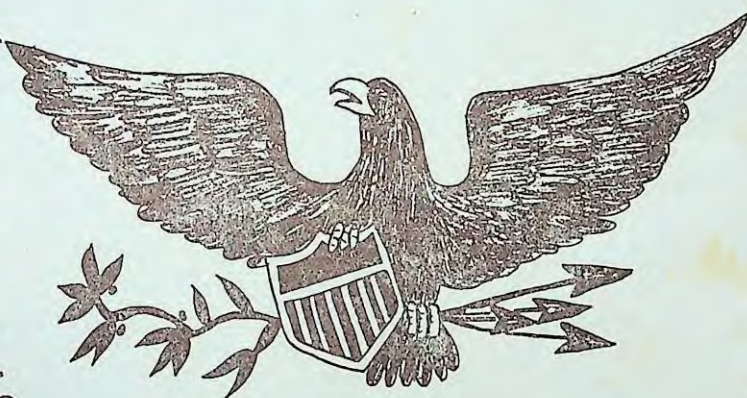


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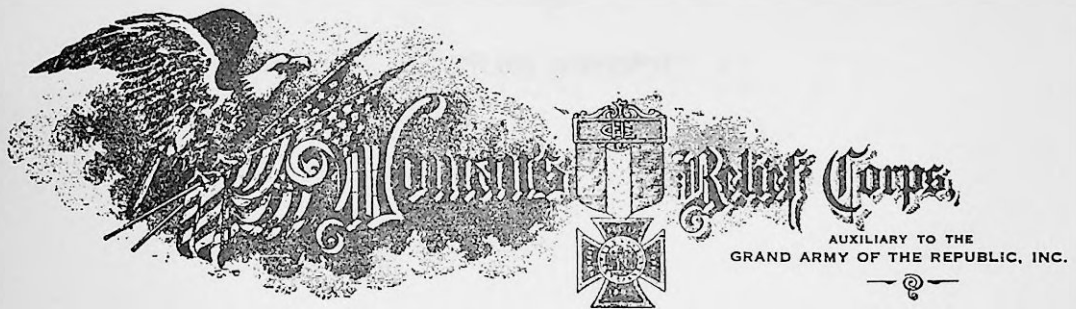
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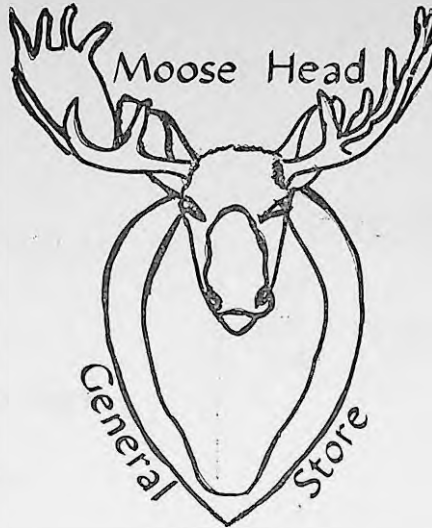
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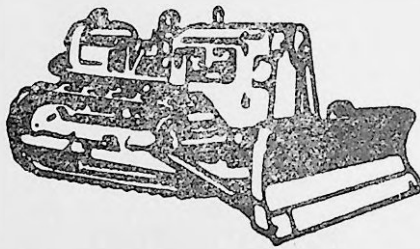
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HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS

by CHARLOTTE E. COPPOLA

In the beginning there was a virgin forest of tall oaks, chestnut, pine and hemlock with smaller groves of hickory and cedar. There were ponds and lakes in the south, west, and north and three hills rose steeply to the south and southwest. Small Indian villages dotted the landscape, the main one being on the shores of "Clear-water," the Indian name for Wallum Pond.

What would eventually be a town called Douglas was, before the new settlers arrived, an irregularly shaped tract of wilderness—just a small part of the great Nipmuck country—in south central Massachusetts bordering Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Eventually the Nipmucks, as with all native Americans, would be displaced by the immigrations to the new land from the British Isles and Europe. In 1862, under the reign of King George II, representatives from the Massachusetts Bay Colony were commissioned to explore the Nipmuck country and purchase suitable lands for the state. Black James, a Nipmuck chieftain, and his followers signed away their rights, for the sum of 20 pounds sterling, to a triangular tract of land including the area now known as Douglas. The New Sherburn grants gave Douglas approximately 33 square miles of about 21,000 acres, bounded on the north by Oxford and Sutton, on the east by Uxbridge, on the south by Rhode Island and Connecticut, and on the west by Webster. At the point where all three states meet is a tri-state marker where one could stand in all three states at the same time, if one were a three-legged person, that is.

For thirty-five years following the granting of lands, the town bore the name of New Sherburn, but on June 5, 1746, the inhabitants adopted the name of Douglas, for Dr. William Douglas who, in 1750, gave to the town 30 acres of land, a dwelling, a barn, and a promise of \$500 towards a new school. The gift of money, however, never materialized.

From the time Ephraim Hill, the first settler in Douglas and a descendant of the Plymouth Pilgrims, built his cabin in the wilderness some time after 1710, the seeds of a new town sprouted, grew and flourished. When the first census of the United States was taken in 1790, there were 201 families in Douglas. Still living today in Douglas are descendants of Captain Ephraim Hill, seven, eight, and nine generations removed.

Much has been written of the new settlers, but not so much of the native inhabitants, the peaceful Nipmucks and a few Narragansetts. There were small bands occupying the extreme easterly part of town, others lived in the southern part and a larger group was located northerly of the center. Some of the Indians died in the smallpox epidemics of 1792 and 1825. Descendants of these Indians continued to live in Douglas, mainly in the Wallum Pond vicinity, until late in the last century. They made and sold baskets and other handicrafts. A few intermarried with whites and some with blacks

One of the last of the Nipmucks known to be of pure blood was Patty Pease, whose mother was a medicine woman. This Indian girl was courted by a white suitor, Syra Jepherson. After their marriage they lived near Taseltop. Patty often visited Badluck Pond to gather materials for baskets. There was a legend among old settlers that Badluck Pond, called Laurel Lake by some, was given this name because of several drownings. Patty Pease told a story that the Indian name of Badluck came about because an Indian, his squaw and papoose were drowned while attempting to cross the pond in a canoe. Three sons of Patty Pease entered the Union armies during the Civil War, and two of her grandsons helped construct the hospital at Wallum Pond on the Rhode Island side.

Eighteenth century Douglas was almost exclusively agricultural, for survival dictated that early settlers lived by their farms. Food, clothing and shelter were of first priority for these pioneers. Money was scarce and was needed only for the few things farmers could not raise. Even taxes were paid for in grain. Gradually, as building needs increased, saw mills, quarries and brick yards began to appear. The grist mills and the planing mills followed. It wasn't until the 19th century that textile mills were established. Prior to that time housewives and daughters wove linens and homespun woollens for their families.

The Old Center, today called Douglas Town or Old Douglas, was the center of 18th century religious and social life. Here on common ground a meeting house was erected in 1748. The first wooden school house was abandoned in 1774 and a brick one was built to replace it. This brick school was later destroyed by fire and another was erected in 1820. The present Center School was built in 1921. School was held, however, in some fashion, prior to 1748—perhaps in some meeting place. The institution called "meeting house" was used both as a religious place of worship and a town meeting hall. Following the creation of the No. 1 district school, nine more district school houses were built.

The Old Center also had a burial ground, a town pound, and common grazing grounds. On this common on the 9th of January, 1775, a grand muster took place. The town's minutemen were at-the-ready and ordered to be prepared for active service. It is well to note here, especially during our country's bicentennial, that during the American Revolution some 75 Douglas men served in the Colonial Army, many of them with the Seventh Regiment. Following the approval of the Declaration of Independence by the town on June 24, 1776, arms, ammunition, monies, and clothing were contributed. But most of all it is remarkable to learn that so many men served in the Continental Army when the entire population of Douglas probably was not more than a thousand.

As with all communities in the country, the Industrial Revolution, originating late in the 18th century, rapidly

changed Douglas' way of life. The hand loom was to be replaced by automatic textile machines. Later in the 19th century the horseless buggy replaced the one-horse carriage and horse-drawn delivery wagon, even as the iron horse had replaced the Pony Express.

As early as the 1790's a family dynasty was taking shape. The humble beginning of this dynasty was the small blacksmith shop built by Joseph and Oliver Hunt. The 18th century pioneer used axes which frequently needed repair. Along with blacksmithing, the Hunt brothers repaired axes at first, but later began to make their own. For over a century the Hunts owned the Douglas Axe Company, which sprawled for nearly a mile along the Mumford River. They designed and manufactured axes which became world famous, winning medals and awards in London, Vienna, and Paris. The Hunt family has left a legacy of an era when men built empires. The name of Hunt has become part and parcel of Douglas history as has the Mumford River which gave abundant power to run the trip hammers and forge bellows. During the Civil War, swords and bayonets were made by the Douglas Axe Company. The seal of the Town of Douglas bears an axe, and the emblem of the Douglas Historical Society depicts two axes below a drawing of a large stone building. This building, the Lovett Shop, still stands on Cook Street, and is the last remnant of a once mighty industry.

Toward the end of the 19th century woolen mills came into the textile picture in Douglas. Where there had formerly been cotton and satinet operations, the looms shuttling back and forth produced fabrics from raw sheep's wool. The industrial family names changed from Hunt to Hayward to Schuster. Today the only survivor of the textile business is the Hayward-Schuster Woolen Mills, Inc., owned and operated by the second generation of the Schuster family.

Volumes could be written on the history of Douglas. A brief summary attempting to span over two centuries can hardly do justice to the town. Douglas, in this year of the nation's 200th year, is in its 230th year. The town noted its 200th birthday in 1946, at the same time welcoming home veterans of World War II.

Of wars, of education, of churches, much has been recorded. Douglas sent its sons and some of its daughters to seven different wars. Schools have been kept in one way or another since the Old Douglas School District No. 1 was started in the 18th century. There have always been places of worship of many and varied sects; from the First Meeting House Congregational, the only church in the 18th century, gradually others formed—Baptist, Quaker, Mormons of the Latter Day Saints, a Second Congregational Church, Methodist Churches, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Evangelical Camp Meeting which gathers in the summer.

George Washington did not sleep here, but passed on through on Saturday, November 7th, 1789 en route to Connecticut. In his diary are recorded these words: "Left Taft's (in Uxbridge) before sunrise, and passing through Douglas Wood breakfasted at Thompson, 12 miles distant; Bated the horses in Pomfret and lodged at Squire Perkins' in Ashford. The first stage, with a small exception, is intolerable bad road and a poor uncultivated country, covered chiefly with woods—the largest of which is called Douglas."

General Marquis de Lafayette stopped at the hotel in

Old Douglas on his way from Boston to New York during the Revolutionary War. His horses were fatigued and the innkeeper, Jonathan Whipple, obtained two fresh ones for him. Lafayette guaranteed the return of the steeds in a few days, but weeks went by and still the horses were not returned. Finally, Whipple heard that the French Marquis had returned to Boston, and taking the great mail coach to that city sought an interview with the illustrious Lafayette. It was learned from the Marquis' secretary that the promise had not been kept and with many apologies Whipple was given a generous sum of gold to pay for the use of the horses. The animals were soon after returned to Douglas.

When the Axe Works and textile mills began to spring up along the river, the East Village, as it was then called, gradually became the center of Douglas. This was East Douglas, the center where shops and businesses were established and new roads laid out for residential areas. In addition to various business blocks on Main Street, a town hall and a fire station were erected on Cottage Street. In the records of 1855, well over fifty small businesses are listed. There was a hand steam laundry, a saddle maker, a bootery, a printing press, an apothecary, a bakery, general stores and many other services of all descriptions in this beehive of activity.

A stagecoach left regularly from the Douglas Hotel on Main Street to the train depot to deliver and pick up mail and passengers. The Chase Block included a general store owned and operated, beginning in 1833, by Ebenezer Balcome. Balcome sold out to Gardner Chase, who eventually sold to Edward N. Jenckes. This was the longest continuous operation of a general store in the town and until recent years the business was run by E. Mialma and Helen R. Jenckes, who gave the store and building to the Douglas Historical Society.

No history of Douglas, however brief, could omit the names of great and famous persons who left the town to make their fortunes elsewhere. A great story of success is that of a giant of a man, Hiram Walker, born in Douglas on July 4th, 1816, forty years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was signed. Born without the handicap of any special advantages in a tiny farm house in Douglas, this son of a family of early town settlers became, after a life of business failures, a world famous figure at age 83. In 1857, operating with the faith and vision that survived limited resources, he laid the foundation of a distillery destined to become the largest independent business of its kind in the world. He left a town named Walkersville in Windsor, Ontario, filled with his benevolence; schools, libraries, museums—his gifts to a small community. The home he was born in still stands in Douglas. His parents and grandparents sleep beneath the Douglas soil in the Walker burial ground.

Little known and little heard of was another Douglas man born on the 4th of July, 1826. Lucius Boomer's fame and expertise was in a long ago form of engineering, that of building covered bridges. Boomer and a partner named Stone were the architects for the longest span of a covered bridge ever built in the United States. He is mentioned in the annals of histories of covered bridges and is, in his own right, a famous man.

Much has been written of another wealthy man, James Marshall Fairfield, who left this town to make his fortune on the banks of the Merrimack River as an industrialist. In 1904, Mr. Fairfield gave to the Town of Douglas the Simon

Fairfield Public Library, named for his father and given also in memory of his mother.

Douglas has had its share of haunted tales, of houses filled with ghosts and such. Perhaps the most interesting tale of all is that of the Ghost Train. Written up twice in Yankee magazine, the long white pullman super deluxe special running from Boston to New York came through Douglas and at first scared the wits out of residents in the area it passed through in the dark of night. The engineer of the train was none other than Eugene Everett Potter, born in Douglas in 1853. "Big Gene" always dressed in a white coat with gold braid and was engineer of the special train for as long as it existed. He made newspaper headlines at will, once because he merely shaved off his famous handle-bar moustache! The story of the Ghost Train continues to enchant school children as they are taught the history of Douglas annually in the fourth grade social studies classes.

No one can foresee Douglas' future, but taking a backward glance, especially at this time as the town observes the bicentennial, a great pride in the town as well as our country swells in the hearts of all. We honor the names of Hill, Dudley, Wallis, Walker, Titus, Thayer, Whiting, Taft, Thompson, Hunt, Fairbanks, Southworth, Marsh, Whipple, Holbrook, Jepherson, Carpenter, Aldrich, Morse, Belcome,

Jenckes, Hayward and Schuster. But we also honor as well names from Poland, Slovakia, Canada, Ireland, Italy, and many other countries, as those new immigrants who came to Douglas and by the sweat of their brow worked in the mills and became an integral part of a great melting pot. The new generation created by the old and new immigrants are the men and women who will march in the bicentennial parade; their children are the Douglas of tomorrow as we enter the third century of the United States and a town called Douglas.

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October 2, 1976

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OCTOBER 2, 1976

11:00 a.m. Parade forms at Douglas Memorial High School

Route of March: Depot Street to Main and Cook Street, B Street to Manchaug Road,
Carter Square to Gilboa Street, North Main Street to Main Street, Mechanic
Street to Soldiers' Field (*Parade will disband at Soldiers' Field*)

1:00 p.m. Judging and Awards of Parade Floats

Judges: Joseph Jackman of Northbridge, Ms. Alice Anderson of Sutton,
and Ms. Leona Dona of Sutton

1:15 p.m. Musical presentation by marching bands and corps

3:00 p.m. Selections by Bicentennial Choir

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dancing

LINE OF MARCH

Grand Marshal Selectman John Kelly

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Uxbridge Minutemen
Mrs. A's Dance Class
Civic Association Exhibit
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DIVISION 4

Colors and Color Guard
Worcester Kiltie Band
Masonic Lodge & O.E.S.
2nd Congregational Church Exhibit
Grange Exhibit

DIVISION 5

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Valley Airs "Kidettes" Drum & Bugle Corps (Northbridge)
Girl Scouts
Brownie Scouts
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Blazers Band (Framingham)
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DIVISION 6

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Centurions Drum & Bugle Corps (Enfield, Conn.)
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DIVISION 7

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Northbridge Provincial Militia
Firemen's Exhibit

DIVISION 8

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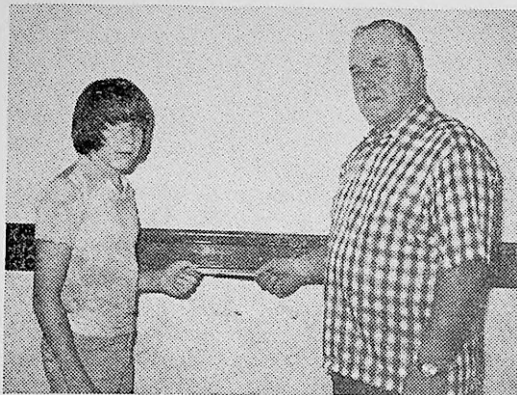
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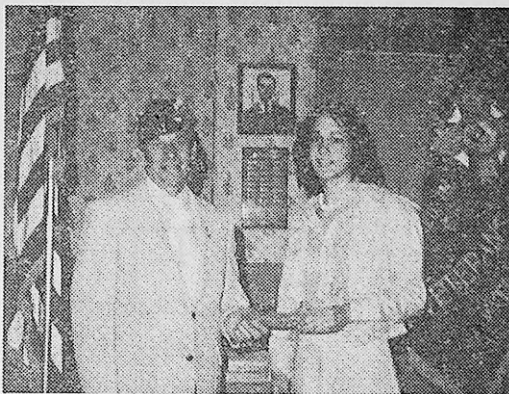
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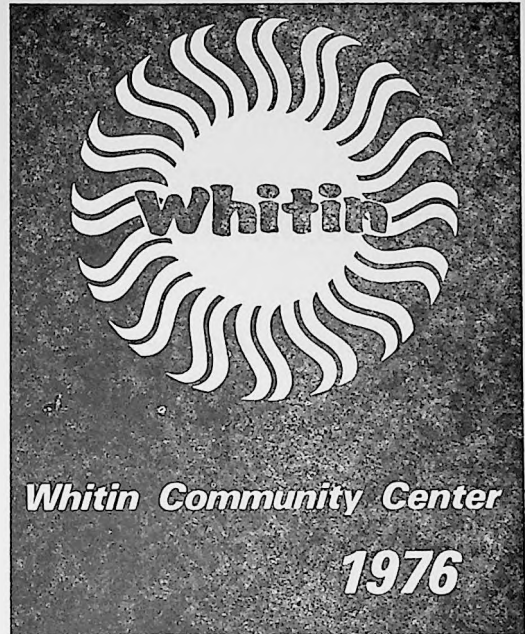
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