

**2009**  
**Digital Commonwealth**  
**Wilson Grant**

Buckland Historical Society, Inc. (BHS)  
&  
Buckland Public Library Inc. (BPL)

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# Project Partnership

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# Finding out about the Grant

- Passion for history & genealogy
- Feb. 26, 2009 email forwarded by  
Liz Jacobson-Carroll, Buckland Librarian
- Grant workshop:  
March 10, 2009 10am-Noon at Western  
Mass Regional Library System in Whately

# Creating the Partnership

Who needs to know what?

- Approval from trustees of BHS
- Advance information sent to BPL trustees
- Meeting & approval from BPL trustees
- Obtaining letters of commitment
- Completing the application

# Postcard Mailing

July 2009

BUCKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

In partnership with the Buckland Public Library:  
Help select and catalog items in our joint collections to be  
digitized to appear on the internet at  
[www.digitalcommonwealth.org](http://www.digitalcommonwealth.org) and <http://dlib.cwmars.org>

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# The Project Team

- Sue Chadwick
- Edith Gerry
- Lois Holm
- Sharon Labelle
- Tina Peters
- Pamela Sand
- Shirley Scott
- Muriel Shippee

# Timeline

Projects may begin July 1, 2009  
and must be completed by June 30, 2010

- May 1, 2009 - Application Deadline
- June 2009 - Award Notification
- July – Aug 2009: Determine final selection of materials to be digitized from BPL and BHS collections
- Sept – Dec 2009: On-site photography of three-dimensional items; cataloging and metadata creation
- Jan – Mar 2010: Send metadata; Arrange for scanning at CWMARS Digital Treasures in Worcester
- Apr – June 2010: Images appear on Digital Treasures & Digital Commonwealth
- Fall 2010: Display part of digitized collection at BPL as part of celebration of BPL's new wing



# Meetings

- 1<sup>st</sup> organizational meeting – Aug 18, 2009 w/Julie Bartlett, Archivist Forbes Library & Digital Commonwealth liaison
- Team chose to make selection decisions by consensus
- Met 1 to 2 times monthly
- Meetings average about 1-1/2 hours each
- Clear agendas
- Comprehensive meeting notes
- Tracking list with assignments





# Selection Process

## 5 Themes

- INDUSTRY & AGRICULTURE
- LIBRARY, EDUCATION, SCHOOL DAYS
- THE ARTS
- COMMUNITY LIFE & RELIGION
- MARY LYON

Focus on Buckland Center

# What to choose?

- Selection process
  - No right or wrong selection of items
  - Does not have to have particular theme – can be a sampling of collection
  - If an item is fragile, digitize it. Put the digitized item on display and pack away the original.
  - If considering a portrait/picture of people, determine whether they are persons of interest to the general population – a founding person of the town, someone famous (although general photos are still appropriate, showing way of life, dress, etc.)
  - Perfect and complete descriptions are NOT necessary. Unidentified places/people may be identified by people searching the website.
  - Mystery items could be solved by the public 😊

# How we chose...

- Wandered around...
- Asked, “What makes sense for the 5 themes and what interests US!”
- Asked, “What would interest general public; historians, genealogists and students of all ages?”
- Considered items from BPL; BHS Museum; and BHS Wilder Homestead





JOSEPH GRISWOLD WILDER  
COMPANY E. 52 MASS  
BORN BUCKLAND SEPT 22, 1841  
DIED NEW ORLEANS, JUNE 19, 1863



DOMBEY AND SON

BLEAK HOUSE

DAVID COPPERFIELD

LITTLE DORRIT

PICKWICK PAPER

U-71-32

# Buckland Grammar Schools.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Carl H. Wilmar

Having completed the Course of Study prescribed for  
the Grammar Schools is hereby presented with

**THIS DIPLOMA,**

and entitled to enter the High School without further examination.

Given at Buckland Massachusetts  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 1916

Samuel H. Wells  
Chairman of School Committee



Arthur H. Leitch  
Superintendent of Schools

Alta J. Carpenter  
Principal





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CENTER SCHOOL 1870-1875



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CENTER, HIGH, NORTH  
FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLS



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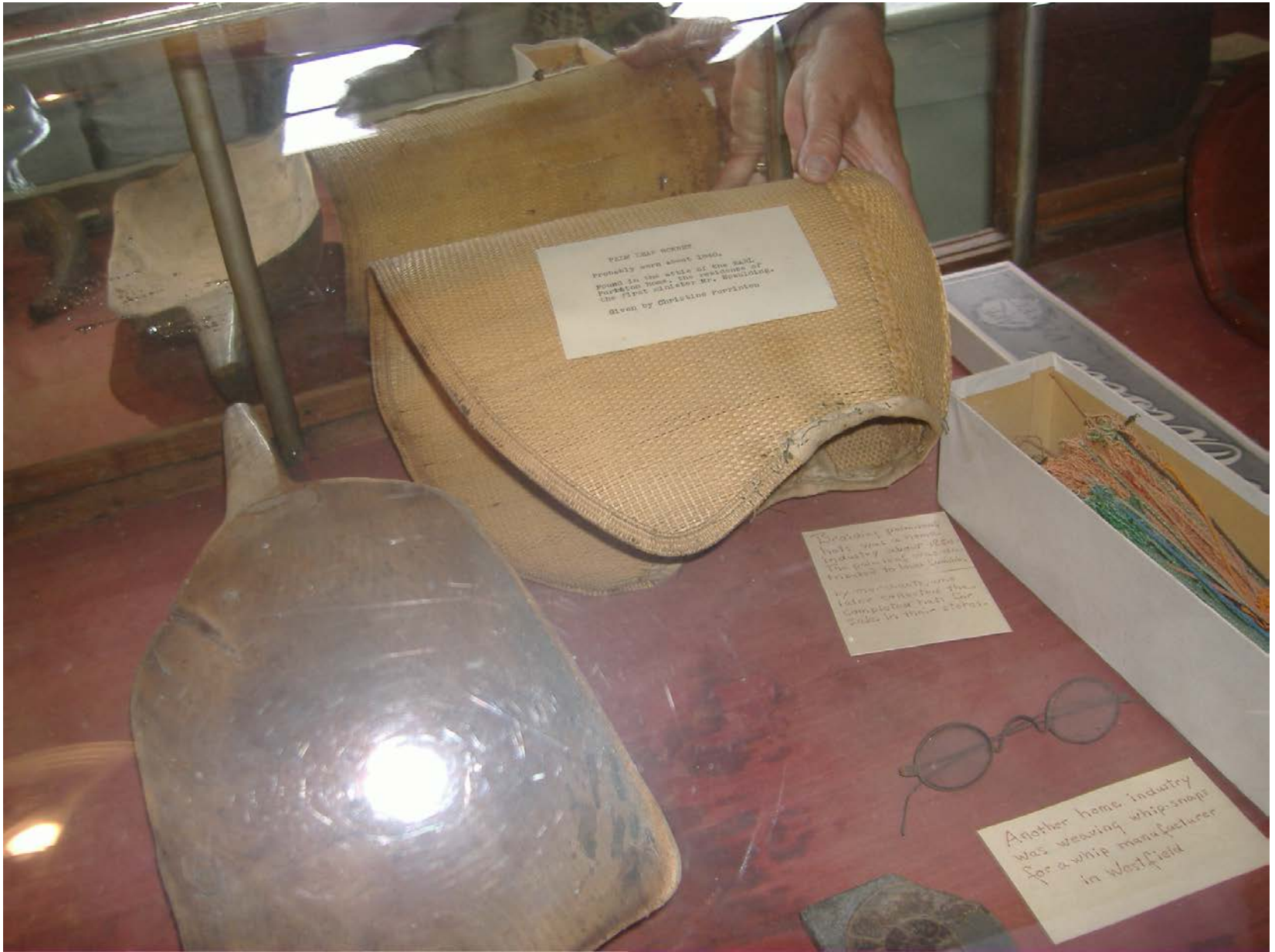
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PAIN CLASP SCENERY  
Probably woven about 1860.  
Found in the attic of the Ball  
Fountain House, the residence of  
the first minister Mr. Huntington.  
Given by Christine Porriotte

Another weaving  
industry about 1860  
The weaving was  
done in the  
by merchants and  
later weaving the  
complete in the  
side in these stores.

Another home industry  
was weaving whip snags  
for a whip manufacturer  
in Westfield



# Creating Descriptions=MetaData

- Met w/Julie Bartlett to review Dublin Core Standards and Library of Congress Subject Authorities
- Utilized gifts and talents of each Project Team member (research; writing; auditing; photography; editing...)
- Assigned each item (or majority of items)
- Created a template for word document
- Reviewed each with everyone
- Sent the final data via “copy & paste”

# Template

## STANDARD SET UP FOR DIGITAL TREASURES DUBLIN CORE RECORD FORM

BARCODE:

LIBRARY/INSTITUTION: Buckland Public Library, Inc. & Buckland Historical Society, Inc.

CITY/TOWN: Buckland

CATALOGER: Tina Peters

EMAIL: [heylady@mapinternet.com](mailto:heylady@mapinternet.com)

DATE SUBMITTED default: YYYY-MM-DD

TITLE:

CREATOR:

SUBJECT:

DESCRIPTION:

PUBLISHER default: C/WMARS

CONTRIBUTOR:

DATE of item YR-MO-DAY or YR?:

TYPE: Image or Text or Image;Text

FORMAT: image/jpg or text/html

IDENTIFIER our catalog number:

SOURCE:

LANGUAGE: en-US

RELATION: Item is in the

Buckland Public Library, Inc. 30 Upper Street, P.O.Box 149, Buckland Massachusetts 01338 [www.bucklandpubliclibrary.org](http://www.bucklandpubliclibrary.org)

**or**

Buckland Historical Society, Inc. Upper Street, P.O.Box 88, Buckland Massachusetts 01338

email: [bucklandhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:bucklandhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com)

COVERAGE (if Buckland: Latitude: 42.60 N, Longitude: 72.77 W):

RIGHTS:

BARCODE: *we need to decide on a numbering system*

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EMAIL: [heylady@mapinternet.com](mailto:heylady@mapinternet.com)

DATE SUBMITTED default: YYYY-MM-DD

TITLE: National Grange Golden Sheaf Certificate of Pearl C. Wilder

CREATOR: National Grange

SUBJECT: National Grange.; Agriculture.; Washington (D.C.); Buckland (Mass.)

DESCRIPTION:

This certificate measures about 5 inches wide by 7 inches high as a half page in a booklet. The certificate is bound into the booklet at the spine by gold colored thread with a knotted tassel sewn through gold foil paper and tissue paper in a navy blue leather-look cover marked on the back inside as "8253 crafted by The S.K.Smith Co. Chicago-Cleveland-New York." On the outside front cover there is golden embossed lettering with sheaves of grain and a banner styled like a sign which reads, "The NATIONAL GRANGE PATRONS of HUSBANDRY Established 1867." The booklet is in its original presentation paper box which has a black flocked velvet-type fabric cover with a gold foil covered bottom.

Pearl C. (Smith) Wilder (1890-1977) was born in Whitingham VT to Allison and Lillie (Wheeler) Smith. Pearl and her family moved to Buckland when she was young and lived at what is now 277 Ashfield Road. Pearl married Ernest Charles Wilder (1887-1962) a native of Buckland on 31 December 1915. We can assume that Pearl joined the Grange fifty years prior to the 1966 date of presentation, which would be 1916. The Buckland Grange was organized 9 March 1875, received its charter as No. 87 in April 1903, and disbanded due to diminished membership on 30 June 1968.

Transcription of the certificate is as follows: Golden Sheaf Certificate No. 30393 Issued by the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry in recognition of fifty years continuous Grange membership. Certifies that the name of Pearl C. Wilder has been enrolled in the permanent records of those who have devoted a half century of service to the order..to agriculture..and to mankind. Issued at Washington, D.C. this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1966. Signed by Herschel D. Newsom, Master and John W. Scott, Secretary.

PUBLISHER default: C/WMARS

CONTRIBUTOR: The S.K.Smith Co. Chicago-Cleveland-New York 8253

DATE of item YR-MO-DAY or YR?: 1966 April 18

TYPE: Text

FORMAT: text/html

IDENTIFIER our catalog number: *need to have BHS catalog number assigned*

SOURCE: [blank]

LANGUAGE: en-US

RELATION: Item is in the collections of the Buckland Historical Society, Inc. Upper Street, P.O.Box 88, Buckland Massachusetts 01338 email: bucklandhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com

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RIGHTS: [blank]

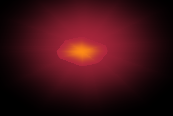
# Our “to do” list...

- Finish MetaData & take items to DT
- Create a process for duplicating images for the public if requested
- Create excitement in the community
- Create a display for BPL new wing
- Track hits & inquiries

# Unintended Consequences...

- Enriching relationships
- Better overall understanding and appreciation of our joint holdings
- More learned about individual pieces, time frames, and people of the past
- MetaData descriptions will translate into better presentation and context of the items in their “home”
- Our findings will support future public gatherings and programs
- New items contributed to BHS
- Increased interest and enthusiasm

Still to do...



**CELEBRATE !!**