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Long-Range Site Committee Secures \$200,000 Grant to Improve Smith's Castle Landscape

R.I. Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant to be used for landscape infrastructure improvements

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Thank-Yous

The Long-Range Site and Building Development Committee submitted an application to the R.I. Department of Transportation for funding through the Transportation Enhancement Program—a highly competitive bidding process. Our efforts were rewarded in August 2002 with a \$200,000 grant to the Cocumscussoc Association to be disbursed by FY2005. The monies will be used to:

- Hire a qualified historic preservation professional to prepare a cultural landscape report.
- Reconfigure the front entrance from Route 1 for buses and the general public, and improve drainage.
- Provide improved and appropriate signage.
- Provide needed lighting for public access.
- Construct a bus drop-off/loop road and parking area.
- Install appropriate fencing and barriers.
- Provide landscape enhancement.
- Provide design and engineering services.

At the behest of the Executive Committee, the Long-Range Site and Building Development Committee has been working since January 2000 to develop guidelines for the care, preservation, and enhancement of the existing site features and to locate potential sites for future development of the property owned by the Cocumscussoc Association.

Since the Association was established in 1948, various groups have explored the idea of developing the



Figure 1. The landscape surrounding Smith's Castle, its significance, and its evolution over the centuries is the focus of the Long-Range Site and Building Development Committee.

area around the Castle to include the types of dependencies and outbuildings that would have been part of the Castle's farming and plantation history. Indeed, although it is a marvelous example of 17th and 18th century architectural craftsmanship, the Castle has survived as a lonesome relic stripped of the context that once gave it meaning (fig. 1). Today, we are left with only our imaginations to ponder the various outbuildings, barns, corn cribs, ice houses, workshops, fences, stone walls, pastures, gates, windmills, farming equipment, animals, warehouses, and wharves, that once were located on the site. Who were the workers that made all these

essential pieces run smoothly? Were they skilled itinerants, slaves, Native Americans, family members? What was daily life like being part of an enormous plantation that once contained over 3000 acres? What evidence did they leave behind that's yet to be discovered? How do we, as stewards of this venerable historic place, care for the 22 acres that are left in our charge for future generations? How do we meet our needs as an association so that we can continue to educate the public about nearly four centuries of history on this site? These are some of the questions we asked ourselves as a committee and following are some of our conclusions.

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Note from the President

It does not seem possible but it is time to talk about the Holidays. Once again we are participating in North Kingstown's Festival of Lights on Dec. 7 and 8. This year however, we are planning to change our focus to the twilight atmosphere of Smith's Castle. Our hours will be 2:00–6:00 pm, which will allow our visitors to walk the candle-lined walkway into the Updike home. Refreshments, as well as children's activities and Father Christmas, will be part of the \$2.00 entrance fee. Entertainment such as Updike Rose, carolers, and a demonstration of the minuet are scheduled. As you exit through the meeting room, you can purchase traditional holiday foods and snacks at our bake

sale. We hope that you start your busy December with us.

Christmas at the Castle is only one of the many activities planned for December. December 13 will be the member Christmas Party, always a popular event. The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce will hold their December After-Hours at the Castle on Dec. 11.

And then we allow our treasures to rest until Opening Day, May 3, 2003. Smith's Castle is closed but the Cocumscussoc Association business office remains open Monday through Friday for business as usual.

—Jan Breault

Trustees Vote on Use of Castle Fireplaces

At the October 28 meeting of the Cocumscussoc Association Board of Trustees, policy on use of the fireboxes in the house was the chief topic of the evening. For background, see the Fall 2002 issue of the *Chronicle*. With a responsibility toward preserving the historic structure, preserving our valuable collections, and ensuring public safety, the Board unanimously agreed to ban the building of fires in the fireplaces.

At the same time, the Board approved the establishment of a special committee to investigate ways

to continue the Castle's popular hearth-cooking educational programs. The committee's task will be to propose alternative locations for cooking demonstrations.

Board members agreed that the glowing hearths added special atmosphere and helped evoke a feeling of times past during our winter events. To help offset the loss of the fires, fireplaces are being fitted so that candles set into glass globes can be placed in them. We believe this alternative will create the desired ambience for all our holiday activities. ■

Exercise Membership Rights at Annual Meeting

All members are urged to attend the Saturday, January 25, 2003 Annual Meeting to be held at 2 pm at the North Kingstown Free Library. This is the one gathering each year for members to come together and discuss the work of the Association.

Hear fellow members report on the successes and challenges of this

hardworking organization and exercise your important voting rights in selecting our new leaders.

A special feature of the meeting will be a review of strategic planning efforts, including group discussion and member input on essential decisions for the future.

Refreshments will be served. RSVP by January 18 at 294-3521. ■

Welcome New Members

John and Maureen Aubin
Aldo and Florence Baiocchi
Michael Barner, Jr.
Nancy Brush
Richard and Janet Fernie
Fox Family
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Kathleen Godley
Janet Hatch
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David and Mary Jackson
Michael White and Susan Leahy
John and Patricia McNamee
Karen Mueller
Michael and Susan Northrup
James Roehm and Bonnie Pashkow
Donald Ramos
Clyde Scanley
Evelyn C. Steinmetz
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Turley
Terri Coduri and Robert Viani

—as of 11/7/02

Committee News

Education Programs Honor Castle Reputation for Quality

There is an 18th century proverb that states *"Give Credit Where Credit Is Due."* The fall season has been very busy for the hard-working members of the education committee. School program bookings are up and our reputation for providing quality interactive interpretive programming continues to grow. Our thanks to the many docents who give their time and energy to staff these programs.

The adult education committee—Carol Bozarth, Maggie Skenyon, Gail Burda, Louise Duckworth, Lara Seaberg, Harvey Liberman, Chris Kalina, and Barbara Carey—have provided a year of wonderful and innovative programming. The charge of this sub-committee is to provide interpretive activities for adults for life long learning. The evening Libations Program, the October Speakers Series, the Focus Tours, and the Twilight Tours are examples of their efforts. Through these programs the public returns



Left: Haley Thorton models 18th century attire backed up by Rebecca Long in 21st century garb. Rebecca Long, Hilary Hurdiss, and Ryan Cranston (l to r). Photos by Chris Kalina.

again and again to learn about Cocumscussoc and the daily lives of those who lived here in the 17th and 18th centuries.

This fall, the Youth Historians, led by Diane Long, concentrated their efforts to produce historically accurate clothing for use in youth programs. Rebecca Long, Hilary Hurdiss, and Ryan Cranston advanced their knowledge of 17th and

18th century fashion and pattern drafting and developed their sewing prowess in the process. Garments made included short gowns, petticoats, aprons, breeches, and waistcoats in a variety of children's sizes. During Plantation Days, children were invited to dress up and have their pictures taken in these wonderful garments. Our thanks for all their hard work. ■

—Chris Kalina, Chair

Docents and Friends Close Busy Season

During the dog days of summer, the docents and friends kept busy with house tours for the public and special groups. The sweltering weather in August did not deter us from having a potluck picnic on the grounds of Smith's Castle. Prior to the picnic we enjoyed an informative tour of Old Narragansett Church led by Jean Chapman. We were reminded of the close ties between Smith's Castle and Wickford Village.

On September 30, Smith's Castle was represented by a group of docents at the docent symposium held at Roger Williams Park Zoo. This event is a learning experience for

all participants and gives everyone an opportunity to share their experiences and expertise with other volunteers.

The cooler days of fall bring one of our most exciting events—Plantation Days. Docents and friends are busy in many capacities on this day, from helping with food preparation to educating our visitors on the history of the house. We are grateful for all the time and effort Becky Morgan, Dianne McGowan, and John Aubin put forward to make this a memorable weekend.

The docents and friends would like to thank Cathe Rezendes for her hard work in formulating and col-

lecting feedback from the docent survey. We look forward to addressing our concerns and comments. Good luck to Candace Bengtson who is taking a rest from docenting. Candace's style and good taste have given Smith's Castle a charming gift shop that is now in the excellent hands of John Chase and Mary Shillaber.

I am delighted to report that we bring another successful season to a close at Smith's Castle and would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the docents, friends, and volunteers that make Smith's Castle a truly special experience for all who visit. ■

—Janice Brown, Docent Leader

Committee News

Docent Survey Highlights Concerns

In July, Smith's Castle docents were asked to complete a survey on many subjects, including improving docent recruitment and retention. Twenty-one of the forty active docents responded to the survey.

Four areas of concern stood out: enhancing training and ongoing education, producing an orientation video, improving recruitment, and improving communication within Smith's Castle.

Four docents reviewed the responses and results were discussed at the docent meeting in October.

The production of a introductory video for visitors to the site was supported by fourteen respondents (two were against and four were uncertain).

All responding docents agreed that continued training was important. Many ideas for training new docents and for providing continued training of current docents were voiced. These will be passed on to the docent training team.

Continued recruitment was a major concern. More docents are needed to present increasing numbers of house and school tours. Suggestions for recruitment included: manning a booth at all Castle events; providing information at the feedback table in the historic kitchen; sending flyers to PTOs, libraries, and colleges; and talking to friends and tour visitors. Finding ways to retain docents and to avoid "burn out" were also cited as major concerns.

More open communication throughout the Association and its committees was a desire expressed throughout the survey. Everyone felt docents should have a voice in planning new programs that require their involvement. The group suggested a docent be on each special event planning committee as well as the youth and adult education committees. They would report back to the docents during the planning stages of events and programs. The docents currently on the adult education and youth education committees agreed to do this. Also, a bulletin board is proposed for the kitchen to help recruit docents to serve on other committees in which their interests are at stake. ■

—Cathe Rezendes

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Plantation Days



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Plantation Days 2002:

1. Members of the Rhode Island Spinners Guild demonstrate their craft. Photo by Clyde Scanley.
2. Hallie Larkin of Massachusetts adjusts the wig of David Jennings of Harmone's Snowshoe Company, also of Massachusetts. Photo by Clyde Scanley.
3. Re-enactor militiamen drill on the Castle waterfront. Photo by Dick Breault.
4. Huskaii, a Navajo Indian a.k.a. Ron King, weaves Native American style baskets at Strong Woman's site. Photo by Clyde Scanley.

Long-Range Site and Building Development Committee

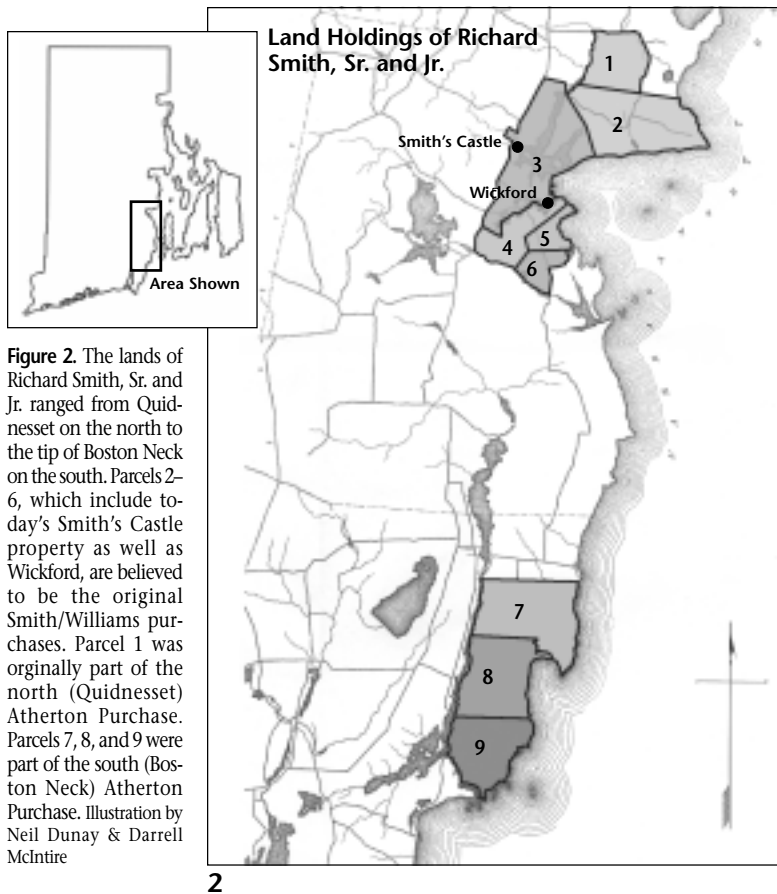
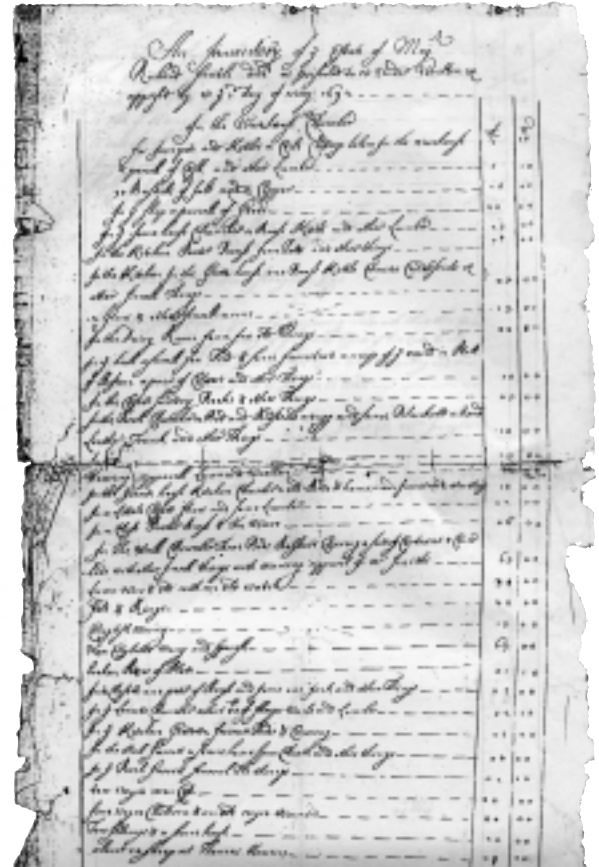


Figure 2. The lands of Richard Smith, Sr. and Jr. ranged from Quidnesset on the north to the tip of Boston Neck on the south. Parcels 2–6, which include today's Smith's Castle property as well as Wickford, are believed to be the original Smith/Williams purchases. Parcel 1 was originally part of the north (Quidnesset) Atherton Purchase. Parcels 7, 8, and 9 were part of the south (Boston Neck) Atherton Purchase. Illustration by Neil Dunay & Darrell McIntire



Preservation and protection of all known and yet to be discovered resources of the site is vital. A preliminary list of features to be protected includes:

- Smith's Castle: main building rear ell, and Victorian addition
- Annex building
- Existing foundations on the site, including the foundation for the 18th century icehouse, stone bridge, 20th century dairy barn foundations.
- Colonial Revival garden
- Common soldiers grave
- Slave burial ground
- Family cemetery
- Cocumscussoc Brook
- Wickford Cove shoreline
- Rabbit Island/Queen's Island
- Recorded archaeological features

As a first step the site committee collected and studied maps, aerial photographs, early photographs of the site, inventories, deeds and wills (which often list outbuildings long since gone), documents, letters, post cards, sketches, oral histories, archaeological surveys, and other historical resources. This research is beginning to clarify the historic evolution of the Castle's landscape and put the Castle into the context of the physical features that once surrounded it.

Some results of our research are shown in figures 2–5. Figure 2 shows the extent of the lands owned by Richard Smith, Sr. and Jr. They extended from Quidnesset on the north to the tip of Boston Neck on the south. Research continues

on land records that will allow us to further refine this map. Analyses of estate inventories (Richard Smith, Jr.'s 1692 inventory is shown in fig. 3), tax assessments, and land surveys have enabled us to identify buildings and locate some of them on the farms owned by the Smith and Updike families (fig. 4). An overview of the occupational and structural history of Cocumscussoc (i.e. Homestead Farm) was compiled from various sources (fig. 5) to support the Brown University archaeological investigations of the site in the early 1990s.

With the help of grant monies, the Committee will next hire a qualified historic preservation professional to prepare a *Cultural Landscape Report* (CLR). The CLR will

Buildings of Cocumscussoc

warehouse ([room] below; chamber)
shop
stone house (kitchen; chamber)
grease house (kitchen, hall, dairy; porch, kitchen, hall and lean-to chambers;
porch, kitchen, and hall garrets)

1799 tax assessment, Lodowick Updike

Homestead Farm:
dwelling house (51' x 34'; 31 windows, 622 panes)
barn (34' x 28')
crib (23' x 14')
2 other out buildings (8' x 8')

Mansion House Farm:
dwelling house (two stories high)
adjoining kitchen (one story, 16' x 12')
barn
crib

Saugo Farm:
dwelling house (22' x 22'; 8 windows, 144 panes)
barn (28' x 24')
crib (16' x 12')

1802 Caleb Harris Survey

Homestead Farm (from S to N):

dwelling house
crib
barn
ice house
great gate

Saugo Farm:
barn
dwelling house

Mansion House Farm:

dwelling house
[note: does not show barn or crib mentioned in 1798 tax survey]

Occupational & Structural History of Cocumscussoc

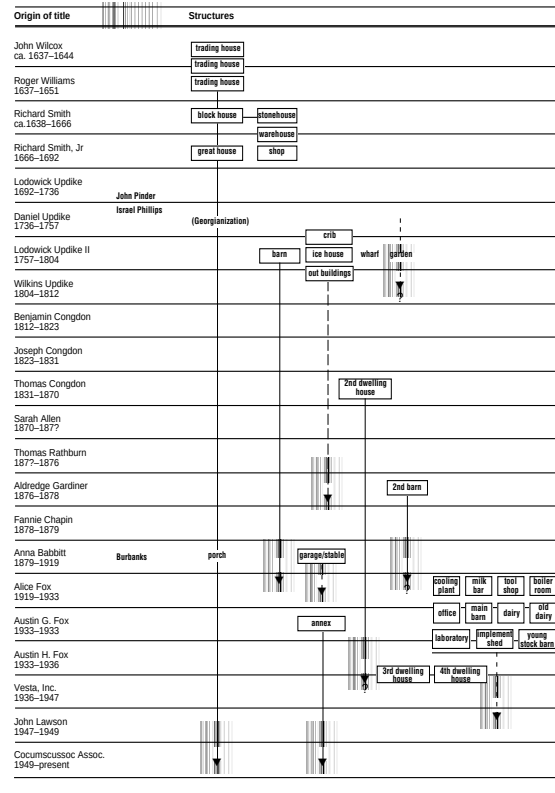


Figure 3. The 1692 Inventory of Richard Smith, Jr. was one source of information about the structures on his land at that time. Inventory courtesy of RIHS.

Figure 4. A list of the buildings on the Smith and Updike lands was made from primary source documents. Illustration by Neil Dunay & Darrell McIntire

Figure 5. In their archaeological survey of Smith's Castle, Rubertone and Fitts compiled a comprehensive occupational and structural survey of the site. Illustration by Darrell McIntire

include "period plans" that map changes in the Castle site and its dependent farms through time, an "existing conditions" plan that identifies all known site features within the boundaries of the property today, a historic preservation treatment plan to guide interpretation of the site for our various constituencies, a preservation maintenance plan, and an implementation strategy.

Additionally, the CLR will expand the Committee's research and data gathering efforts, advise the Association as to what areas of our property are most sensitive to development, suggest buildings that might appropriately be reconstructed in the landscape, and provide guid-

ance as further archaeological investigations become necessary.

In short, the CLR will provide the Association with a comprehensive document that will be used to strengthen our interpretive and educational programs about the landscape, and guide future development of our site.

So far this discussion has focused on the landscape and site aspects of our work. However, "building development" is also one of the Committee's responsibilities. We have begun to lay the groundwork necessary for the development of a new building.

In particular, we gathered comments from, and reviewed the needs of, Association committees

and members regarding their requirements and desires should the construction of new facilities be undertaken. A wide range of features were listed on their various "wish lists." These included meeting rooms, exhibit space, climate-controlled archival storage space, classrooms, library facilities, a modern kitchen, up-to-date handicap access, and a fireplace for open-hearth cooking.

Based on input received, we determined that an estimated 4000 square feet of space would be required to accommodate these facilities. In addition, there would be requirements for revised parking areas, paths, signage, and a redesigned front entry configuration.

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Long-Range Site and Building Development Committee

Figure 6. On this conceptual drawing the only building site on the property that appears to meet regulatory setback and environmental restrictions is indicated by the 4000 sq. ft. building in the center. Parking areas and service roads required for a facility of this size are sketched in also. This drawing is not a design proposal. Illustration: Beckman-Weremay Ltd.

Figure 7. Known historical structures from the 18th century are overlaid on the site plan. Shown are: 1. main house, 2. crib, 3. barn, 4. icehouse, 5. the great gate, 6. orchard, and 7. goose pasture.



After careful consideration, the only area of the existing Castle site that appears to meet regulatory setback and environmental restrictions is located just north of the entrance road (Richard Smith Drive). A site map developed by the Committee and drawn by Michael Weremay, landscape architect, shows the only available location where a facility with a footprint of 4000 square feet could be constructed (fig. 6). It must be emphasized that the Committee is not endorsing a building of this size. A 4000 square foot, one story building would have the maximum impact on the site. An alternative solution might be multiple, freestanding buildings located variously throughout the landscape—recalling the 17th or 18th

century structures known to have once been on the property.

When this location became apparent, we surveyed historical records to determine if there were features formally located in the area under consideration that would be impacted by disturbing the spot. Figure 7 shows known 18th century features overlaid on the site plan. (There are no known 17th, 19th, or 20th century cultural features in the area under consideration.)

To reiterate, the above plans are the result of the Committee's mandate to locate a site for a possible new facility. The Committee has not endorsed, nor has the Association committed itself to, the construction of any new structures.

In July 2002, the Board of Trustees voted to allow the Committee

to continue its research work and to give it additional authority to provide oversight of proposed changes to the landscape. The Committee is continuing to research details of the evolution of the site to insure informed decisions on future planning. Our work is a continuance of the efforts of many others who have worked for the Castle over the years. Earlier committees laid the groundwork for our involvement at this time. Thanks to all—we are moving forward!

Finally, I wish to recognize the Committee members, and to thank them for their tireless efforts and for providing their outstanding professional expertise—Marilyn Cohen, Peter Dunstan, Martha Dwyer, Alex Fenik, Norma LaSalle, Darrell McIntire, Clifford "Jack" Renshaw, and Michael Weremay. ■

Upcoming Events

Archaeology Lecture to Feature Robert Fitts

The Cocumscussoc Association, the North Kingstown Free Library, the Rhode Island Historical Society, and the Pettasquamscutt Historical Society are cosponsoring a lecture by Robert Fitts at 2 pm, Saturday, February 1 at the Library. Seating is first-come, first-served.

In the 18th century, one of every four people in South Kingstown was an African slave. Unlike the rest of New England, South County contained a plantation economy and a large African population. The lecture will review what is known about the plantation system and slave life in South County. Fitts will give special attention to the plantation at Cocumscussoc and the archaeological excavations conducted at Cocumscussoc by Brown University in 1990-92. He

will also discuss the difficulties of examining slavery through archaeology.

Robert Fitts received his Ph.D. from Brown University in 1995. His dissertation, *Inventing New England's Slave Paradise: Master/Slave Relations in Eighteenth-Century Narragansett, Rhode Island* has been published by Garland Press. Since graduating, he has been working as a consulting archaeologist in New York City. Currently, he specializes in 19th century New York, specifically the development of the Victorian middle-class.

Readers can refer to the Summer 2001 issue of the *Chronicle* for Dr. James D. Garman's review of Fitts' book. The book is available for loan from the NK Free Library. ■

Christmas at the Castle



Step back in candlelight to holidays
of long ago

Father Christmas • Children's Crafts
Music and Dance

Colonial Gift Shop • Bake Sale
Refreshments

Admission \$2 • under 10 and members free



Call 294-3521 for more information.

Reserve Now for the Members' Holiday Party

Watch for delivery of your personal invitation to the annual Holiday Gala at the Castle. This gathering has the reputation of being one of the best holiday parties in town. With the ambiance of the Castle by candlelight, the delicious fare, fine music, and delightful company, how could it be other than wonderful!

Each year we select a Castle project to benefit from the proceeds of this event. In 2000, Castle trees were cared for. In 2001, we funded our beautiful new Post Road entrance sign. This year our new Visitor Orientation Exhibit, already meticulously researched and designed, will benefit from this event.

For an additional gift of \$100, any Member can become a sponsor. This gift would be warmly appreciated by us all. Call 294-3521. ■



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Upcoming Events

Wilkins Updike Inducted Into R.I. Heritage Hall of Fame

On November 17, Wilkins Updike (1784–1867) was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. The 13 Rhode Island historic figures nominated this year represented the 1830–1860 period.

Wilkins Updike was the last member of the Updike family to own Smith's Castle. Wilkins was born in the house in 1784, just as the plantation economy of South County hit on hard times. He inherited Smith's Castle in 1804, but financial circumstances forced him to sell the home in 1814 and to move to Kingston. Wilkins was so distressed by the sale of his family homestead that he never visited the site again.

Fortunately for us, he did bring himself to write about the house, his family's rich heritage, and local history. Wilkins Updike published his *Memoirs of the Rhode-Island Bar* in 1842 and his extensive *History of the Narragansett Church* in 1847. In these books, Updike preserved many of the oral traditions about Smith's Castle and the history of South County that had been handed down through his family. Many of his documents, some passed down through the family and others he collected expressly for the purpose of preservation, now form a part of the manuscript collection at the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Beyond his writings, Wilkins Updike was a prominent attorney and skilled orator. He was a delegate to conventions (1824 and 1841) to reform the Rhode Island constitution. He was an advocate for public education, state judicial reform, and women's rights.

Wilkins Updike is not the first Cocumscussoc resident to be honored in the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. His great aunt, Sarah Updike Goddard (c1700–1770), was inducted in 1998. Goddard was the daughter of the first Lodowick Updike and the husband of William Goddard. For several years following her husband's death, Sarah managed the *Providence Gazette* and formed her own publishing company—a striking example of entrepreneurship on the part of a woman in the 18th century.

Cocumscussoc Association Vice President Neil Dunay accepted a plaque honoring Wilkins Updike as a member of the R.I. Heritage Hall of Fame. The award will be displayed as part of the new visitor's orientation exhibition in the meeting room, which will be unveiled on opening day 2003. ■

Wilkins Updike Photograph Discovered at Local Auction



Thanks to the keen eyes and sharp bidding skills of **Sally Marinelli**, Smith's Castle member and docent, the Association has recently acquired a photograph of Wilkins Updike, shown above. This photo is an important contribution to our collections and archives. A painting of Wilkins Updike, on loan from the Rhode Island Historical Society, currently hangs in the Updike Dining Room.

This Winter at Smith's Castle

December

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, 5	9:00 am	Castle decorating with the docents
Saturday & Sunday, 7 and 8	2:00–6:00 pm	Christmas at the Castle
Friday, 13	6:00–8:00 pm	Members' Holiday Party

January

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, 25	2:00 pm	Annual meeting, NK Free Library

February

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 1	2:00 pm	Robert Fitts Lecture, NK Free Library

Identity of Beriah Brown Desk Donor Discovered

Neil Dunay

In the Summer 2002 issue of the *Chronicle*, we highlighted the desk owned by Beriah Brown, high-sheriff of Washington County. We



The Beriah Brown desk (1964.1.2), located in the Castle's 18th Century Bed Chamber, was donated by Mattie D. (Hall) Sommerville.

noted that the desk was donated to the Castle by a Mrs. Ralph Sommerville, but her identity was unknown.

Subsequent genealogical research has discovered her identity and her relationship to Sheriff Brown. Mrs. Ralph Sommerville was Mattie D. Hall, and Beriah Brown was her third great grandfather. Mattie D. Sommerville died in Portland, Maine, in September 1964.

The following genealogical sketch begins with the sheriff's generation and follows the direct bloodline down to Mattie Hall.

This goes a long way to confirming the provenance of this piece, as well as other "Beriah Brown" pieces Sommerville donated to the Castle and to RIHS.

1. Beriah Brown (1715–1792)
m. Elizabeth Smith (?-?)
2. Beriah Brown (1744–1819)
m.c.1782 Amy Shearman (1746–1799)
3. Beriah Brown (1768–1854)
m.1794 Penelope Spencer (1776–1817)

4. Amy Ann Brown (1806–1892)
m. 1826/1828 Isaac Hall (1798–?)
5. George Brown Hall (1835–1904)
m.c.1870 Marietta Aldrich (c.1842–aft.1920)
6. Mattie D. Hall (c.1875–1964)
m. 1909 Ralph M. Sommerville (c.1885–?) ■

Time Sheets Due

The year is winding down and the Association needs volunteer hours reports. Please submit your reports to the office as soon as possible after your last volunteer hours are completed for 2002. Contact the office if you need a form.

This year we are asking that volunteers designate the type of hours given, e.g. garden work, docent tours, school programs. Thank you in advance for this extremely valuable bit of paperwork. ■

Hearty Pats on the Back to...

All of our docents and friends for another fine season of service to our visitors. To **Janice Brown**, Leader, **Bob Hocking**, Secretary, **Cathe Rezendes**, Docent Trustee, and **Carol Bozarth**, Docent Trainer, for 2002 leadership of this dedicated corps of volunteers.

Chris Kalina for compilation of the new youth program docent handbook... a great aid for our docents who work with school age children. Also to Chris for representing Smith's Castle at the Rhode Island Docent Symposium through her participation in the panel discussing the use of interactive programming.

Youth Historians, **Ryan Cranston**, **Hilary Hurdis**, and **Rebecca Long**

and leader, **Diane Long** for making the wardrobe of children's colonial dress-up garments.

Long Range Site and Building Development Committee chairperson **Mary Turkel** and committee members **Marilyn Cohen**, **Peter Dunston**, **Martha Dwyer**, **Al Fenik**, **Norma LaSalle**, **Darrell McIntire**, **Jack Renshaw**, and **Michael Were-may** for outstanding research and planning. See their report in this issue of the *Chronicle*.

Coordinators **Dianne McGowan**, **Becky Morgan**, **John Aubin**, and a superb core of volunteers working together to manage a mighty successful Plantation Days, 2002.

To **Becky Morgan** and **Bill Carey** for making the often-dreamed-of, first-ever Castle ad book, a reality. This

very professional project was completed for Plantation Days, 2002.

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