



# Past Times

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## Holiday Open House ~ Postcard Sale Thursday, December 12

### Open House

Join us as we celebrate another wonderful year with an Open House at the Wilbor House Museum from 1 PM to 7 PM on Thursday, December 12.

### Antique Postcard Sale

Over 200 antique postcards of Little Compton buildings and scenes will be offered for sale during the event. Many of the postcards were taken by well-known local photographer O.E. Dubois approximately 100-years ago. The postcards are perfect gifts for anyone who loves Little Compton, most especially for homeowners who may see their historic homes pictured on the cards. All of the proceeds from the postcard sales will benefit the Historical Society. Members of the Historical Society are invited to a special Members-Only Postcard Shopping Hour from Noon until 1 PM.

### Jingle Bell Sleigh Rides

From 3 to 6 PM Little Compton Carriages will offer jingle bell horse and carriage rides around the Historical Society property. (\$5 per person)

### Local Vendors Wanted

Local vendors including authors and craftspeople will

be selling their products in the Exhibit Barn throughout the event. Several spots remain at the time of publication and vendors are invited to call the Historical Society to reserve their space at the event. (\$25 per space)



### Book Signings

Several local authors will be on hand to sign books during the open house. Janet Lisle will personalize copies of *The History of Little Compton: First Light Sakonnet* and *A Home By the Sea* from 1 to 2:30 PM and from 4:30 to 6 PM. Ms. Lisle wrote both books to benefit the Historical Society and they

are illustrated by over 50 local artists.

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### Open House Schedule

Noon-1 PM	Members-Only Postcard Shopping Hour
1-7 PM	Antique LC Postcard Sale
	Local Vendors-Local Products
	Burleigh Creche Display
	Refreshments
1-2:30 PM	Janet Lisle Book Signing
3-6 PM	Jingle Bell Carriage Rides
5 PM	Wilbor House Lantern Tour
4:30-6 PM	Janet Lisle Book Signing

### Save The Dates

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# WANTED

## AS GIFTS OR LOANS!

### Little Compton School-Related Items, Images, Objects, Written Memories or Oral Histories

To assist our 2014 temporary exhibit topic:  
Going to School in Little Compton

### Antique or Vintage Items

To be sold in our Antique Sale to benefit  
the Historical Society.

### Antique Items with Little Compton Histories

For possible inclusion in our collection.

### Digital Images of Family Photographs

### Obituaries, Funeral and Memorial Service Programs, Copies of Eulogies

### Written Memories

Record your Little Compton memories  
and we will archive them.

### Oral History

We would be honored to interview  
anyone aged 90 or above with Little Compton  
stories to tell. Call 401-635-4035 to schedule  
an interview.

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### VOLUNTEERS

Docents

Summer Receptionists

Photo Scanners

Oral History Interviewers

Call 401-635-4035

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Local businesses play an important role  
in the preservation and presentation of  
Little Compton's history. Additional  
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membership form on page 8.

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Wishing Stone Farm



Enjoy a jingle bell carriage ride around the Wilbor House grounds from 3 to 6 PM during the Open House. \$5 per person

### **Book Signing** *continued from page 1*

From 1 to 6 PM photographer and author Piper Hawes will also sell and personalize the four photo books she has created to benefit local non-profit organizations including *L is for Little Compton* which benefits the Historical Society, *Do You See What I See, Little Compton Counts* and her latest book *From Field to Sea, Sakonnet Animals from A to Z*.

All of the Historical Society's publications will be on sale during the event and members will receive twice their usual discount on our most recent books.

### **Creche Display**

A beautiful Christmas Creche created by local artist Sydney Burleigh (1853-1931) will be on display in the reception room throughout the open house and the Christmas Season. Only a small number of these Burleigh nativities are known to exist and we are delighted to share ours with you.

We will also display a traditional Azorean nativity scene, known as a Presepio, displaying clay figures, some of which were collected during the Historical Society's trip to the Azores in 2007.

### **Wilbor House Lantern Tour**

At 5 PM Docent Marie Jenkins will lead a lantern tour

of the Wilbor House Museum. The low evening light provides a fascinating look into the challenges the Wilbors faced as winter approached. The tour is free to LCHS members and \$5 to non-members. Please dress warmly. The historic portion of the Wilbor House is unheated.

### **Wassail**

Light refreshments including Wassail and ginger cookies will be available throughout the open house. Donations welcome.

### **Special Member's Offerings**

Both members and non-members are invited to attend the Open House but members of the Little Compton Historical Society will receive special benefits throughout the day including a Member's Only Postcard Shopping Hour from Noon to 1 PM, free admission and advanced reservation privileges for the Wilbor House Lantern Tour and double Member's Discounts on any of our five most recent books purchased that day. Memberships may be purchased at anytime at the Wilbor House Museum and start at \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family.



*No. 8 School on the Commons, now the town Tax Office, c.1910*

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## Partnering with Reunion Committee

We are very pleased to be working with the Wilbur School Reunion Committee this year on both our exhibition and our special events. The final title of the exhibition and the program details are now under discussion and will be decided in a series of meetings this winter.

Everyone who ever attended or worked at a Little Compton school is welcome to participate. If you would like to be involved and have not yet received a mailing from the Reunion Committee please contact the Historical Society at 401-635-4035 or [lchistory@littlecompton.org](mailto:lchistory@littlecompton.org) to add your address to the mailing list.

### Save the Dates!

All events take place at the Little Compton Historical Society

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| <b>Exhibit Preview Party—The Senior Prom</b> | <b>Friday, June 27, 2014</b>   |
| <b>Family Day</b>                            | <b>Saturday, June 28, 2014</b> |
| <b>Wilbur School Reunion</b>                 | <b>Sunday, June 29, 2014</b>   |



*Wilbur High School's First Graduating Class, 1930*

Share Your  
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Thursday, Janu  
10 AM -

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*No. 4 School, c.1910*

## Share your Stories, Photos, Mementos

Anyone who ever attended or worked at a school in Little Compton is invited to share their school-time stories, photos and mementos with the project. One-room-school students, high school students, home-schoolers, nursery school students, teachers, lunch ladies etc. —any Pre-K through Grade 12 experience is welcome.

### Both Donations and Loans are Welcome

#### Original Photographs, Objects & Oral Histories

Call Marjory O'Toole at 401-635-4035 to arrange a time to scan your photographs, give an oral history or drop off objects as donations or loans.

#### Written Memories & Digital Images

Please send your written memories and high resolution (300-600 dpi) digital images to the Historical Society at [lchistory@littlecompton.org](mailto:lchistory@littlecompton.org) or PO Box 577, Little Compton, RI 02837.

**Questions? Call Marjory at 401-635-4035**

## r Story Day

35 to schedule an  
y Interview

uary 23, 2014  
— 6 PM



*Wilbur School Faculty, 1943*

# St. Andrew's By The Sea Parish History

Next summer, August 2014, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary. From its founding as a tiny mission church at Sakonnet Point in 1914, to many decades as a summer chapel near the Stone House, and today as a year-round congregation in a beautiful church (the former Guild Hall) near the Commons, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea and its parishioners are interwoven with the modern history of Little Compton.



The Centennial Committee is planning to publish a new parish history in 2014 and is looking to borrow unique or rare photographs of St. Andrew's at Sakonnet Point or near the Stone House to be scanned for inclusion in the book. Oral histories/recollections of the church and its activities from the 1920s thru the 1950s are also sought, particularly those relating to the 1938 hurricane and the World War II years.

Please contact the church office at 401-635-2452 or email: [mail@saintandrewsbythesea.org](mailto:mail@saintandrewsbythesea.org) if you have photos, recollections or artifacts to share. Thank you.



## Little Compton Commons—Jingle Bell Tours Friday, December 27

The Little Compton Historical Society and Little Compton Carriages are teaming up this December to offer fully-narrated, horse-drawn wagon tours of the historic Little Compton Commons. LCHS Managing Director Marjory O'Toole will share the Commons' fascinating history throughout the tour including how Pike's Peak got its name, why Little Compton is one of very few RI towns to have a commons and what happened to the Commons' three Methodist churches. One-hundred-year-old images will help illustrate the 30-minute ride. Tours begin at 1 PM and will be scheduled every half hour. The tour begins and ends at Veteran's Field. Please call 401-635-4035 for reservations. Certificates provided for gift-giving.

Members	\$25
Non-members	\$30
Full Wagon—up to 10 riders	\$200

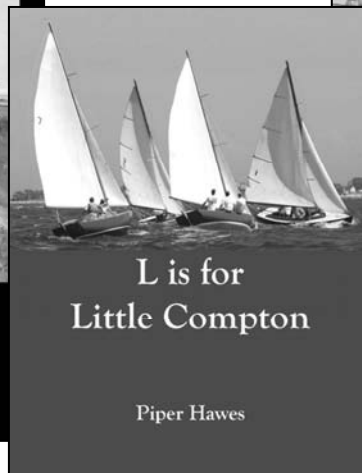
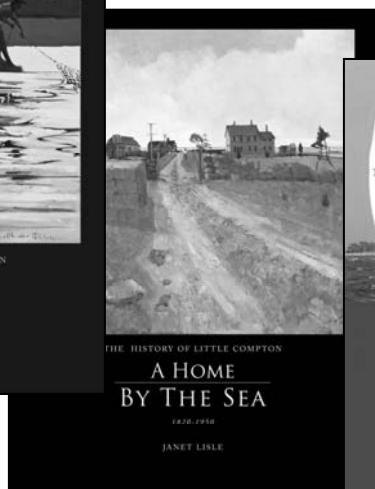
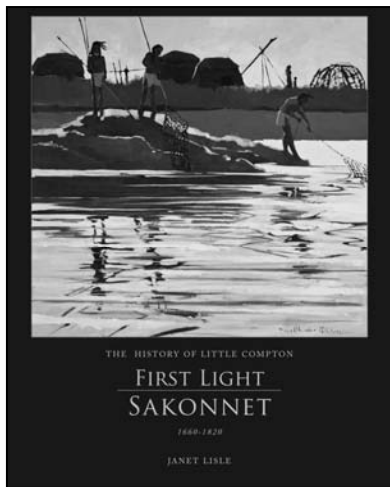
# Where Can I Buy the Books?

*The Historical Society's books make perfect gifts.*

They can be purchased at:

- The Wilbor House Museum  
*Members purchasing any of our five newest books in person or over the phone (401-635-4035) at the Wilbor House will receive a Member's Discount.*
- Wilbur's General Store
- Partner's Village Store
- The Daily Grind—Gray's Grist Mill
- Amazon.com

**Double  
Members'  
Discount  
December 12  
Noon-7PM  
Wilbor House**



## SakonnetHistorical.org

SakonnetHistorical is a GPS-based application that shares the area's historic images and stories with anyone with a smart phone or a computer.

The application features multiple sites in Adamsville, Tiverton and Little Compton.

It has been developed by the students and faculty of the John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage. They have been working in conjunction with the Little Compton and Tiverton Historical Societies and the Tiverton Public Library.



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[www.mohistory.org/content/membershipservices/timetravelers.aspx](http://www.mohistory.org/content/membershipservices/timetravelers.aspx)  
or call LCHS at 635-4035.

As always you'll enjoy local membership benefits including free admission to the Wilbor House and our special exhibitions, invitations to special events and advance registration for our most popular programs. Most importantly, your membership gift helps preserve Little Compton's rich history for generations.

See page 2 for a complete list.

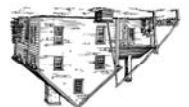
This fall, LCHS offered over 20 hours of free educational programs to 225 Little Compton students and Scouts. Our corporate sponsors make this possible.



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