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October 6th Rick Harris talks about “The National Pastime and the Origin & Development of Baseball in RI” at North Gate Toll House Upstairs Hall

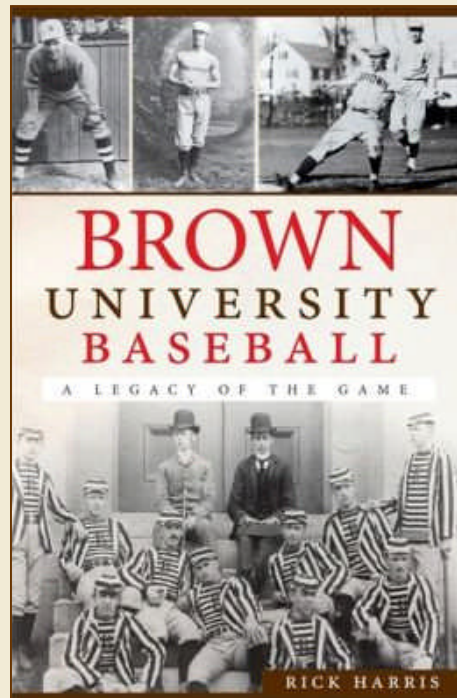
This presentation will look at the development of our great National Pastime and an in-depth look at early Rhode Island baseball history. Rhode Island has contributed significantly to the development of baseball and our legacy contains many fascinating facts and stories. The presentation, in the form of a slideshow and discussion, includes a vast array of historic images. Rick will randomly give away two of his baseball books, each signed and with a baseball illustration drawn by Rick on the inside cover.

Rick Harris, baseball historian, has lectured all over Rhode Island, teaches two college-level courses relating to baseball history, and has authored six books about baseball history, two of which have been commercially published by The

History Press. He was recently honored by the Brown University baseball team for his book “*Brown University Baseball: A Legacy of the Game*”. The honor included throwing out the first pitch in a game against Harvard University celebrating 150 years of baseball competition between the two colleges.

Rick is the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers – Rhode Island Chapter and an Adjunct Professor at Rhode Island College and Salve Regina University. Rick holds a Master of Social Work degree from Rhode Island College and a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Painting and Drawing) from the University of Rhode Island. He also is a jewelry maker and an artist.

So get ready for an afternoon of



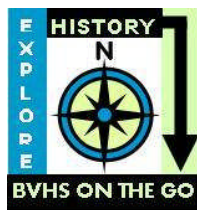
baseball October 8 at 2 p.m. at North Gate Toll House Upstairs Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, November 12, 7 PM
Upstairs Hall
Todd McLeish
Arctic Whales in a Melting World

Saturday, December 7, 7 PM
Upstairs Hall
Cumberland Lincoln
Community Chorus Concert
Joint Fundraising Event
Tickets \$10

On the hunt for the Valley Falls Train Wreck location



Early one July evening seven intrepid explorers armed with written accounts and smart phone maps went in search of the Valley Falls train wreck of 1853 that killed 13. Take the Great Road Tour Sat., Sep. 28th and discover what the team found out. See artifacts, pictures and a PowerPoint presentation. There are several theories of the how the accident occurred. Come cast your vote.



Pictured from left BVHS members and friends: Kurt Nicewander, Lori Melucci, Francine Jackson, Michael Umbrecht & Jason Dionne.

Central Falls ♦ Cumberland ♦ Lincoln ♦ North Smithfield ♦ Pawtucket ♦ Woonsocket

TRAVEL ALONG GREAT ROAD

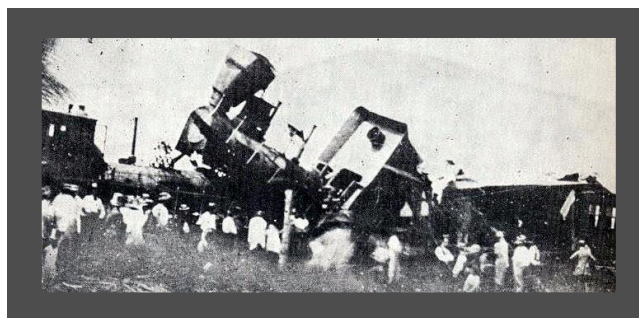
September 28, 2013 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Train Wreck That Changed Time



1873 Old Louisquisett Pike (Rte. 246)
Lincoln, RI 02865
FREE Tours of North Gate Toll House
& Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery

The Blackstone Valley Historical Society will host an exhibit of artifacts, articles and photographs. Visitors will have a chance to vote for your theory of what caused the crash that took 13 lives in 1853 and learn how this horrific event impacted railroad timekeeping.

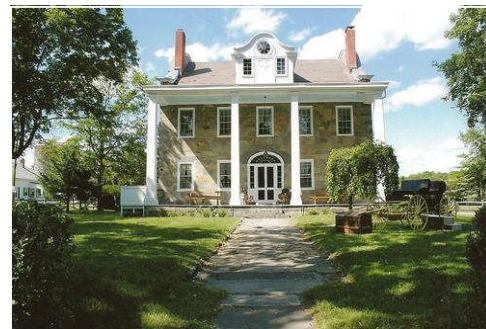


Hearthside House and Hannaway Blacksmith Shop



669 Great Road, Lincoln RI

Hearthside 'the house that love built' in 1810. Legend has it that Stephen Hopkins Smith, a Quaker living on Great Road won \$40,000 in a lottery and used his winnings to build this grand house to persuade a young woman of Providence to marry him. Docents in period costume now welcome visitors to experience life in the 19th and 20th centuries. Hannaway Blacksmith Shop, next door offers visitors a the opportunity to watch blacksmiths at work.



677 Great Road, Lincoln RI

The Eleazer Arnold House

In 1693, Eleazer Arnold, a major landowner, built his house along Great Road, one of the earliest roads in the colonies. Two stories high, with a pilastered chimney, the home so dominated the modest dwellings of nearby farmers that it earned the title "Eleazer's Splendid Mansion." With its massive chimney end wall, the house is a rare survivor of a once common Rhode Island building type known as a stone-ender. Visitors find evidence of seventeenth-century construction methods, eighteenth-century additions, nineteenth century graffiti, and the twentieth-century approach to preservation that restored the house to its present appearance. Open year round. Guided tours are on the hour from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the last tour at 4:00 p.m.



487 Great Road, Lincoln RI

The Valentine Whitman House



1147 Great Road, Lincoln RI

The Valentine Whitman House, built in 1694, is a classic stone-ender and is the site of the first town meeting in Smithfield. The Whitmans were some of the first settlers in Northern Rhode Island.

Saylesville Meeting House

Built in 1703, the Saylesville Meeting house is one of the oldest continuously used Quaker meeting houses in New England and the first house of worship erected in Northern Rhode Island. A book swap and guided tours are available.



374 Great Road, Lincoln RI

About The Great Road Historic District

Called "Great" because it was so much more substantial than other routes through the valley, Great Road was built in 1683 as the major thoroughfare on the west side of the Blackstone River. With historic houses, farms and mills, the Great Road Historic District in Lincoln, Rhode Island, retains much of the Blackstone River Valley's early nineteenth century rural character.