

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE WILLARD ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY

Do you have Willard related items such as old photographs, letters or books; other material that is genealogically related and you no longer need? If these are not items that you want to pass on to your children or you have duplicates, please think of the Willard Archives and Library. Even a letter written recently that has family information in it.

We are the "central Clearing House" for items related to Willard family history. The more first hand information we can have in our Archives the better chance we have of helping other Willard's find their family roots. Several Universities and Historical Societies often come to us looking for Willard related information. This year there has been a lot of focus on the Lewis and Clark expedition and there are several exhibits planned nationwide. The WFA has the only known photograph of Alexander Willard and his wife. Alexander was part of this expedition and we have been able to provide this photograph to many including PBS stations. The best source for Willard memorabilia is from you, our Willard family members. Some of our most recent acquisitions are:

A piece of material from the Wedding gown of Dinah Howe Willard, wife of Josiah Willard, Great Grandson of Major Simon Willard in its original frame. They were married on November 4, 1755.

A multi page (a small book) hand written Willard related genealogy donated by Board member Elizabeth Swift.

A 1728 Copy of the first large folio book published in America containing sermons by the Rev. Samuel Willard, pastor of Boston's

South Church and President of Harvard College. This copy belonged to Rev. Willard's son Josiah and has Willard genealogy information written on the first page in Josiah's own hand. The book was published in 1728. Donated by Bill and Barbara Willard.

Please check your closets and your attics for any Willard related items that we could use for the WFA Archives and Library

ARLAN D. WILLARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECEIVES TWO DONATIONS

The Arlan D. Willard Scholarship fund recently received two donations totaling \$ 10,300.00. The fund is named after our immediate past president who passed away suddenly two years ago. In August the estate of the late Pearl Walden donated \$ 10,000.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

This is a sizeable donation and it will help further the work of the WFA in awarding scholarships to Willard related high school seniors. We thank the Walden family very much for this generous gift.

The family of Arlan D. Willard has donated \$ 300.00 to the Scholarship fund. This donation will be used to help with the Arlan D. Willard Memorial Scholarship, a fourth scholarship that was added this year in memory of Arlan. We thank Arlan's family very much for this generous gift.

Are you a member in good standing of the Willard Family Association and have a son or daughter in their senior year in high school who plans to attend college. The WFA awards up to four scholarships a year to worthy recipients. Please contact Ruth W. Serozynsky, Chairman at 6 McCullough Rd., Saugus, MA 01906-2238. or call her at (781) 233-2613 for an application. These scholarships are available to all

Willard's and their descendants. Your name does not have to be Willard to qualify. Get your application in early as scholarships are awarded on a first come first serve to qualified applicants.

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After many years of faithful service, Marjorie Travis has stepped down as editor of the "Willard News."

Editing the newsletter, a volunteer position, involves collecting all the information; composing, and editing the final draft; getting the finished paper to the printer and then mailing over 750 copies. Marjorie handled these responsibilities year after year without a single complaint. The newsletters we have received over the years are proof of her dedication. Thanks Marge for a job well done. Marge will be remaining on the Board as our Membership Chairman.

During the last Board meeting Barbara Willard volunteered to take on the newsletter and the board approved her nomination.

It was also decided to change the format of the Newsletter so that more information could be included. This is the first issue in the new format and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

UPCOMING WILLARD FAMILY REUNIONS**2004 ANNUAL REUNION**

The 2004 annual reunion for the Willard family is in the planning stages. The Board of Directors has chosen the Saco-Biddeford area of Maine for the 2004 Willard family annual reunion. The Willard family was very active in the settlement of this part of Maine, then a part of Massachusetts. The tentative dates are August 20th. and 21st. Several activities will be planned including ones for children. Make this a true **Family Reunion.**