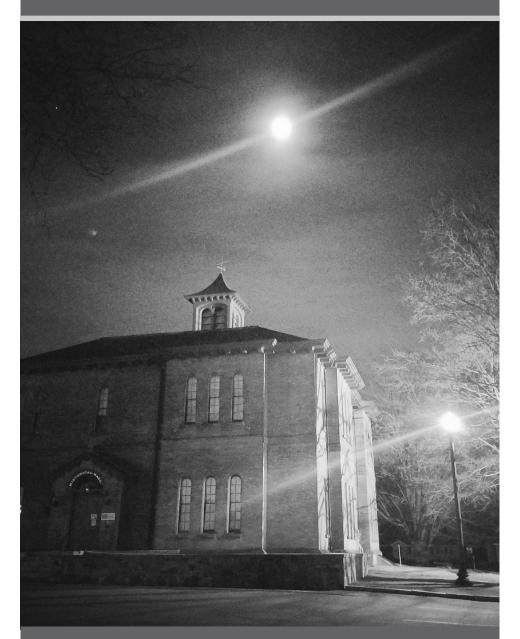
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Annual Report 2016

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Brian C. Miskell Ruby Winslow Linn Curator (joined March 1st)

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Two years ago our organization began implementing a new five-year strategic plan that commits both the Society and the museum to a period of sustained growth. The upcoming year will take us to the mid-point of that process and I am delighted to report that meaningful progress has been made toward realizing each of our goals. Let me highlight just two. Over the past several months our efforts to expand public outreach have met gratifying results. Attendance at our programs and lectures has increased, and soon we hope to institute a collaborative map skills activity with the public school system. In order to prosper, any organization - but especially one with our mission – must develop a constituency among the young, and we see that as a special endeavor as we go forward. More generally, in the coming months we will continue to take every opportunity to make our presence felt both locally and regionally. Another goal of the strategic plan is to enhance visitor experience within the museum. To that end, we are now working closely with a consultant to make better use of available space, both upstairs in the exhibit areas as well as downstairs in the meeting hall and its environs. Our consultant will also offer recommendations on how our exhibits – some of which have been in place for decades - can be more effectively presented, and we are excited by that prospect. Growth inevitably brings change and challenge, and we embrace both.

Every day that I visit the Old Colony History Museum I am mindful of how fortunate we are to have such a creative, dedicated staff. The atmosphere there is relentlessly positive; everyone is made to feel welcome. Katie MacDonald personifies the energy and drive that are essential to the leadership of any institution, and we are privileged to have such a talented young woman working on our behalf. Likewise, Elizabeth Bernier, who last October celebrated her thirtieth anniversary as a member of the staff, maintains a wealth of institutional knowledge even as she enjoys the respect and affection of everyone within our tightly knit OCHM community. Also essential to our work are the many volunteers, including the members of the Board, who share in the belief that what we do is important. And finally – actually first, not last – are our members, whose passion and generosity inspire us to fulfill our organization's ambitious mission. It is a privilege to preside over such a vibrant organization, and I am grateful for the opportunity. Believing that the best is yet to come, I look forward to sharing that experience with all who take an interest in the OCHM.

Sincerely,

William F. Hanna President



Hout the Old Colony History Museum

Founded on May 4, 1853, the Old Colony Historical Society is one of New England's oldest historical societies. It was established at a time when its founding fathers saw drastic changes taking place in the Old Colony region (the old Plymouth Colony). Industrialization had begun; improved transportation throughout New England meant that Taunton was no longer isolated. Immigration had also begun, and Taunton was becoming quite cosmopolitan. Early Puritan families were dying out or moving west, and the new Society put forth as its original mission "the preservation and perpetuation of the history of the Old Colony region of Massachusetts." To fulfill the organization's modern-day mission the Society maintains the Old Colony History Museum (OCHM) of regional objects and archives and a research library specializing in local history and genealogy.

Since its founding the steady growth of its collection, programming, membership and physical plant illustrate the Museum's relevancy to the local community. A touchstone to the region's past, the Museum has evolved to include a rich collection of furniture, decorative arts, portraits, military artifacts, and an extensive collection of silver pieces. The Museum's photographic and document collections make it a center for scholarly research on southeastern Massachusetts and the research library also contains materials for local genealogical researchers. The Museum displays exhibits on two floors and is handicap-accessible to the first floor.

Throughout the year the OCHM offers many exiting exhibitions, activities, programs, research opportunities and, most importantly, an inspiring setting for visitors from around the block and around the world.

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 OCHM 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.

Year in Review Statistics

	2016	2015	2014
Weeks Open	51	51	51
Days Open	248	242	243
Members	670	626	667
New Members	48	76	39
New Life Members	1	2	3
Full-Time Staff	2 Jan-Sep	3 Jan-Sep	3
	3 Sep-Dec	2 Jan-May	
Part-Time Staff	3	1 Sep-Dec	1
		2 May-Jun	
Volunteers	42	51	43
Volunteer Hours	2,704.5	2,576.25	2,247.5
Visitation	5,649	5,606	5,503
Museum	501	489	479
Library	288	432	400
Programs and Group Visits	1,477	1,524	907
General	1,452	1,329	1,375
Website Visits	64,357	52,888	21,257
Research by Mail Requests	27	17	19
Grants Received	3	5	4
Grant Funds Received	\$1,652.33	\$10,950.27	\$6,875.00



Professional development day with Taunton teachers visiting the Museum

Christian Thayer celebrates Lights On! at the OCHM.



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I look back on 2016 with a great deal of pride. This past year marked a shift in the organization, one that is at times apparent and other times not, but constantly present and underlying all of our decisionmaking. Gone are the days of passivity. Instead of waiting for the boiler to need a costly repair, we have established a Building Fund to plan for the eventuality that all boilers need repair. Instead of hoping visitors are going to walk in the door, we expect them to. With that expectation, we have developed a team of talented Visitor Service volunteers who greet all guests with immediate, friendly, and helpful information and welcome them to the museum. We no longer wish that teachers will call us to book a field trip. We have a staff person dedicated to developing, revising, and perfecting dynamic and engaging school programs that all students will want to be a part of, so that we can play an active role in sharing the importance of local history with the city's youth. While we said good-bye to Stephanie Poole in 2016, we wish her well in her new job in New Hampshire, and are pleased to have had Saria Sweeney take over this most important role. Stephanie left things with a very good foundation and Saria is off and running.

We saw great success in 2016. Memberships are up. Visitation continues to grow. Strong attendance at programs is a testament to our dedicated members in times where many organizations struggle to fill their seats. At no time in our history have we enjoyed such a talented and professional volunteer corps. I cannot thank them enough for all that they do. Finally, at the 2016 meeting of the New England Museum Association, the branding efforts of 2015 were recognized with a regional excellence award. Excellence is the aim in all things and we are taking great strides in that direction.

I hope you enjoy reviewing 2016 in these pages, and I look forward to welcoming you to the Museum in 2017.















PICTURED CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:

Director Katie MacDonald and former Community Programming Coordinator Stephanie Poole lead an interactive paint throwing art project as part of Taunton Creates!

OCHM President William F. Hanna and Mary-Jo Crowley at the Dever Drive and Crowley Memorial Garden, dedicated August 2016.

Curator Brian Miskell and Hopewell School Principal Tara Gagnon reviewing a time capsule from 1991.

Alan Leveille of the Public Archaeology Lab presents "Time Travel via Archaelogy."

In January, we presented at Our Lady of Lourdes School. Jane Emack-Cambra is presenting a history of Colonial clothing using giant felt dolls.

Brother Granite leads a drum circle and storytelling event on the front lawn of the OCHM.

Ken Gloss speaks to guests following his lecture, "The Value of Old and Rare Books."



Museum 2016

The goal of the Museum in 2016 was revitalization, as any museum would need after nearly a decade without a full-time curator. In March, we welcomed Brian Miskell in this role, and almost immediately sent Brian and volunteer Bronson Michaud to Philadelphia to transport a donation of pewter, including coffee pots, coffee urns, sugar bowls, creamers, pitchers, candlesticks, oil lamps, made by Reed & Barton and other early pewter makers. A selection of these pieces then went on display while others were catalogued and housed in storage for future research and exhibition.

The Museum hosted one special exhibition in 2016, *In Peril on the Sea: Lifesaving in the Old Colony* focusing on the early history of the Coast Guard and featuring items from the shipwreck *SS City of Columbus* on loan from the Martha's Vineyard Museum.

Significant effort was spent in 2016 to update our internal procedures, including adapting forms to modern standards, tracking down information for old object loans, and continuing to enter objects into the collections database. There are now 8,398 object records in the database, and counting.

We hosted lectures on early New England communications, Michael Tougias's book *The Finest Hours*, Old Colony archaeology, rare books, and clocks with special attention paid to displaying objects from our collection in conjunction with these later lectures. Brian Miskell was our final speaker of the year, when he presented "The Old Colony at Pearl Harbor: 75 Years Since 'Infamy'" on December 7th.

As 2016 wound to a close, OCHM staff set in motion projects for serious change in 2017. An environmental study of the building was contracted, as was an exhibit designer to work to revitalize the permanent exhibits. Additionally we prepared to paint the second floor museum walls in early 2017 to begin the year with a blank slate for the upcoming projects. Things began to kick into high gear with a lot of planning, logistics, brainstorming, and problem solving taking place. I think you'll all be pleased by the end of 2017 and we look forward to sharing the recap with you next year!

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I began my position here at Old Colony History Museum in mid-July 2016, along with the launch of a Programs and Events Guide created by my predecessor, Stephanie, and was immediately excited by the varied offerings of things to do at this museum. I was inspired by the subject matter of the lectures offered in the fall months and opportunities to engage with the community through the Downtown Walking Tour, Liberty and Union Festival, and Lights On.

As I became more comfortable in my role, I found myself dreaming of how much further OCHM has the potential to go and am honored to be part of the team to make it happen. The creative freedom and encouragement I have had so far has made me eager to come to the museum every morning. Our list of goals for future programming spans far and wide, with overarching themes of inclusivity, outreach, education, and most importantly, fun! Sharing a love of history with the community and (hopefully!) inspiring future generations of historians is always at the top of that list. In order to reach these goals I welcome all suggestions, ideas, and comments for programs of the past, present, and future.

In 2017 we hope you will join us in celebrating our 164th birthday in May with a cake baking contest and play a round of mini golf with friends and family this summer! In the fall we will host lecturers on subjects ranging from a shocking 19th century homicide to the daily life of colonial-era women and are looking forward to our biggest and best Liberty and Union Festival yet. Next school year we will implement a traveling field trip for local third graders to learn about how the city of Taunton has evolved. With the help of many dedicated volunteers I am confident in our ability to successfully present programming that includes something for everyone.

Sincerely,

Saria Sweeney Community Programming Coordinator

Archives & Library

Throughout 2016 a significant effort was made to assess and update a number of our systems throughout the Archives & Hurley Library. For the first time in the collection's history, we made efforts to integrate the objects, documents, and books as one collection, under the director of the Curator of Collections. Integration allows us to be able to tell a more complete story of your ancestor if you are researching in the Hurley Library. We are always happy to offer genealogical materials, but may also have photos in the archives or an object on display that you should see as well. Much of this work is done behind the scenes in our collections database, and will take some time to fully realize, though we are excited by the possibilities.

The first half of 2016 saw volunteer Steve Miller undertake a major project in the Library as he reviewed all of our library volumes and assessed them in association with our mission. As space dwindles over the decades in this building, it is important to regularly assess the collection and ensure its close ties to our mission. Books that had no connection to the history of the Old Colony region, or the people who have lived here throughout history, were removed from the shelves. Most were proven to be histories of other communities outside our area, and Steve then reached out to those historical societies and libraries to see if they would be interested. In almost every instance, these other organizations were thrilled to receive the book. This is the best case for us, as we tighten our collection around our mission and the books make it to their proper home. This project was a major undertaking, and we are very thankful to Steve for taking this on and doing such a great job.

After several years of maintenance, there were no major updates to the Hurley Library in 2016, though we have established a separate account to maintain its upkeep in perpetuity.

Finally, all of the staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to volunteer Jim Carey. Jim is the Museum's genealogy expert, and is in the library twice a week to work with visitors who are researching their families. His dedication, commitment, and friendship make him an invaluable asset to this organization. Without a full-time archivist, Jim is able to maintain the high standard that we hold this organization to, and we sincerely thank him for his efforts!

Donors to Archives & Library 2016:

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2016 Programs & Events

JANUARY

Members' New Year Brunch

Book Group Our Lady of Lourdes Enrichment

Program, "Fashion Through the Ages"

FEBRUARY

February Flicks: National Parks Series, The Scripture of Nature The Last Refuge The Empire of Grandeur

MARCH

Book Group

Lecture: American Passage: The Communications Frontier in Early New England, by Katherine Grandjean, Assistant Professor of History, Wellesley College

APRIL

Book Group

Annual Meeting & Lecture: "The Finest Hours," by Michael Tougias Making History: Weaving "Poets of the Old Colony" poetry event

MAY

Liberty & Union Walking Tour Taunton Creates! Book Group

JUNE

Liberty & Union Walking Tour Book Group

JULY

Liberty & Union Walking Tour Native American Drumming and Storytelling UNO's Doughraiser

AUGUST

Liberty & Union Walking Tour Dining For a Cause – 99 Restaurant Field Trip to Heritage Museums and Gardens

SEPTEMBER

Lecture: "The Value of Old and Rare Books," by Kenneth Gloss Liberty & Union Walking Tour Book Group

OCTOBER

Kids' Archaeology Day

Liberty & Union Festival

Liberty & Union Walking Tour

Lecture: "Time Travel via Archaeology," by Alan Leveille

Tour of Plain Cemetery

Costumes at OCHM

NOVEMBER

Book Group

Lecture: "Timekeeping and Timekeepers in Early New England," by Bob Frishman

DECEMBER

Lights On!

Lecture: "The Old Colony at Pearl Harbor: 75 Years Since 'Infamy'", by OCHM Curator of Collections Brian Miskell

FINANCIAL GIFTS DONORS TO THE 2016 ANNUAL FUND

At the end of 2016, we re-energized our Annual Fund and mailed out a new brochure and donation form. We had a great response, but those are all gifts for the 2017 Annual Fund—you'll be on this list next year! For 2016 we had yet to separate the Annual Fund from the Dues Renewal, mailed out in late 2015. Thank you to everyone who supported us with a 2016 Annual Fund gift. Our total amount raised between December 2015 and December 2016 was \$5,716, exceeding our goal of \$5,500! This amount is directly used to support expanded programming and education initiatives, which I hope many of you enjoyed throughout the year!

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John & Joanne Uva Richard & Noreen Mendes Lawrence Blood Jeffrey & Annalee Nystrom Mathew Aruda Shoshannah Garshick Susan F. King Lt. Greg Galligan Lucille E. Atkinson Richard G. Bart Cherry Bamberg Elizabeth MacLean Mary Hutchins Beatrice Kirk Robert M. Gerrity Mr. & Mrs. Manuel S. Coelho, in memory of Helen Medeiros Norman R. Dunphe, Chevalier Noreen Julius Kiff Mary P. Bliss Wallace N. Skilling & Georgia E. Hamlin Joseph C. Landers

Gifts in Memoriam:

In memory of: Norman R. Dunphe Leatrice M. Kemp Sylvina Harrigan Robert W. Williams III

Grants Received 2016

Taunton Cultural Council Mass Cultural Council Festival Program Mass Humanities BCSB Charitable Foundation

(\$50-499)

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March saw us receiving a collection of more than 100 pewter objects

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Volunteer Jerry Hazeldine, member of the Sons of American Revolution, visits Mulcahey School for Liberty & Union Weekend



Volunteer Perry Pelkey and enthusiastic visitors get dirty as part of our annual Kids' Archaeology Day event



Volunteer Audrey Dors teaches kids to weave as part of our "Making History" series



JeanLuc interrupts a meeting



Development & Finance

After careful review of investments over the past few years, in 2016 it was decided that we must seek a new firm to manage these accounts. An RFP was sent to seven investment firms which resulted in three in-person interviews with selected organizations. Ultimately, after much consideration and discussion, we decided to transfer the management of our investments to Rockland Trust. We were impressed with their professionalism, approach, and commitment to building a relationship with their clients. As the largest part of our annual operating budget is funded from a five-year rolling average value of the interest of our investments, the management of these funds is vital to the daily operation of the museum and we did not undertake this change lightly. We are extremely thankful for the skills and efforts of the dedicated and capable members of the Finance Committee. Since making the change in 2016, we are already seeing the benefits in early 2017 and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with Rockland Trust.

In addition to this major undertaking, we saw growth in many areas of the organization. Membership dues saw an increase as well as donations to our Annual Fund. We are seeing a trend in recent years of increased demand for image reproduction, which is something we will have to explore further in the coming years.

With the largest portion of our revenue realigned for future growth, we are able to take a closer look at some other areas as we continue to plan for the future. Some area concerns that come to light are that admission totals were down, though attendance was not, so this is likely due to a shift in our accounting. We shifted admission for field trips to our programming budget and removed it from admissions. Research fees and visits to our library continue to decrease, and this is something we feel ties closely to the growth of online genealogy services. Our hope is to be creative in our offerings and continue to find new ways to make our library an asset to researchers and genealogists. The remainder of our annual operating budget is funded through gift shop sales, building rentals, grants, and donations. As a selffunded non-profit, we appreciate all of the support we received throughout the year.

We did not make any large expenditure from the generous gift of the Estate of Dr. Edward Williams, which we received in 2015. By this time next year, we hope to be sharing with you a recap of the project undertaken in 2017 with the support of this gift, and look forward to the possibilities his generosity affords this organization.

Balance Sheet, year end			
	2016	2015	2014
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 426,728.00	\$ 426,728.00	\$ 173,580.00
Pledge receivable	0.00	16,519.00	0.00
Inventory, at cost	9,000.00	8,551.00	9,485.00
Total current assets	607,389.00	599,632.00	183,065.00
Property and Equipment			
Land	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Building and improvements	816,026.00	816,026.00	816,026.00
Furniture and fixtures	92,524.00	92,524.00	92,524.00
Subtotal	913,550.00	913,550.00	913,550.00
Less accumulated depreciation	(628, 641.00)	(592,095.00)	(555, 549.00)
Net property and equipment	284,470.00	321,455.00	358,001.00
Invested Funds,			
at fair market value	3,716,014.00	3,725,016.00	3,949,653.00
Total	\$4,486,647.00	\$4,490,719.00	\$4,487,176.00
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
Payroll taxes payable	\$ 2,442.00	\$ 1,922.00	\$ 1,950.00
Sales taxes payable	13.00	29.00	23.00
Total current liabilities	2,455.00	1,945.00	1,992.00
Net Assets			
Unrestricted net assets	2,453,049.00	2,775,720.00	2,620,342.00
Temporarilty restricted			
net assets	37,000.00	37,000.00	37,000.00
Restricted net assets	1,833,354.00	1,833,354.00	1,833,354.00
Total net assets	4,323,403.00	4,646,074.00	4,490,696.00

*Please note: reports for 2014 and 2015 have been professionally prepared. The figures for 2016 are as of yet unaudited.

2016 Operating Statement

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
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Total Support and Revenue	21.35
EXPENSES	
Wages and Benefits \$158,58	86.68
	03.52
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	56.74
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	56.97

Total

.... \$225,113.22

Membership

New Members

Name	City & State
Margaret Albertini	
Antone K. Almeida, Jr.	. launton, MA
Carolyn Barlow	.Dartmouth, MA
Jeffrey A. Barkan	Attleboro, MA
Beverly A. Barry	.Bedford, NH
Charles H. Basler	.Berkley, MA
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Roberta Comerford	
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Tyler Whalon	.Taunton, MA

Membership

New Life Member Michael J. McClellan (Taunton, MA)

Necrology

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to the friends and families of the seven members who passed away in 2016. They will be deeply missed and always remembered.

Name	City & State
Tracy Bjork	Taunton, MA
Lois P. Burden	Taunton, MA
Carlton A. Caron	Taunton, MA
Norman R. Dunphe	Taunton, MA
Leatrice M. Kemp	Rochester, NY
Albert R. Orsini.	Taunton, MA
Frank E. Smith, Jr	Iron Mountain, MI

Volunteers in 2016

Total Volunteers: 42 Total Volunteer Hours: 2,704.5

Name	Task/Expertise
Athena Athas	Clerical, Hospitality
Mary Barrett	
Cyndie Bernard	Curatorial
Martin Bernier	Maintenance, Hospitality
Sandy Bisson	



OCHM staff and volunteers following another successful Liberty & Union Festival

Volunteers in 2016

Name	Task/Expertise
Rachel Bliss	Walking Tour Guide, Education
Kelli Bogus-Deegan	
Susan Caramelo	
	Tour Guide, Research, Library, Hospitality
Stephanie Ćramer	
Jean Dean	Refreshments
Tanya De Mello	
Sonya Demers	Visitor Experience
Sean Donnelly	Curatorial, Hospitality
Audrey Dors	Tour Guide, Curatorial, Walking Tour Guide
	Curatorial, Education Outreach
Jillian Gardner	Education, Hospitality
Scott Grigoreas	Hospitality
William F. Hanna	
	Tour Guide, Curatorial, Library, Clerical
	Visitor Experience, Hospitality
Morialh Illsley	
Daria Laboutina	Membership, Administration
Kristin Lundgren	
David McRae	Visitor Experience
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Robert Scaramuccia	Curatorial, Research
Jennifer Sinnott	Education, Hospitality



& Annual Meeting Preview &

Our annual business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a lecture beginning at approximately 7 p.m. Join us as we hear from Christina Carrick, the Robert Treat Paine Papers Assistant editor at the Massachusetts Historical Society. Ms. Carrick is also a PhD Candidate in Early American History at Boston University, completing a dissertation on loyalists which contrasts considerably with Paine's patriotism! In this lecture, Christina will speak about Paine and the American Revolution, primarily his involvement on the home front in Massachusetts from 1778-1787. In this era, Paine resided in Taunton but more often found himself riding the court circuit as the new state's first Attorney General. The legal process of fighting the Revolutionary War provided a challenge for Paine and cemented his importance in the legal life of the commonwealth.



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Holiday decorations for 2016



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