



# THE WYMAN JOURNAL

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## Dear Family and Friends,

In the third year of the Covid pandemic, things have opened up a bit and many people are ready to venture out. We had a Spring meeting in May to celebrate preservation month and our new shed. The June open house had over 50 visitors. It was great to have family and friends on site to see our progress and hear our plans.



2022 Spring Meeting and Open House – New Barn in Background

In the Fall, we completed the work to plaster the walls and ceiling in the Association Room as well as trim out the windows. It's quite an improvement and really highlights our displays in that room.



View of Benjamin Wyman's desk in restored Association Room

In February and March, we pretty much replaced the 120 year old shed that the FWA founders built to support their original restoration of the house. The contractor, Matt Diana, Housewright took great pains to try and reuse old timbers and other materials but things were so rotten, we were only able to salvage some of the roof sheathing and the relatively new posts on the west side.



The old shed jacked up on temporary supports during restoration.

The finished product is very substantial and should last us for several generations. We now have some space to meet out of the weather.



Interior of the new barn with some artifacts displayed

Our stained glass window repair project has been significantly delayed due to material delays cause by the Covid epidemic. The special order glass arrived in June and our window is finally on the table in the shop being repaired.



Kevin Ryan at the Burnham & Laroche shop where our stained glass window is being repaired. You can see pieces of the window on the table in front of Kevin and the coat of arms on the table behind him.

In addition to repairing the glass they will be improving the structure of the metal frame. We plan to mount it back into the window frame it was in and display it in the SW bedroom. Maybe it will be complete by the annual meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>?

The wellsweep project is moving along. We are working with our architect Greg Colling of Merrimack Design; the contractor, Matt Diana Housewright; and Marty Dudek an archeologist to bring this to fruition.



White Oak cut for wellsweep pivot post  
Marty's company, Commonwealth Heritage Group has completed the "dig". This week Marty reported that "we have a lot of artifacts from the project that are being processed. They have been washed and dried and are being catalogued

right now. We have numerous ceramic fragments with a variety of 17th to 19th century British ceramic types, North Devon earthenware (17h c.), Staffordshire earthenware (1670-1795), white salt-glazed stoneware (1720-1775), creamware (1762-1820) and pearlware (1779-1830), as well as numerous lead-glazed redware fragments that span the whole colonial period up to the mid 1800s. Most of these are small fragments but they indicate a long use of the yard as would be expected. We have a complete tobacco pipe bowl and a slate pencil among interesting finds. Once we have the cataloguing complete, we can complete the report and turn that into the MHC." The report to Massachusetts Historic Commission needs to be submitted and considered before we can continue with any digging.



Commonwealth Heritage Group sifting through the dirt at the site of the wellsweep pivot post

### New neighbors

Great news on the neighbors! The developer's plan to demolish the Anderson's house and build two "mcmansions" fell through. A nice young couple, Tyler and Maxeem have moved in and are very neighborly. They have agreed to mow our lawn in exchange for us providing access to their back yard through our woods.

### Annual Meeting Saturday, September 17th

We'll have coffee and munchkins for the morning and sandwiches, chips and drinks for lunch. Please RSVP to me at [jonwy@comcast.net](mailto:jonwy@comcast.net) or with a note in your donation to Ginny, so we can plan the logistics. Looking forward to a big turnout!  
Thanks, Jon Wyman, President

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**Volunteer Help Needed**

We have vacancies on the FWA Board for Vice President and directors and are looking for someone to transition to the treasurer position.

**Most important need is for IT help with the webpage, Facebook, communication, membership, fundraising and outreach activities.**





Francis Wyman House with New Barn Beyond

**Tidbits from the early years of Francis & John by Caroline Miller.**

December 18, 1640, Francis, John, & 3 uncles were among the 32 who signed town orders forming Charlestown Village (Woburn). "It is required that all persons admitted to be Inhabitation in the said town shall by voluntary Agreement subscribe to these Orders following..."

I don't know why he [Francis] doesn't appear on the petition incorporating Charlestown Village as Woburn, but it wasn't necessary that he do so. He was already fully vested in the settlement. He is surprisingly absent from the election of officers. Most inhabitants were called upon to serve at one time or another. He served as constable in 1655 along with John, who was also elected surveyor of highways in 1654, and commissioner for the county rate in 1656, 1672, and 1682.

Perhaps his Baptist sympathies and the hint of a rebellious spirit held him back. His focus was on acquiring land, pursuing his business, and other entrepreneurial pursuits--and he wasn't reluctant to protect his interests in court, (a tad litigious). By 1671 he was paying the highest tax rate in the town, and when he died, he and John were among the largest landowners. Again, perhaps due to his Baptist leanings he wasn't made freeman until he was almost 40.

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Take a look at our Shoppe items on the next page. The **FWA ornament** is a new item from a couple of years ago. The picture doesn't do it justice. It's glossy and sparkles when the sun hits it. Every Wyman should have one! You can send orders and money to Ginny and we'll send them off as quickly as we can.

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We are working with a committee in Burlington that is anxious to get the Community Preservation Act (CPA) passed in town. If passed, historic preservation funds from the CPA could be used to continue our preservation and restoration efforts.

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Please keep us in mind for your annual charitable contributions and consider FWA for your will. Please send donations to Ginny Mucciaccio, 14 Thompson St. Dedham, MA 02026-4911 in the enclosed envelope or via the Paypal link on [www.wymanassociation.org](http://www.wymanassociation.org)

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Wyman History Book or CD	\$15	Francis Wyman Pot Holders	\$5



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Francis Wyman Kitchen Towel	\$10	Small House Tile Coaster	\$10
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Annual Meeting and Reunion: Saturday, September 17th** at the Francis Wyman House

Come see the new barn and other improvements in the house. Bring your family to re-engage with Wyman's you know and make new Wyman connections. Extend your stay to visit nearby historic Lexington, Concord and Boston.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Open house and tours

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Group Picture and Lunch – Coffee, Sandwiches, cold drinks, etc. will be provided. Please let us know if you are coming.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM FWA Annual Meeting

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