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## Former Grange members will share their "Memories of Lime Rock Grange #22" at BVHS April 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting at North Gate

*The National Grange of the order of the Patrons of Husbandry is a fraternal organization for American farmers that encouraged farm families to band together for their economic and political good. Founded in 1867 after the Civil War, it is the oldest surviving agricultural organization in America. In addition to serving as a center for many farming communities, the Grange was an effective special interest group for farmers and their agendas. Indeed, the word "grange" itself comes from a Latin word for grain, and is related to a "granary" or, more generically, a farm.*

from Wikipedia

A group of 60 citizens from the village of Lime Rock, Lincoln, RI met on December 28, 1889 and organized the Lime Rock Grange No. 22, P. of H. under the auspices of the State of Rhode Island Grange.

On Sunday April 20, 2008 at 2:00 PM the BVHS will host a program "Memories of Lime Rock Grange #22, Patrons of Husbandry" after the regular member meeting at 1:30 PM. Among those participating in the program will be former members of the Lime Rock Grange: **Everett** and **Esther Wilbur**, **Alvin** and **Anna Tucker**, **John** and **Thelma Verdon**, **Jim** and **Joyce Bethel**.



Anna and Alvin Tucker (on either side) Everett Wilbur (center) Louis Rivet (pinning Everett w/his past master's pin).

*Photo from BVHS archives of Lime Rock Grange archives*

## In Memoriam



Bea (Buckley) Keene



Jennie Hedberg



Jane Holleran

**Bea** was a charter member of BVHS, **Jennie** served as BVHS Hospitality Chair for 25 years, and **Jane** made baskets used in BVHS special events drawings.

## BVHS Annual Meeting and Election Scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at North Gate

The Annual Meeting and Election of BVHS will be held on May 18, 2008 at 1:30 PM in the downstairs hall of North Gate Toll House.

The election will be for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Members-at-Large.

**Gail Harris**, Chair of the Nominating Committee is asking anyone interested in being a candidate to contact her at 333-5105 or [gailt6@aol.com](mailto:gailt6@aol.com).

The slate of nominees will be presented at the April 20, 2008 meeting.

## Bird's eye view panoramic map was a favorite parlor decoration in days gone by

By Al Klyberg

In the period between the Civil War and World War I, a favorite parlor decoration was the bird's eye view panoramic map. Commercial art companies like O.H. Bailey of Boston employed artists to compose what appeared to be aerial views of cities and towns across America. Not limited to the big cities of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, thousands of mill villages, mining camps, cow towns and newly minted railroad suburbs were pictured. Typically, the artist would take out an ad in a local paper announcing the picture. For a fee prominent local businesses and professionals could have their homes delineated in a border surrounding the central image. Although all of these 5,000 plus views look like they were made by someone hanging off a tall smokestack or pitching in the basket of a balloon, they were done on the ground.

There now exists about two dozen of these views stretching up the Blackstone Valley from Providence all the way to Worcester. To see them all arrayed one would need a basketball gym floor and a high step ladder. Best known in our region are the ones of Pawtucket/Central Falls, Lonsdale, Woonsocket, Slatersville/Forestdale. Recently, The Blackstone Valley Historical Society was given an equally rare view of Saylesville. After making some repairs to minor rips and tears, the Society hopes to put it on view at North Gate. The mill village views are particularly interesting as they show not only the manufacturing process in full roar with smokestacks belching, but also depict active rail lines and the homes of the workers and operatives.

**The Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library** is a public/private partnership launched in 2004 to preserve and provide free public access to the Boston Public Library's historically significant collection of 200,000 maps and 5,000 atlases.

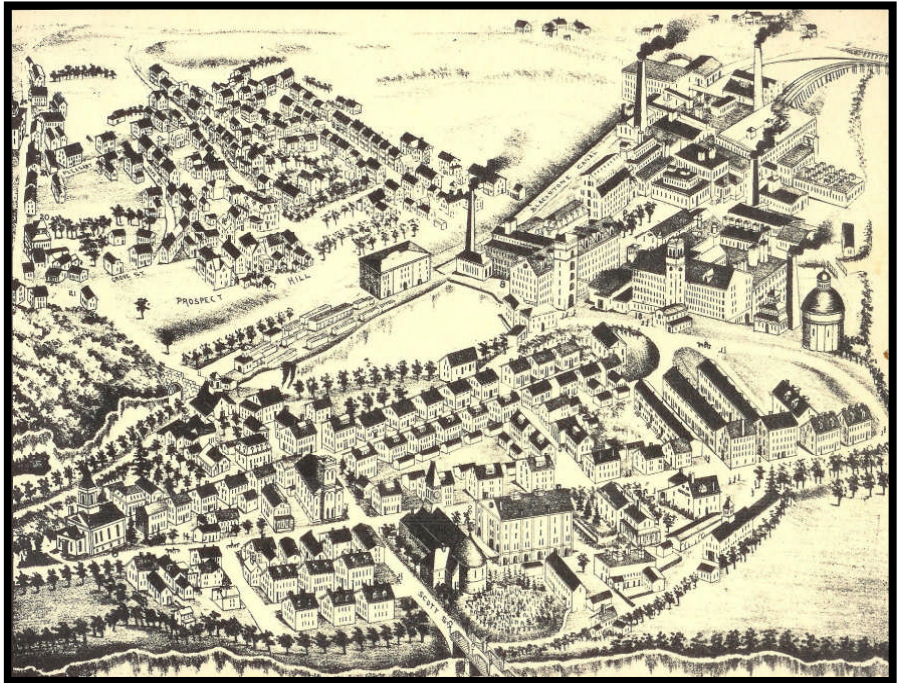
For more information go to: <http://maps.bpl.org/tag/subject:Bird%27s-eye+views/>

## “Origins of Neighborhoods in Woonsocket” is subject of May 18<sup>th</sup> talk by Erik Ekilson

The program will begin at 2:00 PM  
Upstairs hall of North Gate Toll House  
following the Annual Meeting  
*Refreshments will be served*

### A Look Back In Time...

Twenty five years ago John Hutchins Cady spoke to BVHS members on “Architecture Along Great Road” and in May the members toured Great Road.



Bird's Eye View of Lonsdale, Rhode Island (1888); lithograph, O.H Bailey & Co. Reprinted for the town of Lincoln by Mowbray Company, Providence, 1971.

Courtesy: *Statewide Historical Preservation Report P-L-1*  
*Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission*

## BVHS Board approves collection policy statement for holding and preserving historical materials

The BVHS Board approved a collection policy statement on January 28, 2008. This policy will serve to guide the future development of the library and museum collections.

The guidelines are meant to encourage the donation of things of value to the region's history and allow the Society to be diligent and responsible keepers of these valuable items of historical significance.

A copy of the BVHS Archival Collections Policy and brief explanation accompanies this newsletter. Please keep it for future reference when considering a donation to the Society collection.