



# Princeton Historical Society

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## Something Old and Something New to Our Collection # 1

### Something New to PHS:

Recently we received an email from a woman from Nashua, NH. She was downsizing and had a painting of Mt. Wachusett, and she wanted to know if we would like it. Her husband, who has passed away was a collector and reseller of stuff from yard/estate sales. Ten plus years ago he came home with a trunk full of stuff, and in it was this painting. She liked it very much so she kept it until now.

"The painting's author was Draper Hill, the long-time Detroit News cartoonist, and eminent cartoon historian. In addition to his **decades of work as a staff cartoonist**, he published biographies of Thomas Nast and James Gillray, and was long considered the "institutional memory" of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (AAEC).



A past president of the AAEC, Mr. Hill wrote its magazine's history column and won Germany's Thomas Nast Prize in 1990, said member V. Cullum Rogers. "He was a repository of history. Among working cartoonists in the U.S., he probably knew more about the field than any other."

In 1983, he earned a Guggenheim Fellowship to work on a biography of political cartoonist Thomas Nast.

Hill was on the staff of the Harvard Lampoon in the 1950s. He began his newspaper career as a cartoonist at the Patriot Ledger and Worcester Telegram in Massachusetts

and worked at the Commercial Appeal in Memphis, Tenn before joining The Detroit News in 1976." *The Daily Cartoonist* article by JP Trostle 5/15/2009

He passed away in 1973, and did this painting in 1967. It is now hanging in the PHS Woodward Room.

### Something Old in Our Collections:

Being that Valentines Day is fast approaching, you should know that the PHS has a collection of 3-D, lacey, and post card valentines, that were found in the Bagg Hall vault by Ronny Waters in 2003.

- Bill Wallace, the director of the Worcester Historical Society, gave a Valentines talk in Princeton in 2004.
- Esther Howland received a valentine from a friend in England in 1847.
- She was a Worcesterite. After she graduated from Mt. Holyoke she came home and started the valentine business. Her father owned a stationery store on Main St. which helped her with supplies.
- George Whitney also started a Valentine Co., which ended up being a big success. He liquidated the business in 1942 due to the difficulties of getting supplies during the WWII. There are several Whitney and Hebert Crowel (of Wakefield) Valentines in our collection. No documents as to how they got into the town vault.



Here are some samples and links to more information:



<https://photos.google.com/u/1/albums>

[Read more about the history of Valentines](#)

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