

Both Lew Halprin and Ralph Fuller are guest columnists on Stow history in local newspapers. The vault provides background material.

Descendants of the Samuel Gates family from Missouri spent two days researching vital records in the vault, and Jody Newman kindly showed the couple her home on Whitney Rd., the original Samuel Gates house.

The committee continues to be most appreciative of a donation of Vital Records to 1850 of Bolton, Concord, Lancaster, Acton and Sudbury, all given to the town by Emily Beyette, a descendant of the Gleason family.

The committee was greatly saddened by the death of Dorothy MacDonald, committee genealogist for the past 10 years.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bob Walrath

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### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Stow Historical Commission continues to sponsor programs through which residents may gain knowledge of the town's history. As part of this effort, in conjunction with the Stow Historical Society, we conducted a tour of the Hillside Cemetery narrated by Skip Warren. With the support of new members we are planning more tours and programs for 2013. We are still promoting a "historic house" plaque program.

The Public Archaeology Survey Team is completing a survey of Stow historical buildings and sites. The cost of this project is being paid by the town from Community Preservation Funds. .

The Stow Musket is now proudly displayed in the Randall Library along with a plaque describing its history.

This year, West School Summer Programs were again conducted under the leadership of Ralph Fuller, Karen Gray and Linda Stokes. The four programs were as follows: Oral History, Native American Culture, Mark Twain and Skills of Our Town. These programs are made possible through a grant from the Stow Cultural Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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