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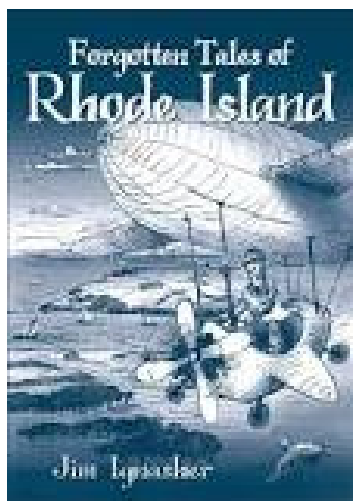
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Little-Known Tales of New England Aviation

Jim Ignasher, Smithfield historian, will speak at North Gate at 2:00 pm, March 18.

"How did the creation of Smithfield's first airport in 1932 ultimately change the course of WWII in the Pacific? And have you ever heard about the bizarre air battle that took place over Boston? Or what became of a fighter pilot who mysteriously vanished from formation while



on a routine training flight over Connecticut?"

On March 18, local writer and historian Jim Ignasher will tell these and other little-known tales relating to New England Aviation. Free event. There will be refreshments after the talk. If you have a copy of his book, Jim

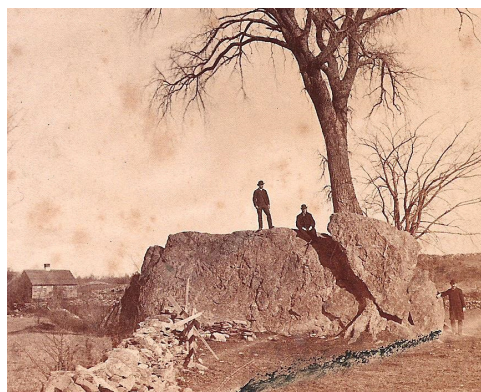
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will be happy to sign it.
See you there!

Reader Identifies Rock in Ballou Photographs



Photo from the Ballou Photo Album



Flowerpot Rock. Close up from the Stereo View on p. 2

In the September issue, we printed the picture on the left from the Ballou photo album. Three pictures of men climbing on rocks were

placed loosely in the back of the album. This one was the most striking. We asked if anyone could identify the place. I thought it would be some-

where around Iron Mine Hill. However, Bob Lanpher from the North Attleborough Historical Society recognized the rock right away. He

wrote to BVHS to say, "Sorry for the late response. But thought that you would want to know that the photo of the tree growing out of the rock was taken on Red Rock Hill in North Attleborough, Mass. The rock was known as Flowerpot Rock for obvious reasons and was a 'tourist attraction' for many years until it was removed when the Wal-Mart Plaza was built."

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Reader Identifies Rock in Ballou Photos, cont.

(continued from p. 1) "The rock was located very near to the entranceway into that plaza along South Washington St., Route 1, in North Attleborough.

I included a very similar photo on page 115 of the book *Images of America North Attleborough*."

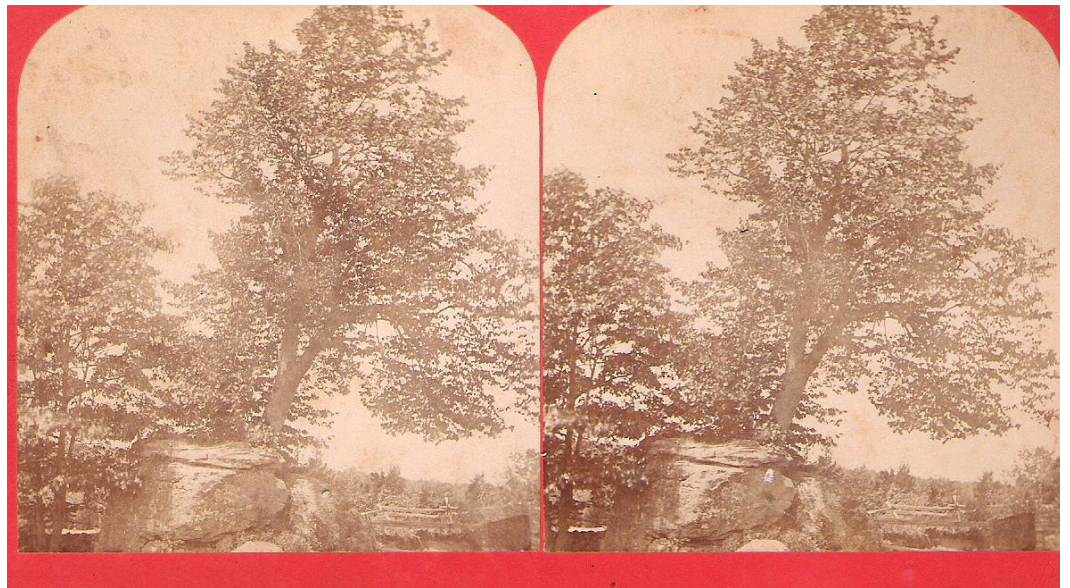
Bob wrote again last month to say, "Finally found the 2 stereo views that I have of the Flower Pot Rock. I am attaching 4 files, 2 of each whole stereo view and 2 close-up scans in case you can use them to compare more closely with the views that you have."

"The one that is marked 'A Freak of Nature' on the front has a back mark for the photographer - 'Frank C. Birtles, photographer, Woonsocket, R. I.' This view shows the same stone wall that intersects the rock as shown in one of your photos. This view also shows a house in the background. I wonder if you could match the house up with any of the houses that you have photos of. There is no other identification on the back of the card, so I suppose that there is some possibility that this is a different rock, but I don't think so." We agree!

"The other stereo view has some old handwriting



Stereo View of Flowerpot Rock



Stereo View of Flowerpot Rock West Attleborough

on it that identifies it as 'Flower Pot, West Attleborough.' So that one I am sure is of the one that used to be along Rt. 1 in North Attleborough."

Photographs courtesy of
Bob Lanpher, North Attleborough Historical Society
and The Falls Firebarn
Museum of North
Attleborough History



Close up: Stereo View of Flowerpot Rock

Saylesville Friends Meeting House Needs Friends



Saylesville Friends Meeting House

By Francine Jackson.
Photographs by Jim Hendrickson.

On January 29th, Bob Ferri, Don Coelho and Francine Jackson represented the Historical Society at a meeting at the Friends' Meetinghouse on Great Road. Also present were members of both the Friends Association, and Hearthside, which had arranged the discussion. The nine of us were there to discuss a problem that all organizations have at this time:

Bringing people into the building. The Friends, in particular, have a beautiful facility, but very few members, and they were hoping to find ideas to encourage others, not particularly new members, but the public to come and utilize the space.

The interior of the meetinghouse is, as Bob Ferri noted, in amazingly good condition, considering we were in a building over 300 years old. Of course, there are slight problems, such as

the heat, which had us move the last half of the meeting to Hearthside.

As we have been very fortunate in John Houghton's efforts to bring rentals into North Gate, we recommended their members also consider trying to do so. In addition, Kathy Hartley mentioned programs coming to the Great Road District within the next several months, and she invited both us and them to participate.

The future of the Meetinghouse, like North Gate, depends on funding, both by its members and by others who are invited inside to marvel at what it has to offer. We from North Gate, as well as the Hearthside contingent, wished them well, and agreed to come together in the future.

The Saylesville Friends Meeting House is located at 374 Great Road, Lincoln, RI 02865.



Interior of the Saylesville Friends Meeting House

Encuentro 2018: The Annual Statewide Preservation Conference



The Annual Statewide Preservation Conference this year has taken an exciting new direction.

Encuentro 2018 will be a joint conference on Latino Heritage and historic preservation. The conference will include three full days of programs, including many bus and walking tours, in Providence and the Blackstone Valley,

organized by the 3rd National Convening of Latinos in Heritage Conservation and the 33rd Annual Statewide Rhode Island Historic Preservation Conference.

For the first time, Latinos in Heritage Conserva-

tion are bringing a national conversation about Latino historic preservation to New England.

For more information see <http://preservationconferenceri.com/>.

Upcoming Events at North Gate

Most events are free.
Everyone is welcome.
Donations are gratefully accepted.

2:00-4:00 pm, Sunday, March 18: Little-known tales of New England Aviation by **Jim Ignasher**. See p. 1. Free event. Refreshments.

2:00-4:00 pm, Sunday, April 22: **Rick Beyer**, author and documentary filmmaker, will speak about *The Ghost Army of World War II*, the U. S. Army's deception unit. For more information, see <http://rickbeyer.net>. Free event. Refreshments.

1:30-2:00 pm, Sunday May 20: BVHS Annual Business meeting.

2:00-3:30 pm, Sunday, May 20: Christine Nowak Lecture. Ranger **Kevin Klyberg** from the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park will offer a lecture entitled *The War of 1812 and the Development of the Blackstone Valley*. The program will discuss how the War of 1812 played a major role in the industrialization of the Blackstone Valley. Free event. Refreshments.



Top secret Inflatable tanks like this one were made in Woonsocket to confuse the Germans in World War II. Rick Beyer will talk about this so-called "Ghost Army" on April 22.

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About the Lime Kilns
of Lime Rock
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