



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OF THE BEVERLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Gold Coast Trolley Tour Scheduled for 6 August 2005

by Stephen P. Hall
Director

One of our most popular events during Beverly Homecoming Week is the Gold Coast Trolley Tour. It is a great opportunity to sit in an open sided “trolley bus” and take an informative and education tour of beautiful Beverly, Prides Crossing, and Beverly Farms area that make up our wonderful community.

Last year we ran this program on both Saturday and Sunday, but this year you will have only one day to take advantage of this fun event. See where President William Howard Taft spent the summers of 1909 and 1910, before being “evicted” by Mrs. Evans!

For those people waiting to board, we typically have offered free tours of Hale Farm in between trolley tours. Hopefully, the restoration work to Hale House currently underway will be completed in time for the event.

Trolley tours will be guided by local historians such as Fred Hammond, Ed Brown, and Steve Hall; an informative brochure describing the various homes seen during the tour will be given to all who purchase tickets for this event.



Pass by the former estate of Teddy Roosevelt’s eccentric daughter, Alice Roosevelt Longworth! See the former estates of industrialist Henry Clay Frick and Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

This tour will have historical information and stories that both “old townies” and newcomers will find entertaining. Find out how well you know the local neighborhood and people who lived here during the “Gilded Age” more than a century ago.

Tickets will be on sale the day of the event only. Admission is only \$10 for members, and \$12 for nonmembers. This popular event nearly sold out last year, so arrive early to assure a good seat.

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A letter from Society President Rick Lord

Dear Members,

Our first installment of what we anticipate will be a major annual event, the Sam-Sam Fair held at Hale Farm, was a fabulous success that attracted a large and diverse crowd--with a number of folks attending who had never been to a Society event previously. I'd like to thank the trustees and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success and, of course, the good folks who donated or made items for sale at the White Elephant, Bake, Plant, Book and Silent Auction tables. If you came to the Fair, I hope you had as much fun as I did and, if you couldn't make it, I hope to see you at a even bigger and better Fair next year.

Our good friends at The Beverly Citizen have created a special offer benefiting the Society. For a limited time, The Citizen will donate \$5 for each one year renewal or new subscription, or \$10.00 for a two-year subscription to BHS&M. If you are not currently reading the Beverly Citizen, you've been missing out on some great features on Beverly history which can't be found elsewhere. The Citizen staff have printed wonderful stories on recent Society events, articles about our new publications such as Fred Hammond's book "Reflections," Stephen Hall's monthly column "From The Vault," and the always interesting "100 Years Ago" column. If it's time for you to renew, or if you've been thinking about subscribing to Beverly's hometown newspaper, please contact the Citizen's subscription department at 1-800-882-1211.

We're finding that our ambitions at the Society are outpacing our resources. In other words, there are a lot of things we would like to do, but just don't have qualified volunteers to help us accomplish our goals. It is the volunteers who really help make the Society such a rich and rewarding organization. We have projects to suit just about any talent--ranging from working in our gardens to helping plan one of our events. If you have a little bit of time available, I'd love to hear from you.

As your Society president, I always look forward to hearing from you, our members. Please let me know your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions. I may be reached through regular mail at the Society, or through email at rlord@beverlyhistory.org.

Past Events

The Spring Film Fest

Vintage BostonArea Eastern Mass.
Streetcar Film Clips (1890s - 1960s)

The film fest concluded with a night of nostalgia hosted by Dr. Charles Francis Warren, of the WTC group. The event was well attended and we look forward to similar programing in the winter and early spring next year.

Arts Fest

The Beverly Historical Society was well represented at the Beverly Arts Fest in June 2005. Memberships and items from our gift shop were sold from our sidewalk tent and table; visitation to Cabot House was brisk. We will participate in this city-wide event again next year.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was highly attended by the membership; the current slate of officers was re-elected unanimously. A lecture and book signing by author and WTC Curator Richard W. Symmes followed the Annual Meeting.

Sam-Sam Day at Hale Farm

Our first annual Sam-Sam vintage 1905 fair was a lot of fun! We anticipate making this event an annual one; so, if you missed this event, be sure to try to attend it next summer!



Children playing at the SAM -SAM Day vintage fair at Hale Farm

Director's Report

by Stephen P. Hall

With the arrival of summer, visitation at both Balch House and Cabot House is starting to heat up, and the staff and volunteers are preparing for a busy season.

Daily we are getting e-mail requests from amateur genealogists who plan to visit our library for information regarding our library resources. As we put more and more data on the web site, more people from distant locations will seek our assistance in their family history searches.

As time allows I will cross-train additional staff and volunteers to handle this upsurge in genealogical research requests.

In the past, family associations have visited us; in September we will host the Herrick Family reunion.

With regard to capital improvement I am happy to report that, through the generosity of Mr. Caleb Loring, Jr., we have received a substantial gift that should completely fund the restoration of heat and the addition of both air-conditioning and ventilation at Hale House. This building improvement will allow us to be open at Hale Farm on a 12-month basis rather than just a few weeks in the summer.

Recently the Essex National Heritage Commission notified the Society that a \$7k building preservation assistance grant has been awarded to BHS&M to help subsidize the \$73k in work required at Cabot House to restore the roof, fix drip line fascia, and paint the exterior of the building. Additional grant funding requests being sought from several other granters currently are in the pipeline.

We still have other capital improvement needs at our three historic properties, and always welcome building fund donations that you can "ear-mark" to a specific building if you wish.

Please think of us when you plan your estate distribution. Leave your mark on Beverly's History; help us to preserve your heritage through planned giving of funds or stocks, naming BHS&M as an insurance beneficiary, and personal family items such as images and artifacts.

With only about 70 days left in fiscal year 2005 I would urge all members who have not funded the annual appeal this year to do so prior to 30 September 2005.

In the weeks ahead I hope you can find the time to visit us--and that you will continue to support our worthwhile efforts.

For more information about what we have to interest or amaze you, consult our *Calendar of Events* section on this page or visit our web site at: www.beverlyhistory.org.

Calendar

summer
&
fall
events

Gold Coast Trolley Tours

Location: Hale Farm at 39 Hale St./Beverly

Date: 6 August 2005

Time: 1-hour narrated trolleybus tours leave at 11 am, 12 noon, 1 pm., and 2 pm.

Tickets are \$10 for members; \$12 for nonmembers.

Tour the locations of the estates of the rich and famous who lived in Beverly, Prides Crossing, and Beverly Farm more than 100 years ago. This event will very likely sell out.

Herrick Family Reunion

Location: Cabot House & other locations.

Date: 23-25 September 2005

Herrick family members visit Beverly and Cape Ann for there family reunion. Programs will take place at Cabot House and various other place in Essex County.

Balch Thanksgiving Dinner

Location: Balch House

Date: 10 November 2005

The Annual Balch House Thanksgiving Dinner Drawing will take place on 10 November 2005. Tickets will be sent out to all members in October for this event.

More details regarding this popular event will appear in the Fall Newsletter.

Wilbur Frey train models exhibit

Location: Memorial Hall Cabot House

Exhibit Opening: 26 November 2005

The WTC volunteers will be busy setting up this exhibit of Wilbur Frey train models starting in early November in preparation for the schedule grand opening on 26 November 2005.

More details regarding this new exhibit will appear in the Fall Newsletter.

Genealogy Queries

Please send in your genealogical questions regarding the Balch family and/or other Essex County, Massachusetts families to my attention and, as space allows, they will be posted in future newsletters.

Please mail your queries to: Newsletter Editor, Beverly Historical Society & Museum, 117 Cabot St. Beverly, MA, 01915-5107 or send them via e-mail to sphall@beverlyhistory.org.

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Beverly's Hometown Newspaper

Old Planters

Membership Newsletter of the Balch House Associates

IN THE NEWS



Naval Clinic Named After MOH Recipient John Henry Balch

One of the heroes of WWI was a young medic named John Henry Balch.

PhM2C John Balch received the Medal of Honor for “unhesitatingly and fearlessly” exposing himself to machine gun and high explosive fire while rendering aid to wounded Marines for over 16 hours straight! On 21 July 2005, the Naval Clinic at Quantico, VA was dedicated to his memory.

John H. Balch’s Presidential Citation reads as follows.

“For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, with the 6th Regiment, U.S. Marines, in action at Vierzy, France on 19 July 1918. Petty Officer Balch unhesitatingly and fearlessly exposed himself to terrific machinegun and high-explosive fire to succor the wounded as they fell in the attack, leaving his dressing station voluntarily and keeping up the work all day and late into the night unceasingly for 16 hours on a field torn by shell and machinegun fire. Also in action at Somme-Py on 5 October 1918, he exhibited exceptional bravery in establishing an advanced dressing station under heavy shellfire.”

“John Henry Balch entered the Navy in Kansas City, Missouri, by volunteering via the officers procurement program. Before his enlistment on 26 May 1917, he had been a student at Kansas State University in Lawrence. After his training, he joined the 3d Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment and served with it in France.

Before he performed the actions for which he would receive the Medal of Honor, Balch participated in the bloody battle of Belleau Wood. He subsequently suffered a wound during a battle in the Chateau-Thierry sector. These harsh introductions to combat, however, failed to discourage him from putting his own life at risk to save other people. On 18 July 1918, the 6th Marines relieved elements of the 2d Infantry Division, whose units were weakened and exhausted from the attack on Soissons the day before. The 6th Marines faced difficulty in properly preparing for another attack in Soissons because of vague orders from the French command. Despite these problems, and having to pass through areas raked by intense machinegun and artillery fire that caused heavy casualties, the attack progressed according to plan. The troops had gone 10 kilometers before reaching the wheat field facing the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry highway. On 19 July, the exhausted and

battered troops could barely face another effort. Nevertheless, the 6th Marines received orders to push the attack forward to the highway, and by late afternoon they had reached all objectives. However, the battle had been extremely fierce, with heavy artillery and machine-gun fire having caused further casualties. Of the 2,400 men engaged, 1,300 died or were wounded. Balch voluntarily left the aid station to help the wounded, fearlessly exposing himself to heavy barrages of enemy fire, and managed to work all day and late into the night for 16 hours straight. His sustained courage under fire saved the lives of many men.

In the regiment’s attack during the Champagne offensive on 5 October 1918, Balch again showed exceptional bravery by establishing an advanced aid station under heavy shellfire. On this occasion, with 2,350 Marines engaged, the regiment suffered 940 casualties.

On 19 August 1919, Balch was honorably discharged as a Pharmacist’s Mate First Class. One-month later, Rear Admiral F. B. Bassett presented the Medal of Honor to him at the YMCA in Chicago, Illinois. On 2 September 1942, Balch rejoined the Navy as a lieutenant and served in the United States, Australia and the Philippines before retiring on 1 June 1950 from the Naval Reserve as a commander.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Balch also received the Distinguished Service Cross (Army), the Silver Star Medal (Army), the French *Croix de Guerre* with diploma (Gilt Star and Bronze Star), the Italian *Crux de Guerre* with diploma, and the Portuguese *Crux de Guerra* for his actions during World War I.”

NOTE: In March of 2005, I was contacted by the Commanding Officer of the Quantico, VA Naval Health Clinic and asked to help locate a direct descendant of John H. Balch. I quickly discovered he had no living issue, but I did locate a nephew and great nephew of his who I put in touch with the Navy. I certainly hope the Balch Family will be properly represented at this important event.

Editor -

Sources: http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Visitor/Pride_of_Place/POP_Committee/MOH/Balch.htm ; <http://www.enhcp.com/nhcp.cfm?c=news&type=headlines&id=4275> ;

The Oldest Wood Framed House in North America?

A few months ago an Associated Press reporter who was doing a story on places to visit in Massachusetts called our Society headquarters. However, the predictably mundane travelog type story did not emerge as a result of his call. In gathering his interview material, he was offered an aside that our 1636 Balch House was "the oldest wood-framed house in North America." This comment caused him to ask some additional questions, sensing there was a bigger story here than he originally anticipated. It was mentioned that the Fairbanks House in Dedham makes a similar claim and that got the ball rolling.

The reporter soon interviewed an understandably perplexed Ron Frazier, CEO of the Dedham Historical Society, who said "he had never heard of the Balch House." Frazier wasn't pleased to learn Beverly lays claim to a distinction he said rightfully belongs to Dedham. To further support Dedham's claim, Fairbanks House Executive Director Jan Eakins indicated that the DHS performed a "dendrochronology" study on the (Fairbanks) house timbers that prove the house was built in 1641." As such, that statement challenges the 1636 year painted on the Fairbanks House's main chimney and other 1636 claims on the Dedham web site.



Our own Society has not performed a similar test (other than informed opinions of generations of historical architects) on Balch House's old beams and timbers, and thus we have less physical scientific evidence to support claims. To that end the Beverly Historical Society has decided to do a "dendrochronology" study of Balch House to date, via tree ring dating, the age of the oldest beam, that will either support or refute our claim to the status of "oldest wood-framed building."

The Society recently has had tree ring experts visit to evaluate the timbers at Balch House; these experts have indicated it looked that a survey would be possible and gave us a quote of \$3,500, should the Society wish to proceed. Our President and Vice President each have pledged \$100 toward the cost of this study and we now ask our members, and other interest parties, to help us pay for this project. Let us find out once and for all time who has the right to claim to be the "oldest wood-framed house in North America!" Will it be the Balch House and City of Beverly MA, or The Fairbanks House and the Town of Dedham, MA? We're betting on the Balch House being the oldest. How about you?

If you want to help, we ask that you make a donation to support this study. We already have \$200 of the \$3,500 needed for the study. Show your pride in Beverly and/or your Balch family roots and let us settle this decades' old disagreement with our friends in Dedham.

Please make your checks payable, in any amount you can afford, to the **"BEVERLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY"** and in the Memo Section at the bottom of your check please write **"Balch study donation."** Once the Society has these necessary funds, it will do the tree-ring analysis study. This is great opportunity for all Beverly residents to show their caring for the old Balch House and a great opportunity for displaying some hometown pride. Send in those checks today!



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WRITE-OF-WAY

Newsletter of the Walker Transportation Collection [WTC]

From the Curator's desk:

As summer begins we are happy to announce several donations to the Collection, along with an update on progress in other areas.

First, Henry Gibson, a member and loyal supporter from Venice, Florida, recently sent us two cartons of color slides and black and white prints. The slides cover many New England railroads from the 1990s to the present, along with some ships, lighthouses, and miscellaneous subjects. Gibson also generously donated a sum of money to purchase containers for storing the slides. Many of the prints came from the late F. S. Wyman, an early 20th Century rail historian who lived in the Waltham area. The prints consist primarily of locomotives of that era. We actively are cataloging them and hope to have the job completed by the time you read this.

Recently donated also, by Wayne Slayton, was a large quantity of color 35mm negatives covering the 1990-2000 era and featuring New England rail subjects along with a few miscellaneous odds and ends. Most of the negatives were in their original "drugstore" processing envelopes. WTC Co-Founder Russell Munroe spent several weeks sorting and filing this valuable collection. We later will go back to place the negatives into archival sleeves.

Speaking of new arrivals, our updated full-color WTC brochures just were delivered. They were designed by Sharon Spieldenner, our own BHS&M Library Specialist and graphics expert. These eye catching brochures are a vast improvement over the old single color ones, and present the WTC in a thoroughly professional manner. Thanks for all the hard work, Sharon!

Similarly, thanks go to WTC volunteer Matt Pujó for taking on a difficult project and seeing it through. Over this past winter, Matt worked both here and at home sorting, copying, transcribing, and otherwise filing and preserving a large collection of paper items relating to the former Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway (EMSRy). One very large carton containing scrapbooks, folders, and envelopes filled with items such as tickets, rosters, news clippings; and personnel lists, etc. had been donated several years ago by Frank Bates, a former EMSRy trolley motorman and bus driver.

We immediately recognized its historic value but the carton was in such a jumbled, haphazard condition that we were reluctant to tackle it at the time. So it was stored pending the time and inclination to work on it properly.

Matt, a bus and transit historian, volunteered to look it over and see what could be done to organize and preserve its contents. Little did Matt realize what he was getting into. Slowly he sorted out the materials and began to copy or typeset reams of handwritten data which otherwise made little sense. Included were rosters of personnel from the Lynn and Salem divisions of the company, along with years of service, etc., which may be the only surviving copies. When the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) took over the EMSRy in the early 1960s, similar data were destroyed. All of the data now are computerized, as well as printed and filed in folders and binders. All tickets were mounted and filed. The original scrapbooks and clippings have been stabilized and stored. A big thanks to Matt for preserving this material for us in such a professional manner.

Ongoing is the digitization of our images and plac-

ing them into the Past Perfect database. Jim Byington is helping with this task, along with our Assistant to the WTC Curator, David Fletcher. Others will be helping as time and circumstances allow. The entire project will take years to complete.

Lastly, Ed Meagher and Paul Larcom, along with Harold Boothroyd, are busily engaged in filing and listing slides and prints which have been backlogged in our storage area. Paul is working on the massive aviation collection of the late Harland Wood, a project that already has consumed several years--spending time both here on Wednesday nights and at his home. Harold is identifying and filing miscellaneous trolley photos; Ed is listing the hundreds of newly donated color slides. Steve Frisiello has been copying our collection of 33 1/3 rpm records of train sounds onto CDs, making them much more convenient to listen to. The original recordings are safely stored.

As always, we invite you to stop by any Wednesday evening for a firsthand look at your collection.

Richard W. Symmes, WTC Curator

New Beverly Historical Society Members

The following members recently have joined (or rejoined) our society or, in some cases, have renewed their membership at a higher level.

Please consider raising your membership category when you next renew!

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- Please consider joining the "Friends of Walker" Group
- Suggested annual giving levels are: \$250 Silver; \$500 Gold; and \$1000 Platinum. One may also contribute whatever amount one is comfortable with for membership as an Associate Member.
- Money generated by this group will be used for two purposes: (1) To study the possibilities of expanding the building, and (2) To continue to place our vast image files into a digital database. Both of these projects are so very important to the future of the collection. If you wish to join the WTC "friends," please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Passages

Since our last newsletter we have lost five local citizens who were either long-time members of the Society or who were spouses (or parents) of longtime Society members:

On 1 May 2005 long time member **John Chipman Shaw**, "Jack" to his close friends, passed away in Danvers. Born on 27 September 1922, Jack served on several committees at the Society over the years, but is perhaps best remembered for his recent work on the Membership Committee.

Also passing on 1 May 2005 was **Elizabeth M. Foster**. Miss Elizabeth, who lived for many years on Bancroft Ave. directly across from Hale Farm, spent many years on the Hale House Committee and was very supportive of our efforts at Hale Farm. Born on 27 Sep 1916, she was 88 at the time of her passing.

On 2 May 2005 our current President, Richard B. Lord, Jr., lost his beloved mother **Elizabeth G. Lord**. Elizabeth was 83 at the time of her passing.

Dorothy B. Munroe, age 70, died unexpectedly on Saturday evening, 11 June 2005. She was the wife of long-time Walker Transportation Collection co-founder and volunteer, Russell F. Munroe.

On 3 July 2005, **H. Bentley "Ben" Crouch** died unexpectedly at his residence in Weston, MA. He was 77. Ben was a longtime WTC donor and well-known railroad photographer.

We will miss all of these cherished friends of the Beverly Historical Society & Museum.

PAST EVENTS

The Hale Farm Vintage Fair Great Success



Music, circa 1905, was provided by a Barber Shop Quartet (The Village Voices) who are seen above with the ladies of the Beverly Grange at our Hale Farm vintage fair, "Sam-Sam Day."

The Hale Farm Fair of Saturday, 18 June 2005 was a great success on several levels. The weather was unseasonably cool and overcast. Thus, many people who might have ventured to the beach instead attended this event and everyone had a wonderful time.

One of the highlights of the of the event were a roving barbershop quartet that graciously serenaded various groups of people. At other times, the melodious refrains of Dixieland music blasted from the PA system donated by trustee Keating Wilcox. The children were entertained with "sack races" and every child who participated won a small prize. Through the efforts of trustee Dr. Charles F. Warren, The Seashore Trolley Museum provided a vintage bus for the day. The book and bake sale tables were successfully supervised by trustees Tina Torsey and Ann Flagg.

Trustee Nancy Benevento and her cohorts from the Beverly Grange did a brisk business with the plant table. Through the generosity of the Beverly Kiwanis Club and trustee John Colucci we had hot fresh made popcorn to serve the fair attendees. Ginny Currier, her sister Marsha, and Kay Curran had lots of customers at the Gift Shop table where new members were signed up prior to people touring Hale House led by long time Hale volunteer Ed Brown. Trustee David Fletcher and WTC Curator oversaw activities at the WTC table, and Lyn Lord and Jan Worsencroft handled the White Elephant Table.

President Rick Lord and V-P Babette Loring went table-hopping, helping out as any need arose. Staff members Darren Brown, Sharon Spieldenner and Ali Souris all worked to make this a fun event. Director Steve Hall served all day as ringmaster and announcer. A lot of new faces were present both in volunteer roles and also as donors and customers. It is hoped that this Fair will grow over the next few years as we try to maximize use of the beautiful Hale Farm property.

If you can volunteer or if have a donation for next June's Fair, by 1 April 2006 please call 978-922-1186.

Collections Update

By Darren Brown, BHS Collection Manager
The collections of the Beverly Historical Society & Museum continue to grow each month. Photographs, documents, and other objects are being donated daily. One recent donation is a collection of accessories from Albert DiVincenzo's barbershop. Al the Barber (on Rantoul Street) was an institution in the community for over fifty years. The Society now possesses Al's famed blue shirt, barber license, scissors, razor blades, talc brushes and, even his booster seat. These will make a colorful future exhibit.

I would like to take this opportunity also to briefly introduce and thank a couple of the new volunteers that have been assisting throughout Summer 2005: Aimee Lord and Jonathan Wexler. Both have been invaluable resources for handling different projects in the Cabot House. Aimee has been a trouper, constantly running between the comfortable first and not so comfortable third floors.

Collections Update: Continued from page 7

Aimee has finished cataloging and digitally photographing samplers and needlework in this collection. She is currently doing the same thing with items in the Society's extensive and impressive collection of dolls, doll houses, and furniture. This oft-unsung collection truly is a hidden gem within the Society's vast holdings.

Jonathan has been assisting in the cataloging and digital scanning of photographs in the street files. This is an extremely important mission.

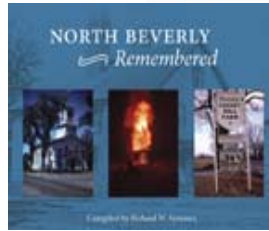
House histories, along with genealogy, comprise the largest demand for research at the BHS&M. The Society's street files contain thousands of images of structures throughout the local community. These photographs enable the researcher to piece together the history of a certain property. Photos often can fill in the blanks on those occasions when there is no documentary evidence. I thank Aimee and Jonathan, as well as all of the other volunteers, for all of their hard work. If others are interested in spending time working with our historically rich collections, please contact me.

The Cabot Shop

at the Beverly Historical Society and Museum

NORTH BEVERLY ~ Remembered

Compiled by Richard W. Symmes, WTC Curator

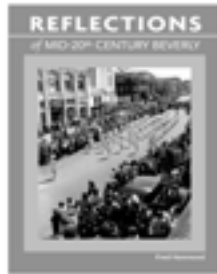


The NEW updated Third Edition of this classic picture book now has new captions and full-color covers. It is a great look back at images of homes and businesses in the North Beverly section of the City. A must-have for the "coffee tables" of all North Beverly residents.

150 pages, 11" x 8 1/2" softbound (2005)..... \$19.95 + \$5.00 s/h

REFLECTIONS OF MID-20th CENTURY BEVERLY

by Frederick C. Hammond



This beautifully designed book highlights the history, events and lives of Beverly and her residents during the mid 20th century. It was inspired by the Beverly Neighborhood Exhibit and the hundreds of oral history tapes in the possession of the Beverly Historical Society. Each section of the City is covered with information provided by lifetime residents who know the area the best. Copiously illustrated, this book is a wonderful introduction to Beverly's 20th century history for the new visitor or longtime resident.

101 pages, 8 1/2" x 11" softcover (2005)..... \$23.00 + \$5.00 s/h

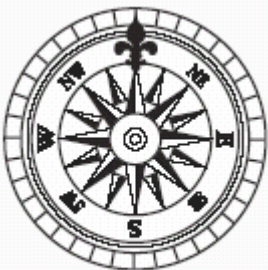
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