



Margaret awaits the children on the Tavern's front porch.

The Obituary of Abiel P. Williams

Editors Note- Earlier in this newsletter, in the article about the Healy descendants who visited the Tavern, appears the photo of Abiel P. Williams. Abiel was the grandson of Tavern builder Hezekiah Healy. He was the grandfather of Marion Moseley as well as the great grandfather of Will Moseley, and great-great grandfather of Marc Moseley both of who presently serve on the Taverns Board of Directors.

Michael Branniff, also a member of the Board of Directors, spends hour upon hour researching area newspapers to garner historical information about Dudley and its inhabitants of days gone by. He recently came across the obituary of Abiel Williams in the Webster Times and shares it with us.

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Webster Times Feb. 10, 1893
A. P. Williams

Mr. A. P. Williams after an illness of about week died at his home last Tuesday morning. Thus has passed from our midst a much esteemed citizen of this town, a kind neighbor, a true friend and a loving father. Born and brought up on the old homestead, (*Kekamoochaug farm on Healy Rd.*) which was his home at the time of his death, most of his life was spent in his native town.

A true patriot, at the call of his country he enlisted, and not satisfied that he had done his full duty, left his native hills for a second term of service. While in service he had an attack of yellow fever which nearly ended his life then and there. A man of retiring disposition, though more than once political honors might have been his, had he consented,

he has(d) held office but once in this town, though the office has several times sought the man. Six years ago he suffered a severe attack of pneumonia from which he has(d) never fully recovered, although his indomitable will has(d) kept him about. A farmer by occupation it can truly be said of him that he was one of Nature's noblemen. Mr. Williams leaves an aged mother of about ninety and six children to mourn his loss, his wife having died a little over three years ago. Deceased [sic] for several years had a milk route in Dudley and Webster with a large number of customers. He was a member of Ben. Franklin council, No 333 Royal Arcanum, and Nathaniel Lyon Post of the G. A. R. of Webster, and was formerly a member of Webster Lodge, F. and A.M. About forty members of Post 61 attended the funeral of Comrade A. P. Williams of Dudley which was held at his late residence Thursday at one p.m. Rev. Charles Goodell delivered an impressive address. Rev. T. C. Richards of Dudley was present and offered prayer. Comrade E. P. Morton took charge of the services. Six Comrades were bearers, Comrade Oscar Tourtellotte of North Grosvenordale, Francis Greenwood, Horace Lancola, D. F. Gleason, Geo. S. Googins, H. J. Woodell. Four of the bearers were members of his reg't. 25th Mass Inf. of which deceased was color guard. The G. A. R. burial service was recited at the tomb in which he was placed in North Cemetery (*Now known as Village Cemetery*). Comrade (the) Hon. I.D. Bates of New Boston, drummer boy, Co. D with Comrade Williams sounded taps at the tomb. There was a large gathering of neighbors and friends which indicated the high respect and esteem in which the departed was held. Singing (was) by the Dudley Church Choir. The delegates from the Arcanum Council at the funeral were brothers Dobbie, Branch, Cocks, F. C. Crawford and Alex Roye. The G. A. R. gave a floral tribute and the Arcanum a pillow of flowers.

New Website

www.theblacktavern.com

The Black Tavern has officially moved into the twenty-first century with the addition of its own website, www.theblacktavern.com.

Through the abilities and expertise of Scott Roy, who created the site, and Marc Moseley, who will be our Webmaster, one may visit, view, and learn much about the tavern and the families who lived there.

A brief description of the Black Tavern

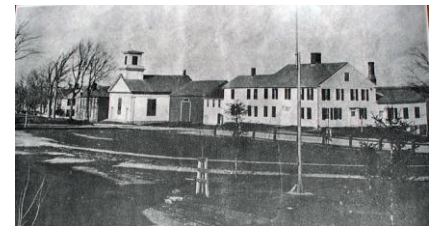
and its history, a description of the barn restoration, copies of the Tavern Newsletters, a calendar of Tavern events, a member enrollment form, and list of the current Board of Directors. There are also links for associated articles and research on the Williams and Goodell families, directions and contact information to make inquiries for Tavern information.

A merchandise section, where tavern items may be purchased, should be forthcoming shortly.

Our Webmaster has already reported many "hits" and we hope our members and friends will also visit and spread the word about this new site.

Nancy Roy

"The Barn" Then and Now



Barn and Tavern as they appeared near the turn of the 20th century.



Barn as it appeared at the start of the restoration project.



Barn after completion of north wall.

Photos by Mike Branniff

"Furniture Donations Needed"

During the past year, all of the farm artifacts that were previously kept in the upstairs bedroom at the Tavern, for lack of a location to store them, have been removed and relocated to our barn. We now have an empty bedroom that we are hoping to return to its former use when Anson Goodell, in his Civil War letters, wrote of sleeping there. With this in mind we are asking for donations of any 19th century furnishings that would be appropriate for a bedroom of this period. If you or anyone you know might have something to donate, you may contact any member of the Board of Directors located on the first page of this newsletter. Thanks in advance for your support!

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Sally Williams Banks, Lifetime Member, and Nancy J. Roy were omitted, in error, from the 2007 list of DONORS in the Jan. 2008 Newsletter. Our apologies for this oversight.

The Black Tavern Historical Society is most grateful to the above individuals and businesses that have supported, financially and/or "in kind", the Black Tavern Historical Society. Every effort has been made to

ensure this list as, well as the one of Memorial Gifts to The Black Tavern Historical Society is accurate and complete. If there is, however, an error or omission, we apologize and ask that you notify The Black Tavern Historical Society at P. O. Box 1804, Dudley, MA 01571.

Memorial Gifts to the Black Tavern Historical Society

Dec. 11, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2008
Given by Carol Ann Eaton, in memory of
Anthony J. Mikolajczak
Lois B. Millette
Carl A. Taylor
Susan Landry
Kent A Gray
Judith A. Dawson

Remembering Our Volunteer Guides

For many years, The Black Tavern Historical Society has sponsored a field trip to the BLACK TAVERN for all 3rd grade students of the Dudley Elementary School. This past year, we lost two of our dedicated volunteers - Anthony (Tony) Mikolajczak, the long-time bell ringer, in January and Margaret Bibeau, a costumed guide, in November. They will be missed by everyone. The Society extends condolences to their families.

Peg Pedersen



Tony mans his station, at the ready with bell in hand.

cemetery where I guided Dr. and Mrs. Gale to the graves of Dr. and Mrs. Goodell.



Laura Gale at Village cemetery

Dr. and Mrs. Gale stated they would like to return during one of the Tavern festivities and I suggested they plan to visit Dudley for the annual Strawberry or Apple Festival.

Mike Branniff

Leslie Hoffman Santos

On September 22, while passing through the area on her way home, Leslie Hoffman Santos, of CA, the great-great neice of Abiel P. Williams visited the Tavern. Her great-great Grandfather was John Healy Williams, Abiel's brother. (Editors note- The Tavern has a copy of a very moving letter written by John to Abiel on July 4, 1864 telling of his brother George's death at Petersburg, VA)



Abiel P. Williams

Although limited in time, she was given a brief tour of the Tavern by Bob Ducharme and was particularly excited to see copies of photos and letters of Abiel Williams that Bob

has compiled during his research of the men associated with the Tavern who served in the Civil War. Due to time restraints on her travel schedule, Ms. Santos' tour had to be cut short, but she stated that in the future she would love to return for a more thorough visit. We look forward to her return.

Bob Ducharme

Tavern Odds and Ends

By Bob Ducharme

"100 Years Young"

On January 30, 2009 Mrs. Harold (Claudine) Goodell will celebrate her 100th birthday. Mrs. Goodell who lives at 621 West Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711 is the widow of Harold Goodell who was the grandson of Anson P. Goodell. Mrs. Goodell will celebrate this milestone with friends and family at a party hosted by her daughters Barbara Pierce, Judy Flippin, Paula Green, and Kathleen Brown on Saturday, January 31, at the Plaza Cleremont Manor in Cleremont CA. In January of 2004 Mrs. Goodell and her family graciously donated 50 Civil War letters written by Mr. Goodell's grandfather Anson to the Black Tavern Historical Society. To Mrs. Goodell from all of us at the Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley we wish you a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



Claudine Goodell-100 Years Young

A Donation to the "Barn Restoration Project"

This past year, on behalf of the Black Tavern, Will Mosely, a member of our Board of Directors, applied for and was awarded a donation from his employer, BP Fabric of America of Waterville, IL. BP awards grants to non-profit organizations that contribute culturally to their local communities. On May 8, Will presented the Barn Restoration Project with a check for \$500. Thanks to both Will and BP.



Will Moseley presenting a check for \$500. from BP Fabric of America of Waterville, IL to Peg Pedersen, Treasurer and Joe Antos, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

"Mission Statement Updated"

The following mission statement of the Black Tavern Historical Society has been updated and approved by the Board of Directors this past year.

BTHS Mission Statement

The main purpose of The Black Tavern Historical Society is to promote Dudley's rich history and heritage which we fulfill through research, assistance to citizens and organizations, educational programs for young and old, and preservation of historical objects pertaining to the history of Dudley and the surrounding areas.

"The Black Tavern Needs You"

We are always in need of manpower
Get in touch with a board member
And donate some time
Help keep Dudley's history alive

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accurate timekeeping on the railroad and marine navigation was explained. A variety of clocks on display drew much attention. The program was well received by an attentive audience.

John Vanderaa

Oct. 16, 2008
"Antique Lighting"
Presentation by

Michael & Linda Branniff

Mike and Linda Branniff put on a slide presentation of the History of Lighting. The program started with the discovery of fire and took folks down to the time of the kerosene lamp. The slides to illustrate the talk were taken from the Branniffs personal collection of early American lighting. After the talk, the Branniffs showed many pieces of their lighting collection to those who attended.

Linda Branniff

November 20, 2008
"A Brief History of Wine"

Presentation by Samatha Straw

For the November program, Samantha Straw, a certified sommelier, gave a fascinating presentation on the history of wine, explaining the role of wine in various cultures and religions beginning with the Egyptians. She also described the 19th century devastation of Phylloxera (a louse that kills vines) on the European vineyards and the damaging effects of Prohibition on the American wine industry. She even suggested some good wines to enjoy with Thanksgiving dinner.

Sandy Peterson

Sunday, December 7, 2008

"A Children's Holiday Gathering"

On Sunday afternoon, December 7, the Tavern was alive with young children as they created Christmas cards and ornaments with the assistance of Tavern members while their parents enjoyed Christmas music and visited with friends surrounded by the warm glow of the homestead hearth. Santa was also on

hand to greet the younger attendees and took very careful notice of their wish lists for Christmas eve.



Children making ornaments and cards.



Santa taking notes from two youngsters.
Bob Ducharme

Healy Descendant Visitors

This past year we were fortunate to have visits from several descendants of the Tavern builder, Hezekiah Healy.

Blair G. Patch

On July 13, Linda Bazinet showed Blair G. Patch, of Texas, the great granddaughter of Dr. Charles Goodell around the Tavern. Mrs. Patch, who grew up in Colorado, stated that she had never been to the Tavern and decided to make a stop while traveling from Boston to Connecticut. While at the Tavern she took a photo of Dr. Charles Goodell's portrait that hangs in the main meeting

room of the Tavern to see if there were any family resemblances. She was most appreciative of being afforded the opportunity to tour the ancestral home of her family.

Linda Bazinet



Dr. Charles Goodell

Laura and Robert Gale

On September 4, while on their way from Manhattan to Boston, Laura and Robert Gale, of California arrived at the Tavern. Mrs. Gale has many fond memories of the Tavern and its furnishings.

She is the great granddaughter of Anson P. Goodell and was very well versed in the history of the Goodell family.



Anson P. Goodell

On viewing the portrait of Dr. Goodell, Mrs. Gale proudly opined that she has Dr. Goodell's chin. She was especially pleased that some of the anecdotal information I passed on to her confirmed stories her grandmother told to her mother about the Tavern and its inhabitants. An extra bonus was a visit to Village

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who served with the 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the Civil War, explained what life was like for a typical Civil War soldier. His presentation included description of the clothing, equipment, and weaponry of an infantry soldier as well as living conditions experienced during garrison or extended stay camps such as winter quarters and on an active campaign. His story told of how soldiers built winter quarter shelters or slept in dog tents while on the march. He also included a description of the food that soldiers ate during these periods and conditions under which they marched while urgently moving toward a battle. His presentation concluded with a first person impression of what Andrew Yeomans experienced while helping to turn back the Confederate charge at the center of the Union line at Gettysburg.



Bob Ducharme

May 2008

"Third Graders Visit the Tavern"

This year again The Black Tavern enjoyed hosting the annual Dудey Elementary School's third graders' visit. It was a rainy day but all who attended had an enjoyable time. Making butter, a display of kitchen utensils from the 1800s, and a visit inside the barn the children's pennies and nickels helped fund were features of this year's visit. This year an unexpected surprise was provided Linda Scianna, mother of one of the students. She presented The Black Tavern with a very beautiful book of photographs of the children's visit and highlighted each of The Black Tavern volunteers who helped with the visit. Joe Frogger cookies for all the children were a perfect ending to a very tiring but very enjoyable day.

Linda Branniff



Waiting for the 3rd Graders



There heeeeeeere!!

June 19, 2008

"Strawberry Festival"

It arrived with the certainty of the spring: The 2008 Grange Strawberry Festival. The weather cooperated and provided an absolutely beautiful spring day. The crowds turned out to enjoy the fun. The strawberry shortcakes were, as usual, to die for. The Black Tavern was open and provided tours for folks wishing to see the inside of the Tavern. A highlight of the afternoon was meeting the Tavern's new neighbors from the abutting stone schoolhouse, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Goodhouse. One of the more unusual sights of this year's Strawberry Festival was the newly painted and restored 1950 International Harvester Farmall M tractor belonging to Tavern Board of Director Joe Antos. The gorgeous red tractor that was his late father's was just back from being restored and was on display for all to enjoy. On occasions when Joe started the 3+ ton beast, crowds gathered. Parked in front of the Tavern's barn, it generated myriad photo ops for parents, elicited giggles from children who got to sit behind the steering wheel and waves of nostalgia from older members of the town who waxed poetic about "the one my father

had." All left smiling. I suspect some left with a better understanding what it takes to grow their food.

Linda Branniff



Joe Antos' restored tractor

July 15, 2008

Summer Concert

Pulaski Brass Band



The Pulaski Brass Band on the well manicured back lawn of the Tavern.

Sept. 18, 2008

"Antique Clocks

&

Annual Harvest Basket"

Presentation by John Vanderaa

Hard to imagine how big the New England clock industry once was, 6000 clockmakers large and small! Sadly, none are in existence today. John Vanderaa demonstrated clearly the effects of pendulum length, swing and bob weight on timing. The amazing evolution of traditional timekeeping from Galileo to Coster to Jonathan Healy, very likely a close relative of the Tavern builder, who produced wooden movements on a large scale, the Tavern possibly having one of them. The impact of

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From the Program Committee

The program committee invites anyone interested in helping out with the Tavern programs (setting up, baking, publicity, etc.) to call Sandy Peterson, at 508-949-2468. Thank you.

2007 Black Tavern Barn Report

This past year has shown continued progress on our barn restoration project.

Having completed the restoration of the front of the barn in the spring of 2007, the barn committee decided to move forward with the next phase of the restoration and requested bids for the reconstruction of the north wall of the barn. After receiving 3 bids, the contract for this work was awarded to Begin Construction Co. of Dudley. With hopes that this phase could be completed in time for the Strawberry Festival, work was started in early May. Initially, work was to include the removal of the modern exterior siding and existing windows, replacement of horizontal beams that had been cut to install the windows, and residing the wall with barnboard consistent with what was on the front of the building.

As work progressed and structural members of the barn became exposed, it became clear that since one of the main beams that supported the roof structure on the north wall was rotting away, we would need to replace it. Fortunately, we had saved all the beams that we removed during the reconstruction of the floor framing and were able to use one of these to replace the existing rotted beam. Also completed at this time was the repair to the foundation of the north wall. This phase of the barn renovation was completed in late May just in time for the 3rd Grade visit and the Strawberry Festival. Once again as in years past, the students of the Dudley Elementary

School came through for "Barn Restoration Project" by raising \$1,804.79 from their annual penny drive and presented representatives of the Tavern with a check during an assembly at the school. The Black Tavern Historical Society is extremely grateful for the students continued support in our effort to preserve the history of Dudley hill.

This past September, in conjunction with the Dudley Grange's Apple Festival, members of the board of directors, Bob Ducharme and Dave Proulx, set up a historical display in the barn. During this extremely rainy day, it was noticed that the barn roof had a considerable number of leaks that, if left unattended, threatened to damage work already done. The barn committee brought this before the Board of Directors and it was decided that we should immediately move forward and have the roof of both the barn and annex replaced. The barn committee requested bids from 5 roofing contractors and a contract for the work was awarded to Rudnicky Roofing Co. As of this writing, work is currently being done to re-roof both these buildings.

With this being done, our "Barn Project" is nearing completion as it leaves only the reconstruction of the east, or back, wall to be completed as funding permits.

Bob Ducharme

A Review of the past years programs

Jan. 17, 2008

"Birds of Winter"

Presentation by Cindy Barnes

Last January, Cindy Barnes of Mass Audubon, gave an informative slide presentation on "Birds of Winter" to a most enthusiastic and well-informed group of both avid and casual birdwatchers. Cardinals, Blue Jays, Juncos, Nuthatches, Chickadees, Purple and Gold Finches were among those backyard birds discussed. Cindy explained that some

birds, such as Bluebirds and Robins, now winter over when conditions are tolerable for them. As to whether or not to feed these birds, Cindy emphasized that consistency, along with fresh seed and clean feeders, are all crucial.

Sandy Peterson

Feb. 21, 2008

"The History of Money".

Presentation by Paul Joseph

Mr. Joseph provided our members and guests with an explanation of the way money was circulated and finally minted in the early years of the colonies and the beginning of the United States. Of particular interest was the first coin minted in the colonies, the pine tree shilling, minted in "1652". Paul's knowledge and delivery made the trek to the tavern on a cold winter night worth the effort!

Ed Bazinet

Mar. 20, 2008

"New England Stone Walls"

Presentation by Robert Thorson

On March 20, 2008, Robert Thorson, author of "Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England's Stone Walls" and professor of geology at UCONN offered some of his vast knowledge of the history of stonewalls in the New England area, explaining the types of stone used in the construction of stonewalls. He also addressed the importance of preserving these relics of our past and the efforts being made to this end.

Sandy Peterson

April 17, 2008

"A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier."

Presentation by Bob Ducharme

On the evening of April 17, before a full house at the "Tavern", Bob Ducharme presented a program on the life of a Civil War soldier. Bob, who does a first person impression of local soldier Andrew B. Yeomans

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Oct. 22, 2009

- **"Barn Raising".**
Dave Proulx, former historian at Old Sturbridge Village, will give a slide presentation on the "ins and outs" of barn raising.

Dec. 2009 (Date TBA)

- **"A Holiday Gathering"**

For program information, contact Sandy Peterson (508) 949-2468 or Linda Bazinet (508)-943-5509

Most events begin at 7:00 pm, are Open to the Public & held at The Black Tavern, Dudley Hill, 138 Center Road. For concert times, check local papers or listen to the radio as times may vary.

To schedule the Black Tavern for functions/meetings, contact Eric & Sue Clearwater (508) 943 4579).

Please watch the local newspapers & listen to WESO or call (508)-943-8391 for any changes with these events

From the Chairman

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Their resignation vacancies have been filled by Marc Moseley and David Butler, two new and enthusiastic members.

The Board has updated and revised the By-Laws, defining the term of office for Board members and setting the Annual Meeting of all Black Tavern Historical Society members for the last Saturday in June. We are also working on adopting an Acquisitions Policy for gifts made to the Tavern, something we were lacking.

Once again, John Vanderaa, our unofficial handyman has kept ahead of all the fix up projects an old building requires. Thanks John. Work on the barn continues. After spending a rainy Saturday in the barn, Bob Ducharme, Chairman of the Barn Committee, and David Proulx, decided the next project to be addressed would have to be the roof. With the many leaks, it was feared we would loose ground on the work already done on the interior walls and floor if we didn't stop them. So roof work is underway. With the barn available, the tools

have been moved from the upstairs bedroom to the barn. The bedroom has been cleaned and is in need of bedroom furniture. We would like to furnish it with furniture of the early 1800's, so check grandma's attic and if you have anything get in touch with me or Tom Boyd, our curator. We started 2008 off by joining our Dudley Hill neighbors at the Grange's New Years Eve "Dudley First Night", a fun night of community celebration. We continued our monthly programs, offering topics of interest to the community. One event we at the tavern always look forward to is hosting the third grade of Dudley Elementary School for a day of "Living History". It's always so special to introduce these third grade students to the tavern, its history and the impact it has had over the years on the history of Dudley. We hope that someday some of these students will return to the tavern to continue its mission and its preservation. Another annual event the tavern participates in are tours during the Annual Grange Strawberry Festival in June. Since the response for tours is always over whelming, we decided to give a try to having the tavern open the last Saturday of the month. So we gave it a try June to October, the response wasn't what we had hoped for, but we will probably give it another try in the spring. Another popular event is the summer concerts on the tavern's back lawn. On a lovely summers night in July, we hosted the Pulaski Brass Band for an evening of music surrounded by the lovely summer plantings. I would like to acknowledge Eric Clearwater for his tender loving care of the tavern's grounds and flowers.

We also hosted several visits by descendants of the Goodell family, returning to see the Tavern that was such an important part of their family history. Even though the Tavern is over 200 years old, we are part of the electronic age. The Tavern now has a

website: www.theblacktavern.com. Many many thanks go to Scott Roy for all the work he did to create and set up the website. So log on and check out all the Tavern has to offer. Speaking of what the Tavern has to offer, we hope you will consider using the Tavern if you have an event coming up. The Tavern with all its charm is perfect for showers, wedding receptions, meetings or that party or family gathering that is just too big to be held at home. It can accommodate groups up to 75 and has a fully functioning kitchen. Inquiries may be directed to Sue Clearwater at 508 943- 4579.

As you can see, The Board of Directors have been busy keeping the Tavern a vital part of the Dudley Hill Common but we can use HELP. If you have an interest in preserving a part of Dudley's history, please join us. Your commitment doesn't have to consume all your time, an hour here and there would really be appreciated. Can you paint? Bang a nail? How about baking something for one of our monthly meetings? Just get in touch with any board member. With your help the Black Tavern Historical Society will continue its purpose of preserving the Tavern's and Dudley's history.

Linda Bazinet

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January 2009

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From the Chairman

As the new Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Black Tavern Historical Society, I would like to extend my Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2009. Like my predecessors, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the goings on at the Tavern over the past year. I'm sure many of the updates will be discussed in detail further along in this newsletter, but hopefully an overview will show you just how busy 2008 has been. First of all we've had some changes on the Board of Directors. After many years of service and dedication, Cornelius Slack and Faith Armstrong resigned from the board. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to express our sincere gratitude to them for their many years of stewardship to the Black Tavern and the Board of Directors.

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- 2009**
List of Events
- January & February**
- **No Programs***
- Mar.19, 2009**
- **"Taverns and Housing in the Early 1800's".** John Larkin: Chief Historian at Old Sturbridge Village, and author of "The New England Country Taverns" and "Where We Lived" will present a program on early New England Taverns and will relate his research to The Black Tavern and life on Dudley Hill in the early 1800's.
- April 16, 2009**
- **"Civil War Photographs".** Hannah Army: teacher at the Rectory School will give a slide presentation and talk on photographs of the Civil War.
- May 2009 (Date TBA)**
- **"Third Graders to the Tavern"-** Third Grade students from the Dudley Elementary School visit The Black Tavern.
- June 18, 2009**
- **"Strawberry Festival"-** The Black Tavern is open to the public for tours.
- June-August, 2009**
- **Summer Concerts** (Dates TBA)
- Sept. 17, 2009**
- **"Evening of Reminiscences".** Local historians will tell their tales of days gone by.
- * Due to the high cost of heating and low attendance, there will be no monthly programs in January, February, and November of 2009.
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