

THE VILLAGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF EAST HAMPTON

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THE NORTH END CEMETERY – AN EAST HAMPTON LANDMARK

by Averill D. Geus

Among the many historic sites in the village of East Hampton is the Old North End Burying Ground located just north of the village. It served the residents of North Main Street, Accabonac Road, Pantigo Road and Cedar Street. A walk around the ancient stones reveals the last resting places of those from the Hunting, Edwards, Dayton, Stratton, Fithian, Barns, and Miller families, the oldest in town.

Noting the deterioration of many of the oldest stones, the Village Preservation Society undertook the restoration



Photo credit Kathleen Cunningham

of many ancient monuments. The North End Cemetery is the final resting place of many local heroes. A white marble headstone, still legible, reads, "In memory of Uriah Miller who died April 3, 1859, age 74. He was born and raised at "the Hook". This place name identified the place in the road to Amagansett which "hooks" around a rise in the terrain. He

lived his entire life there in a house where his father and grandfather, all Uriah Millers, lived before him.

He was the keeper of 1200 head of cattle pastured on Montauk. During the War of 1812, the cattle attracted the attention of the British who often used Montauk as a place to stock up on provisions. They came ashore and took off

most of Uriah's stock. He was so infuriated by the theft, that throwing caution to the wind, he drove an Indian at the point of a cowhide whip to take him by canoe to the English Admiral's flagship. On his arrival, he clambered over the side, and brandishing his whip, announced that he would thrash the whole British fleet if he was not paid for the cattle. His audacity amused the British admiral and Uriah was paid for his loss.

He kept the cattle at Montauk's "Second House" for 15 years until 1829. He was always recalled by old timers as "full of fight".

JOHN TARBET, NEWEST VPS BOARD MEMBER

by Georgia deHavenon

Long-time East Hampton resident John Tarbet is the most recent member elected to the Village Preservation Society Board of Trustees. Before retiring in 1999, John was the Executive Officer of the Suffolk County Park Police. He has also been an active volunteer serving with the East Hampton Village Ambulance Association and the East Hampton Fire Department for over 30 years.



Upon retirement, John began a career restoring old and historic houses in the village of East Hampton. Because of his experience in preservation, he contributed to the work

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Please enroll me as a member of The Village Preservation Society of East Hampton for the Membership Year from January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013.

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Number of Members in this Membership (please circle one) 1 2 3

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Contributors of \$1000.00 will be listed as **Benefactor**
\$ 500.00 will be listed as **Patron**
\$ 250.00 will be listed as **Supporting Member**
\$ 100.00 will be listed as **Friend**
Regular Membership (\$50) _____

I would like to be active. My special interests are: _____

I (We) support VPS principles but do not wish to be listed as a member.

Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____

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undertaken to designate Ocean Avenue as an Historic District, led by VPS Trustee, Andrée Dean.

John's interest in preserving the community was further strengthened when he became a trustee of the East Hampton Historical Society and a member of the East Hampton Village Planning Board in 2008. These two commitments have made him deeply aware of the history of the Village as well as the need for conservation to maintain the quality of life that characterizes our community.

In John's words, "East Hampton has been my home for almost 60 years. I have a keen interest in heritage preservation and believe it is our duty to preserve that for future generations. The role of the Village Preservation Society is to identify risks, develop innovative programs, and assist the organizations and individuals that care for our endangered heritage. By joining the VPS Board, I hope to contribute to maintaining the aesthetic quality of life in the village by helping to preserve the best features and ensure that the streetscapes are maintained."

We welcome John to our Board and know his many thoughtful insights will provide valuable perspective as the Society continues the work of preserving historic structures, quality of life and the neighborhood character of the Village. We look forward to a long and productive relationship.

THE AMAGANSETT LIFESAVING STATION

by Mary Busch

The Grants Committee of the VPS has chosen the Amagansett Life Saving Station, pictured here, as the recipient of its 2013 grant, announced Grants Committee Chairwoman, Andrée Dean. Designated by the Town of East Hampton as an historic landmark, exterior renovations on the building are nearing completion. The interior will serve as a museum honoring the local tradition of lifesaving and community service complete with artifacts that are being gathered from as far away as North Carolina. The rooms will also serve as a lecture site and office for the lifeguards.

The VPS will be acknowledged as a contributor to the large boathouse doors visible in

the photo. On June 13, 2013, an elaborate reenactment of the Nazi landing in Amagansett during World War II, will take place at Atlantic Avenue beach.



VPS ADOPTS AIRPORT NOISE POLICY

The mandate of the Village Preservation Society is to protect and enhance the quality of life in the Village of East Hampton.

Airport noise is an environmental intrusion not requested by Village residents that disrupts peaceful enjoyment of life in the Village. With more pressure placed on the use of the Atlantic Ocean (southern) route expected this summer, bringing aircraft over Georgica and Hook Ponds, the VPS considered and adopted an airport noise policy.

The VPS Board believes the following four points are consistent with the VPS mission and urge their adoption by all concerned citizen organizations, levels of government, agencies, airport administration and media: take no more FAA money, limit the hours of operation and the frequency of flights at the airport, and limit flights over inland waterways.

Please continue to report all aircraft noise disturbances by calling the Town's Noise Complaint Hotline at: 537-LOUD. For more information and a form to help you record complaints, please see this link on our website: <http://www.villagepreservationsociety.org/noise.pdf>

Please join our team! Keep your membership up to date! Stay current with all the news from the VPS via our newsletter and website!

We look forward to seeing you on October 13th.

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