

# Sandy Bank Sentinel

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## President's Message

Dear Friends:

It must be spring approaching! The snow is melting and we look forward to the active spring season.

A number of activities are going on or planned. The March meeting on March 6 is our Annual Show and Tell where we get to see each other's treasures and some new ones in the collection. Our 32nd Annual Antique Show is on Saturday March 10 at Anthony's. Plan to attend, help, and buy (about three of our dealers have been with us for all those 32 years). The Society will be introducing Doris Burdick Christmas note cards for sale at this time. Other fund raisers will follow. The Annual Meeting will discuss maps of Malden. This presentation by Frank Russell was postponed from October but is set for May 1.

The exhibit *Lasting Impressions of Japan* is ongoing. The art is from the Library; the ceramic and textiles are from the Society's collections. More exhibits are being planned for the rest of the year. As you know a good deal of the Society's work goes on behind the scenes *go to page 2*

## ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE SET FOR MARCH 10TH AT ANTHONY'S

A sure sign that spring is upon is the Historical Society's annual Antique Show and Sale which is scheduled for **Saturday March 10th from 10 am to 3pm** at Anthony's of Malden, 105 Canal Street. You will be able to browse or buy from over 25 antique dealers from throughout New England. Admission is only \$5/ \$4 for members with a card. Discount admission coupons are reproduced in this newsletter and can be cut out.. Luncheon will be available from Anthony's.



A dealer's offerings at last year's Antique Show.

Volunteers are always needed to make this event a success. If you have a couple hours to help out on Saturday, March 10th, please let us know. The Society will also have its own table selling its publications and our new Doris Burdock note cards.

## SHOW AND TELL MARCH 6TH

The next meeting of the Malden Historical Society will take place on **Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm** in the Maccario Room of the Malden Public Library. Come and see some of the recent acquisitions which the Historical Society has added to its collection or bring your own Malden-related item to share with the group. This is always a fun and popular meeting.

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# HISTORICAL SOCIETY RE- PRODUCES DORIS BURDICK HOLIDAY CARDS

New this year from the Malden Historical Society is a collection of holiday cards originally drawn by Doris Burdick. Burdick (1898-1981) was a Malden artist and silhouettist. For many years she designed an annual Christmas card. Many of these cards are in the Society's collection. The Society has selected twelve of the cards and had them printed and boxed with envelopes. They will be available for sale at the Antique Show on Saturday, March 10th.

## NEW HISTORY OF MALDEN TO BE PUBLISHED THIS SPRING

The Historical Society is pleased to announce that a new history of Malden will be published this spring by the History Press. Written by Frank Russell it covers Malden's history from its beginnings in 1649 up through 1900. It also contains many never before seen illustrations. More information will be forthcoming as the publication date nears.

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answering requests for information, collecting and cataloging artifacts, etc. The Society has been fortunate to be the recipient of much Malden material and the purchaser of some others.

During the summer the board will be developing plans involving outreach to the community for help in recording our present Malden history. A number of projects are being considered. Please talk to a member of the board if you are willing to help a little or a lot!

Check the Society's web page  
([maldenhistoricalsociety.org](http://maldenhistoricalsociety.org)) for our activities and upcoming events. See you all at the Antique Show!

John Tramondozzi, President

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**WRITE SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER!!!!**

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*Above and above right:* Professor Claudia Bushman entertained our audience at our October meeting with her discussion of Malden suffragist Harriet Hanson Robinson.

*Right and below:* The Historical Society, in cooperation with the city, commemorated the 125th anniversary of the Pledge of Allegiance with ceremonies in Forest Dale Cemetery in October. Right: John Tramonozzi speaks to the crowd. Below: Mayor Christenson and the attendees in front of the wreath laid at James Bailey Upham's gravesite.





# Cochrane's Turkey Red

By Frank Russell

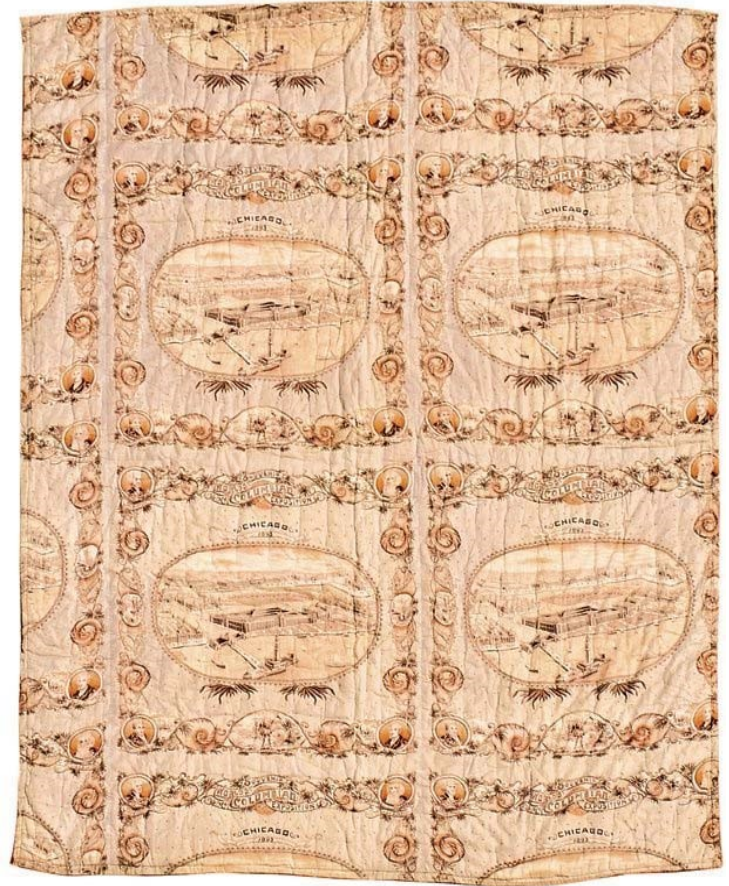
While Elisha Converse's Boston Rubber Shoe Company was Malden's largest industry in the 19th century, shipping boots and shoes worldwide, there were other Malden industries with a national imprint. The Cochrane Turkey Red works was one of them.

John Cochrane came to Malden from Scotland in 1847 where his father established a silk printing and dyeing business in the old mills of William Barrett. The mills were located on Mountain Avenue in the vicinity of today's post office. The area which is today a parking lot behind the post office was then a mill pond fed by the Spot Pond Brook. After finishing school and traveling in Europe, John Cochrane returned to Malden and established his own business in 1857.



Commemorative bandana made by Cochrane's Turkey Red Works

Cochrane developed a turkey red dye. By the mid 1880's Cochrane's business was described as "worsted and carpet mills" and a dyer and print works. The business had 52 carpet looms and 4 steam printing machines. It maintained a Boston office at 290 Devonshire Street. An 1893 report indicates Cochrane employed 120 men, 20 women, and 4 teenagers. Cochrane's turkey red carpets were in demand. The company secured a contract with Marshall, Field & Co. the great Chicago department store,



Above: Quilt produced for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1892. Below: A souvenir turkey red bandana also produced for the 1892 World's Columbian Exposition.





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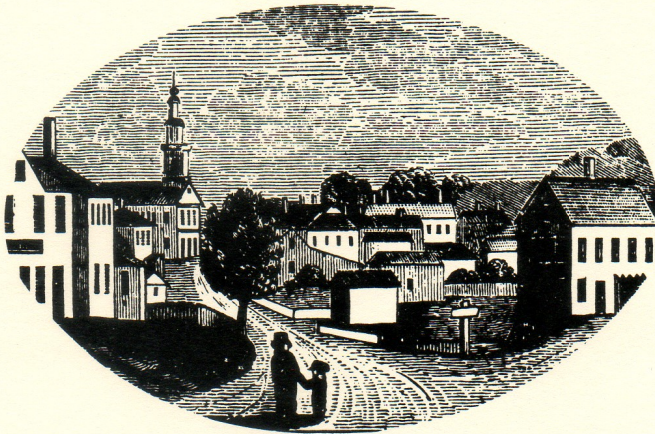
to provide turkey red carpets. Cochrane also owned the Norfolk Mills in East Dedham.

In addition, Cochrane produced a variety of turkey red textiles including handkerchiefs, bandanas, and quilts. It produced a commemorative quilt for the 1892 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. By 1894 the Cochrane Carpet Co. had ceased business and was purchased by a syndicate from New York and Philadelphia. John Cochrane died in 1895, however his son, John Cochrane, Jr. continued the business under the name Cochrane Manufacturing Co. until the 1920s. In 1904 he patented some ornamental designs for fabric. A 1914 item indicates the company, "dye and finish Turkey red and indigo blue handkerchiefs." John Cochrane, Jr. died in 1915, the same year that a fire and gas explosion damaged the mills.

## ANTIQUE SHOW SATURDAY MARCH 10

Clip these cards to use for discount admission to the Antique Show. Feel free to reproduce them or to share them with friends!

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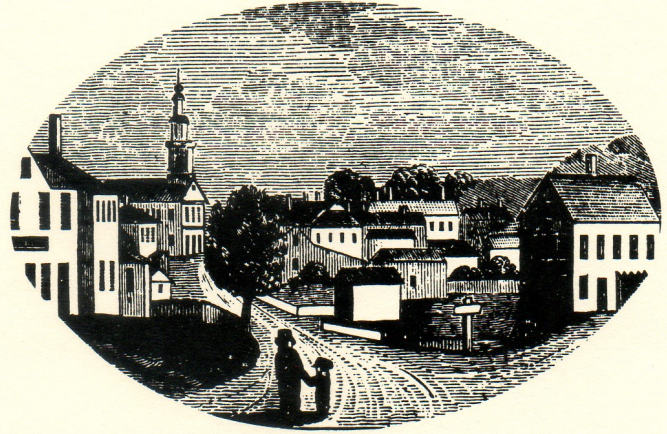
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**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

Frank Russell  
Maps and Plans of Malden

7:00 p.m., Ryder Gallery, Malden Public Library