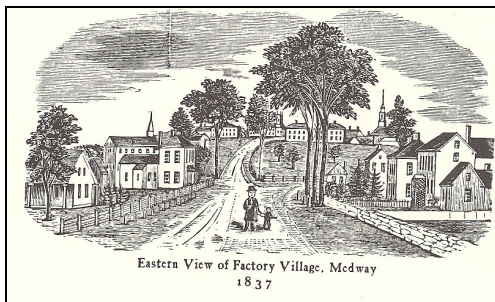




Historical Happenings

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Dear Members,

The Medway Historical Society annual business meeting will be held at the Medway Public Library on Monday, May 19th at 7pm. Elections for open positions on the board will be held. All members are invited to attend.

Membership Renewals

Just a reminder—the 2014 membership renewals are due in June. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please fill out the form below and with your dues check, mail it to us at the Society. In addition to membership, all gifts are appreciated.

Medway Historical Society Annual Membership Enrollment Form (all memberships end annually on May 31st)

Name(s): _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Annual Membership:

☐ New Member

☐ Membership Renewal

☐ Senior/Student \$10.00
☐ Individual \$15.00

☐ Couple \$20.00
☐ Family \$25.00

☐ Business \$50.00
☐ Lifetime \$200.00

☐ Please accept my additional tax-deductible 501(c)(3) Contribution. I am enclosing \$ _____

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☐ I will volunteer to help the Society by:

☐ Serve on the Program Committee
☐ Help staff the booth at Pride Day
☐ Help curate and catalog the collection

☐ Serve on the Membership Committee
☐ Help with Fundraising

Reminder: The Medway Historical Society does not receive any monies from the Town of Medway. The Historical Society is a non-profit organization that relies solely on membership dues and donations for all its operations.

Make Checks Payable to:

Medway Historical Society
223 Main Street, Medway, MA 02053



Former Medway Historical Society Presidents Norm Schneider (left) visiting with Roy Skeens in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Roy retired there 20 yrs ago.

DAVID ALLEN PARTRIDGE

The Civil War coat owned by David Allen Partridge shown in the picture is currently being repaired. The Society is planning to display the coat at the museum sometime in the fall.



David Allen Partridge was the son of Allen and Peggy J. Partridge and was born in Milford, MA on April 3, 1833. He was instrumental in recruiting Co. B. 42d Regt. Mass. Voluntary Militia, which was organized in Medway by the choice of company officers on 28 August 1863.

Later he was appointed Captain of the 54th Mass infantry which was the all black regiment commanded by Robert Gould Shaw. Some may remember that Shaw was the principal subject of the 1989 movie "Glory."

After the war David Partridge worked in Medway in boot manufacturing. He was a notary public and took an active part in town affairs having served as a selectman and on the republican town committee.

He also represented the town of Medway in the legislature in 1876 and 1878. He presided over more than 50 town meetings and public gatherings of various kinds. He was an active member of the Medway Historical Society and a member of the Charles River Lodge of Masons.

His obituary describes him as "a most genial man of strong convictions and indomitable will power who was devoted to his wife and home." He was married to Chloe Mann in 1846. Two brothers survived him - William of Woonsocket and Warren J. of Athol. Rev. Lewis A. Walker of the Baptist Church officiated his funeral. He died in 1907 and he is buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

From: Obituary and The History of Medway, MA EO Jameson, editor 1886

CURATOR'S CORNER

SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

The Medway Historical Society was thrilled to receive a gift of glass negatives from former director and Medway Historian, Francis Donovan. Ranging in date from 1899-1910, most are believed to be of Medway, but remain unidentified. About 300 of these have been converted into digital images and will be presented in a slide show at 7:30 pm on June 3rd at the Medway Senior Center (76 Oakland Street). Please come help us identify the sites - or simply enjoy images of the town from over a century ago.

BUILDING ENERGY AUDIT

Director Julie Wilcox has contacted NSTAR to set up a "Small Business Energy Audit" which will be done by Columbia Gas. This will include an evaluation of the Museum Building with regard to electrical wiring and will result in recommendations for energy improvements.



News from the Town of Medway Historical Commission

THAYER HOMESTEAD

A manager is being sought for the Thayer Homestead function facility which is due to open soon. The room will seat about 100 people, has a full caterer's kitchen with an indoor/outdoor fireplace. To book a function contact Dennis at 617-529-2762.

Medway Schools The Open House held on March 16th was very well attended and featured a new display about Medway Schools put together by Medway Historical Society President Mark Wilcox.



The photo (left) is of the No. 5 schoolhouse which was located at Winthrop and Partridge Streets. The site is now a town playground and was also the location of one of the North Medway synagogues.

The photo (right) is schoolhouse No. 4 - High St. around 1900. This school stood to the rear of the present library and was razed in the 1930's when the new High St. elementary school (library) was built under the WPA. Well water was supplied until 1914 when town water became available.



Upcoming Events

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OPEN HOUSE -

- **Saturday, May 17 from 2-4**

The May Open House will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 2-4 for the convenience of Medway High School Alumni who are attending their annual alumni get-together that weekend. Those visiting will be able to look over a special exhibit on Medway schools through the years, as well as other displays from Medway's history.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

- **Monday, May 19th 7:00 pm**

Board Elections - Medway Public Library

SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

- **Tuesday, June 3rd - 7:30 pm**

Medway Senior Center 76 Oakland St.

Did you know the Medway Historical Society is a 501C (3) Non-profit Organization?

Your donations are tax deductible.

Please consider making a gift
to the Society.

Annual Membership runs from June 1–May 31

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Wishing you the best wherever life takes you.

The Medway Historical Society

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