



## Denison Society News Update July, 08

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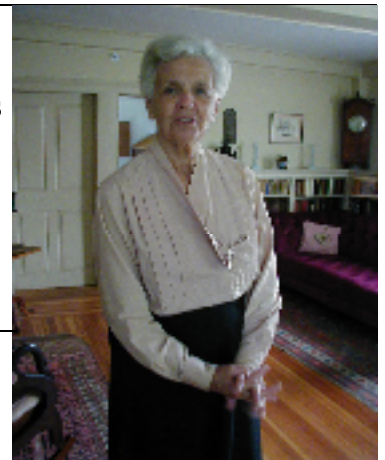
### Filming this Spring at the Denison Homestead

A CPTV Documentary was filmed here in May as part of a Young American Heroes Series, "Frederick Douglass, Pathway to Freedom." We plan to have a film preview fund raiser later this year. It was quite exciting to see our Vogel Cottage transformed into slave quarters and see the Federal parlor become a Baltimore 1830's room! Several newspapers reported on the filming.

We received \$4000. In addition the archaeological sandboxes were rebuilt, two new windows were installed in the Vogel cottage, the barn was cleaned out and the entire house cleaned, compliments of the movie company. The Homestead museum presently has a special exhibit on slavery and has a Powerpoint presentation about the movie in the reception room for visitors. You can see it on Denison Day!

### Tea with Aunt Annie in the East Parlor

"Tea with Aunt Annie" is being offered this year. Anne Collier, will be "Aunt Annie" and will serve tea, a tour and conversation with groups that sign up for this new event. Using a quarter of the film proceeds, along with an anonymous matching gift, Annie's Parlor was repainted this Spring. (The parlor was quite shabby looking with peeling paint, huge cracks and holes in the walls, etc.) We tried to paint it to match an old photograph. We can now proudly offer other events in the parlor such as a Spring Daffodil Tea and local workshops/events.



### Trustees and Volunteers Still Needed

We are still searching for members to be trustees and for volunteers to help! We have not been able to fill our Board of Trustees for several years.

### Update on the Land on the Corner of Cove Road and Mistuxet Avenue

Does anyone have any information on the following people, heirs of Sarah A. Green Denison? Margaret M. Cranshaw, (1876-1953, LA, CA); Grace Cranshaw Mertens (b. circa 1911, d. 3/7/86 Ventura, CA); Marcia Cranshaw Young (b. circa 1913, married Donald Young, circa 1931, CA) Daughters; Marcia Denison Young and Laura Young ( maybe different last names now); Grace Denison Bailey (b. 1881, m. Theodore Bailey, (exec. in Red Cross, Washington, DC); Virginia Bailey (b. circa 1910, m. Kenneth Bauer) son Kenneth (Ted) Bauer. This information came from Clarrisa Jones formerly of Mystic, granddaughter of Sara and Nathan Denison.. Our lawyer needs to contact these heirs to help clear the title to this land.

### DENISON REUNION WEEKEND (Denison Day)

#### Friday, August 1, 5:30– 7:30 PM Wine and Cheese Reception on Homestead Lawn

Friends and family are invited. The Homestead will be open. If poor weather it will be help at DPNC.

#### Saturday, August 2 at Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Building

9 :00—10:00 AM Sign in, coffee, "goodies"

10:00—12:30 Membership Meeting

12:30-2:00 Pot Luck Luncheon Please bring a dish to share or make a donation.

Eunice Hamilton is in charge of luncheon

Sunday, August 3, 10 AM- Road Church Service, 12-3 PM– Denison Farm Market in our meadow.

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