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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2014 annual report. Within these pages you will see that it has been a year of extraordinary activity, against the backdrop of two popular exhibits: *Anonymous Among Us, and Faces of Taunton: 375 Years of History through the Eyes of Those Who Lived It.* From “Popcorn & A Movie” Saturdays to the proper storage of wedding gowns, the historic significance of succotash and making Christmas tree “baubles” as well as talking to Brownie troops about “Community,” our expanded programming and educational outreach brought us wonderful moments of nostalgia, excitement, and insight. In addition to our May OCHS birthday ice cream social, held in the sunshine outside Historical Hall, we also offered other outdoor programs, such as nature hikes, city tours and cemetery walks. We traveled up to Pilgrim Hall for an exhibit field trip and we were able to record historic recollections of local veterans.

As well as public activities, this report also showcases the hard work which our dedicated staff accomplishes behind the scenes. With our corps of excellent volunteers, the OCHS staff continued the ongoing processes of digitizing and updating our records, and maintaining and improving the condition of our collections – while also serving our members and patrons, and supporting our mission.

Equally important, of course, is the financial data reported here. This year we accomplished some overdue upgrades, replaced an old boiler with an energy-efficient unit, and installed lighting at the back entrance. The Annual Fund brought us $2,780 of further support for exhibits and educational outreach, while grants, generous donations, and our general practical frugality enabled the rest. Our conservative financial policy served us well, permitting us to draw of 5% of the five-year rolling average of interest and income on our endowment.

These are but a few of the highlights of a year of exciting change. If you have not been to Church Green in a while, do take a moment to review our activities for 2014. I look forward to seeing you in Historical Hall in 2015!

With my best wishes –

Cynthia Booth Ricciardi, Ph.D.
President
The Old Colony Historical Society is one of the oldest historical societies in New England, founded in 1853. An independent, non-profit organization, the mission of the Society is to collect, care for and interpret the history of the Taunton region, collaborating with the community to share meaningful connections between the past, the present and the future. To this end, the Society maintains a museum of more than 13,000 objects, as well as a research and genealogical library, and an extensive archive relating to the region’s history.

School groups of all ages participate in a variety of educational programs on-site while staff members also conduct outreach for schools and civic organizations. The Society sponsors a regular lecture series, presents special exhibitions each year, and actively participates in community events. Research on topics relating to the collections and local history results in periodic publications by the Society, and our images and archival information regularly appear in outside publications. New members are welcome and the Society offers them a variety of membership benefits.

The Old Colony Historical Society is housed in the historic former Bristol Academy school building, which was designed in 1852 by Richard Upjohn. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the building is a prominent feature in Taunton’s Church Green National Register District. The building is handicapped accessible to the first floor. The Society is open to the public year-round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Staff members and volunteers give guided tours of the museum and offer research assistance in the fields of genealogy, American and local history, and decorative arts.

For more information, visit oldcolonyhistoricalsociety.org or call 508-822-1622. To stay up-to-date with our latest activities you can find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @OCHS1853.
The 2014 Annual Report recaps the 162\textsuperscript{nd} year of the Old Colony Historical Society, and we are happy to report a prosperous, engaging, successful year at 66 Church Green. Steady membership allowed us to continue to offer the excellent services that our members and visitors have come to expect. In the last 18 months we have drastically expanded our team of dedicated volunteers and even welcomed two graduate students in 2014 looking for hands-on museum experience to complement their coursework. With a great number and variety of programs we saw solid attendance throughout the year, though we are always looking for ways of attracting more local history enthusiasts to our events. In 2014 we also saw an increase in grant approval rate and funding levels, a trend we look forward to maintaining in the years ahead.

Within our walls we continued to upgrade our infrastructure and streamline our practices. A new digital microfilm reader found a welcome home in an updated Hurley Library along with some very comfortable new chairs. This capped off our Library Restoration project and we are grateful to all who contributed to this fundraising effort. Strong work continued in inventorying, cataloguing, and caring for our extensive collections, though with still more work to be done.

One of the major efforts of 2014 was the writing of our next Five-Year Strategic Plan. This plan will guide the efforts of the organization through 2020. The following is taken from the plan and shares the vision of the future along with an updated vision and mission statement to come up for a vote at our Annual Meeting: The year 2015 will mark the 163\textsuperscript{rd} anniversary of the incorporation of the Old Colony Historical Society. Its founders, although firmly placed in the mid-nineteenth century, had high hopes for the future of the institution, and over the past five generations their successors have worked to make sure that the organization flourished. This has required a healthy respect for both tradition and innovation, for everything – even our view of history – changes. In a world of rapid demographic and technological change adaptation is imperative, and so it is the need to balance the old with the new that has shaped our view of the next five years of the Society’s life.

The theme of this Strategic Plan is growth. Our strong collection, gathered over a century and a half and housed in a historic building, will be the focus of our efforts in the future. Our museum will become the centerpiece in meeting the challenges of attracting and engaging a wider audience. Additionally, we will adopt a regional rather than a strictly local approach to our exhibits and programming, and we will be more sensitive to the needs of the diverse population that surrounds us. Through a vigorous program of outreach and education, we hope to enlarge upon our strong, loyal and generous constituency. Finally, we have made plans relative to governing, staffing, marketing and development that we believe will place the Society in a position of strength for the foreseeable future.

In preparing this Strategic Plan we, like so many of our predecessors, have been informed by the vision of the organization’s founders. We welcome the challenges of our time just as they greeted theirs, and like them, we are confident that the best years of the Old Colony Historical Society lie just ahead.

**VISION STATEMENT**

This organization is committed to the principle that our region’s future depends upon the shared knowledge of its past. Our vision is to fully utilize our collection in order to become a thriving regional center where visitors of all ages and origins develop a lifelong love of learning and an enduring connection to those who came before us. By providing meaningful experiences with local history and culture, we envision an
active engagement with members and visitors who are increasingly knowledgeable and continually inspired to become better informed participants in the transformation of our community.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Old Colony History Museum is twofold: First, to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of the region of southeastern Massachusetts once known as the Old Colony. Second, through a vigorous program of outreach and education, we aspire to interpret the area’s history in ways that are accessible, inclusive and meaningful to local residents and visitors.

Two of the immediate results of this plan will be a rebranding effort, complete with a new graphic identity, and the hiring of a new member to our dedicated team. We will welcome a Community Programming Coordinator whose role will be dedicated to the work of engaging more fully with our community and committed to revitalizing our education program. The results of both of these efforts will be invaluable to us as we move forward.

We believe that this organization is capable of becoming a regional destination for arts and culture because of the vast and amazing history of the Old Colony region of Massachusetts. We are committed to achieving that goal and to offering the very best services to our members and visitors. I hope that you are excited to take this journey of rediscovery and engagement over the next five years, and assure you that it will be well worth the ride.

*Katie*

Director and Curator

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**Year in Review Statistics**

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Though we are thankful throughout the year, each year in the Annual Report we like to sincerely thank all of our members for their commitment to our mission and for their support of this organization. Whether renewing or joining for the first time, your support is vital to our success. Thank you.

Our total membership on December 31, 2014 was 667. We welcomed 39 new members in 2014 including the following:

Anonymous (3)
Mr. Mathew Arruda (Taunton, MA)
Ms. Janice Brockman (North Easton, MA)
Ms. Claire Butler (Erie, PA)
Ms. Karen Callan (Raynham, MA)
Ms. Leah Carpentier (Assonet, MA)
Cmdr. Frank G. Coyle, USN (Retired) (Virginia Beach, VA)
Mr. James Cumisky (Taunton, MA)
Mr. Jon Dean (Novi, MI)
Mr. David Downs (Attleboro, MA)
Mr. Michael F. Dwyer (Pittsford, VT)
Mrs. Janice Gagnon (Taunton, MA)
Mr. Jonathan D. Green (Milton, MA)
Mrs. Frances S. Lincoln (Naples, FL)
Mr. James Madigan (Taunton, MA)
Mrs. Joan McKenna (North Dighton, MA)
Mr. Patrick McKenna (North Dighton, MA)
Mr. Russell R. Morris (Taunton, MA)
Mrs. Laraine M. Nickerson (Raynham, MA)
Mr. Robert E. Nickerson (Raynham, MA)
Mrs. Colleen Deasy Olleman (Bellevue, WA)
Mr. Edwin Paige, Jr. (North Dighton, MA)
Mrs. Patricia A. Paige (North Dighton, MA)
Mrs. Jeanne M. Quinn (Taunton, MA)
Ms. Jennifer N. Rivard (Taunton, MA)
Mrs. Maureen Sands (Raynham, MA)
Mr. Michael Sands (Raynham, MA)
Ms. Larae Schraeder (Columbus, OH)
Mr. John Silva (Norton, MA)
Mr. Peter W. Thomson (Taunton, MA)
Mr. Taylor Torres (Taunton, MA)
Mrs. Renee Walker-Tuttle (Portsmouth, RI)
Ms. Deborah Lane Whalon (Taunton, MA)
Mr. Scott Whalon (Taunton, MA)
Mr. Tyler Whalon (Taunton, MA)

We welcomed the following new Life Members in 2014:

Mrs. Mary-Jo Crowley (Taunton, MA)
Ms. Gail E. Terry (East Taunton, MA)
Mr. Charles Wetherell (Nokomis, FL)

We welcomed the following new Corporate Member in 2014:

Harodite Industries, Incorporated (Taunton, MA)
Necrology

The Society learned of the loss of fourteen members during 2014 and we extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends:

- Mr. Norman G. Belanger (Taunton, MA)
- C. Nason Burden, M.D. (Taunton, MA)
- Mr. Charles A. Collis (Barrington, RI)
- Mr. Charles E. Crowley (Taunton, MA)
- Mrs. Barbara L. Densmore (Taunton, MA)
- Mr. Donald F. Densmore (Taunton, MA)
- Mr. Edgar A. Gay, Jr. (Taunton, MA)
- Mr. Donald J. Gregg (Taunton, MA)
- Mr. David B. Ingram (Hingham, MA)
- Mr. Dennis J. McGrath (Taunton, MA)
- Mr. Jesse Napolitano (Kingston, MA)
- Mrs. Eleanor J. Orsini (Taunton, MA)
- Mr. Richard Gammons Rouse (Rocky Hill, CT)
- Dr. Edward Baker Williams (Wellesley Hills, MA)

In Memoriam

Though all of our members are very dear to us, we lost some particularly close friends in 2014.

Taunton resident Donald Densmore (left) served as a signalman on board LST-72, a Landing Ship, Tank which landed Canadian troops on Gold Beach in Normandy on June 6th. Densmore recalled transiting the English Channel the night before without any lights on. The next morning, upon seeing the armada of vessels off the Normandy beaches, he was over-whelmed: “I saw ship after ship! I remember thinking two things: first, this is supposed to be a surprise? How can it be, with so many ships? And second, I couldn’t believe that they hadn’t run into each other without lights during the night.” Donald Densmore joined the Old Colony Historical Society on October 15, 1970. His wife, Barbara was also a dedicated Old Colony member who joined in December 1987.

Charles A. Collis (right) was a member of the Old Colony Society for an amazing 63 years. He joined on October 18, 1951 and became a Life Member on December 30, 1986. Mr. Collis was a generous benefactor of this organization for many years. Perhaps none of his gifts offer public enjoyment quite as much as the grand piano in our main hall which he and Virginia Collis donated in memory of Anna J. Walker Collis (1871-1940), Charles E. Walker (1870-1927),

At the time of his death Charles E. Crowley (right) was serving as Secretary of the Old Colony Historical Society, but his loss is felt well beyond the confines of Historical Hall. In addition to his many efforts on behalf of the Society, he served in a number of appointed and elected offices in Taunton, including two decades as a member of the Municipal Council and five years as the city’s mayor.

Charlie came to the Society as a young man, twenty-two years old, with a nascent interest in the city’s history. He joined in 1976 and soon thereafter embarked on what would become a lifelong effort to collect and preserve historic photographs of Taunton. He devoted untold hours to studying the images in the Society’s collection and his research added significantly to our understanding of our own holdings as well as of the city’s past. Additionally, thanks to the several books he authored, and to his popular cable television show, thousands of previously unknown photographs have come to public attention and will be preserved for future generations.

During his many years of association with the Society, Mr. Crowley played a great many parts. Elected to the Board of Directors in 1986, he accepted the position of Secretary in 2014. He derived the greatest enjoyment, however, from meeting and talking with patrons and researchers, especially young people, about the city’s past. Soft-spoken and considerate by nature, he made time for anyone who wanted to learn more about the history of Taunton. He made plain his belief that everyone has a story, and that taken together they breathe life into the abstract notion of community. Meanwhile, in his other efforts on behalf of the Society, no task was too small for his undivided attention. He gave tours of the museum’s collection, he researched genealogical questions mailed from far away, and he even cleared the brush from the back fence. He did this and much more without the slightest expectation of notice or acclaim.

Those of us who knew Mr. Crowley will remember him more for what he was than for what he accomplished. A generous, humble man, his life enriched not only his friends, but the community at-large, and especially the Old Colony Historical Society.

**Docents, Interns & Volunteers**

Museums simply do not function without the dedication, skill, and enthusiasm of their volunteers. We are lucky enough to have an amazingly talented group who donate their time to assist in accomplishing the goals of this organization. In 2014 the following 43 volunteers together gave 2,427½ hours of their time and we can’t thank them enough:

- Kasi Amaral ........................................................ Research, Curatorial, Tour Guide
- Athena Athas .......................................................... Clerical
- Mary Barrett ........................................................... Tour Guide, Hospitality, Refreshments
- Sandra E. Bisson ....................................................... Outreach, Clerical, Hospitality
- Cynthia Brown Bernard .......................................... Curatorial, Outreach, Hospitality
- Sean Boyd en ........................................................ Hospitality
- Eleanor Calvin ........................................................ Music
- James Carey .......................................................... Library, Research, Tour Guide
- Jeanette Castro ........................................................ Archives, Library
- Jean Dean ............................................................ Refreshments
- Sean Donnelly ........................................................ Curatorial, Clerical
As one might expect after 160 years, storage for the museum collection is running very low. And as all storage areas are wont to do, our basement was trending a bit too close to “unorganized” for our liking at the start of 2014. With the help of our experienced volunteers and a new group of professionally-trained museum studies students, collections management became a major focus of 2014. In total, 3,056 objects were located, cleaned, housed in a more ideal location if necessary, and updated in our collections management software. This brought the total of the objects in this software database from just over 50% at the end of 2013 to 60% at the end of 2014. Without a full-time curator or collections manager, this is solid progress, and continues to enhance our knowledge of our own collection.

As we continue to solve the puzzle that is housing a museum collection in an 1852-era basement, we are cognizant of the fact that an update to the museum exhibits is the next step. Our goal moving forward is to identify the major themes that run through the collection, and thus the history of the Old Colony region, and re-interpret the museum galleries to tell those stories in a modern way. This will take time and careful planning, but it is certainly the next step for a museum striving to expand its outreach and impact in the community.
We hope that you, our members, our strongest supporters, will be inspired by this shift toward outreach and growth, and look forward to the excitement of the next few years, made possible by the strong foundation laid in 2014.

**Highlights of objects donated in 2014:**

- Two “Challenge Coins” commemorating the decommissioning of the *USS DeWert*

- Westminster chime-5 tube floor clock, ca. 1904 made by the Nelson Brown Co., of Boston

- 9” glass bottle marked “S.O. Dunbar” from Dunbar’s Drug Store, in business from 1857-1911

- A Hooben spanner wrench, with patent information. This is a fireman’s tool invented by James Augustine Hooben, of Taunton, who received a patent May 3, 1927.

- A complete .58 Union Minié ball from the battlefield of Gettysburg, PA

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**Archive & Library**

The archives and library of the Old Colony Historical Society were busy during 2014. Genealogical visitation continued with visitors from the local area as well as from Washington, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Oregon. Email requests came in from as far as Hawaii, France, the United Kingdom, and West Virginia. Through generous donations, the library collection expanded by 8 volumes in 2014. One such volume was the much anticipated genealogy, *Richard Bowen of Rehoboth MA and his Descendants Volume 2 – Generation 4*, by William B. Saxbe, Jr.

The biggest change in the Hurley Library this year was the project to update the technology and seating area. Through generous donations of money and items the Historical Society was able to repaint the library, replace the carpet, and add a additional research table to the front room. We were also able to purchase a new digital microfilm reader, the Scanpro 1100, which has greatly improved the newspaper viewing experience for our patrons.
In the course of updating the Hurley Library, we had to empty all the books and bookcases out, which provided the opportunity for staff and volunteers to remove titles that were no longer relevant to the collections and remove pre-1900 editions from the shelves, in order to provide them better long-term care. Some of the early books that were discovered include: *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*, 1st edition, *The History of The War of with Mexico* published in 1849, *Life of Charles Sumner*, published in 1874 and one of the greatest finds were the books donated by the Hon. Francis Baylies, which formed the origins of the original library.

Visitation by students of all ages kept our library volunteers busy. Bridgewater University Professor Dr. Victoria L. Bacon and her students worked with Archivist & Library Manager Andrew Boisvert to learn about genealogy. Environmental research seemed to be a hot topic this year, drawing researchers interested in local alewives and dams along the Taunton river and their impact on local fishing. Students from the Taunton Alternative High School learned about codes and symbolism and attended a presentation about the hidden codes in Taunton area architecture and history.

Jonathan Greene, Assistant Archivist at Stonehill College and graduate student in the Public History program at UMass Boston, began an internship over the course of the summer into the fall of 2014 that saw him revisiting the founding of Taunton through our collection of historical documents. He scanned the earliest documents in the collection to create usable digital versions of these precious documents, and planned out an interactive map exhibit to illustrate 17th century Taunton.

Holly Roberge and William Hubbard agreed to undertake a project in 2014 that has proved to be invaluable in explaining the origins of certain archival items and books in the library collections. William Hubbard read through the Old Colony Historical Society meeting minutes and scrapbooks compiled from 1886 -1942 and transcribed them. He then handed the list over to Holly to create a record of who donated each document or book and when they did so. This greatly adds to the knowledge of our collection for future researchers.

We continued to receive generous donations throughout 2014, including a nice assortment of items related to the Tinkham family of Taunton, municipal records for the City of Taunton documenting the departments of Fire, Water, and Sewer, and a
collection of letters written by Edwin Hathaway and sent home to Berkley, MA from California during the California Gold Rush.

Images and research from the archives were used in the two exhibits presented by the Old Colony Historical Society in 2014, *Anonymous Among Us and Faces of Taunton*, with ongoing collaborations planned for future museum updates.

**Programming & Outreach**

Community engagement and connecting with our members were the main themes of our programming schedule in 2014. It was our first full year of the OCHS Book Group, which continued to be a success (but always welcomes new members!). We also launched our movie matinees, showing three films related to the Civil War to tie into the last few months of our exhibit *From Taunton to Gettysburg and Back*. In April we took a field trip to Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth to visit 11 samplers from our collection loaned to the *Needlework Samplers: Wrought By Tradition* exhibit on view. April School Vacation Week brought Junior Gardening Day with lots of kids learning about local plants, scavenger hunting in the museum, and planting seeds in a take-home garden activity. Kids were again the audience for a talk about Abraham Lincoln in September and an Archaeology Day dig in October.

Throughout the year we experimented with a variety of workshops to get our visitors up close and personal with objects, books, and tips and tricks for their own precious items at home. We had experts explain how to care for rare books and textiles, a series of genealogy workshops sharing brick wall-breaking tips, and even a DIY ornament-making class.

*(left to right) Marc R. Pacheco, Massachusetts State Senator; Joseph L. Amaral, former Mayor of Taunton; Richard Johnson, former Mayor of Taunton; Thomas C. Hoye, Jr., current Mayor of Taunton; Charles E. Crowley, former Mayor of Taunton; Patricia A. Haddad, Representative, 5th Bristol District; and Keiko M. Orrall, Representative, 12th Bristol District.*
We featured two special exhibitions in 2014, starting with an photographic display of local artist Karen Callan in *Anonymous Among Us: Images from a New England Potter’s Field*. In September, with the addition of wine and snacks, we opened *Faces of Taunton: 375 Years of History Through the Eyes of Those Who Lived It*, highlighting the museum’s amazing portrait collection and the 375th anniversary of Taunton’s founding. This was an exceptionally fun night and we promise more exhibit opening events in the future.

While our regular Thursday lectures continued to be particularly excellent in 2014, two events stand out among this year’s exciting and dynamic schedule. The first took place over two days in June, when 18 local veterans visited our museum and shared their personal experiences from their service. We were expecting 3-5 respondents and we were overwhelmed by the interest in this project, the amazing men who were interviewed, and the profound effect their stories had on everyone involved. We have decided to incorporate these first-person histories into our updated Military Room in the future. There is perhaps no greater work to fulfill our mission of sharing the region’s history with future generations than to capture our nation’s veterans telling their stories in their own words. It was an inspiring project and we continue to thank the veterans who participated for their time and their service.

The other major event on our calendar this year was Liberty and Union Weekend which expanded in 2014 to include a 375th Anniversary Parade. Following the morning parade, the Arts & History festival included local vendors, a harvest luncheon prepared by culinary students from Taunton High School, an arts and crafts fair that included pumpkin decorating, kids rides on a trackless train, a concert courtesy of the Taunton Civic Chorus, a petting zoo, and of course, the raising of the Liberty & Union flag.

We wrapped up our year with Lights On! Although the weather did not cooperate, we had a lovely performance by the NoteAble Blend chorus, a memorial slideshow presentation of Charlie Crowley’s Christmas City talk, and enthusiasm from all who came out in the rain. It was a wonderful year of events and we are excited to keep the momentum going. Here’s a look back of some of the best moments of 2014:
Some of the best moments of 2014
Some of the best moments of 2014
2014 MEETINGS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

January
Dave Downs, “19th Century Marvelous Amusing Quack Medicine Show”
Movie Matinee: Gods and Generals
Genealogy Workshop – “Climbing Your Family Tree: Beginner Class”

February
Movie Matinees: Lincoln, Glory
DAR Good Citizens Award Ceremony

March
February (continued)

April (Annual Meeting)
Field Trip to Pilgrim Hall Museum, for exhibit, Needlework Samplers: Wrought by Tradition
Annual Meeting: We Poor: Tales from Potter’s Field presented by William F. Hanna, and Spring Exhibit Opening: Anonymous Among Us: Images from a New England Potter’s Field
Junior Gardening Day
Massachusetts Society of Genealogists-Bristol Chapter, Michael Hall, The Azorean Immigration Experience in the United States

May
OCHS 161st Birthday Party, outdoor lawn party, with croquet, badminton and ice cream
Genealogy Workshop – “Climbing Your Family Tree: Genealogy of a Cemetery”

May (continued)
Christine Jackson, Delightfully Designed – The Furniture and Life of Nathan Lombard
Julie Nathanson, Mayflower Hill Cemetery Tour
Taunton Creates! Public Art Festival

June
Veteran’s Oral History Project
Brad Leonard, Leonard Roundtable
Genealogy Discussion

July
Rik Thetonia, Cemetery Clean Up – Crane Avenue Burying Ground

August
Elaine Robinson, Rare Book Workshop

September
Genealogy Workshop – “Back to School: Genealogy Through School Records”
Exhibit Opening, Faces of Taunton: 375 Years of History Through the Eyes of Those Who Lived It
Hike at the Gertrude M. Boyden Wildlife Refuge

October
Liberty and Union Weekend
Stephen O’Neill and Dennis O’Neill, Drumtastic!
Archaeology Day, Perry Rushton Pelkey and volunteers from Public Archaeology Lab

November
Genealogy Workshop – “Climbing Your Family Tree: Genealogy of a Cemetery: Field Burying Ground”
Paula Marcoux, Foods of the Fathers: The Meaning of Succotash

December
Lights On! with a performance by NoteAble Blend, Women’s Barbershop Chorus
The Old Colony Historical Society continues to remain a healthy organization, with our investments managed by Bank of New York Mellon and overseen by the members of our Board of Directors. The past year saw generous donations from various granting organizations as well as planning work done to more fully integrate with community partners in the coming years. The remainder of our operating budget is earned through memberships, admissions, donations, as well as gift shop sales, research fees, and building rentals.

### Balance Sheet, year end

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*Please note: reports for 2012 and 2013 were professionally prepared. The figures for 2014 are as of yet unaudited.*
Annual Fund:

Our Annual Drive raised $2,780 which offers extra support for our exhibits, programs, and upgrades to displays throughout the building. Thank you to the following donors who contributed to the Annual Fund for 2014:

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- Hon. Charles E. Crowley
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Thursday, April 16, 2015
7:00 pm
OCHS Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Old Colony Historical Society will be held at the Society, 66 Church Green in Taunton, MA on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may properly come before said meeting. To be followed immediately by:

LECTURE
Boston Organized Crime: Prohibition and Bootleggers

Emily Sweeney is a multimedia journalist at The Boston Globe and author of the book, Boston Organized Crime. She has been a staff writer at the Globe since 2001, and her work has been featured in Outside Magazine, Yankee Magazine, The Howard Stern Show, New England Cable News, WBZ News Radio, the Howie Carr Show, and other media outlets. For many years Emily served as president of the New England chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. She now sits on the Board of Directors of the New England First Amendment Coalition, and she’s a frequent guest speaker at schools, universities, and industry events. Drawing upon an eclectic collection of crime scene photographs, mug shots, and police documents, Emily Sweeney leads an eye-opening journey through Boston’s underworld, with a special focus on the bootlegging days of Prohibition.