

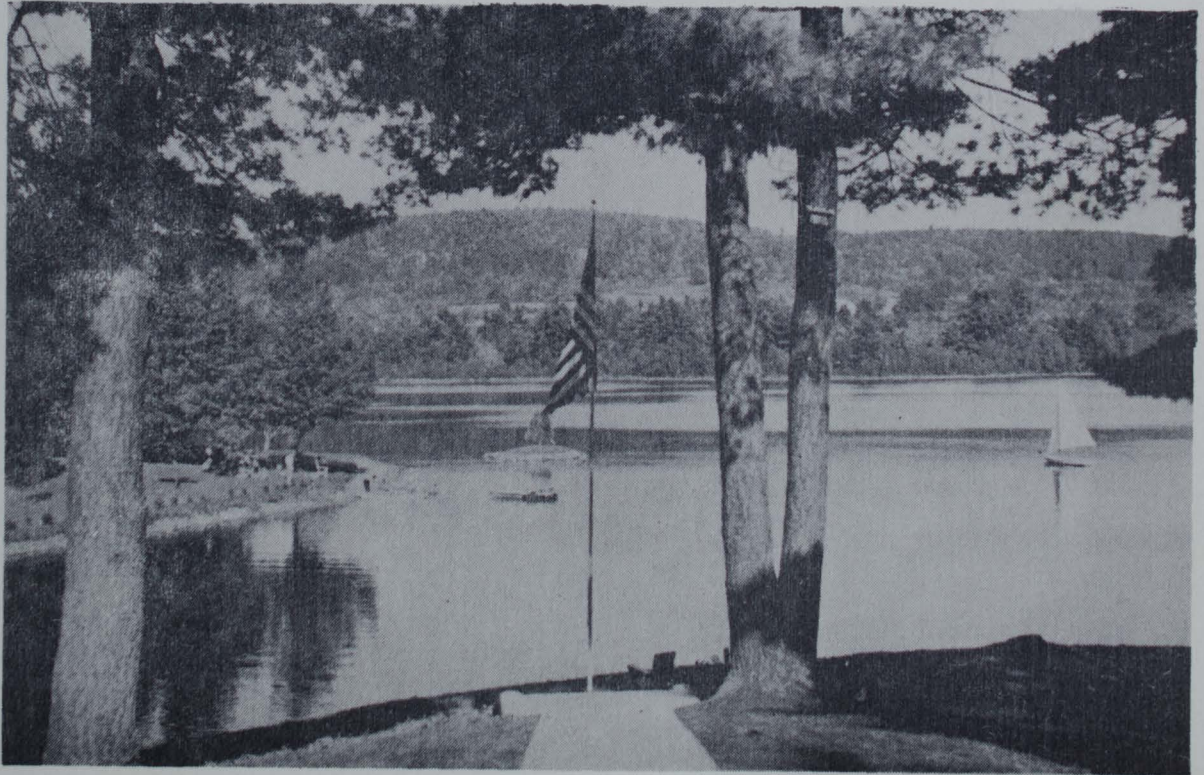


GRANVILLE 1754 - 1954



West Granville, Mass.

Pine Lake



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

of the

Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration



GRANVILLE Massachusetts

June 26-27, 1954



Incorporated a District, January 25
1754



The Bi-Centennial Committee wishes to express its gratitude on behalf of the Town of Granville, to the Town of Tolland, to our townspeople, former residents and other friends who have in any way contributed to the successful celebration of the town's 200th anniversary.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

- 10:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
- 10:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M. OPEN HOMES TOUR. PROGRAMS \$1.00
Proceeds for Preservation of Historical
Materials Fund
- 3:00 — 4:30 P.M. PARADE
- 4:30 — 5:00 P.M. BAND CONCERT
- 5:00 P.M. GREETINGS FROM STATE AND NATION
Lieutenant-Governor Sumner G. Whittier
Introduction of Distinguished Guests
- 6:00 P.M. DINNER HOUR
- 7:00 P.M. GREETINGS FROM GRANVILLE, OHIO
Dr. William T. Utter, Head of History
Department, Denison University
- 8:00 P.M. Square Dancing for All—Exhibition Dancing
Robert Marsh, *Master of Ceremonies*
Lawrence Loy, Cliff Patino, *Callers*
Jimmy Willis Orchestra of Pittsfield



SUNDAY, JUNE 27

- 11:00 A.M. SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCHES
Granville Federated — Dr. B. D. Napier, New Haven, Conn.
West Granville — Rev. Walter A. Couch, Florence, Mass.
Tolland — Rev. Kenneth D. Beckwith, Amherst, Mass.
- 12:00 M. DINNER HOUR: BUFFET LUNCHEON FOR GUESTS
- 1:00 — 3:00 P.M. LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL ROOM OPEN
SOCIAL HOUR
- 3:30 P.M. PAGEANT

THIS IS OUR TOWN

PAGEANT

Written and Directed by

KATHERINE PHELON

Music Directed by

MISS HELEN JOHNSON
MRS. PAUL NOBBS

Assisted by

MRS. HARRY CHRISTIANSEN
MRS. WALLACE SWANSON

ORGAN PRELUDE

TRUMPET FANFARE JERROLD BROWN

THE CALL OF LIBERTY *LIBERTY*, MRS. WILLIAM PRATT

NARRATOR: The spirit of Liberty has ever been embodied in the hearts of men and women in our dear land. Yea, there is a voice in every human soul that cries out to be free. Our fair town has answered that voice. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Or will you maintain it?"

Narrator MRS. RICHARD DICKINSON

Trumpet Call

THIS IS OUR TOWN

This is our town
It is a beautiful town,
A quiet town
Of templed hills and deep valleys.

This is a town
Remote from the city's noise and din;
A town of rugged windswept hills
And winding roads
And racing brooks.

A town of fragrant pines
And spreading hemlocks,
Of slopes with laurel clusters,
And streets of shade from
Overhanging maples.

Fair and serene
Our humble homes do lie.

This is our town
With its ever-changing scenes
Of nature's loveliness:
With white and silver winter,
Budding, feathery, lacey spring;
Cool, restful green of summer,
And autumn's flaming glory.

Tranquility, order, and integrity
Are here;
So like the rugged pioneers of old.

We lay no claim to glory or to fame.
No historic shrines have we;
No great industrial marts.

But once so long ago
When our nation was at dawning
Our town stood up among the leaders
then,
And gave its all for Liberty.

Like other hill-top towns of New
England
We, too, have smaller grown,
But ever have we given of strength
To every cause of human right.

With a firm faith in God
And with faith in man, we humbly live.

We have a just pride
In our noble heritage.

Yes, we are one of the hundreds of
towns
Of plain, ordinary people
That has helped to make America
What it is today.

EPISODE I — 1686

THE TOWN SITES ARE PURCHASED

Scene: Poquonnoc, Windsor, Conn.

The area of what is now Granville and Tolland was purchased for "good and loving considerations."

James Cornish Ralph Hansen

Toto Roland Ovesen

Gabriel Cornish Raymond Sandman

Indians

Barbara Boughton, Elinor Chapman, Judith Bowman,
Dennis Clifford, Robert Lees, Robert Laptew, Dwight
Dickinson, Joel Dickinson, Edward Pratt, Douglas
Messenger, James Tuttle.

Leader — Mrs. Harold Chapman

On June 26, 1713, James Cornish, Jr., and Damaris Tuller of Simsbury sold the land for 30 pounds to Atherton Mather of Suffield. Shortly after began the sale of lands to 44 speculators of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mather sold all he owned of "Bedford Plantations" and more too, realizing huge profits and causing endless trouble for the Proprietors.

To persuade people to settle here the Proprietors gave away one-fifth of their land. Free land! Land with a capital "L". What an inducement to fearless men!



EPISODE II — 1735

FOR LAND OF THEIR OWN

Scene: Bedford Plantations

Samuel Bancroft, first settler Floyd Hayden

Sarah Bancroft, 16, his bride Ethel Hunt

SAMUEL: Sorry, no! Sorry that I came to Bedford Plantations with a new mistress to take care of me? . . . I only 24 . . . with 100 acres of settling land? 100 acres for nary a shilling! Just to come here and settle! . . . How sweet an emotion is possession!

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Some day this shall be a big town — a pretty town with its hills, making one look upwards to the great God above. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; my help cometh from the Lord."

EPISODE III — 1748

PERPLEXING PROBLEMS OF PRACTICAL PROPRIETORS

Scene: Boston

Samuel Welles George Woodger
Jonas Clarke Porter Frisbie
Dr. Belcher Noyes Dennis Clifford
Anthony Stoddard Wallace Chapman
John Wendell Roy Barnes

SAMUEL WELLES: Some of our group have been lax. They have not given away one-fifth of their land to encourage settlers. I move we petition the Legislature for the right to dispose of the lands of the delinquent proprietors for settling lots . . . We were to have 70 families here by January, 1741. Here it is 7 years later and we still need more. Will you give us the figures, Dr. Noyes?

DR. NOYES: We owned 42,532 acres. We have given away thousands of acres to encourage settlement. We have given 2,370 acres for public use. We have surveyed the Plantations. We have given 100 acres to Rev. Moses Tuttle, the minister. We have builded a church. We have given salary for 3 years to the minister. We have gone to no end of trouble getting settlers for the wilderness. Today we must settle about the highways. And yet have we failed! Something must be done or we lose money on our venture.

By 1750, 73 families had braved the wilderness frontier — lured by free land and cheap land. Here were the very taproots of democracy; the settlers owning the land upon which they worked.

Stouthearted folks they were, working out their problems in a truly democratic way, standing shoulder to shoulder, secure in the knowledge that the welfare of each was the welfare of all.

With Phineas Pratt a strong leader of the movement, the "freeholders and other inhabitants" became a district on January 25, 1754 with a new name, GRANVILLE.

Twenty years later, 1774, we find a thriving farming community of 1100 people — having grist mills, saw-mills, tanneries, and a fulling mill; each family, an economic unit in itself.

Difficulties with the Mother Country had increased. The Stamp Act, Tea Tax, Quartering Act had embroiled the colonies into a state of bitter rebellion. And what was Granville's role? A most significant one!

EPISODE IV — July 5, 1774

RAISING THE LIBERTY POLE ON LIBERTY HILL

Scene: Middle Granville

Lebbeus Ball Raymond Nestrovich
Oliver Phelps Edward Roberts
Rev. Jedediah Smith Leonard Roberts
Timothy Spelman William Pratt
Timothy Robinson Guy Hansen
Dr. Josiah Harvey Randolph Petersen
Edmund Barlow Donald Marshall
John Hamilton Earl Tripp
Aaron Coe Walter Phelon
Lemuel Haynes Harold Chapman
Fifer John Brown
Drummers Leslie Sorrell, Richard Nadeau

TIMOTHY ROBINSON: The Pilgrims would not be forced by King James. We will not be forced by King George. Shall we be less brave than they? Then rise as one man to your own defense. Rise to make this beloved land a fit abode for your children. Rise, because you are men! Rise because it is your duty! Rise ye Sons of Liberty! "No town meeting!" ordered Royal Governor Gage. "Town meetings we shall have!" defiantly maintained the citizens of Granville.

On July 11, 1774, they appointed a committee of seven to inspect the debate between the Mother Country and the colonies. And what a fine document of protest against England those men drew up!



EPISODE V — April 20, 1775

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR BEGINS

Scene: Near Training Grounds

Samuel Church Robert Dowling
Edmund Barlow Donald Marshall
Capt. Richard Dickinson.....Frederic Wackerbarth
Minute Men Children
Courier Donald Blakesley

EDMUND BARLOW: Everybody's making powder kegs . . . With the men and boys all out training with the militia . . . east parish — middle parish.. Minute men, they call 'em. Looks mighty bad to me! Town raised 50 pounds to give a bounty for the minute men. Looks bad, I say, powder and lead — marching and drums!

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The war had begun, and within a few days the Minute Men were on their way toward Boston.

EPISODE VI — July 9, 1776

THE TOWN CELEBRATES THE NEW NATION'S INDEPENDENCE

Scene: Town Green

“And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”

Lemuel Haynes Harold Chapman

(Men and boys of previous episodes)

Beatrice Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hardy.

MINUET — John Tuttle, Paul Jensen, Nancy Wackerbarth, Betty Wackerbarth, Martha Schlosser, John Chapman, Jeffrey Daniels, Richard Woodger, Alan Lees, Donald Bird, Ronald Lees, Catherine Markiewicz, Arlene Lafreniere, Dorothy Schlosser, Verna Kampe, Judith Brown, Evelyn Messenger, Maurice Hansen.

MAYPOLE DANCE

SONG: *Liberty Bell*

Leaders of Revolutionary Scenes

Mrs. George Woodger

Mrs. Richard Nadeau



The war waged bitterly on. Granville gave its fullest support of powder, lead, guns, blankets, clothing, beef, corn, money, and men — over 300 men — all for the cause of Liberty!

The bitter struggle was over and a democracy born at a great cost. The absence of so many men in the Continental armies had wrought its mark upon the farms and homes which they left.

By 1800 Granville's population had grown to 2309. The rocky hills could not provide good living conditions for so many — not when they heard of the fertile fields of Ohio.

In early 1804, Samuel Everitt, Jr., started an idea for the formation of a company for westward migration. He suggested it to Levi Buttles and Timothy Rose. Ultimately, a company of 79, named the Licking Land Company was organized. Buttles, Rose, and Job Case went to Ohio and purchased 29,040 acres.

Advance guards left Granville in March, June, and July of 1805 to improve land, raise corn, build temporary huts, erect saw and grist mills. Everything was ready by fall when the trek of 102 pioneers began.

EPISODE VII — 1805

THE LURE OF THE WEST — OHIO CALLS

Rev. Timothy M. Cooley Mr. Arthur Frellick
Women Lempie Dickinson, Doris Marshall
Boy Norman Holcomb
Girls Linda Petersen, Alice Jensen,
Charlotte Rodimon
Man Mr. August Kampe
Polly Rose Mrs. Marcella Mosher
Levi Rose Harrison King
Sarah Gavitt Mrs. Alice Frisbie
William Gavitt Mr. Francis Hunt
Emigrant Children..... Beverly Mosher, Marion Hansen,
Joy Wackerbarth, Robert Marsh
David Chapman

Leader — Doris Kampe

Hymn and emigrant song were written by Timothy Spelman,
one of the pioneers.

REV. T. M. COOLEY: O God, Creator of Mankind and Guardian of the noblest destinies of men and nations, we pray to thee in this hour to guide the footsteps of Thy children aright. "If Thy Presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." Permit these, Thy children ever to follow after Thee. Let them ever remember to seek knowledge and to bring faith into the new frontier. This, O God, we humbly ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen. As the hand of God is in your venture, go and we will pray for you.



Apple Blossom Time in Granville

EPISODE VIII — 1810

TOLLAND BECOMES A SEPARATE TOWN

“Fifteen miles from east to west!
Mountains come between us.
Travel is slow and hard,
Up hill and down dale,
On horse or on foot.
The roads are covered with snow;
The roads are covered with ice;
The roads are deep in mud.
So, how *can* we plan together?”

Mother Granville Mrs. Arthur Frellick
Daughter Tolland Kathleen Clifford



EPISODE IX — 1840

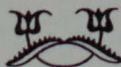
AT A DISTRICT SCHOOL

Schoolmaster Philip Dickinson
Scholars: Martha Lussier, Jonathan Marsh, Mary
Laptew, Cheryl Woodger, John Brown, Cathy Mar-
kiewicz, Arlene Lafreniere, Joan Daniels, Curtis
Tuttle, Everett Bettinger, William Pratt.
Peddler Gary Petersen

What a supreme triumph it is, having grown old to merit the respect and devotion of those who know us best! Rev. Timothy M. Cooley's life was a plain, hard life of a country pastor and educator, yet it seems to rise in our community like some great tree, with its roots deeply buried in the soil of our common life, its branches close to the sky.

In 1856, during a heated debate in Congress over the Kansas situation, Senator Sumner of Massachusetts was brutally assaulted.

In the next episode we hear the views of our venerable Dr. Cooley.



EPISODE X — 1856

AT 84, THE PATRIARCH OF THE TOWN
SHOWS FIRE IN THE PULPIT

“*He Shall Lead His Flock*” — Jean Pieczarka
Rev. Dr. T. M. Cooley Mr. Arthur Frellick

With 1861 came the War Between the States. One hundred ten Granville men joined the colors. During the war the women took on added chores about the farms and spent many hours knitting and sewing.



EPISODE XI — 1864

“THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME”

Scene: Sewing Circle

Girls Jane Wackerbarth, Patricia Kenney,
Marion Pratt, Marie Tuttle, Dianne Dickinson

Mrs. Philura Gibbons, mother of poet-soldier Joseph
Gibbons, who died in war *Mrs. Henry Kenney*

Leader — *Mrs. Henry Kenney*



EPISODE XII — 1900

AT THE NOBLE & COOLEY DRUM SHOP PICNIC

Scene: Gaines' Woods

(A)

“*School Days*”

“*Annie Rooney*”

CHILDREN: Ernest Sattler, Charles Benton, John Roberts, Mary Sussman, Joseph Roberts, Florence Andrus, Joan Miller, Bernice Phillips, Eva Miller, Carol Roberts, Thomas Warner, Robert Kulis, Cynthia Roberts, Herbert Brooks

Leader — *Mrs. Wellington Clary*

(B)

High-Wheeled Bicycle Rider Donald Dickinson

In the Old Gas Buggy Herbert Hiers, William Tryon

“*In My Merry Oldsmobile*”

“*Where Did You Get That Hat?*” May Hunt, Paul Nobbs

“*Daisy, Daisy*” Carol Hansen, Ruthven Daniels

“*My Sweetheart's the Man in the Moon*” Grace Kane

“*In the Good Old Summertime*” Alice Dickinson,
Lovesta Banks

“*Meet Me in St. Louis*”

"I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now" Robert Marsh

"The Curse of An Aching Heart" Nancy Dickinson

"Sweet Adeline" William Bird, Guy Russell,
H. Sam Wackerbarth, Ruthven Daniels, Robert Marsh

"The Band Played On"

"Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight"

CHORUS: Joan Hansen, Nancy Scharmer, Betty Pendleton,
Gail Sandman, Barbara Holcomb, Lorraine Holcomb

Music Director — Mrs. Paul Nobbs

Costume Leader — Mrs. Francis Hunt



FINALE: HISTORY ON THE MARCH

Cast led by *Liberty*

Veterans of Wars Richard Bruno, David Holcomb,
Donald LeClair, Leroy Clink

"Faith of Our Fathers"

"O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

RAISING COLORS — "Star Spangled Banner"

The director wishes to express appreciation to Mrs. Lavinia Wilson for the use of the galley sheets of "The History of Granville, Massachusetts" written by the late Mr. Albion Wilson.



50th Anniversary of Building of Library

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