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Local Historian Examines the Execution of Joshua Tefft at Smith's Castle in 1676

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On October 7, Smith's Castle received a special visit from about 20 members of the Tefft Family Association. Members of the association are descendants of John Tefft (1614–c1680), his brother William (who died without a male heir), and John's sons, Joshua and Samuel.

During their reunion weekend, the group also visited the Tefft Homestead, a 30-acre remnant of the family farm near the Great

Swamp that was settled by brothers Joshua and Samuel in the 17th century and occupied by Tefft descendants until the early 20th century. In addition to Tefft cemeteries and the foundations of several colonial homes and outbuildings, the site has also yielded evidence of a strong Native American presence. The Tefft Homestead has been recognized by the State of Rhode Island as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

One of the most dramatic and horrific scenes in Cocumscussoc history involved Joshua Tefft. In the following article, A. Craig Anthony discusses Joshua Tefft's role in the Great Swamp Fight and his fateful encounter at Richard Smith's trading house and garrison in January 1676—just months before the structure was burnt in retaliation for the attack by the United Colonies against the Narragansetts.

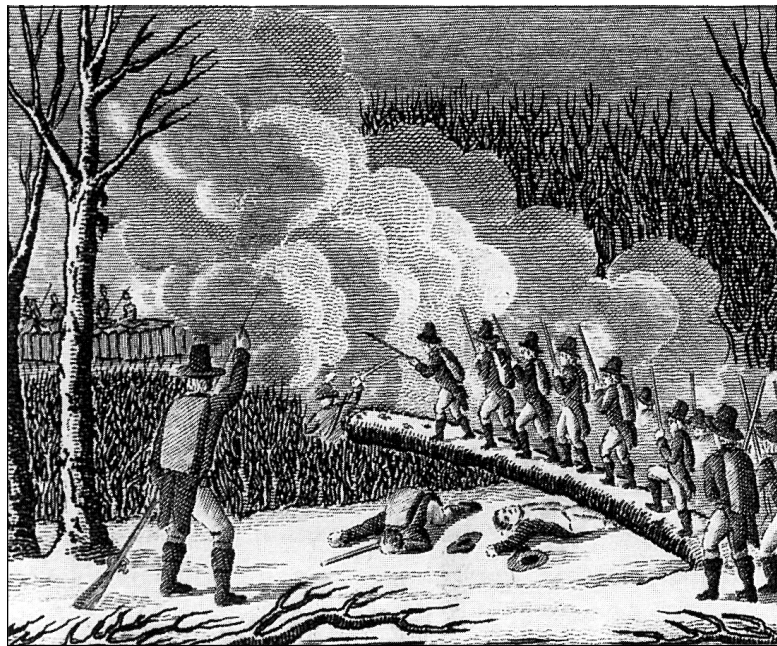
Three hundred and twenty-five years ago Joshua Tefft, a resident of Kingstown, in Narragansett country, was executed for treason at Smith's garrison house under the direction of Captain Richard Smith and Josiah Winslow, the Governor of Plymouth Colony. Since no record of his trial has survived to this day, we must rely on contemporary accounts from those directly involved, as well as—to a lesser degree—the published histories of that time.

The time was King Philip's War of 1675–76, when the colony of Rhode Island found itself the focus of hostilities resulting from the United Colonies' (Massachusetts

Bay, Connecticut, Plymouth) failed policies in dealing with their Indian neighbors. After several attempts to annex southern Rhode Island were foiled, the United Colonies attempted to claim the territory "By Right of Conquest" by reduc-

ing the great Narragansett Nation to submission. While the Tefft family had lived in peace next to their Narragansett neighbors for 14 years, all but Joshua retreated to the safety of Aquidneck Island at the impending approach of hostilities.

What do we know about the celebrated Joshua Tefft? Usually, our first knowledge of his existence comes from various accounts regarding his part in King Philip's War of 1675–76. Much myth surrounds many of these reports and perhaps we will never know the exact truth. Even his birth date remains a mystery. We do know that Joshua was born



According to tradition, troops of the United Colonies gained access to the Narragansett stronghold in the Great Swamp over a fallen log. Library of Congress (neg. # 106518)

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Note from the President

I am pleased to report that the revised Bylaws were approved as presented at the special general membership meeting on October 15.

All members recently received an invitation to the Member-Guest Holiday Party on December 7th. We must limit the number of attendees so reservations are strictly first come first served. The proceeds of the event have been earmarked for replacing the sign at the entrance on Post Road.

Last year, a sponsorship program was initiated whereby individuals could donate \$100 in addition to the \$25 admission fee. The plan provided sufficient funds to have our trees pruned or removed where necessary. Those interested in the sponsor program this year may submit their donation along with their reservation.

The annual membership meeting will take place on January 25 at the Community Center at Cold Spring. Festivities start with a potluck supper at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Supporters of Smith's Castle have done a marvelous job this year with many interesting and worthwhile events—all of which have been reported in these *Chronicle* pages. How fortunate we are to have the wonderful folks that prepare this professional quarterly newsletter. Thank you!

—Dick Bowen

From the Annex Window

A brisk and windy Plantation Days 2001 drew over 1000 visitors to a variety of family-friendly educational activities. It was a great weekend.

When Becky Morgan and Dianne McGowan, new Castle members, were asked to chair the event, they said, "Sure!" We're glad that they had such fun because they've both agreed to do it again! Others on this hardworking team were John Aubin, Larry Seaberg, and Audrey Rogers.

In reflection, Becky, a newcomer to Rhode Island, appreciated the "opportunity to meet and serve with a group of very giving, friendly people."

Dianne added that the support and "cooperation from all the volunteers and members made this big job much easier."

We thank the NK Arts Council and our corporate sponsors, Tarbox Motors, Schartner Farms/Wickford Florist, Wal-Mart, and Staples. Also, Allie's Donuts, Belmont Fruit, Burnham Excavating, Kenyon's, Sunbeam Bread, Tockwotton Farm, Tucker Enterprises, and Valley Country Club contributed through services, donations, or discounted goods.

Thank you for your vital volunteer work this year, and on behalf of the Association, peace and happiness in 2002.

—Barbara Carey

Looking for the Perfect Gift?—Membership Has the Solution!

It's so difficult to come up with unique gift ideas each year. This year particularly, selecting a gift that reflects our collective heritage and identity as Americans, is especially meaningful. We invite all trustees, members, and Castle friends to consider Castle gift memberships for your holiday giving.

A gift of membership is an ideal way to introduce your friends to something very special or your grandchildren to an exciting learning adventure.

A Smith's Castle membership is a unique solution to the annual holiday gift giving dilemma. It will ensure great times with family and friends throughout the year ahead.

Contact the Annex office, 294-3521, to find out how. ■

—Ellie Ferguson and Cathy Shippee
Membership Co-Coordinators

Welcome New Members

Carol & Ron Allen	Elaine Methewson
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Jody Greenwood	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Squillante
Ken Lonngren	

New Business Member
E&A Holding Co., Inc.

—as of 11/8/01

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Plantation Days Activities:

1. Bride Ellen Cashman is ready to tie the knot in true 18th century style. Photo by Linda Eppich.

2. Blacksmith Don McKenney demonstrates his trade. Photo by Sarah Davies.

3. Jr. Docents Hillary Hurd and Rebecca Long demonstrate paper making. Photo by Sarah Davies.

4. The Free Men of the Sea, portray the notorious Capt. Wm. Kidd and his crew. Photo by Chris Kalina.

Committees

Trustees Accept Committee Charters

At its October 15 meeting the Board voted to accept the following committee charters, providing definition for essential functions of the Association.

Finance Committee: Develop and monitor Association financial policies and guidelines. Submit annual operating budgets to the Board and monitor budgets on a monthly basis. Develop and monitor borrowing plans. Develop and implement investment plans.

Collections Committee: Establish and implement plans for acquisition, accession, deaccession, and registration of collections; processing incoming and outgoing collection loans; and the care and security of objects in the collection.

Exhibition Subcommittee: Develop and implement plans for permanent and temporary exhibitions. The initial project is to be an exhibition that portrays the history of Smith's Castle from the first trading post until the present. The project is to include refurbishing the visitor orientation room.

Education Committee: Develop and implement education plans, both in-house and outreach, in cooperation with other institutions and community organizations.

Docent Subcommittee: Develop and implement plans for recruiting, training, and administering the Docent program. Institute programs that improve the effectiveness of docent activities and make docent experiences more satisfying.

Youth Subcommittee: Develop and implement plans for the recruitment and training of young people who will be future leaders. Establish plans and policies

for school programs, junior docent programs, and other youth activities.

Adult Subcommittee: Develop and implement plans for interpretive activities for adults, including lectures and special group tours in collaboration with other service providers.

Membership Committee: Develop and implement programs for increasing the number of members and revenues from membership dues. Institute programs that make membership experiences more satisfying and that make use of membership resources.

Nominating Committee: Nominate candidates for election of Association officers and trustees.

Development Committee: Develop and implement plans for raising funds to cover operating expenses, other than membership dues. Programs include admission charges, special events, gift shop, grant funding, donations for exhibitions, and annual fund drives.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee: Develop and implement plans for achieving recognition of Smith's Castle. Assist in securing goals of the Association by disseminating information to public and membership constituencies through a variety of media including Castle publications and web site, publicity, and advertising. Support the programs of the Membership, Development, Education, and Capital Campaign Committees.

Site and Building Development Committee: Develop plans for development of all properties owned by the Association, including construction of additional buildings, landscaping, and parking facilities.

Conduct archaeological studies that reveal site history and establish an understanding of site development constraints. Identify and develop plans for acquisition of additional land or of buildings that could be moved to the present site. Implement expansion plans approved by the Board.

Facilities Committee: The Facilities Committee is composed of three subcommittees:

House Subcommittee: Develop and implement plans for maintenance of Smith's Castle and its physical assets, other than objects in the collection.

Annex Subcommittee: Develop and implement plans for the maintenance of the Annex and its physical assets.

Grounds Subcommittee: Develop and implement plans for maintenance of trees, gardens, lawns, paths, fences, roads, parking lots, and undeveloped areas on properties owned by the Association.

Strategic Planning Committee: Develop, monitor, and annually update an Association long-range strategic plan that incorporates the Museum Assessment Program report and includes a mission statement; long-range program objectives; physical, human, and financial resource plans; programs for short term implementation or required actions; and forecasted operating and capital budgets.

MAP Subcommittee: Submit the final report of the MAP committee to the Board.

Capital Campaign Committee: Develop and implement plans for raising funds required for Board approved capital projects including endowment funds needed for preservation and maintenance. ■

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MAP Recommendations Under Review

In late July, the Cocumscussoc Association received the final recommendations made by the American Association of Museums (AAM) based on our participation in the Museum Assessment Program (MAP).

This article summarizes the recommendations contained in the report. Copies of the full report can be borrowed from the Annex office, and all members are encouraged to read the details of the recommendations.

Background

Last fall, the Cocumscussoc Association received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS) to participate in the American Association of Museums' Museum Assessment Program. Through a focused self study and an assessment by an outside museum professional, MAP is designed to help museums help themselves in improving and expanding their operations.

The first stage of the program was a self-study of all aspects of our organization. A board-level team, including Association President Dick Bowen, Vice President Al Fenik, and Trustees Jan Breault and Linda Eppich, conducted the self-study with the assistance and coordination of Neil Dunay as MAP Facilitator and Resident Manager Barbara Carey.

The second step was a visit from a MAP site surveyor. On June 24-25, Kristin Herron, museum program director for the New York State Council for the Arts, took the Castle tour and met with docents, trustees, and other volunteers to gather information about our operations.

Based on her visit, Ms. Herron developed her Institutional Assessment Report, which the Association

received in late July. Ms. Herron's recommendations form a blueprint for strengthening our organization.

Recommendations

Ms. Herron picked out ten major recommendations. She identified three areas that merit immediate attention, and seven other priority areas, but other recommendations are tucked into the details of the report.

“While Smith’s Castle has taken time and great thought in revising its mission statement, and developing a vision statement, I believe the first order of business is to do this again... these statements need to best reflect where you are headed, not where you have been, and embrace the inclusivity and complexity of your site more clearly.”

The top three areas include:

1. Revise the mission statement. Ms. Herron had three concerns about our current mission statement. First, created at the formation of the organization in 1949, the statement is outdated and reflects our past rather than future. Second, the statement should be more externally focused: How does our group relate to the broader community



and how might the outside community view our mission statement? Third, perhaps the mission statement should broaden our interpretative period beyond our current c1830 cutoff to include our twentieth century history.

2. Formalize the long-range plan. Establish a committee for strategic or long-term planning. Outline areas of accomplishment and review unfinished areas, perhaps engaging assistance from an outside consultant. Link long-range planning to the budget process.

3. Continue efforts on basic care and accountability of the collections. Work must continue on inventorying the collection and developing appropriate storage, as well as developing an emergency preparedness plan. Of primary importance to the interpretative experience would be to develop a Historic Furnishings Report that would lead to a reinstallation of furnishings to more accurately represent the periods rooms are intended to reflect. The Association should also apply for the AAM's Collections Management Assessment (formerly called MAP II) to get clear advice on the care and management of collections.

The next seven priorities include:

4. Establish a grants committee. Start to compile information by referring to the *Foundation Directory* and make contacts with grant-giving organizations.

5. Develop an interpretive plan, perhaps with the help of a consul-

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tation from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This is not a script for docents; rather it identifies key themes and stories that are relevant to the site and explores how to share these with the general public. An interpretive plan would help make sure important points are addressed on tours, while stories of dubious origin are avoided.

6. Reexamine the use of period clothing. Current use of period clothing is unevenly authentic. Either accurate period clothing should be worn and incorporated into the interpretive experience (docents should explain what period their clothing reflects and describe the various elements of attire and their importance). Or, the use of period clothing should be abandoned altogether, and clothing of the period interpreted could be presented as part of an exhibit. (Ms. Herron strongly argued for the abandonment of period attire, except during special events.)

7. Conduct an audience survey. This would be a way of gathering information about our visitors, as well as getting feedback from visitors on how they learned about our site and how they viewed their experience.

8. Undertake the AAM's Public Dimension Assessment, which could help us target our audience and improve relations with the community. A related recommendation is to hold a special reception for the local community designed to increase awareness of the Association's mission, activities, and achievements, and also to probe why they are not members.

9. Strengthen public relations. Develop a tag line, logo, and press kit.

“Smith’s Castle is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers and a capable Site Manager. The site is well poised to move forward. There are many things to accomplish, and areas that need improvement. This will take time, so have patience.”

10. Develop job descriptions and manuals for volunteers and board members.

Other Recommendations

a. Continue with the docent training program, and consider getting input from an interpreter-training specialist.

b. Continue to connect special events to the site (e.g., herbalists, storytelling, music, demonstrations).

c. Bring in a museum education and evaluation specialist to focus on school programs to expand upon the success the Association has achieved in this area.

d. Reconsider exhibit-board materials used in the meeting room and interpret the exhibits in this area for visitors.

e. Reinterpret the “Ballroom” and eliminate the current textile exhibit.

f. Explore the flow of visitors through the house and landscape,

with a possible view toward a more chronological presentation.

g. Establish a more formal process for conducting historical research, including the solicitation of help from local universities (professors and student interns), as well as historical societies and genealogical organizations.

h. Continue to develop and expand the website, including the section on historical research.

i. Discuss whether continued use of the name “Smith’s Castle” is appropriate to the site and for public relations.

j. Investigate sources of funding for paid staff and pursue the possibility of establishing a joint position for a weekend manager and curator of collections.

k. Consider new avenues for attracting volunteers, including notices at local church groups, YMCA, local newspaper advertisements, Parent-Teacher Associations, and/or through a special “volunteer open house.”

l. Determine why those who have not renewed memberships over the last five years haven’t done so.

m. Experiment with ideas for increasing membership, perhaps through free memberships to new town residents, advertising with genealogical associations, or social events targeting young families in the area.

n. Conduct an annual membership drive.

o. Computerize budget and financial records.

p. Look to local business communities for financial support.

q. Explore a Smith’s Castle credit card, for which a percentage of each payment goes to the Association.

r. Continue the long-range site committee’s work of developing proposals for expanding current facilities (which now are inadequate

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to meet collections and public-service goals). Visit other small sites that have gone through building projects.

s. Develop an emergency preparedness plan and invite local police and fire departments annually for separate reviews of the facility.

t. Develop both job descriptions and a training plan (orientation) for board members.

u. Keep the nominating committee active throughout the year to identify prospective board candidates.

v. Apply for AAM Governance Assessment.

Next Steps

All of the recommendations are suggestions. It is now up to the Cocumscussoc Association to explore the recommendations and implement them as appropriate. The MAP Study Team is now going

over the recommendations and will forward them to the Executive Committee or the appropriate standing committee for further action. The efforts of every member and volunteer will be vital to making these visions realities.

In several months we will be reporting to our Surveyor to discuss the progress we have achieved to date in implementing the MAP plan, and within a year we will update the AAM on the changes we have made. The recommendations will become part of our permanent cycle of assessment and planning through our new Strategic Planning Committee.

If you have comments on the recommendations or would like to volunteer to help implement the proposals, please call the Association office at 294-3521. ■

—Neil Dunay
MAP Facilitator

“ I feel that it is very important to initially congratulate everyone involved with the Cocumscussoc Association/ Smith’s Castle. This is clearly a very dedicated and energetic group of volunteers... Everyone was open, honest, and eager to learn and move forward.”

Preservation Work Leaves Trees in Good Shape

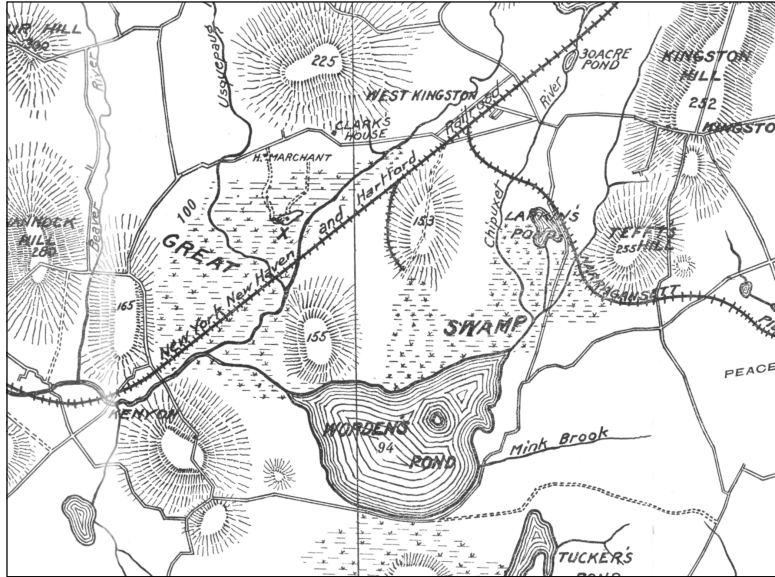
A tree maintenance fund was created by the generosity of our members and guests who attended the holiday party in December 2000. The trees had been neglected for many years and contained many broken and dead branches. The trees within the lawn area have now been pruned by SeaScape to correct these problems. The mulberry and sycamore trees were also thinned out to reduce the wind load in an attempt

to minimize future storm damage. The sugar maple adjacent to the entrance to the Annex was removed upon the recommendation of the arborist who felt it represented a liability and was beyond being salvaged. Two small sugar maples will be planted this Fall on the east side of the Annex to replace the maple. The Association thanks all members and guests who made this work possible. ■

—Dick Breault
Grounds Coordinator



The Execution of Joshua Tefft



Joshua Tefft's farm was adjacent to the Great Swamp. The site of the Narragansett fort is marked X on the above map. Larkin's (once known as Tefft's) Pond and Tefft's Hill were part of the Tefft property. From Rhode Island Society of Colonial Wars' Record of the ... Unveiling of the Monument Commemorating the Great Swamp Fight, 1906.

in the early 1640s, or so, in either Rhode Island or Massachusetts to parents John and Mary Tefft. Joshua Tefft was a first generation American.

Little is known of Joshua's early life. While there are records for his uncle William in Boston dating to 1638,¹ records for his father John do not appear until 1643 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.² From the documentary record it is possible to conclude that Joshua's brother Samuel was born 1644–46.³ While there are no such records for Joshua, circumstantial evidence seems to indicate that he was the older of the two.

The first extant record for Joshua is the birth of his son, Peter, in 1672. Joshua's wife Sarah died just two days later, most likely of childbed fever:⁴

"Peeter Tifft Sonn of Josua Tiff by Sarah his wife, was born ye 14th of march ye yeer 1672 in Warwicke"

Joshua and his brother Samuel are recorded in a 1674 census for Connecticut's disputed Plantation of Wickford, the local seat of which was Richard Smith's fortified trading post in the present town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.⁵ Joshua is also mentioned in his father's 1674 will.⁶ These documents are all we know of Joshua Tefft prior to King Philip's War. Certainly there is nothing in these records to suggest the tragic fate that befell him at the height of the war.

In December 1675, over 1,300 troops of the Puritan United Colonies converged in southern Rhode Island at Smith's garrison intending to take the territory by right of conquest.⁷ They attacked the Narragansett stronghold located on an island in the Great Swamp, two miles from Joshua Tefft's farm. Tefft claimed that he had been taken captive by the Narragansett — his life spared only on the condition that he serve as their

slave.⁸ However, an Indian woman taken captive by the English of the United Colonies reported that Joshua was their "encourager and conductor."⁹

After the Great Swamp Fight of December 19, 1675, Captain Oliver of Massachusetts reported that Joshua Tefft had "shot 20 times at us in the swamp."¹⁰ Records indicate that Joshua wounded Captain Nathaniel Seely of Connecticut, who subsequently died.¹¹ An Indian spy reported that Joshua, "did them good service & kild & woounded 5 or 6 English in that fight & before they wold trust him hee had kild a miller an English man at Narragansett and brought his scalpe to them."¹²

Yet, Joshua claimed that "Himselfe had no Arms at all" at his interrogation recorded by Roger Williams in Providence.¹³ He was subsequently extradited to Wickford into the custody of General Josiah Winslow, Governor of Plymouth, and Richard Smith on January 16, 1676. Two days later at Smith's garrison, Joshua was executed for high treason, the only Englishman to suffer such a fate in all New England history. Major William Bradford of Plymouth wrote: "The Englishman that was taken had his doom yesterday, to be hanged and quartered; which was done effectually."¹⁴

A sorrowful record, indeed. Yet, what happened after Joshua Tefft's execution seems to suggest that he was not guilty of high treason, but merely of seeking to preserve his own life and property under duress. The Rhode Island government swiftly admonished the soldiers of the United Colonies as unwelcome intruders, but there was little else that they could do.

After the war, the colonial government of Rhode Island took an

almost solicitous posture towards the Tefft family. Joshua's brother, Samuel Tefft, and his brother-in-law, the future Governor Joseph Jenkes, became freemen of the colony in 1677.¹⁵ In 1681, Joshua's orphan son, Peter Tefft, was appointed three guardians: Jireh Bull, Justice of the Peace of Pettaquamscutt; the prominent John Greene of Warwick, who later became deputy governor of Rhode Island; and Peter's uncle, Samuel Tefft.¹⁶ The guardianship order made it clear that Peter, a nine year old boy in 1681, was a landowner

apparently having right to all the possessions of his father, even though Joshua was executed as a felon by Puritan authorities, and even though colonial law required a convicted traitor's lands and goods to be forfeited. (see below)

In the early 18th century, the Tefft family petitioned the Rhode Island General Assembly regarding their interest in the vacant Indian lands. Without a doubt, it must have been a most compelling argument. In 1709, three members of the Tefft family; Samuel Tefft, his oldest son John, and Joshua's

orphan son, Peter, were among twenty-six individuals granted exclusive right to take part in the Shannock Purchase, which included much of the present town of Richmond, Rhode Island.¹⁷ ■

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Hanged, drawn, and quartered— The supreme punishment for high treason

Drawn and quartered is often popularly believed to be a torture that involved pulling a person's legs and arms in four directions by horses or on a rack. Viewers of the movie *Braveheart* know that it is an even more gruesome act. As set out in the Incorporation of Providence Plantations in 1647, the following provision details the process, presumed to have been used against Joshua Tefft at Smith's Castle. Frequently, the victim's body or head was publicly displayed as a warning to others.

"For high treason, if a man, he being accused by two lawful witnesses or accusers, shall be drawn upon a hurdell unto the place of execution, and there shall be hanged by the neck, cut down alive, his entrails and privie members cut from him and burned in his view; then shall his head be cut off and his body quartered; his lands and his goods all forfeited."

Source: Bartlett, John R. ed., *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England*. (Providence, 1856) 1:160–161

Hearty Pats on the Back to...

Jean Chapman and **Al Fenik** for making the very handy sticks to hold up our Castle windows. What a help!

Lou and Joan Sansone for making the handsome frames to exhibit the names of our Business Members. Take note when you're next in the Castle!

Sharon Walworth for donating her flock of handmade Rhode Island Reds for the Gift Shop—complete with candy corn feed.

Neil Dunay for transcribing important Smith and Updike inventories

and wills, making these documents accessible for study. This was tedious work.

Mary Shillaber and **Janice Brown** for coordinating the lovely Docent and Friends Luncheon on October 24. The Board of Trustees sponsored the affair in appreciation of their service during the 2001 season.

Jan Breault and **Diane Long** for representing Smith's Castle at the New England Museum Association Annual Conference in Newport in November. They participated in a round table session, "Youth Working in Museums Today—Tomorrow's Museum Leaders." Other roundtable participants represented Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem.

Mary Turkel, **Betty Follansbee**, and **Chris Kalina** for giving a special tour to National Trust for Historic Preservation conference attendees in October. The Castle was part of a tour of South County. The conference planners gave special kudos to the Smith's Castle volunteers.

Jan Breault for giving a history lesson at the Beechwood Senior Center. Jan's "students" thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

Betsy Poe and **Audrey Moncrieff** and all the Master Gardener volunteers for managing the 18th century garden this year. **Dick Breault** for season-long coordination of grounds care. Their countless hours of labor have kept our grounds beautiful.

Karen Lucas, owner of The Hour Glass on West Main in Wickford, for donating a fax machine. It has certainly been put to good use!

The Education Committee, **Jan Breault**, **Martha Dwyer**, **Chris Kalina**, and **Diane Long** for providing the highly successful October Speakers Series, supported by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities.

Peter Dunston, Trustee, for leadership in articulating the committee charters for the Association (see page 4 for the full story).

Docents' Celebration:

Smith's Castle welcomes the most recent class of Docents and Friends. Left to right, back: Carol Bozarth, Docent trainer, Bob Hocking, Chris Kalina, and Ellie Perkins. Seated: Sally Marinelli, Margie Adams, and Linda Hatfield. Photo by Barbara Carey



Docents and Friends celebrate their service to Smith's Castle in 2001. Photo by Dick Bowen.



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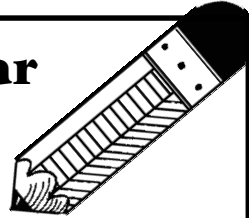
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Christmas at the Castle

Saturday, Dec. 1, Noon–4 pm
Sunday, Dec. 2, Noon–4 pm

Craft class: Deck Your Halls in Fresh Greenery

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7–9 pm
To register: 294-3521

NK Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5:30–7:30
Sponsor: USI New England

Member-Guest Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 7, 6–8 pm

Annual Meeting

Friday, Jan. 25
Potluck, 6:30 pm
Meeting, 7:30 pm

Lecture: King Philip's War

Michael Tougias, author
Saturday, Feb. 2, 4 pm
NK Free Library
Cosponsored by the Library
and the Castle
(snow date, Saturday, Jan. 16)

Lecture: Life-styles of the Narragansett People

Ella Sekatau, Narragansett
Tribal Ethno-Historian
Saturday, March 16, 2 pm
NK Free Library
Supported by the Rhode Island
Committee for the Humanities

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A Smith's Castle page is included in this new website that highlights the many good reasons for visiting Wickford, Rhode Island. The site features local art, food, shops, events, history, lodging, attractions, and more. It's an interactive site, so get on-line and participate!



The *Chronicle* has been notified of the deaths of Castle members **Doris Armstrong** and **George Fales**. On behalf of the membership, we extend sincere sympathy to their families.

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