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Dear Family and Friends,

Annual Meeting Saturday, September 16th

We'll have coffee and munchkins for the morning and sandwiches, chips and drinks for lunch. Please RSVP to me at jonwy@comcast.net or with a note in your donation to Ginny, so we can plan the logistics. We're looking forward to a big turnout!

The wellsweep should be up in time for the annual meeting! We've completed the preparations and pieces and erecting it should be completed this month. The biggest project was reconstructing the old stone wall along Francis Wyman Road and improving the support of the granite well cap, so everything is structurally safe and sound.



The wall work included replicating the steps NE of the well.

The timbers for the wellsweep were sourced and cut down on our property last year. This year, blacksmith Rob Lyon fabricated the iron hardware to fit it all together.



Completed Stone Wall Restoration

Celtic Masonry of Lawrence, MA completed the stone work in the spring by dismantling the old wall and rebuilding the new one on a slight angle, leaning back into the retained earth behind the wall. We were also able to replicate the stone steps into the yard that can be seen in 19th century photos of the site.



Blacksmith Rob Lyon fabricating iron hoops for the wellsweep bucket.

The stained glass window restoration has finally been completed. Kevin Ryan from Burnham and Laroche of Medford, MA delivered the window in June and we temporarily mounted it to be backlit by a west facing window upstairs.



Stained glass window temporarily supported in the NW bedroom window.

This window came to us from Fred V. Wyman of Davenport, Iowa (died 07/27/1939). Fred was one of the original FWA members having signed up in 1900. A successful businessman, Fred built a beautiful home in Davenport, Iowa and commissioned this window. When he left the home, he shipped the window to the Francis Wyman house sometime in the 1930's. To our knowledge, it was never displayed at the Francis Wyman House but just stored in the attic in the shipping crate. Somehow, despite being packed with straw, it escaped serious damage in the 1996 fire. The window was removed to protect it during the house restorations.

In May, we had an interesting visit from Debra Richardson Baldwin from Cutler, Maine and her brother Steve Richardson from Utah. Francis Wyman is her 7th g-grandfather through the Samuel line. Turns out she writes for Lighthouse Digest and produced a fascinating article about Wyman lightkeepers and lighthouse personnel on both coasts.

Rear Admiral Robert H. Wyman, a distant cousin to Francis, became the chairman of the United States Light House Board in 1882 after an illustrious Navy career including several ship commands, Civil War service and he headed the Navy's Hydrographic Office for eight years.



Rear Admiral Robert Harris Wyman 1822 – 1882

The Wymans also had multi-generations of lightkeepers who totaled over 60 years of service at a dozen different lighthouses.

Thomas Cushin Wyman, the first lightkeeper in the line, who was from Maine, also had an amazing Civil War service record which included Second Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Antietam and Little Round Top at Gettysburg. After the war which left him wounded in the leg, he moved west to Oregon, did some logging and then became a lightkeeper. He was followed in the lightkeeper service by his son Frank E. Wyman and grandson Thomas Wyman Albee. Thomas' brother, William H. H. Wyman and his cousin,

Edwin M. Wyman, both served as lightkeepers, but remained in Maine.



Thomas C. Wyman is standing on the lantern deck of the first Cape Arago Oregon Lighthouse in 1897.

Debra's article is in the Sep/Oct 2019 issue of Lighthouse Digest and can be seen at <http://www.lighthousedigest.com/Digest/StoryPage.cfm?StoryKey=6101> Her article includes numerous harrowing experiences and tragedies experienced by the Wymans in the pursuit of their service. She concludes, "Whether in Washington, D.C., Maine, Oregon, or Washington, the Wyman name stands for a strong lighthouse heritage and exemplary service, even through multiple trials, deaths, and injuries. They have served our country well." We are indeed a part of a great heritage. (Pictures and text reprinted with permission.)

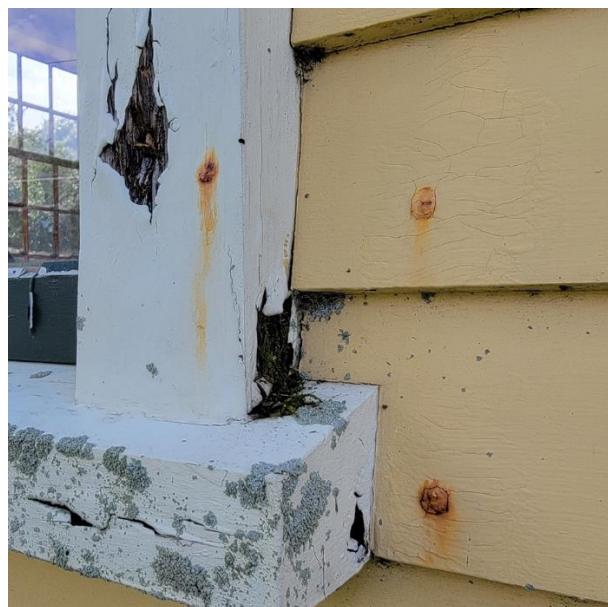
Last month, William Charles Wyman, Jr. visited from Plymouth, MA with his daughter Sarah Wyman from Woburn. He brought some family heirlooms to donate to us. His father was a Naval aviator flight instructor at the end of WWII. William Jr. donated his father's Navy

wings, ceremonial sword, ID card, dog tags and some photos. He also donated a family bible dated 1810 with birth entries for William Wyman in 1736 and Phebee Wyman in 1741. The latest entry is the death of Edward Wyman Jr. in 1887. William Jr is a Vietnam Veteran, and we thank him for his service and his donations.



William C. Wyman Jr, Daughter Sarah and friend Barbara with his father's WWII Navy sword.

It's been 24 years since the post-fire exterior restorations were completed and the exterior needs some attention. Next year's efforts will focus on repairs and painting the exterior. We'll need your help for this project, which could approach \$100,000.



Rotting window trim, rusty nails & lichen

Thank you for your Generous Donations!

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Volunteer Help Needed!

We have vacancies on the FWA Board for Vice President and directors. Pam Meppelink has graciously volunteered to assume the treasurer position next year. Ginny's strong service as past president and treasurer have been exemplary. Her energy was boundless and contagious. We'll need three people to replace her.

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

We also need help with **grant writing**. Funds are scarce and it would be good to have someone focused on finding and applying for relevant grants.

Please keep us in mind for your annual **charitable contributions** and consider FWA for your will or memorial donations. Please send donations to Ginny Mucciaccio, 14 Thompson St. Dedham, MA 02026-4911 in the enclosed envelope or with credit card or Paypal at www.wymanassociation.org

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Wyman History Book or CD

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House Sketch or Coat of Arms

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\$10
\$10

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Small House Tile Coaster
House Shelf Decoration (Cat's Meow)

\$25
\$10
\$25

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Mail to: **Treasurer Mrs. Virginia Mucciaccio, 14 Thompson St., Dedham MA 02026-4911**

Receive the newsletter *The Wyman Journal*, updates of the restoration projects, tours and events.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Meeting and Reunion: Saturday, September 16th

at the Francis Wyman House – 56 Francis Wyman Road, Burlington, MA
Come see the newly installed **well sweep** and restored **stained glass window**. Bring your family to re-engage with Wyman's you know and make new Wyman connections. Extend your stay and 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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