

Newsletter of the Buxton Family Association

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119th
Annual
Reunion

SUMMER
2025

119th Annual Buxton Family Association Reunion

Keene Country Club, 755 West Hill Road, Keene, NH 03431

<https://keenecountryclub.com>

Saturday, August 9, 2025, 10am-3:00pm.

Association Meeting at 11am.

Catered Lunch at Noon.

See map & photo on page 2.

“What is now known as The Buxton Family Association of America began with a family picnic at the home of Mary Buxton Parks (now Church) at Douglas, Massachusetts, in 1903. Those present were all descendants of Otis Buxton, son of Capt. James Buxton, a soldier of the American Revolution and a direct descendant of Anthony Buxton, a pioneer from England to America in 1637. This family picnic was so thoroughly enjoyed, that before we parted, another picnic plan was already under way for the following year. In 1904, the picnic was held at the Douglas Camp Ground with 30 attending. We expect to continue these gatherings as long as the name of Buxton continues.”

BUXTONS have made history and memories to be shared and passed on from generation to generation. We ask you to please show your support by attending the Reunion and enjoying moments with family and friends as was done at the home of Mary Buxton Church in 1903 and nearly every year since.

Please send any Buxton news, births & deaths, changes of address, e-addresses to **ROBERT STEPHENSON, 150 Rivermead Road, Apt. 243, Peterborough, NH 03458. Tel: (603) 933-2471. E-mail: rob@rs41.org**

Rob is now stepping down as Newsletter editor and mailing list coordinator after many years. For the moment still send corrections & additions and any Buxton family news to him and he will forward them on to the right person.

Participation by Buxtons in the affairs of the Association is encouraged and welcomed. We could use volunteers to serve as officers, assist in reunion planning, producing the Newsletter and maintaining the mailing list, and more.

Many non-profit organizations such as our Association suffer from declining membership numbers and participation. Our future—and the future of our scholarships—depends on members stepping forward to help us continue our mission and move forward into the future. 🍀

LAST YEAR'S REUNION — 2024

LAST YEAR on August 17th we held our 118th Annual Buxton Family Association Reunion at Tapley Memorial Hall, the home of the Danvers Historical Society. One might ask “*Why Danvers? I thought the Buxtons settled in Salem.*” Indeed they did but the section of Salem where the Buxtons settled was carved off some years back to become Danvers and Peabody.

We held our meeting followed by lunch and presentations by DAVID MCKENNA, Danvers Historical Society president, and JULIAN MARRERO, on the early history of the area and the pioneer Buxtons. We then made a short drive to the GOODALE CEMETERY where Anthony Buxton is buried (but no gravemarker survives) and many other Buxtons. 🍀

LAST YEAR AT DANVERS

Back Row: Rob Stephenson, Joyce Buxton Blythe, Laura Cilley (Danvers Historical Society director), Sally Jones, Gary Briere, Jeffrey Buxton, Payton Buxton, Steve Buxton.

Front Row: Melissa Buxton, Deborah Buxton-Morris, Mary Jane Higgins, Steve Higgins.



THIS YEAR AT KEENE



KEENE COUNTRY CLUB

755 West Hill Road, Keene, New Hampshire

THE KEENE COUNTRY CLUB will be the venue for our 2025 Reunion. It is located west of downtown. The Club is a member-owned, full service private country club located in beautiful Keene, New Hampshire. Our members enjoy golf, tennis, swimming and casual or fine dining in attractive, comfortable surroundings.



BUXTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION – MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, August 9, 2025
GATHERING & SOCIALIZING: 10 am
CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 11:00 am

REUNION MODERATOR

Steve Higgins

INTRODUCTION of OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President – Open • *Vice President* – Jeffrey S. Buxton • *Secretary* – Open
Treasurer – Joyce Buxton Blythe • *Scholarship Chair* – Barbara Bradney
Historian – Wayne Kilpatrick • *Cemetery Chair* – Steve Higgins

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING / REPORTS

President • *Secretary* • *Treasurer* • *Scholarship Chair* • *Cemetery Chair* • *Historians*

OLD BUSINESS

BFA Tax Status • Buxton Cemetery • Officers & Committee Chairs

NEW BUSINESS

BFA Archives • 2026 Meeting Place • Newsletter editor • Mailing list coordinator

ELECTION of OFFICERS 2024-2025

(See slate below)

RECOGNITION

Furthest Traveled / Youngest / Oldest

COLLECTIONS

General Fund & Scholarship Fund

LUNCH Noon

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

ADJOURNMENT



YOUR CURRENT OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2025-2026

Wendy Mayhew, *President*

OPEN, *Vice President*

OPEN, *Secretary*

Joyce Buxton Blythe, *Treasurer*

APPOINTED: Steve Higgins, *Cemetery Chair*; Wayne Kilpatrick & Jeffrey S. Buxton, *Historians*; *Scholarship Chair* OPEN

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society has two accounts: The General Fund and The Educational Fund. TD Bank manages both. Our fiscal year corresponds to the calendar year.

GENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2024:	\$1,534.70	
RECEIPTS		
Annual Reunion	\$180.00	
General Fund donations	\$860.00	
Educational Fund donations	\$495.00	
Sale of books	\$30.00	
Transfer from Edu Fund	<u>\$8,500.00</u>	\$10,065.00
		<u>\$11,599.70</u>
EXPENSES		
Annual Reunion 2024:		
Venue - Tapley Hall	\$150.00	
Reunion gifts	\$69.00	
Food & supplies	\$307.47	
Postage	\$177.07	
Office supplies	\$12.95	
Cemetery maintenance	\$100.00	
Other	\$9.80	
Scholarships:		
Benjamin Buxton	\$3,000.00	
Megan Buxton	\$3,000.00	
Michael Kilpatrick	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	\$9,826.29
Balance as of December 31, 2024:	\$1,773.41	
		<u>\$11,599.70</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2024:	\$206,437.68	
RECEIPTS		
Interest	\$2,169.41	
Dividends	\$6,087.71	
Realized gain/loss	\$1,971.17	
Asset changes	\$0.00	
Unrealized gain/loss	<u>\$7,654.18</u>	\$17,882.47
		<u>\$224,320.15</u>
EXPENSES		
Bank fees	\$2,822.64	
Scholarships awarded 2024	\$8,500.00	
Federal income tax	\$0.00	
Ohio state tax	\$0.00	
Tax preparation fee	<u>\$525.00</u>	\$11,847.64
Balance as of December 31, 2024	\$212,472.51	
		<u>\$224,320.15</u>

Respectively submitted,
Joyce Buxton Blythe, *Treasurer*

MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND

THIS YEAR marks the 46th year the Buxton Family Association has awarded scholarships to the descendants of Anthony Buxton.

GERTRUDE ANGEL proposed the idea of a scholarship fund in 1966 at the Association's 61st Annual Reunion. Gertrude sought to honor the memory of her aunt, Mary Buxton Church, by establishing a fund in her aunt's name. The idea was embraced at the reunion and the "MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND" was born.

The Scholarship Program is one of the Buxton Family Association programs which provide a significant benefit to the children and families of Buxton Family Association members. It provides financial support to individuals who plan to pursue studies beyond the high school level.

While many assume this means college level study, it is not limited to that. With an emphasis on and frequent shortages today of skilled trades, these scholarships can help those interested in trade schools as well as four-year colleges. Students interested in trade schools, two-year programs as well as bachelors, masters and PhD programs are encouraged to apply. The key requirement for any school is that it is an accredited program.

A summary of the scholarship requirements include:

- Evidence the applicant is a direct descendant of Anthony Buxton, The Pioneer. This is accomplished by providing a summary tracing one's family line to him. Sample genealogical charts are available through the Chairperson.
- Proof of acceptance by the college/technical or trade school, typically in the form of a letter of admission to the selected institution.
- And finally, applicants are asked to provide a brief description of their career goals.

The deadline for applications is June 1st each year. Completed application materials are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee which then recommends action to the full Association membership at the August meeting. Applicants approved for a scholarship are notified in writing after that meeting.

Payment of the scholarship is made following completion of at least one semester of study which demonstrates the student earned a "C" or better grade point average. An official transcript from the school is acceptable proof of this academic requirement.

Our successful applicants for the 2024 awards (payable in 2025) were:

- **LINCOLN BRADNEY**, Plattsmouth, NE, Grand Canyon University, Sports & Entertainment Marketing.
- **NORA CLEAR**, South Burlington, VT, Providence College, Political Science.
- **JONATHAN FRANK**, McCook, NE, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Computer Engineering.
- **DANA L. MAYHEW**, Dublin, NH, Nashua Community College, Collision Repair Technology.
- **ZACH QUITKIN**, Stratham, NH, Brown University, Computer Science and/or Chemistry.
- **CAMRYN SULLIVAN**, Stafford Springs, CT, University of Connecticut, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Molecular & Cell Biology.

Each applicant received a \$2,000 scholarship which includes \$100 to offset the potential impact of income taxes on the award.

With these six awards, the MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND has helped 139 ancestors of Anthony Buxton.

Donations to the fund in any amount are appreciated and will help the Buxton Family Association continue its 46-year history of support for our scholars.

For further information and an application please contact **Barbara Bradney**, at bjbuxton55@gmail.com or 7 Elm Drive, Kearney, NE 68847-9577. She will forward your interest or questions on to the new Chair who has yet to be appointed. 🐾

The members of the Scholarship Committee are: Barbara



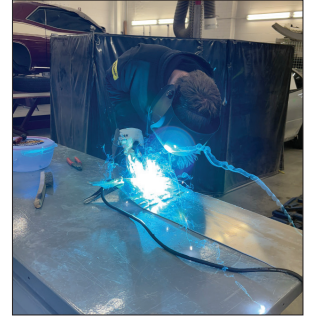
Lincoln Bradney



Nora Clear



Jonathan Frank



Dana Mayhew



Zach Quitkin



Camryn Sullivan

Buxton Bradney, Steve Buxton, Wendy Mayhew and Donna Susemihl. (Barbara Buxton Bradney has had to resign as Chair for personal reasons; a new Chair has yet to be named.)

Website. The Association has no website *per se* although Rob Stephenson—a member of the Society and retiring editor of this Newsletter—maintains a section on his personal site devoted to the Society.

See <https://www.rs41.org/BFA/bfa.htm>

Here you'll find past Newsletters, information on previous Reunions, BFA Scrapbooks, and a lot more. The BFA By-Laws may be found at <https://www.rs41.org/BFA/bylaws3.pdf>

He also maintains a Genealogy section on SmugMug. See <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Genealogy> Here you'll find lots of photos and scans. There are several Buxton related galleries.

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report the death of **Barbara Jane Buxton Boisse** (September 29, 1929–December 30, 2024), long-time member and genealogist of the Association.

Zephyrhills, FL – Barbara J. B. Boisse, beloved aunt, sister and friend, passed away peacefully December 30, 2024, at the Hospice Center in Zephyrhills, FL. She was 95 years old. Barbara was born in 1929 in Newton, MA, to Myron and Agnes (Porter) Buxton.

Barbara received her doctorate from Boston College and went on to become the Head of Nursing for many facilities which caused her to move quite a bit. She was a very independent woman and was a woman of many talents. She enjoyed painting, gardening, quilting, sewing, and wood carving to just name a few. She also enjoyed traveling and was an active member of The Buxton Family Association as its Genealogist. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her family just sitting back “taking it all in,” with a big smile on her face. She was known for sending her special greeting cards which always included a thoughtful message inside. Barbara will be missed by her family and many

friends she met throughout her lifetime.

Barbara is survived by her nieces and nephews: Linda Warren, Paulette Dipersio and her husband Bob, Barbara Kozlowski, Dwight Buxton and his wife Karen, Kevin Buxton, Deborah Doetsch and her husband Bruce, Stephen Henry, David Henry and his wife Cindi and Alesia Clear and her husband Tim.

Barbara also leaves many great nieces and nephews and three godchildren: Wendy, Jimmy and Michael Warren.

Besides her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her brother, Myron Buxton Jr., her sister Virginia Henry, her nephew Gary Buxton, her niece Carol Dunn, and her great-nephew Logan Doetsch.

At Barbara’s request and in keeping with her passion for medicine, her body was donated to the United Tissue Network of

Zephyrhills, Florida. An interment was held in the Buxton Family plot at Pleasant View Cemetery in Middletown Springs, Vermont. 🌹



THE BUXTON CEMETERY

OUR FAMILY cemetery is located on the southwest side of Rt. 146A in North Smithfield (Slatersville), RI. There are quite a few Buxtons resting here, the best known of them being Capt. James Buxton (1745–1817), a soldier of the Revolution. He served at Valley Forge and Saratoga and for his heroism was deeded 300 acres by the Continental Congress.



Cemetery Chair, Steve Higgins, reports on recent activity: *I mowed the cemetery for the first time on May 16th. There was no winter storm damage. On June 5th, I trimmed around the headstones and removed several bags of leaves. On May 18th, I attended a day-long hands-on seminar on cleaning, resetting, and repairing gravestones. It was held at the Swandale Cemetery in Mendon, MA, and was taught by a couple who donate much of their retirement to restoring cemeteries. There was no cost and the training was excellent. I helped clean and reset a Civil War veteran’s stone and helped repair and reset two other monuments. I have been cleaning gravestones in our Buxton cemetery, using an excellent product called D2, which is non-toxic. I have started removing years of accumulated leaves from the street side of the cemetery. I should be able to complete the task this summer.*

There’s a second nearby Buxton cemetery in North Smithfield. One needs to traipse 500 feet through the fields and woods to find the handful of graves (actually only two legible headstones). It’s on private land but legally it’s accessible by the public. There is a sign identifying it as a “Rhode Island Historical Cemetery #2.” It’s not maintained and could really do with some tidying up. Another project for the BFA? The local historical society has had an interest in both cemeteries over the years and it might be a helpful partner in any future maintenance. 🌹

BUXTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION

THE MEMBERS of the Buxton Family Association—or more accurately, those on the current mailing list—include those below. Nearly all were mailed this Newsletter (a few were returned by the USPS). If you would like to suggest other Buxtons to be included—family members, cousins, sons & daughters, aunts & uncles—send their names, mailing addresses and e-addresses to Robert Stephenson (rob@rs4l.org).

* = We have your e-address and you were sent this Newsletter by e-mail and later by US Mail.

☒ = You were *only* sent the Newsletter via the USPS. You were *not* sent it by e-mail.

† = A few received the e-mail version but not the hard copy as we did not have their mailing address or their previous Newsletters were returned by the USPS.

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For further details see pages 1 & 2.

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☐ I/we plan to attend. Number of adults & children 13 or older at \$35: _____ Children under 12 free: _____

☐ I/we would like to make a donation to the MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND \$ _____

☐ I/we would like to make a donation to the BUXTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND \$ _____

☐ I/we enclose a check made out to the "Buxton Family Association" for a total of: \$ _____

☐ I am/we are not able to attend this year but keep me/us on the mailing list.

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