ARTIFACTS

Hats

Rifles (Ethan Allen, Edward Wesson)

China

Daguerreotypes

Fans

Magic lanterns

Samplers

BUILDINGS

Arcade

Clapp House (44 North Street) 116 Brigham Hill Road (Rockwell-Crater/Ferraro) 29 Oak Street 115 Old Upton Road (Dunn-Robinson) 31 Sibley Street (Tower Hill Farm) 10 South Street (Keith-Coz) 114 Millbury Street (Adams Farm) **Cooperative Bank** Farnumsville Fire Station House Christmas Decorations Grafton Inn Grafton Savings Bank Getchell House (41 North Main Street), N.G. Grafton State Hospital 107 Main Street, S.G. Harrington - Nichols Howard Johnson Restaurant (Upton Street) Joseph Merriam House (George Hill Road) Old Town House Little Bank Maxwell House, 12 Cross Street, S.G. Octagonal House (Maple Street, S.G.) Quinsigamond House (Quinsigamond Corner, N.G.) Temple Farm, Carroll Road, N.G. Wilson's Store (North Main Street, N.G.) Wyman Gordon Company

GRAFTON HISTORY FOLDERS

BUSINESSES

Bertrand's Package Store Carriage Barn' Creeper Hill Orchard Farnumsville Market Grafton Country Store Green Store-Henry Callendar and Company Linen Thread Company Lone Oak Dairy, N.G. Pumpmaking Ice Harvesting Ethan Allen Gun Shop, N.G. Farnumsville Mills Fisherville Mill Gaudette Insurance Mel's Sunoco, Upton Street Mid-Hill Nursing Home, Millbury Street Roney Funeral Home Post Office Pub, N. G. Shoe Industry Sessions Funeral Home Tupperware, S.G. Washington Mills, N.G.

CHURCHES

Baptist Second Baptist Congregational Methodist St. Andrew's St. James St. James St. Mary St. Philip Union Congregational Unitarian

CEMETERIES

Fairview Oak Street Old Indian Burying Ground Pine Grove Saint Philip

GRAFTON EVENTS 1942 Parade 1944 D-Day Fire at Perry Hill Lord Zachery's Inn Fire Bank Robbery 1949 100th Anniversary Address Grafton Bicentennial 1935 Grafton 250th 1985 U.S. Bicentennial 1915 Flood 1936 Flood 1939 Hurricane 1938 Trees Wood Sculptor **Yeast Factory Fire** Fire at 136 Old Upton Road 1993 Kidnapping/Assault Robinson Dirigible over Grafton Town Seal Stolen 1975 Worcester Air Pageant 1927

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

District Nursing Association Girl Scouts Grafton Forest Association Grafton Garden Club Grafton Land Trust Grafton Riding/Driving Club Goulet-Delisle American Legion North Grafton Women's Club Senior Center

PERSONALITIES

"Grafton Greats" articles Abbott, Peter Allen, Ray Allen, Ethan Anderson, Frederick/Allison Anderson Family Axtell Family Bean, Ben/Mildred Birge, Anna Harlow Bicknell, John F. Blanding, Harry (Bob) Bolack, Charles Brigham, Margaret Boutiette, Lawrence Bourcier, Col. Charles Bourcier, Mignonette M. Brigham, Charles Brigham, William, Esq. Brooks, George Brown, Susan Casey, Linda Chase, Duane Chase, Isaac Clapp, Frank, M.D. Cleveland, Roger P. Corey, Bernard, Davenport, Searns L. **Delisle** Family Deschenes, Jean Drury, Col. Luke Ekblaw, Elmer Emsly Family Fiske, Ella Fiske, David Fletcher, William Gage, Nicholas Gallerani, Victor Girouard, R. P. Goddard, Emma J. Goddard, Perley

Goddard, Perley)Mike) Goulet, Edward Greene, Henry 1818 Grioner, Roberta C. Harrington, Hannah Harvie, Marion Hersom Family Hogan, Michael Holbrook, Hannah G. Holbrook, Herbert Jalbert, Edward Howe, M/M Edwin Jordan, George Jordan, Ray Kearnan, James Keith, Royal Knowlton, Marshall Kowal, Maurice Leland, John Leland, Levi N. Leonard, Robert Lincoln, Warren Lojko, Waldren Lucier, Lou, baseball Macker, Dean Martin, Doak Martin, Rita Martin, Seth McCormick, Sarah McGuinness, Jack McNamara, Henry, Jr. Moroney, Adele Murray, Helena Naylor, Burton Nelson Family Norcross, Webster Norton, Betsy O'Hara, Frank Panin, Ivan Peterson, George, Jr. Peterson, George, Sr. Piirainen, Holly

Platt, Marsha Prescott, Francis Rawinski, Stasia Riggs. Henry M. Robie, Stephen Scandlin, William Scobie, Gordon Skehan, Everett Smith, Harry W. Tebo, Charles Teixeira, Olive Thomas, Robert Taft, Norman Smith, J. Thomas Tompkins, Robert Usher, Edward Warren, Catherine Warren, Horace Warren, Katherine Wesson, Edward Wesson, Susan Wheeler, Jonathan Wheelock, Jerome Willard Family Wilson, Robert

GRAFTON HISTORY ARCHIVE BOXES

ROWI

"Ah, Wilderness" 275th Anniversary Grand Army of the Republic Bicknell Lumber Centennial Celebration Dance cards/graduation programs

ROW II

Grafton Airport Grafton cookbooks Daughters of the American Revolution District Nurse/Red Cross Dodge-Riggs Family Evangelical Congregational Church Brochures/programs/flyers Grafton Historical Society

ROW III

Fire engine companies Kiwanis Club Grafton History Club Grafton Inn Grafton newspapers Grafton Taxpayers Association Grafton Historical Society

ROW IV

G and U Railroad Jail records Deschenes Farmers Club/Grange/ farming Kings Daughters Military Mills Moroney Archives

ROW V

Nipmucs Nelson Memorial Library Odd Fellows Postmasters' accounts Schools Boy/Girl/ Scouts Shoe Industry

ROW VI

Proprietors' records Willard House Block print/6th graders Fans Unitarian Church Valentines Warren Family William Fiske Archives



"AH, WILDERNESS!"

INTRODUCTION (with synopsis of play) REPORTS FROM DAILY NEWSPAPERS PICTURES FROM DAILY NEWSPAPERS GENERAL ARTICLES ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AFTERWARD

GENERAL ARTICLES

"Ah, Wilderness!" and Way Down East "Ah, Wilderness!" in Beautiful Screen Play "Ah, Wilderness!" in Films has Slightly "Rustic" Premiere Director Lauds "Post" Series on Making Movies Assistant Film Director Enjoys Articles in "Post" Good for Grafton A Generation Ago Graftonites Recall "Ah, Wilderness!" Lights...Camera...Grafton! "Notes" of Interest Little Did Grafton Realize We Never Thought It Would Be Like This When Grafton Got the Hollywood Treatment

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

"Ah, Wilderness!": Cast, Plot, Characters, Adaptations Production Archives, Summaries, and Reviews "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam"

Eugene Gladstone O'Neill: Biography, Major Works, Assessment, Complete Works Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett

Clarence Brown: Early Life and Career, Filmography, Mainstream Director of Stars Eric Linden: Biography

Cecelia Parker: Biography and Career, Photos

AFTERWARD

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Local Premiere at Loew's Palace Theater, Worcester, on December 6, 1935 "Ah, Wilderness!" Costume Ball in Grafton Town Hall on November 26, 1937 Grafton Women's Club and Grafton Bicentennial Committee Presentation of "Ah, Wilderness!" in J.F.K. Memorial Auditorium of G.H.S. on March 12, 1976



ASPECTS OF GRAFTON HISTORY

HISTORY OF GRAFTON -- Reports researched and written by Social Studies Classes at Grafton High School in the late 1940's, covering these fourteen topics:

Grafton Geographically and Geologically Indians of Grafton Brigham Hill Road Town History Defending Freedom Old Houses, Landmarks, and Milestones Industries Schools Churches Horse and Buggy Days Colonial Cupboard Town Government Sons of Grafton Library

THE TOWN OF GRAFTON -- Report for a class in United States Local History written by Karl Doane in 1991

GRAFTON HISTORY -- Framework for the study of Grafton History in school Grades 1-8 with a list of study topics prepared by Mrs. Caroline Pfau during the 1980's and 90's

GRAFTON HISTORY -- Collection of topics, activities, projects, and resources for Grafton Heritage Week developed during the late 1990's by the Social Studies Department of the Grafton Schools for Grades 1-8

GRAFTON HISTORY -- Narration for a slide presentation by Mrs. Phyllis Keith prepared for Grafton's 250th Anniversary

BOOK OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATING TO THE TOWN OF GRAFTON --A "little book" written in 1831 by Charles Brigham, Jr., to give the children of Grafton "a more thorough knowledge of their town"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMON SCHOOLS IN THE TOWN OF GRAFTON FOR THE YEAR 1839 -- A thorough evaluation of the schools by the School Committee

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HISTORY OF THE GRAFTON SCHOOLS -- An alphabetical listing of all the teachers from the early 1850's through the 1930's (Narrative history of the Grafton Schools filed with the "Grafton History Papers")



MRS. ELLA FISHER SCRAPBOOK ARTICLES

Acknowledgments to Mrs. Fisher Obituaries of George W. Fisher Fisher Manufacturing Company Dedication of Grafton Town Hall Order of Exercises of 150th Grafton Anniversary Celebration Grafton Indians Saint James Church Union Congregational Church Farnumsville Free Baptist Church Grafton Politics Acceptance of Nelson Property Taxes Hassanimisco Water Company Daniel B. Hubbard Scandal Cashier Wing Scandal Wheeler Mills Sale Court Case of Lawyer John B. Scott against Amos Getchell First National Bank Sensation Important Tax Payers of Town Webster Norcross Musicale Anniversary Party for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fisher Series of Letters Regarding Gift to Yale University Biography of George W. Fisher Poems for Various Occasions

REPORTS FROM GRAFTON HISTORY CLUB

The following reports were found among the papers of the Grafton History Club, which was founded in the early 1900's by a group of Grafton women for the purpose of studying world and national affairs, the culture of the time, information about Grafton history, and other topics of interest. The members researched their topics, wrote a paper, and read the paper at one of the monthly meetings. The reports on Grafton history are filed as the "Grafton History Papers." The six reports in this collection, all on "other topics," are the only such papers that have been found.

"Economic Aspects of the Movement for the Constitution"

"George Washington in Massachusetts" by Mrs. Frank Warren

"Letter to Julia from Clara Barton"

"Old Manuscripts" by Miss Lucy Biscoe

"The Re-creation of Anne Parrish" by Miss Christine Noyes

"Saratoga Battlefield and Vicinity" by Mrs. Stiles of Worcester



GRAFTON HISTORIANS

MILDRED AND BENJAMIN BEAN Newspaper clippings Mildred Bean's Notes: Grafton Center, North Grafton, South Grafton, General Aspects of Grafton History

EMMA J. GODDARD Newspaper clippings "The Changing American Home" "Some Customs of Our Ancestors" "Changes in America" Grafton Churches

FREDERICK C. PIERCE Biography Notes on Genealogies: Field, Foster, Pierce Notes on *History of Grafton*

NORMAN TAFT AND ROSE TAFT *Tales of Taft* Letters from Rose Taft to Catherine Warren

ROBERT WILSON Biography Scrapbooks: "Graftonia" I-V and "Grafton Past" I-II "Grafton at 250" Newspaper clippings List of folders

CATHERINE WARRREN Separate Notebook

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GRAFTON HISTORY PAPERS



GRAFTON HISTORY PAPERS

"Grafton History Papers" (green folders) were written by members of the Grafton History Club and the Old Oak Chapter, D.A.R., from the 1920's through the 1950's. They are filed in two ways: single reports in folders arranged by numbered topics and groups of reports compiled in four green notebooks: I (1-13), II (14-26), III (27-40), and IV (41-63).

HASSANAMESIT

- i. Hassanamesit: Royal Capital of the Nipmucks
- 2. History of Hassanamisco or Keith Hill
- 3. Last of the Aborigines

HISTORY OF GRAFTON

- 4. History of Grafton
- 5. (History of) Grafton
- 6. Development of Grafton
- 7. Bits of Grafton History
- 8. Reminiscences of Grafton

HOME LIFE

- 9. Changes in Home and Home Life
- 10. Pioneer Homes: Equipment and Activities

HISTORIC HOMES AND PLACES

- 11. Historic Homes of Grafton
- 12. Old Houses and Historic Places
- 13. Some Houses on South Street

HISTORY OF NORTH GRAFTON

- 14. Notes on North Grafton
- 15. North Grafton Settlers

HISTORY OF SOUTH GRAFTON

- 16. Farnumsville
- 17, Fisherville
- 18 Soundersville

PLACES OF INTEREST

- 19. Brigham Hill
- 20. Keith Hill and Our Neighbors
- 21. Great Trail
- 22. Quinsigamond River
- 23. Roads of Grafton
- 24. Riverside Cemetery

EDUCATION

- 25. History of Grafton Schools
- 26. Elementary Schools

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

- 27. Industry and Manufacturing
- 28. Leather/Shoe Industry in Center
- 29. Pump Tools /Jonathan Stow Fisk
- 30. Banking
- 31. The Pound
- 32. Water Supply
- 33. Transportation G&U Railroad

LIBRARY

34. Grafton Libraries

MILITARY

- 35. Military Participation
- 36. War Memorials

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- 37. Grafton History Club
- History Club as I Remember
- Clubs of S. Grafton /Grange
- 39. Clubs for Men Grafton Farmers Club Franklin Lodge / K of C
- 40. Clubs for Women
 - District Nursing Association King's Daughters Society Old Oak Chapter, D.A.R. Women's Foreign Missionary

CHURCHES

- 41. Early Church of Christ
- 42. Congregational Church Evangelical Congregational Saundersville Congregation
- 43. Baptist Church First Baptist Church Second Baptist Church Freewill Baptist Church
- 44. Saint Andrew's Episcopal
- 45. Methodist Church
- 46. Roman Catholic Church Saint James Church Saint Philip Church
- 47. First Unitarian Church
- 48 Search for Sartell Bible

FAMILIES

- 49. Brooks
- 50. Farnum
- 51. Fowler
- 52. Keith
- 53. Joseph Merriam
- 54. Rawson
- 55 Wadsworth
- 56. Willard

CELEBRATED CITIZENS

- 57. Daniel Hubbard
- 58. Elder John Leland
- 59. Dr. Robert Lilley
- 60. Rev. Solomon Prentice
- 61. Rev. William Scandlin
- 62. Robert B. Thomas
- 63. Jerome Wheelock

- 38. Clubs for Men and Women



GRAFTON'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

100TH ANNIVERSARY 1835 (Brief notes) 200TH ANNIVERSARY 1935 (Brief notes) 250TH ANNIVERSARY 1985 (Articles and pictures) 275TH ANNIVERSARY 2010 (Brief notes)

GRAFTON'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Articles Published during Celebration

Grafton History Historic District Take a Walking Tour of Grafton Sites This Was Nipmuck Country Town Roads Have a Rich and Colorful History

Grafton Dedicates Korea and Vietnam Monument

"Ah, Wilderness!" Movie and Local "Cast" Graftonites Recall "Ah, Wilderness!"

This Trio Remembers South Grafton's Heyday Arthur Boutiette, South Grafton's "Agebuster"

Grafton Built on Water Power before Lake Ripple Existed

Tinkers Brought on Element of Fear and Mystery

Grafton's Airfield Rich in Memories When "Lucky Lady" Spurned Grafton

A Look at a Few Traditional and Historical Civic Organizations

Jerome Wheelock, Hard Man to Forget

Who Began Valentines in America?

Ethan Allen Triggered Today's Collection

It's All in the Family at the Grafton Inn

Clock's Pulse Ticks at Willard House

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Blackstone Valley Opens Campus of Quinsigamond and Worcester State College Tufts University and Job Corps Neighbors on Hospital Grounds

Lordvale: Home of Harry Worcester Smith



MRS. CATHERINE WARREN

INTRODUCTION

Brief biography /residences Notes on members of Warren family Small "Patchwork" booklet 1884

SETS OF NOTES ON GRAFTON HISTORY

Correspondence with Mr. Vaudrell, which illustrates Mrs. Warren's methods of gathering information Pageant for Grafton's anniversary celebration in 1935 Petition to Senate and House of Representatives to confirm certain school money and other money toward ministry according to vote of inhabitants Report of sale of school lot (1783) Report on committee to make final settlement with Dr. Darling regarding doctoring of Daniel Bruce (1783) Bill regarding payment for work framing the great bridge (1783) Certificate of Marriage of Ezra Phillips and Anna Wheelock and Intention of Marriage between Isaac Stone and Lydia Brigham (1811) Report in regard to use of money for sale of school lot (1783) Agreements made at annual town meeting (1783) Places of interest in Grafton "Colonel's Lady," play by Isabelle Nason Original notes hand-written on back of blank checks with typed copy on History of Grafton

NOTES ON HISTORY OF GRAFTON

(Many used in "Grafton History papers.) Address to G.H.S. Class of 1960 Random collection of notes Brigham Hill notes for D.A.R. Business and Shops in Center David Fisk / Sarah Boston Houses and businesses Old houses, trails, Indians, Indians and Proprietors Places of Interest / Individuals Letter about North Grafton Ministers of First Church Miscellaneous notes / Clippings Historic topics Old Houses / Schools Poem by William Ayres

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HISTORY PAPERS (GREEN FOLDERS) History of Grafton (4) (History of) Grafton (5) Development of Grafton (6) Old Houses/Historic Places (12) Brigham Hill (19) Great Trail (21) Roads of Grafton (23) **Riverside Cemetery (24)** Normal School (25) Leather and Shoe Industry in Center (28) The Pound (31) Water Supply (32) Libraries (34) History Club (37) Farmers Club (39) Elder John Leland (58)



ROBERT WILSON COLLECTION

Grafton Past Scrapbooks "Glimpses of History" Volumes I and II Graftonia Scrapbooks Volumes I - V Folders on various topics and persons Introduction to participation in "Tales of Taft," Chapter 10, "A New England Village and North Grafton History" "Grafton at 250" anniversary book Articles about Grafton at 250

GRAFTON PAST I

"GLIMPSES OF HISTORY" Wilson Store Malcolm Midgley Nelson grounds and mansion Fire at yeast factory "Ah, Wilderness!" Nelson Memorial Library Nelson Memorial Library 1963 Airport Grafton State Hospital 1963 Quinsigamond House Indian reservation Old N. Grafton postcards Wilson's Store 1924 by-laws 1862-63 School report Center churches Air view of N. Grafton Saint Mary 25th Anniversary 1940 High School faculty Basketball team 1940 Horseshoe team High School pictures Perry Hill 1950 Indian pictures Hooker Trail signs **Baptist Bridge** Date of Grafton Early 1900 businessmen 1961-62 cartoons 1939 sports teams Historical reference sources Map of New England Village

GRAFTON PAST II "GLIMPSES OF HISTORY" Historical Society N. Grafton Couples Club "Memories of Grafton" Alden Guild "Ah. Wilderness!" pictures Grafton Airport picture Grafton Oak pictures 1935 pageant pictures "Valley Greens" from "Boston Globe" Norman Taft Businessmen's booklet 1889 Lithograph of N. Grafton 1887 Wilson's Grocery Store Sarah Cisco Brough obituary Irish Dam picture Chenevert's Garage picture Retirement of Chief Kearnan 1990 Grafton phone directory Picture cards of N. Grafton Shops in N. Grafton N. Grafton map 1831 First valentine Ethan Allen and guns Walking tour of N. Grafton Willard Clock Museum

Creeper Hill Road Essex Saunders picture Grafton State Hospital 1930 High School seniors 1941 Advertisements Basket/baseball teams 1938/4 Wilson's Grocery Store Independence Day 1985 Ray Johnson property 1938 250 Anniversary PO pictures Polselli Company Anna Mays and native Americans George Jordan Nelson and Son Campany History of Easton Hall "Ah, Wilderness!" notes/picture Historic District expansion oppose 250 Celebration final report

GRAFTONIA I (1985-87)

Grafton, York County, VA 250th Celebration Walter Vickars, sachem pictur Axtell family bus run G & U article (Hopper) Soviets in Grafton 1986

GRAFTONIA II

Common 1800's 1939-40 ball teams 1940's High School faculty "May Day" by Joan Gage Kenneth Snow retirement Wyman Gordon Press 1986 Ecumenical Choir Alfred Almstead toys Early 1900 flag pictures Dr. Clapp retirement 1975-76 Bicentennial Parade Grafton libraries Quinsigamnod House 1900 N.Grafton scenes Old Grafton Oak S. Grafton Fire Station **Fthan** Allen Town clerks 1985 selectmen Grafton churches 1985 Fisherville Mill 1935 Town Hall restoration Grafton Charter 1989

GRAFTONIA V 1991-92

Historical Society programs Taft memorial lands Otis Adams / Mildred Bean Grafton Center 1890 S. Grafton firehouse Grafton, VT anniversary Bridge on Brigham Hill Road Alice Holland age 100 Earl Tupper / Tupperware N. Grafton walking tour Old Knowlton barn Isobel Phelps age 106 Obits: E. Phelps /Marion Harvie/ V. Shore, L. Bickford / M. Gordon Willard Museum "Good and Gracious Green" Flag Day 1992 R. Jordan Square dedication Blackstone Valley Heritage Project Grafton Historical Society 1992

GRAFTONIA III 1987-88

"Memories of Grafton" Alden Guild Grafton High class of 1927 Hammer Award to Grafton Inn/Town House Honey Dew Club picture Grafton High class of 1937 Surgery on moose at Tufts Indian Fair 1987/ Wing House Air news of Grafton **Bicentennial Celebration of Constitution** Coz land on Merriam Road Heritage Homecoming Week **Firefighters Monument** Atlas Yeast Company fire Isabel Phelps 100 years old President Reagan congratulates N. Gage Walter Vickars/ Sarah Brough Dan Morgado town administrator Levi Nelson Leland articles Town Hall pictures/ Selectmen 1988 Historical Society report 1987 Historical Society 1988 Dianne Carroll obituary Chief Kearnan/Russell Messier Grafton Pharmacy champs Grafton High class of 1938 Willard clock/ association/ tea

GRAFTONIA IV

Historical Society 1988-89 History of Town Hall Alden Guild 1988 Flag Day 1989 Nelson Park and Library Washington Mills fire Women's Building G.S.H. 1938 Knowlton fire Grafton Bank robbery Taft family Richard Fleming obituary Old Getchell House Blackstone River Peter Abbott 1990 Water District Evolution of gas station Forbush Shoe Factory 1933 R, Jordan/ G. Nault/ W. Nason MBTA Con Rail 1991 **Bicentennial Book 1935** Horse Show 1948 Perry Hill / Fred Hastings Dam at Washington Mills

FOLDERS

Grafton Poor Farm Leading Businessmen of N. Grafton Washington Mills Alden Bull Dr. S. Alden Guild Paul Albert Hartman Steven Brown Robie Harry Worcester Smith

LARGE SCRAPBOOKS

Articles in this collection of seven large scrapbooks were written by or about Robert Wilson during the years when he was a well-known and highly regarded Worcester newspaper reporter. A few articles relate to Grafton:

- I "Jose Iturbi at Grafton Airport" Aerial Photos of Grafton Airport
- II "Herbert Holbrook of Grafton, Handicapped Skier"
 Pictures of Bob Wilson
 "Memories of Grafton Airport"
- III "Thanksgiving at Wilson's Store"
- V "Eileen Gately, N. Grafton Fire Dispatcher"
- VI "Willard House to Open as Clock Museum"
 "Miss Noyes Letter" / "Nelson Library"