the Methodist Conference where it now is.

In the late Eighties another society was formed in the South end known as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints which with vigorous growth and earnest effort erected a Chapel that is now the residence of Adrian Wheeler. A majority of the congregation being Attleboro residents it was removed to Attleboro and is now located there. Charles Coombs who recently died was for many years its pastor. This building was also for some time G. A. R. hall. The residents of Shepardville are accommodated in religious affairs by The Bliss Union Chapel supplied by pastors of various faiths and used as a Community center. It does not appear that the inhabitants of this town were ever guilty of the savage persecution of Quakers, Baptists and witches that disgraced many other communities of the Commonwealth. Perhaps they lived too near liberal Rhode Island. We must remember:

To the men who went before us
All the unseen powers seemed near
And their sturdy strength of courage
Struck its roots in holy fear.



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The original plant in Plainville was started in 1894 by E. C. Barney who operated it for 25 years and sold out in 1919 to M. M. Rines. He ran the business under his own name for three years and then turned it over to Mr. Riley who changed the name to the Plainville Coal Company.

Under Mr. Riley's ownership the plant has been modernized considerably, by the addition of fuel tanks, coal bins and storage sheds. The business has shown a steady growth coming in at the office erected at the yard and at the main office in the Central Building, North Attleboro.

Situated as it is beside the New Haven Railroad tracks the Plainville Coal Company is ideally located to handle and distribute coal, coke, wood, fuel oils, kerosene, mason's materials, Bird Asphalt shingles and roll roofing.

Mr. Charles E. Riley the owner through his long and active experience in this particular line is able to render a complete and thorough service to the community and surrounding territory, and through the medium of this Community Booklet wishes for Plainville a continuous and lengthy period of progress and prosperity.

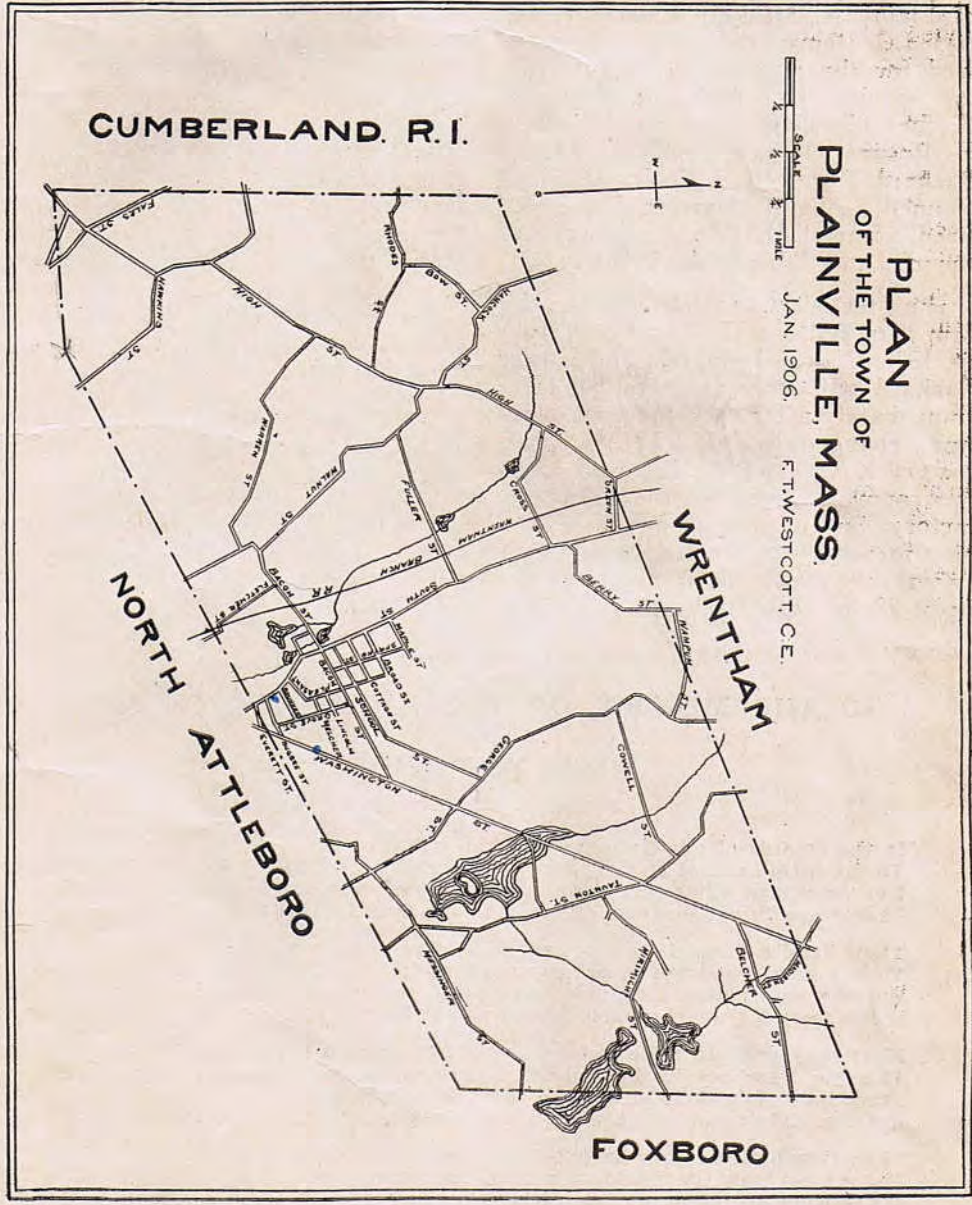
The Plainville Coal Company

Plainville, Massachusetts

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History of Plainville Stock Company

In the spring of 1872 in the town of Plainville, Mass., a co-partnership styled G. Demarest & Co., was organized for the purpose of manufacturing jewelry. This firm was composed of the following members:—William H. Rogers, George Demarest, Henry Packard, Bradford B. Corbin, Richard Donnell, John J. Barrett, Davis D. Reed, Daniel H. Corey, Albert W. Burton, and Edward P. Bennett.

The first one to withdraw from the firm was William H. Rogers, on July 14, 1873. George Demarest and Henry Packard withdrew on June 30, 1874. Immediately after this, the firm name was changed to PLAINVILLE STOCK COMPANY, and was then doing business in the Witherell factory, but in the spring of 1876 a new factory was erected on South street, into which the firm moved. On April 28, of 1876 Bradford B. Corbin

withdrew and one-half of his interest was bought by William S. Metcalf. Richard Donnell retired on June 15, 1879, John J. Barrett on January 2, 1884, Davis D. Reed on March 14, 1891, Daniel H. Corey on May 5, 1902, Albert W. Burton on March 26, 1909, and the last of the original members, Edward P. Bennett, on June 14, 1913; the business being continued from that time on by William S. Metcalf.

On February 1st, 1920, Leroy A. Metcalf was admitted to the company as a partner.

On May 29, 1924 the partnership of W. S. Metcalf and Leroy A. Metcalf was dissolved.

On July 29, 1924 a Corporation was formed consisting of Leroy A. Metcalf, Nelson C. McCormick and Julius Weisman.

TO THE MEMORY OF THE LADIES CHAPEL AID

by

John W. Franklin

In the records of our Orders we find no tribute paid
To the little band of women, who were called the Chapel Aid.
But the things which they accomplished, meant more to them by far
Than some things done by others, like the Grand Old Eastern Star.

Their band was small to start with and never really grew
To any great importance, as larger orders do.
But the land marks that they left behind, we've got to stop and say
If it wasn't for those women, they'd not be here today.

First they tried to raise some money, they were going to build a church
This was way back in the eighties, but were knocked clean off their perch
For others stole their ideal, beat them to it by a mile,
But this didn't stop those women, they just were quiet for a while.

Then they built another building and it stands in town to-day
Though severely mutilated in a most repulsive way.
T'was made for a Gymnasium to keep boys off the street,
And when the thing was finished it was really quite a treat.

But the boys were not too grateful and their interest in it fell
So the women soon decided the best thing was to sell.
So the Bennett Lodge it shifted and stayed for quite a while.
Now the women's fund was growing into quite a little pile.

Of course they had to spend it, as all good women do
So they had to call a meeting to think up something new.
Some lady had suggested, as they all were sitting down
That there ought to be a fountain in the centre of the town.

So to Joseph Turpin Bason they erected in the square
A fountain to his memory, that still is standing there.
And to the Town of Plainville on a bright Memorial Day
This fountain was presented in a most impressive way.

Now up the street still farther was a job they undertook,
T'was to beautify the spot that then was left beside the brook.
And the women also realized, tho the time was getting late
That what was really needed was a Cemetery Gate.

So at this task they started, and to build a cobble wall,
Along beside the driveway were placed shrubs large and small
The way they soon extended way up across the ridge,
And down the brook still farther they built a rustic bridge.

The rustic gates now finished, of their task they all were proud
And soon great praise was flowing from people long and loud.
What next will they accomplish, was the question on the air,
This matter soon was settled and folks began to stare.

They went back to the beginning, though their band had dwindled small
With seven living members, that was their very all.
The rest had answered roll call, gone to the great beyond,
But they started on a Chapel, that stands beside the pond.

The funds they had were limited and growing rather small
To get enough to finish it, now concerned them all.
But fortune stood beside them until all bills were paid
And now they had their chapel, erected by the Aid.

In the Plainville Cemetery, along beside the brook,
In the very northwest corner was the chosen spot they took.
It was their proudest moment when the task was all complete.
In going to the Station, you can see it from the street.

Now there's lots of minor details in the secretary's book,
There'll be some there of interest that I have overlooked,
But to the few survivors and the history they have made,
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Grange History

By Mrs. Sylvester Smith

Numbered with the many organizations of this town is Plainville Grange No. 328.

This Grange was organized June 2nd, 1913 by State Deputy William S. Herrick of Westboro, Mass. Mr. Herrick, assisted by Mrs. Herrick, installed our first set of officers, namely—Master, Sylvester Smith; Overseer, Charles P. Root; Lecturer, Mrs. Mary Heilborn; Steward, Charles Marble; Asst. Steward, Chris Henrich; Chaplain, Mrs. Sylvester Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Averill; Secretary, Miss Ethel Wheeler; Gate Keeper, Fletcher Warren; Ceres, Miss Florence Hewes; Pamona, Mrs. Clara Whiting; Flora, Miss Florence Brasser; Lady Ass't. Steward, Mrs. N. C. Grant; Executive Committee, Frank E. Whiting, Theodore E. A. Fuller, Millard M. Rines; Worthy State Master Charles M. Gardner imparted all secret work.

Our first meeting was held in A.O.U. W. hall on East Bacon St. We remained as tenants in that hall until February 1st, 1920, when the property was sold to Mr. Parker. The Grange then rented the upper floor of the building owned by Earl Thompson, on East Bacon St. We continued to hold our meeting in Thompson Building until a committee had found suitable property for us to purchase for a Grange home. In August 1922 the Grange bought the property now used for our Grange hall. Work was at once started for cleaning the interior of the building and September 26, 1922 the Grange held their first meeting in the building now known as the Grange hall. June 12, 1923 this building was dedicated with ceremony, and by careful planning has become a cozy and comfortable Grange Hall.

Since the organizing of Plainville Grange in 1913, many projects have

been undertaken for the benefit of the community. "The Faith in which you labor will have a realization in the promised reward." We have seen the proof of this in some of our undertakings. October 16, 1913 our first Harvest Festival was held and has been an annual occurrence of much importance to the people of this town, creating a keen competition in the exhibition of the best, in fruits, flowers, cooking, fancy-work and the exhibiting of the best, in the children's school garden work. In 1916 the Grange worked with the school children on the project of school gardens, supplying the seed needed by the 35 children who enrolled for the season. The school gardens were inspected and supervised by a Grange committee. Community service is always the ambition of Plainville Grange, by its effort the school lunch was established. In the year 1921 the school lunch equipment was installed in our public school, financed by the Grange as a bit of community work. Our school children have been encouraged in the study of birds and flowers, by the many able speakers we have had to entertain the children at our "Children's Night" programs. Great activity toward civic improvement in the town since 1913.

Mrs. Gertrude Peckham, W. C. Wilkins and Theodore E. A. Fuller constituted the committee which launched our largest endeavor in community work. Consequently today we look upon the handsome boulder and bronze tablet dedicated to "Our Boys." The expression of a community's appreciation and respect for the noble service rendered to a nation.

From a list of 104 Charter Members our Grange has grown, in strength for service, to a membership totalling 186 to date.

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Fire Department

Plainville's Fire Department is of comparatively modern development as our ancestors depended on the well and fire bucket, but as the center of the town grew to the business section it was seen that a better system must be used. After the East section was supplied with running water, on E. Bacon St., four hydrants were placed in position to cover the center at least, and a company was organized to use them in case of need, known as The Wampum Hose No. 1. Several of whose members still reside among us. This was about 1881. This company lasted for a number of years and was a leader in social affairs with balls, suppers and other activities. Their only equipment was a four wheeled hose reel and hose, and of course a silver plated speaking trumpet for the foreman.

Their meeting place was in the present Grange Hall altered over from the town blacksmith shop. After their disbandment, for a number of years no effort was made to replace them, the citizens depending on No. Attleboro for help in case of need which was always cheerfully furnished.

In 1903 it was felt that better protection must be had and a meeting was called by Chas. Brown of Wrentham, in the old Chapel Aid building, better known as the Shoestring factory. Mr. Brown was at that time Chairman of the Board of Engineers of Wrentham, of which Town we were then a part. On his appeal the following citizens signed as prospective members:

F. T. Maintien	Frank Coggeshall
G. A. Stark	Richard Barton
August Colliers	Chas. Reed
Fritz Hartman	Chas. Breen
Fred Northup	Clint Gay

Paul Wolf
H. Boerger, Sr.
James Brady
J. Engelbert
C. E. Cunningham
Ed. Coombs
Ed. Nelson
Geo. Maxcy

Lewis Martin
Fred Fuller
Geo. Wheeler
Frank Sandland
Oren Simpson
Joe Brady
Wm. Graham
Leon Olney

The meeting to organize was held July 14, 1903 with 17 members present as it had been decided to divide and form a Hook and Ladder Co. The following officers were elected: Capt. Fred W. Northup, 1st. Lt. Frank T. Maintien, 2nd Lt. August Collier, Clerk J. Engelbert, Standing Committee: Geo. Stark, Ed. A. Coombs, Leon E. Olney; Steward, Joseph Brady.

It was decided to name the Company Matchinoeket Engine Co. No.1. Later, after the division of the Town changed to Plainville Fire Co. The apparatus has developed from the primitive hand tub to the present outfit of the most modern fire fighting machines procurable, of a value of at least \$25,000.

When the Town decided that a Fire House should be built H. Eugene Coombs and F. W. Northup were appointed as a building committee and allowed \$1000. The present quarters without the later additions were erected at a cost of \$700, one of the few cases in town affairs where an appropriation was too large. An earnest effort is afoot to build more modern quarters when the town park is in order and the town offices, the Public Library and the Fire Dept. may be properly housed.

The first alarm was for a fire on E. Bacon St. in the small shop on the

premises of Chas. Chase, one winter morning when the slush was knee deep and no water available, so the fire laddies put out what was left with snowballs. This was a standing joke with the members of the Wrentham Dept. and we were reminded of it many times but retorted that we did not take our horse into the woods and burn him up as happened in a certain Wrentham forest fire. One incident of this fire is worth recording. A certain well known member at the alarm rushed from the shop and reached the fire with shop slippers on his feet and his rubber boots in his hands, after running through deep slush for a quarter of a mile;- but he got there. The Dept. has been fortunate in quenching many dangerous fires and seldom lost out when alarmed in time. Twice the Town Hall has been burned but on the first occasion the pressure was so low that it was not possible to save it. Many of the members were in Virginia with the National Guard at the Army manouvers also. This was on Labor Day 1904. The second time great work was done and though damaged was held to small loss. Another was the loss of the G. A. R. building with many valuable records and relics on Dec. 26, 1905, arising from a

burning fat kettle in the bakery on the first floor. The fire in the Land Co's. shop is well remembered, and the community was saved from a great loss by the efficient work of the Dept. in an all night fight.

The members have been very successful in athletic competition with other Depts. and have a large number of trophy cups, pictures, etc., also relics of the various fires.

The members who have passed away are remembered each Memorial Day with flags and flowers.

Few towns of our wealth and population have passed from hand drawn and horse drawn to all motorized apparatus in 25 years. This is because public sentiment and common sense have ever been behind the Department and the following in this town has never been the case:

When the flames burst out and disaster is nigh
 God and the firemen, the people cry
 When danger is past and all things are righted
 God is forgot and the firemen are slighted.

Bennett Lodge, No. 57

By Wm. Nash

The Ancient Order of United Workmen was organized in Meadville, Penn., in 1868, and commenced business in Massachusetts in 1878 being incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth in 1883.

For over 50 years the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. of Massachusetts has been doing a beneficent work of relieving distress and protecting the homes of its members, and since its

organization has paid out over thirty millions of dollars in death claims. In addition to this it has disbursed over a million dollars in fraternal assistance.

Every claim has been promptly paid on presentation of proper proof of death. It has never repudiated a just claim and has always paid one hundred cents on the dollar. This is our past history, and the amount of good that

has been accomplished by this order cannot be measured in dollars and cents. This order is now over 100% solvent.

Some of the advantages of fraternal insurance are: First: The easy payment feature, premiums or assessments being payable monthly, making it easier to keep paid up. Second: The fraternal and social features as exemplified by the local lodges. Many warm and lasting friendships have been found in this way.

Any acceptable persons, either male or female, of the full age of 16 and under 55 years are eligible for membership, provided they are physically sound and not engaged in any prohibited occupation.

Bennet Lodge No. 57, is the lodge located in Plainville. It was instituted Jan. 30, 1886, and has been continually in existence since that date. Its membership has included people from all walks of life and from North Attleboro, Wrentham as well as Plainville. Its first meeting place was in the old G. A. R. Hall which was destroyed by fire, then in the A. O. U. W. Building and now in Grange Hall.

This lodge has paid in death ben-

efits over \$200,000. and has helped many of its members in sickness and distress.

Bennett Lodge No. 57 has also furnished one Grand Master Workman as head of this order.

We offer to young men or young women an opportunity to secure insurance on the fraternal plan at the lowest figure commensurate with safety. It issues certificates for any amount from \$500. to \$5,000., either on the Whole Life Plan with endowment at age 85 or upon the Twenty Payment Plan with endowment at 85 years of age.

We invite any person interested in insurance on their life to get in touch with some member of our lodge and he or she will find that our order is one of the best in Massachusetts.

At the last monthly report of the Grand Lodge there was nearly \$2,000,000. over all known liability.

Remember the name

Ancient Order of United Workmen
of Massachusetts

* Bennet Lodge No. 57, Plainville,
the local lodge.

Plainville Savings and Loan Association

By Walter E. Barden

In January 1880, Mr. Wm. H. Wade, who a short time previously had come to Plainville and organized the jewelry firm of Wade, Davis and Company, and Mr. Joseph T. Bacon of the Lincoln, Bacon Company, a man always interested in the welfare of his employees and the townspeople, considered the advisability of instit-

uting a savings and loan association similar to the one in Attleboro, with which Mr. Wade had formerly been connected.

They called a meeting, and invited a group of citizens of Plainville, and some from North Attleboro, who they thought would be interested in the project. As a result, the Plainville Sav-

ings and Loan Association was organized in February of that year, and the following officers elected:

President
James D. Lincoln
Vice President
Deacon John Thompson

Directors
J. T. Bacon S. H. Bugbee
J. G. Barden S. J. Northup
A. W. Burton F. G. Pate
Robert Crockett G. B. Sherman
E. P. Davis W. H. Wade
L. B. Warren

Trustees
Joseph G. Barden Wm. H. Wade
Secretary and Treasurer
Walter E. Barden

The first series consisted of 212 shares, which were issued to 104 shareholders. Of these, sixteen are now living, and five have held shares continuously since the organization of the association. They are: Rufus King, Oscar Herring, H. Eugene Coombs, Frank O. Corbin, and Walter E. Barden.

The Presidents of the Association have been as follows:

James D. Lincoln 1880-1892
Walter E. Barden 1892-1903
H. Alton Hall 1903-1918
Rufus King 1918-1921
Byron S. Gardiner 1921-1929
Fredric E. Sturdy 1929-

There have been but two who have held the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Walter E. Barden 1880-1888
Arthur T. Parker 1888-1915
Walter E. Barden 1915-

The records show that the first meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the office of the Wade, Davis and Company, February 10th, 1880. From the 212 shares issued in the first year the Association has grown so that today it has 3519 shares on which members are saving \$7038. each month. It has \$253,500. in matured shares representing what has been saved in the past. It has on its books 352 loans amounting to \$489,064. on property in Plainville and North Attleboro, showing that it has been an important factor in building up the material welfare of the town.

A year ago the Association secured offices in the Ralston Building, 7 Elm Street, North Attleboro, and has fitted them up in modern banking style.

The present offices are:

President
F. E. Sturdy
Vice President
F. W. Sears

Directors
Walter E. Barden Rufus King
Donald A. Barrows Frank M. Maxcy
Arthur L. Crowley Edwin W. Pink
Morey G. Day Joseph W. Martin, Jr.
John J. Eiden Edward E. Osterholm
Byron S. Gardiner Charles E. Riley
Nathaniel C. Grant Frederick W. Sears
Christian F. Henrich Fredric E. Sturdy
H. Alton Hall Harry B. Thompson
Lee R. Higgins John L. Thompson



Daisy Troop Girl Scouts

The Daisy Troop, Plainville Girl Scouts was organized in the Fall of 1925 and under the able leadership of several of the local school teachers has grown from a small band of girls to a well organized group of thirty members who are ever ready to assist in community enterprises. The troop Captains who have been instrumental in making the organization such a success were Mrs. Galen W. Hoyt, who organized the troop, Miss Hannah Bowden, Mrs. Donald McNeill, and the present captain Miss Katherine Barret. The troop committee consists of Mrs. Donald McNeill, Mrs. Irma Chisholm, Mrs. Lorenzo Sturtevant and Mrs. A. W. Washburn. The troop consists of:

Eleanor Anderson
 Madeline Batchelder
 Evelyn Bennett
 Geneva Boerger
 Mildred Brennan

Ruth Dorset
 Elna Falk
 Marjorie Gardner
 Winifred Hayes
 Dorothy Henrich
 Elaine Higgins
 Corris Hoffman
 Barbara Kenerson
 Beryl Kenerson
 Helen Lightfoot
 Lois Mason
 Ruth Henrich
 Grace Morse
 Idelle Munster
 Hazel Pike
 Norma Proal
 Helen Thompson
 Marion Thompson
 Priscilla Washburn
 Hazel Waterman
 Isabella White
 Constance Wise
 Vera Woodbury
 Barbara Woodward



Troop 1 Plainville Boy Scouts

The Plainville Boy Scouts were re-organized into Troop 1, Plainville Boy Scouts March 1, 1925, and Harry Loud, a man with a long army experience and a warm spot in his heart for boys, was chosen Scout Master. Under his able leadership the troop has grown from a membership of twelve boys to the present well organized troop of fifty-two members. The assistant Scout Master is J. Rex Shepler, and the troop committee is: Oswin C. Woodward, Wesley H. Burton, Frank O. Corbin, C. George Hayes, Irwin B. Sylvia. The present troop consists of:

David Norwick
Edward Hemmingsen
George White
Raymond Snell
Paul Wolfe
Lester Grant
Clarence Skinner, Jr.
William Schaefer
Charles Schaefer
Chester Anderson
Wallace Peckham
Donald Breen
Gerald Clarke
Hugh Meyer
Ralph Armington

Milton White
Theodore Passmore
Clifford Woodward
Edgar Olsen
Charles Reed
Alva Paulus
Otto Wolfe
John Hemmingsen
Charles Savage
Frederick Carlon
Ernest Magnan
Merrill Nash
Edward Heintz

Vincent Lake
Charles Peasley, Jr.
Fred Paul, Jr.
Donald O'Reilly
Clarence Keith
Clarence Dyer
Lee Bagley
Arnold White
Clyde Barney
Donald Peckham
Ralph Keyes
Vernon Daley
Edward Dorset

Cub Scouts

Charles Norwick
Alfred Hartman
Maynard Grant
Everett Skinner
Walter Fink
Clarence Everett
Chester Everett
Clifton Everett
Leon Parmenter
Robert Kenerson
Milton Horton

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR
JULY 4th, 1930**

Dancing—Night before the 4th, from 8 to 12 in Whiting Memorial Hall.

10:00 A.M. Baseball game, married men and single men at the Town Park.

Afternoon—Sports at Park beginning at 2:00 P.M.

5:30-9:30 P.M. Dancing — Walter L. Rice Memorial Building.

5:30-6:30 P.M. Band selections — Grammar School Band on Whiting Field.

9:30 P.M. Fireworks display on Whiting & Davis' Co. field, followed by a vivid re-enaction of an Indian attack on an early white settler's log cabin. At the end, the cabin will be set on fire and furnish a grand finale of the day's outdoor activities.

11:00 P. M. - 1:00 A.M. Continuation of dance in Walter L. Rice Memorial Bldg.

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Cellar Rat History

It was on the hill they started, near Grove street, and as many a band of men have been formed, so were they by gathering to do that little stunt called Pitching Horse Shoes. At this they soon became famous and so enthused that lights had to be procured to play the game at night. This lasted during the Summer months, but as Fall came and the weather began to grow cool they decided to turn their attention to pool. A table was bought by the ten original members who were: Joseph Breen, Charles Breen, Albert Bolton, Morey Day, Adelard Goyette, Cy Lord, Leon Miller, William Potter, Joseph Sharp and Harlie Thompson. These men were the original charter members of what we now call The Cellar Rats, known from Maine to California and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. They soon began to invite their friends who in turn came so regularly that they were soon recognized as members also, until quite a gathering was formed. After this gathering began to grow so large and get famous, things began to happen. The first big deed started when the minister called on them and asked them to help pay off a note for three hundred seven dollars for the M. E. Church, which would soon be due and no funds to pay. Right here is where they decided to become a charitable organization, so they took the matter in hand and decided to hold a Band Concert to raise money to pay off the note. Martlands Band was procured for the occasion. The whole town was solicited for cakes, pies, candy and fancy work. Booths were erected, a band stand was built and soon the famous night arrived. What a turnout for Plainville. What a time we had. Everything went off fine and when we were through and had counted the money, we had enough to pay off the note all but eleven dollars and

fifty cents, so we decided to make a banner night and a few of us contributed enough to make the sum complete and paid off the Church Note. Next was the sponsoring of the first Fourth of July Celebration and grand parade. A float was made for the occasion. A sign (All Good Eaters) on one side of the truck and a placard with some rats eating Lobster on the other side. In the truck were some members seated at a table eating Lobster. They had a full bushel and as they passed along the street they would pass out claws to the spectators. This made quite a hit. Since then they have done many fine deeds to serve the community in many ways, especially acts of charity and kindness. They sponsored a ball team in the local league and one year they won the cup. They have always encouraged athletics for the younger set and were very instrumental in the building of the swimming pool. They have established an Annual Venison Supper during the last few years and some of their members journey to the Maine Woods to procure the venison each season. This last year they were lucky enough to bring back a moose and a Moose Supper was served in the Grange Hall, as their annual meeting place was too small. There were seventy-six people fed at this supper so you can get an idea how the organization has grown. Their principal indoor sport is argument and has been for some time. Any subject can be settled right in the cellar. And if any outsider thinks he can argue with some of our gang let them name the subject. We are still going strong and hope to be for some time to come. There are many things they have done that I have not mentioned but any bonafide member who feels in the mood will give you the information for the asking.

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Plainville News Bureau

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Board of Trade

by A. W. Washburn

On April 12, 1926 fifty-five citizens of the town met in the Walter L. Rice Memorial Building and formed the Plainville Board of Trade.

The first meeting was held April 26, 1926 and the following officers elected:

President Charles A. Whiting
 Vice President Edwin W. Pink
 Treasurer Edward Osterholm
 Secretary Theodore E. A. Fuller

Mr. C. A. Whiting very kindly offered the organization the use of the Walter L. Rice Memorial Building for its meetings.

During the year the Board of Trade grew rapidly and by the end of the first year we had one-hundred and seven members. At the annual election the following were elected officers for 1927:

President Arthur L. Crowley
 Vice President Edwin W. Pink
 Treasurer Edward Osterholm
 Secretary Theodore E. A. Fuller

During this year we obtained some very fine speakers to address our members and also held several open meetings for all citizens of the town.

Officers elected for 1928:

President Arthur L. Crowley
 Vice President Edwin M. Pink
 Secretary and Treasurer
 Arthur W. Washburn

Officers elected for 1929:

President Arthur L. Crowley
 Vice President Lee R. Higgins
 Secretary and Treasurer
 Arthur W. Washburn

Officers elected for 1930:

President Arthur L. Crowley

Vice President Edgar F. Berry
 Secretary and Treasurer
 Arthur W. Washburn

Board of Directors for 1930

Arthur L. Crowley
 Edgar F. Berry
 Osmond Horton
 Elmer Ralston
 Frank Etter
 Wallace Peckham
 Charles A. Whiting
 Francis Russell
 Christian Henrich
 Frank O. Patton

Membership 1930

Ayer, Willard
 Averill, Frank W.
 Berry, Edgar F.
 Barrows, Donald A.
 Barton, Richard F.
 Berkely, Richard F.
 Beyersdorfer, Albert
 Brown, Oliver P.
 Bryden, John
 Brunner, Peter
 Cheever, J. Horace
 Clarke, George A.
 Cobb, Charles C.
 Cook, Perry M.
 Craik, Joseph C.
 Crotty, Clifford D.
 Crowley, Arthur L.
 Corbin, Frank
 Day, Morey G.
 DeBeck, George A.
 Etter, Frank
 Falk, George P.
 Franklin, John W.
 Fisher, Chester E.
 Gardner, Byron S.
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Horton, Osmond E.
Jenckes, Everett C.
Jette, Joseph E.
Kenerson, John A.
King, Rufus
Kriegel, Hugh D.
Keeney, Hosmer F.
McAfee, Edward A.
McNeil, James E.
Morgan, Harlain J.
Nerney, Raymond E.
Nash, William H.
Osterholm, Edward E.
Patton, Frank O.
Peasley, Charles H.
Peckham, Wallace H.
Pink, Edwin W.
Proal, Harry O.
Ralston, Elmer G.
Riley, Charles E.
Riley, Gerald E.
Riley, Henry L.
Rines, Millard M.
Rogers, Norman P.
Rammell, Thomas
Root, Charles C.
Russell, Francis
Smith, Sylvester
Smith, Raymond N.
Smithlin, George L.
Snell, Clarence E.
Sherman, Philip A.
Thompson, Harry B.
Thompson, John L.
Thompson, Earl B.
Telford, Clarence
Whiting, Frank E.
Walden, Archie L.
Washburn, Arthur W.
Whiting, Charles A.
White, William
Wolfe, Paul W.
Woodward, Oswin C.
Young, Leslie G.
Zilch, John P.

The Old Stone House

This old landmark was built by Mr. Bacon soon after he settled in Plainville in 1844. A few years later the back part (or wooden ell) and the French Roof were added.

About twenty-five years ago the house was remodeled. The outside was stuccoed and the partitions on the first floor taken out and arranged for stores. A dry goods store was tried first. Afterwards a Bakery was run by two different parties for a short time. In August 1911 W. H. Peckham came to Plainville and opened a Bakery. At that time an old resident of Plainville gave "that young fellow three months to stay here in business." But like Jimmie Gallagher he is "still hanging on." And check up on this:—There is no other business remaining on the street now, as it was when Peckham opened the Bakery.

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Public Library

Upon the division of the Town in 1905 all town property, debts, school funds, etc., were divided on a three-fifths and two-fifths basis with the exception of the fund for The Fiske Memorial Library which by friendly agreement of the two committees representing Plainville and Wrentham, was specifically devised to the town of Wrentham. Plainville residents up to this time had weekly service by carrier deposited in Covells store and Post Office and were at once cut off from this privilege.

Some secured cards at the Richards Memorial Library in No. Attleboro, especially some of the school teachers, but for a year the general public was without reading matter. To remedy this condition James H. Shannon, the Town Clerk, and others, urged in season and out the founding of a Public Library and at the annual town meeting in 1906 a small appropriation was made which with the State gift of \$100 worth of books opened in an unused school room in the Town Hall later in the year, on Monday evenings only.

The original Board of Trustees were, James H. Shannon
John Blackwell
Fred W. Northup

As organized, Northup was chosen Chairman and Shannon, Clerk. The

persons who have held the office of Trustee since that date are John T. Goff, T. E. A. Fuller, Horace C. Maxim, Millard M. Rines, Alice McNeill Pease. The last two with Mr. Northup comprise the present Board. All others have been removed by death.

As the School Committee required the room in the town building for School purposes the Library removed to the Brick House so called, adjacent to the Town Offices but is soon to remove to the Benj. Slack house when certain necessary repairs are made and hope to make this a permanent home and Civic Center, also a place of deposit for historical articles and records. The Library at present contains between six and seven thousand volumes, including many rare and almost unreplaceable books. The children of the public schools are among our most interested patrons, as many are reading the required books in order to earn a State Certificate. When established in new quarters we hope to classify and separate the various subjects so that they may be more easily accessible to those who wish to study any certain one of them. The Trustees endeavor to make the available funds go as far as possible and keep up to date, but in the words of Holy Writ, "much study is a weariment to the flesh and of making many books there and of making many books there is no is no end."

THESE events we have chronicled do not perhaps make up a complete history of the development of our town, but we have tried to incorporate in these pages the things which would help to preserve the story of the early settlers of the town and to relate things that marked the steps of progress of our community in the years that have transpired since the war-cry of the Indian and the shots of musketry fire reverberated from the surrounding hills.

The committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge the help and co-operation of many of the citizens of Plainville, and especially the following, who, have so generously given of their knowledge and time in compiling the various histories:

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Dedication;

To those whose love of freedom transcended all other human desires; whose unfaltering faith and dauntless courage dared the perils of the Western World and the uncharted waters; to those pioneers of business who by their integrity and genius have made famous the name of New England in the world of industry; to them we dedicate this book.

And to those who hearing the call of country in her hour of tribulation answered with unquestioning loyalty, many of whose names are now but a hallowed memory, we rest our work in silent tribute.

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