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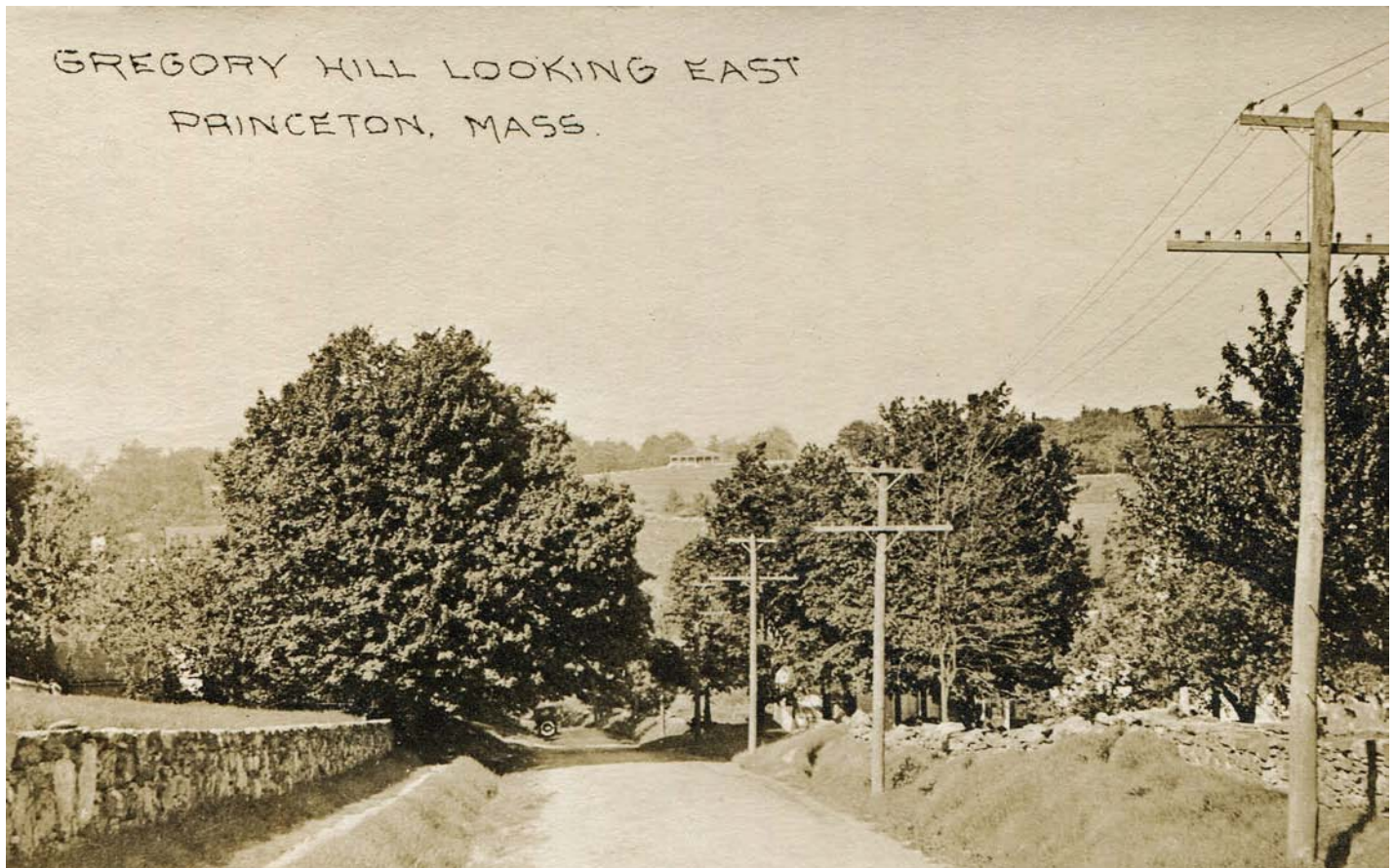
Upcoming PHS Events – mark your calendars

- April 19st “History of Princeton Roads” – Senior Center – 1pm slide show and discussion lead by Harry Pape – **Postponed**
- May 31st “Historical Pictures of Princeton” – Senior Center – 1pm – slide show and discussion lead by Bud Brooks - **TBD**

Something Old and Something New to Our Collection # 2

Something New to PHS:

Recently, a photo/postcard album was donated to us from the Charlie Hamilton Estate. In it we found this postcard of Gregory Hill Rd, which we thought you might enjoy.





Notice that this circa 1910 postcard, pictured above, has a sidewalk on the left side heading down the hill, a car parked near the bottom on the left, and in the distant middle the Princeton Country Club's Golf Clubhouse. Yes, Princeton had a 6-hole golf course in the early 1900's.

The image above is recent image down Gregory Hill Rd., without leaves, but some recent snow. Notice how the road grade has been raised at least a couple feet.

Something Old in Our Collections:



Recently, using our Water's Conservation Fund and a portion of some recent large donations, we were able to have two items in our collection restored and refurbished. The first item is a Gamaliel Waldo Beaman painting of Wachusett Mountain, which is now on display at the Mountainside Bakery & Café.

The second item is this grandfather clock, which is now up and running in the PHS "Mason Room" at Post Office Place. This clock was gifted in 1979 by Nancy Houghton Flanders and two other relatives were also direct descendants of the Beaman family. The Houghton's lived at 17 Worcester Rd. The gentleman who repaired the works and got the clock running was Michael Poisson proprietor of MGP Inc. Wayland, MA.

The clock is a typical Massachusetts Tall clock circa 1800. The works are not signed, nor is the painted iron dial. This is also true for the mahogany case. The works were made by a clock maker, and the case by a near by cabinetmaker to the clock maker. The iron dial as well as some brass works parts came from Great Britain.

More details: It is an eight-day clock (a clock chimes the time) the case is of mahogany and white pine. The case retains an old surface and original brass hardware. The clock is topped with pierced fret-work, and fluted plinths holding three brass finials. Fluted columns flank the hood door, the painted iron dial with Roman numerals, steel hands, the minutes and seconds numeral are Arabic, a moon's phase in the arch, floral decorated spandrels to the corners, and calendar aperture. (replaced)
The waist of the clock with brass-stopped fluted quarter-columns, flank the length of the raised trim molded door with brass escutcheon. The base with four-pointed star of inlay to center, it all sits on ogee bracket feet. The clock, with dimensions of 90”h, 19.5”w, 10”d, is powered by tin-cased weights and a wooden rod with brass-faced pendulum.

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Princeton Public Service Message

The Environmental Action Committee and Open Space have teamed up to declare April **Princeton Earth Month, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020**. We'd like to inspire groups and individuals all over town to choose a day or days in April when they can commit to picking up roadside and community-space litter. The overall motto is "Do what you can do!" The schedule is flexible: everyone chooses his or her own time and place to help with cleanup. Groups will, we hope, commit to cleaning up the larger parks and community spaces, while smaller groups or individuals commit to cleaning up roadways and side streets. Rick Gardner is going to create a website with a signup sheet and map to let everyone know what's covered and what needs to be done.

I can be in touch with more information when we've created the web page, but I'd be grateful if you'd pass this info along to your members. They can feel free to contact me with questions, or to let me know what day or days they might be available to help out. We hope to have a celebration in early May when the town is spick and span!

Best,

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