

Sandy Bank Sentinel

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President's Message

Dear Friends:

Let me first wish each of you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

In looking over this, our first issue in the second series of the *Sandy Bank Sentinel*, I am reminded of Jack Paar's remarks when he returned to the *Tonight Show* after a hiatus: "as I was saying before I was interrupted..." Publication of our newsletter has been on hiatus for some time.

I am pleased to announce that the *Sandy Bank Sentinel* is resuming its publication. However, the news letter will only be as successful as we all make it. To that end, I hope you will consider contributing an article, photo, or memory for publication in upcoming issues. We hope to issue the newsletter quarterly.

Why *Sandy Bank Sentinel*, you may ask? Sandy Bank was the name of the landing place on the Malden River where our earliest settlers arrived. Bell Rock Cemetery was known as the Burying Ground at Sandy Bank. I hope you will enjoy and contribute to this new effort.

John Parcellin, President

TWO EXCITING EVENTS FOR MARCH: THE ANTIQUE SHOW and SHOW and TELL

Mark your calendars now for March 7th and March 11th for two events you won't want to miss! On **Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm** in the Maccario Room of the Malden Public Library the Historical Society will present its popular annual program **Treasures From our Collection/Show and Tell**. Showcasing items from our collection, members will bring also their own items to share with the group. There are always a few surprises in store.

Our **31st Annual Antique Show and Sale** will be held the following **Saturday, March 11th from 10 am to 3pm** at Anthony's of Malden, 105 Canal Street. This ever-popular event will feature over 25 antique dealers from throughout New England. Come to buy or simply to browse. The Historical Society will have a table where you can purchase our publications. And, as always, Anthony's will be serving its delicious luncheon menu. Admission is \$5. Historical Society members will find on page 5 of this newsletter discount coupons entitling you to a \$4 admission. Please cut them out and use them. Feel free to share them with friends.

This event is the Historical Society's major fundraiser for the year. It helps to support our programs and ongoing archiving project. We hope to see you there! If you can volunteer for an hour or two that day to help



A scene from last year's show.

out, please let us know. You may call email the Historical Society at info@maldenhistorical.com or call us at 781-338-9365 and leave a message. We'll see you on March 11th. Please spread the word and tell your friends about this event.

SOME NOTES ON THE PINE BANKS GOLF CLUB

By Malden Historical Society

Fore! The area of Pine Banks Park where the ballfields and running track are now located was once called, “the links”. It was home to an early golf course. One of the earliest mentions of the Pine Banks golf course appears in an article by George H. Sargent, “Golfing ’round the Hub”, published in *Outing Magazine*, vol. XXXIV, p. 139 (1899), viz.:

On the east of Medford is Malden, which has a golf club born last year, with a course several years old. The course was laid out on the private grounds of Hon. E.S. Converse, the philanthropist, and after being kept private three years, the use of the grounds was generously given to the young men and women of Malden society, on condition that a club be formed. The condition was not hard to comply with, and was soon met by the organization of the Pine Banks Golf Club, where devotees of the cleek and mashie may prepare themselves for play on longer courses.

This appears to indicate that the course was laid out sometime in 1895 and the golf club formed in 1898.

We find some additional detail about the golf club from a listing in *Harper’s Official Golf Guide*, p. 156 (1900):

Malden—PINE BANKS GOLF CLUB. — At “The Fells,” 250 yards from B. and M. Railroad station. Organized 1899. Annual dues \$10. Membership 53. Visitors pay 25 cents per day. A nine-hole course. President and Captain, C.C. Converse; Secretary and Treasurer, E.B. Horne, 158 Summer Street, Malden. Greenkeeper, James Davidson.

Note this listing indicates the golf club originated in 1899. We know from the *Memorial of the 250th Anniversary Celebration of Malden*, p.185 (1900) that a match was played there in 1899 in connection with Malden’s 250th anniversary. Prizes were four sterling

silver cups. Entries were limited to Malden residents and made up of 14 men and 5 women. Winners were Helen M. Weaver, Edward B. Horne, Clare Dutton McGregor, and Roland Toppan.

That this little course and golf club attracted some players with merit is borne out by two reports in the *Pinehurst (N.C.) Outlook* from 1903. Elisa Wirth was a member of the Pine Banks Golf Club. Her arrival attracted the attention of Pinehurst’s local press:

This past week has been another notable one in Pinehurst’s history from the point of arrivals...Miss Elisa M. Wirth, of Boston, [and friends] are here for a short stay after a winter at Palm Beach. Miss Powers and Miss Worth [sic] are charming and vivacious young women, who are already favorites in the younger social set. They are enthusiastic golfers and have won several cups. [March 27, 1903].

Seven days later, the same newspaper reported that participants in the women’s championship at Pinehurst, “included Miss Elisa M. Wirth, Pine Banks Golf Club, Malden, Mass.” [April 3, 1903]. At some point the Pine Banks golf course was replaced by the baseball fields and the club closed down, perhaps due to attraction from Bellevue Golf Club in Melrose.



Pewter and copper 1902 trophy from Pine Banks Golf Club, “36 Hole Medal Handicap won by Margaret Clement”. Image retrieved from www.worthpoint.com (1/3/17).

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Spring Program Preview

The two March events should whet your appetite for programs planned for April and May. On **Tuesday, April 4th** at 7pm in the Ryder Gallery of the Malden Public Library, the Society will host a special meeting featuring Richard D. Brown, distinguished professor of history *emeritus* at the University of Connecticut, speaking on *Malden Nailworkers Stand Trial for Murdering an Indian: Equal Rights During the War of 1812*. Dr. Brown is a well-known historian; you don't want to miss his talk.

At our 130th Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 2nd**, also at 7pm in the Ryder Gallery, the Society will premiere an historical play in conjunction with the Freedoms Way Heritage Association. This dramatic script presents the events in Malden leading up to the revolution using the words of actual Maldonians at the time.

Additionally in May the Society will again participate in the Hidden Treasures Weekend in conjunction with the Freedoms Way Heritage Association. More information about all these programs will be presented in the next newsletter.

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Malden: Read About It

For a glimpse of one family's events on both sides of the Atlantic in the 17th century read *The Rainborowes* by Adrian Tinniswood (Basic Books, 2013). Readers will be interested in the Malden connection. Martha Rainborowe (also spelled Rainsborough) was the wife of Thomas Coytmore. There is a fair amount in the book about Thomas and Martha Coytmore. Thomas Coytmore was an early settler in Malden and operated the first grist mill here. After reading the book, check out the article on Martha Coytmore, "The Governor's Lady" published in volume 6 of the *Malden Historical Society Register*.

The Ferryboat *City of Malden*.

By Frank F. Russell

I came upon the photograph reproduced below on eBay several years ago. It was a glass plate negative offered for sale and about all I could make out were the words "City of Malden". Needless to say, I purchased it and had a print made of it. I knew of one other ship named for the city of Malden; that is the *SS Malden Victory*. A photo of that ship is in Ruth Randall's book, *Malden: From Primitive Past to Progressive Present*. I knew nothing about this apparent ferry boat, so I did some cursory research. Permit me to share it with you.

In 1882 the town of Malden was incorporated as a city. Coincidentally, that same year the Winnisimmet Ferry Co. needed a new ferry. The Winnisimmet Ferry was the oldest ferry in operation in the United States, having begun in 1631. It plied the waters between Chelsea and Boston's North End.

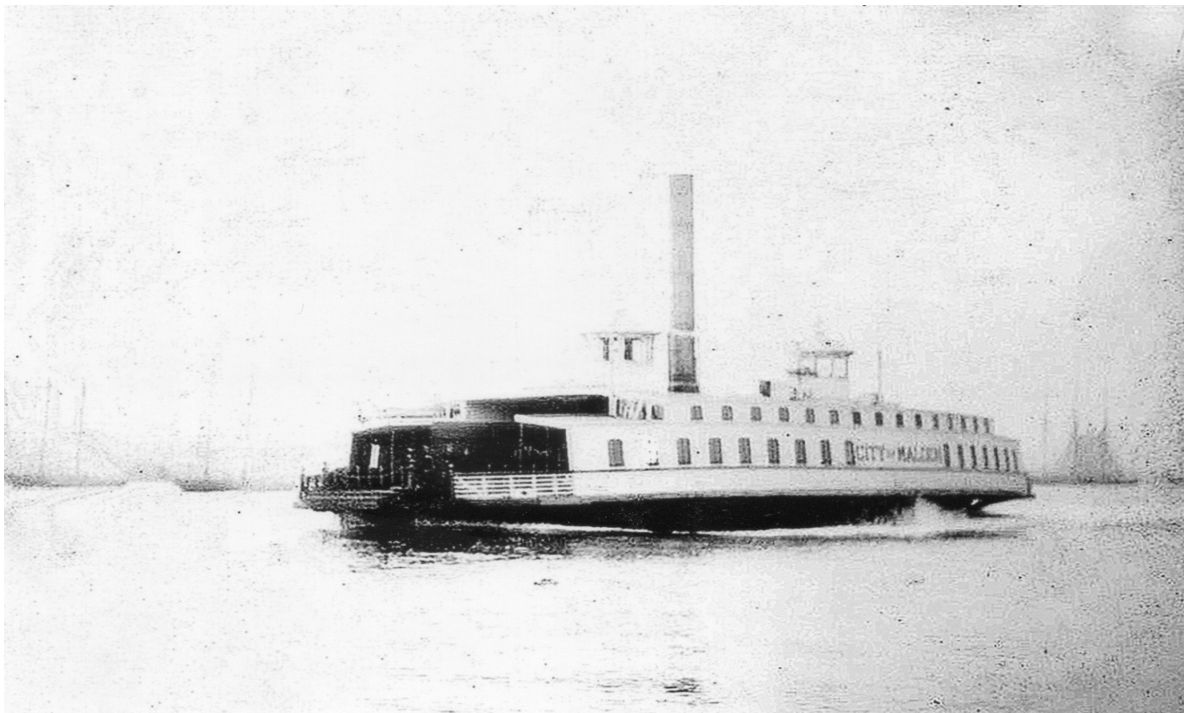
It was determined the new ferryboat would be christened *City of Malden* in celebration of Malden's incorporation as a city. The ferry was built in 1882 by the Montgomery & Howard Co. in Chelsea. Their works were located on Marginal Street at the foot of Hawthorne Street in Chelsea, about where the salt pile sits today. The hull was made of wood. Gross tonnage was 488 tons.

Apparently its service was reliable and unnoteworthy but for an incident reported on the front page of the *Boston Post* for July 13, 1902. There it was reported that one man was drowned and two others were rescued when

their rowboat was struck by the *City of Malden*.

With the advent of the East Boston subway and the automobile, the Winnisimmet Ferry's days were numbered. The line ceased service in 1917. According to an article that same year in the *Marine Review* (vol. 47, p. 186) two steamers of the Winnisimmet Ferry Co., the *City of Malden* and the *City of Boston*, were dismantled and converted to barge use in Boston Harbor.

Interestingly, this was not the first of the Winnisimmet ferries to be named for Malden. *The New England Farmer* reported in 1833 (vol XI, no.38, p. 299) that the Winnisimmet Co. was awaiting a new steam ferryboat being built in Philadelphia to be called *Malden*. Perhaps



The ferry *City of Malden* ca. 1900.

(author's collection)

that 1833 ferry, *Malden*, served until 1882 when replaced by the *City of Malden*. More research needs to be done.

Research has also turned up one other ship named after Malden. A steel steam collier named *Malden* was built at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy and launched in 1907. It was designed for the coal trade between Boston and the South. Two sister ships, also colliers, were built and launched at the same time. Their names: the *Everett* and the *Melrose*. *International Marine Engineering*, November, 1907, p.453. The article features a photograph of the collier *Malden*.

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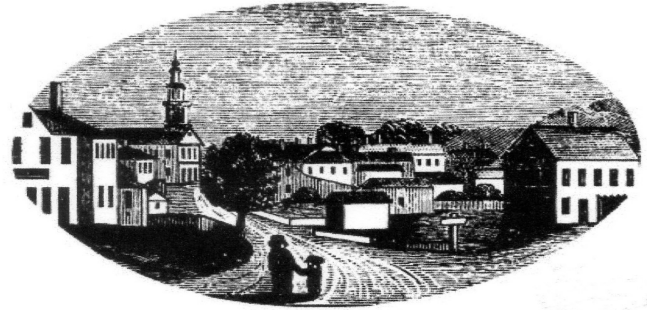
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Malden's first Mayor and Board of Aldermen (1882). Standing, left to right: Aldermen Tristram Griffin, John M. Devir, Frank M. Clark. Seated, left to right: Aldermen Joseph M. Russell, Lorin L. Fuller, Mayor Elisha S. Converse, George T. Coverly and Benjamin Faulkner. (private collection).

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