



Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

Some days I want to stay in bed, pull the covers over my head, and pretend the world's troubles aren't really there. With all going on it feels hopeless. War, unending gun violence, assassinations, a Supreme Court ready to take us back 100 years, gas prices, inflation, impending recession, food shortages, supply chain failures, political turmoil across the globe, climate change, wildfires, floods, a never-ending pandemic, and more.

Does this cloud have a silver lining? Well, maybe. While not for the entire world, maybe we Lenox folks can have a positive influence over our small corner of the world.

In this issue, please enjoy reading about the happiness and good that our Pickett Scholarships have brought to two Miss Hall's students. Also read more details about the new LSAA Legacy Fund that will support, in the LSAA's name, these initiatives long after we're gone. You'll learn how you can today make a lasting impact that will persist and do good things for years to come.

A point of clarification... we have TWO discrete funds for your consideration. First is the Legacy Fund that you can read more about on the following pages. The second is the LSAA Administrative Fund that helps in the short-term to maintain our scholarships, the Pen & Scroll, the Website, and several other structural elements of our ongoing activities. We believe that we'll need this fund only for as long as the LSAA continues physical activities, such as the reunion. When we finally retire from these activities, the Legacy Fund (managed by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation) will carry on our charitable works.

So... two charitable funds, one for current ongoing work, the other for long-term work. I hope you'll consider a

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modest contribution to each one. Ed Miller manages our Administrative Fund, and you can contribute when you send a check for your LSAA annual dues (see the Response Form in this issue). David Nathan's article provides detailed instructions for contributing to the new Legacy Fund, which is easily done online or by check.

And a reminder... ALL reunion activities this year will be at Shakespeare & Co. in the Bernstein Theater, including our Saturday evening formal dinner (but not, of course, golfing or the Trinity Church hymn sing). Please see the agenda later in this issue.


We will be auctioning off some of our collected memorabilia, since we have no space to store it. Bring some money, take home some memories!

The LSAA community was saddened by Jim Fawcett's passing. An outpouring of comments and memories flooded my email inbox... a sampling of those memories is in this issue.

Hope to see you at our reunion, October 14, 15, 16. See the agenda and response form in this issue, pages 12 & 13.

Stay well,

Don Foster '63



The President's Message

**2022 Lenox School Reunion
October 14 and 15, 2022
A milestone reunion for '67, '62, '57 and
frankly... all other classes, masters
and staff are called.**

(and we're going to start auctioning the memorabilia!)

We have also arranged for a terrific catering operation to supply all of the meals right at the S&Co's Bernstein Theatre this year. Every meal will be accompanied by an auction of the memorabilia, so bring your checkbook and don't miss out on the Lenox School item you've had your eye on all these years!

I'd be remiss if I didn't recount how fortunate we are to have S&Co as stewards of the property and our gracious and warm hosts again. I count our blessings that they ended up with the campus.

"If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased."

Maya Angelou

Well that about sums up what the Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund is all about. We're raising the funds necessary to keep the history and legacy of Lenox School alive through ongoing scholarships and donations in honor of Lenox School, along with a website that tells the history and has all the memorabilia, year books, and important documents digitized and maintained in perpetuity. And this 2022 all-school reunion is positioned to drive us toward that centennial of the school in 2026.

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

Pericles

What we are going to accomplish by having this fund operate will serve as an ongoing message to others beyond our time, reflecting not just what Lenox did for all that were fortunate to attend, but to provide the larger message of what can be done when selflessness and dedication to service becomes woven into one's life. The world is in need of this now more than ever.

"There are some who bring a light so great to the world, that even after they have gone the light remains"

Unattributed

I recognize that we have obituaries elsewhere in this edition, however, having attended the memorial for a classmate, the funeral of a friend and staff member and suffering the loss of a cherished master recently, I am including the following:

Mr. Fawcett passed away on June 30th. His contributions were not only to Lenox School and those of us fortunate



enough to know him; but to all that he interacted with throughout his life. His light remains and shines through us. We shall carry on the scholarship we founded in his honor.



Several members of the class of '68 had the opportunity to attend the memorial service for our classmate Tim Cole. Tim's impact on the lives of others truly reflected "Sed Ministrare."

Part of the obituary for Beryl Wells read:

"In 1962 Beryl and her family moved to Lenox, MA where she worked in the office at Lenox School for Boys and ran the snack shop until the school closed..."

The truth is, she was much more - in loco parentis to the "Boys" (as she referred to us until her passing) and her service to the "Boys" was 24/7 365. We were enhanced to know Beryl, and diminished in her passing. She and Bud remain in our hearts.

"Do your little bit of good where you are, it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world"

Desmond Tutu

I'd be remiss if I didn't recount how wonderful it was to do LSAA's little bits of good by bestowing two Pickett Scholarships at Miss Hall's in person this year. The sense of service inculcated at Miss Hall's emulates very much the "Sed Ministrare" philosophy we were exposed to at Lenox.



"Creativity is intelligence having fun."

Albert Einstein

The Board truly had to get creative in thinking about how do we place LSAA on the glide path to 2026 while making sure we had fun in the process. Well, thankfully, we are blessed with a good bit of brain power and intelligence on our Board.

We're continuing to have the reunions of course as part of having fun. But the fun part is not only reconnecting this year and the years to follow, but we're venturing into a creative way to transition the memorabilia to a new home, by of all things... an LSAA series of auctions.

While we concurrently are seeing if some of the items can go to the Episcopal Diocese of Western MA or the Berkshire Athenaeum, we're giving the opportunity for alums and guests at the reunion to capture that long sought Lenox School item!

We plan to have both silent and active auctions at each meal. Proceeds of course will be divided between the Centennial Legacy Fund and the LSAA operating account. This should be a hoot!

I'll bring the gavel, you bring your sense of humor (and your checkbook!).



**14-15 October 2022 - Save the Date.
Be there or ... we'll come find you!**

Bob Sansone '68

Treasurer's Report

Just as a refresher, our administrative fund consists of savings and checking accounts held at the Community Bank, N.A. in Northfield, Vermont (soon to be relocated to Barre, Vermont). Our administrative fund, totally separate from the Legacy Fund we established at Berkshire Taconic, pays all of our annual expenses: Reunion, *Pen & Scroll*, scholarships, contributions to Shakespeare and Co. and Trinity Church, contributions to charities in honor of our deceased members, as well as postage and other miscellaneous expenses. All of these expenses have remained fairly stable over the years.

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At the present time, we have the following money available:

Checking	\$ 4,360.49	Account ending ...1592
Savings	<u>8,246.97</u>	Account ending ...9364
Total	\$12,607.46	

At our current level of spending, we have enough money to sustain us through 2023. We generally receive additional monies at Reunion time—and this is always welcome! I suspect this year's Reunion will result in the typical contributions, and continuing financial stability for the LSAA.

If you would like to contribute to our administrative fund through a tax-deductible gift, please send a check made payable to the LSAA to me at:

Edward A. Miller, Jr. *(Please note this is a new mailing address in Vermont.)*
32 Mansfield Lane-Berlin
Barre VT 05641

Thanks to all who have contributed to the LSAA this past year! I look forward to seeing you all at the Reunion in October, the 14-15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward A. Miller, Jr. '66
LSAA Treasurer
July 8, 2022

**Our IRS Federal ID# is 04-3081525. You may need this number for gifts made through a third party.

Letters to the Editor

Hank Larson '54 writes...

I just heard back from Mathew Mitchell's daughter.

Matt died on 24 April 2022. I gave his daughter your email address and suggested she send you whatever information she wished to send.

Yesterday she asked me to tell you that Matt, my classmate, has died. Class of 1954. There is no obituary and a day of remembrance has been canceled because Matt's wife is not in good enough shape at this time.

Matt and I were best friends at Lenox. From the day I left Lenox I never had any contact with any of my classmates or anyone else from Lenox except my brother, Steve, Class of 1955. Please do not read anything into this. We all went our separate and different ways. Then, about 50 years after we graduated, Matt found me. We corresponded frequently by telephone and on the Internet. About ten years ago Matt and his wife, Cathy, met Brenda and me at a restaurant in Fayetteville, NC. Of course, we planned many future meetings but they never happened. Matt was an excellent student and perhaps the best athlete in our class but most of all, a great guy. You know, someone who would reach out to you after not hearing a word for 50 years.

Hank Larsen '54



Rob Rieffel writes...

There used to be two black benches by the horseshoe pits. Where did they go? How can we get them back?

Rob Rieffel



Other News

2022 Pickett Scholarship Recipients

The Lenox School Alumni Association has named recent graduates Keely O’Gorman ’22 and Hadear Rizq ’22 as recipients of this year’s Mansfield Pickett Scholarships.

The awards are named in memory of Mansfield E. (Peter) Pickett, who was a longtime teacher both at the former Lenox School and at Miss Hall’s.

The scholarships are awarded annually to two students who exhibit outstanding performance in academics and in extracurricular activities. This is the nineteenth year the association has honored Miss Hall’s students.

Lenox School Alumni Association representatives Paul Denzel and Robert Sansone presented the awards to Keely and Hadear, both of whom are active members of the MHS community.

Keely, of Lee, Massachusetts, was President of the senior class, co-Head of Grace Notes, the School’s a cappella

singing group, and active in the MHS Theater Ensemble, performing in six productions. Also active in the broader community, Keely organized Bags of Hope, collecting toiletries for residents in Pittsfield’s emergency winter shelter, and, as a 9th-grader, she testified before the Massachusetts Legislature to reduce the use of plastic straws in the state. At Commencement on June 5, Keely received the Angela Kalischer Theater Prize and a Meus Honor Stat Key for representing the MHS Core Competency of Vision. She will attend Harvard University.

Hadear, of Boston, is a talented artist whose work was shared in several shows and featured in the Miss Hall’s School Magazine. Hadear received two Honorable Mentions in the 2020 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and was selected to represent the School in the 33rd Annual Berkshire County High School Art Show, hosted in 2019 at the Norman Rockwell Museum. Hadear was also an inaugural member of Hatchery, an MHS initiative in which students mentor student creators, helping them bring their products to market. She served on the School’s Social Committee and was also a member of the MHS alpine race team. Hadear will attend Clark University.

Mr. Pickett, who died in 1996, was beloved by students and faculty alike. The father of Tabitha Pickett Vahle, MHS Class of 1978, and grandfather of Wendy Panchy, MHS Class of 1985, Mr. Pickett taught Latin and English at Miss Hall’s from 1973 — when the Lenox School closed — to 1992. He also served as MHS Director of Development from 1973 to 1975.

The Lenox School Alumni Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the spirit and camaraderie of Lenox School, which was an independent, all-boy secondary school founded in 1926. The school operated on the grounds of what is today the home of Shakespeare & Company.

Previous Miss Hall’s School Pickett Scholars

2020-21	Muhiim Ali ’21 and Shannon Foster ’21
2019-20	Lomesia Allen ’20 and Nicole Forman ’21
2018-19	Mitzy Mauricio ’19 and Ayla Wallace ’20
2017-18	Nikky Abreu ’19 and Jayme McGuigan ’18
2016-17	Diamond Best ’17 and Izabella Nunes ’18
2015-16	Jamie Flynn ’16 and MaryCatherine Balcom ’17
2014-15	Emma Bullock ’15 and Nanya Okeke ’15
2013-14	Seema Amin ’14 and Faith Smalley ’14
2012-13	Callie Atwell ’13 and AnaMei Boyd ’13
2011-12	Allaina Ray ’12 and Morgan Wagner ’12
2009-10	Jessica Garzon ’10 and Geneva MacDonald ’10
2008-09	Kristina Delgado ’09 and Joi Ward ’09
2007-08	Janice Brea ’08 and Sheniqua Marie Little ’08

2006-07	Cedar (Niles) Manganiello '07 and Jasmine Mickens '07
2005-06	Ryann Wolf '06 and Sophea Yath '06
2004-05	Häna Kenny '05 and Ariel Sims '05
2003-04	Maria Montefusco Miller '04 and Nikita Turner '04
2002-03	Julia Fisher '03 and LaDonna Flynn '03

Other Lenox School Awards to MHS Students

2018-19	Haylee Gleason '19 (Fawcett Scholarship)
2010-11	Kyanna Joseph '13 (Rev. Robert L. Curry Scholarship)

~ David Smith
Director of Communications
Miss Hall's School



L-R: Jennifer Jordan, Director of Theater and Dance; Keely O'Gorman '22; Bob Sansone; Julia Heaton, Head of School; Paul Denzel; Hadeer Rizq '22; Ellie Kreischer, the Elizabeth Gatchell Klein Expressive Arts Department Chair

The Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund

Our Centennial Legacy Fund honors the School's tradition of service to others and is open for donors until 2026 and the 100th Anniversary of its founding.

Specifically, the Legacy Fund Mission Statement reads:

Generating and maintaining in perpetuity financial resources through which students with demonstrated need, who have shown a commitment to service of their schools, communities, family, or country or to the wellbeing of people in other countries, coupled with a record of achievement in academics or athletics, may be recognized. The Lenox Fund allows such students to continue their education or training, irrespective of any financial constraints of their

own personal circumstances, in the spirit of service that was the founding principle of the Lenox School. Current beneficiaries are students at Miss Hall's School, Pittsfield, MA.

In addition, The Lenox School Legacy Fund will provide financial support for Trinity Episcopal Church and for Shakespeare and Company, both of Lenox, and for the maintenance of the website containing the history, important documents, and memorabilia of Lenox School.

A Campaign Update

We can report that as of July 1, 2022, 34 gifts from Lenox boys, faculty and friends have been contributed to our Legacy fund at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. These gifts total \$190,081. Adding this to \$113,136 in pledges and \$10,883 of net investment returns, brings us to \$314,100 or just over 52% of our \$600,000 goal. There is also a planned gift (made via will) of \$50,000 not included. What a great start as we close in on the first year of our Centennial Legacy Campaign ending in October 2026.

Helping us to reach our goal are two challenge gifts where a pool of money is pledged as a one-to-one match for classmate gifts. The Class of 1967 has \$13,400 remaining on a \$20,000 challenge. This challenge has been extended through 2023 and it is there to encourage and match any current gifts or pledges from '67 classmates. The Classes of 1970 and 1971 have come together and created their own \$20,000 with the same one-to-one match for all contributions and pledges from their respective classmates.

For any questions or additional information on the Class of 1967 match opportunity, please contact John Risley '67 (413-531-7755 or jrisley2@comcast.net). If interested in the Classes of 1970 and 1971 match, contact Jeff Smith '70 (917-494-5341 or jeffsmith230@gmail.com).

The Centennial Legacy Campaign launched in October 2021 and will be active and ongoing until October Reunion 2026. There is plenty of time to plan and to pledge. Please consider supporting the mission of Lenox School for generations to come by giving to the Centennial Legacy Campaign.

Ways to Give to the Lenox School Legacy Fund

Our Legacy Campaign fund manager and administrator is the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield, MA. BTCF's main number is 413-229-0370. Kara Mikulich (kmikulich@berkshiretaconic.org) or Kelly Sweet (ksweet@

berkshiretaconic.org) are very responsive to any questions and helpful to assist in any contribution transactions.

Giving By Check: Please make your check out to “Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation” and write “**Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund**” on the memo line. Mail the check to: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257.

Online Gifts: To make an online gift with a credit card, use the following link:

[https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/Lenox School](https://www.berkshiretaconic.org/Lenox%20School)

Cash/Stock/IRA Gifts/Bequests and Other Planned Gifts:

To wire a gift of cash, appreciated securities, or a required minimum distribution from a retirement account, please contact Kelly Sweet, Community Engagement Officer at BTCF. Kelly is also the person to contact for help with bequests or other deferred gifts. Kelly can be reached directly at 413-717-7036 or at ksweet@berkshiretaconic.org.

Many thanks for your consideration.

~ David Nathans
on behalf of the Legacy Campaign Committee

Mr. Griswold's Death

According to the P&S of October 16, 1931

Note: This article announced the sudden death of The Reverend Latta Griswold, Rector of the Trinity Church Parish and one of the founders of Lenox School. It provides a tribute to his role as one of the school's founders and his subsequent service to the school as a trustee and more recently as a Sacred Studies teacher. From the tone of the article, it was likely written by one of the faculty members, perhaps by Mr. Monks, the Headmaster himself. The following paragraph highlights some of Mr. Griswold's contributions as a founder.

The school's second Founder, The Rev. Latta Griswold, Rector of the Trinity Church Parish in Lenox, lobbied for the new school to be located in Lenox in order to enliven the Town when its summer residents departed, and whose Gilded Age Summer Cottage owners and parishioners were instrumental in purchasing the initial campus and in sustaining the school in its first years. Over the years, many of their cottages and properties were donated to or purchased by the school, whose campus would eventually comprise more separate cottages/estates, seven, than any other school in the Berkshires. Mr. Griswold served as a Trustee until his death in 1931. RH

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The School suffered a great loss in the death on August 17th of the Reverend Latta Griswold. In company with his mother and Mr. Noble, Mr. Griswold had gone abroad for the summer. After taking temporary charge of an English parish during July, he was enjoying a motor trip to Scotland, when, in Edinburgh, he suffered a stroke, as a result of which he lost consciousness, and died peacefully a few days later.

Mr. Griswold's connections with the school were many and intimate. Since he came to Lenox as rector of Trinity Church, he had looked forward to the time when there might be a church boarding school in Lenox, and he had a major share in the realization of this vision through the founding of the school. He was a member of the board of Trustees and also of the executive committee from the beginning of the school. This last year he taught the fifth form class in Sacred Studies, and was looking forward to doing so again this year. His name will continue to be intimate to boys who never knew him, through Griswold Hall, The Griswold Athletic Club and the Griswold prize awarded each year to that member of the sixth form who exhibits the greatest sense of responsibility toward the school, combined with satisfactory scholarship; by his will, Mr. Griswold left to the school a sum of money sufficient to endow this prize in perpetuity.

His interest in the school, always large, was constantly growing and his work on its behalf from every angle was unflinching. Anything he undertook to do, he carried through with thoroughness and dispatch. His advice on all matters was keen, sympathetic and invariably helpful. His friendship remains a treasured memory to those members of the staff and the sixth form who became intimate with him. As a minister of God, he labored wisely and diligently for the advancement of His kingdom. We are the poorer for his passing, but the richer because his life has touched ours.

~ Randy Harris



Rev. Griswold Memorial Plaque.

Headmaster's Column – The Loss of Dr. Thayer According to the P&S of December 10, 1934

Note: This article is Mr. Monks' personal tribute to Dr. Thayer's role as one of the founders of Lenox School and as his personal mentor. It also provides a somewhat unique look into the personality of Dr. Thayer, which is often difficult to find. Dr. Thayer died on Tuesday evening, November 27, 1934 at his home in Boston. He would have been 74 on December 24th. He had been the Headmaster at St. Mark's School, Southborough, Massachusetts for 36 years and the President of the Lenox School's Board of Trustees since the school's incorporation in 1926. From the article's content, one can clearly see that Lenox School would operate in accordance with Dr. Thayer's philosophy and wishes by selecting one of his protégés to be its first headmaster. Provided in the following paragraph is a summary of Dr. Thayer's role as one of the school's founders.

The need for the school, among other things, was documented in a National Study directed by the Episcopal Church and led by The Rev. William G. Thayer, the respected educator and long-serving Headmaster of St. Mark's School. The study pointed out the lack of an affordable secondary school in the First Province [New England] and so it's not surprising that in 1921, the Synod named him to head a planning committee to investigate and report on the establishment of such a school in Central New England. In 1924 the committee was authorized to proceed and found a school with Dr. Thayer as its first President of the Board of Directors/Trustees. His tasks included selecting the new headmaster; choosing the school's location; purchasing this new school's initial campus; and incorporating it as an independent non-profit corporation. He subsequently shepherded the school through its early years until his death in 1934. RH

It is hard to think of Lenox without Dr. Thayer. For it is to him that Lenox School owes its very existence. It is perhaps typical of Dr. Thayer's many activities beyond the doors of his own institution that he undertook, at the request of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, a war-time survey of all secondary schools connected with the Church. From these findings, there was brought vividly to his attention the great need of schools of moderate price and high standards, where religion occupied the central place. His own practical experience at St. Mark's led him to believe that such a school could be operated successfully and enabled him very roughly to sketch its outlines. But Dr. Thayer, as well as being the Founder, was President of our Board of Trustees from the beginning,

and hence Lenox bears the strong imprint of his guidance through the crucial opening years.

But in far more than an official sense will his passing leave us the poorer. Not soon will those who attended forget his presence and gracious remarks at our successive Commencement exercises. All who were here a year ago will remember vividly his visit – it turned out to be his final visit to Lenox – for the dedication of St Martin's Chapel, designed for the School by his son. Few have been connected with the school in any capacity who have not known at first hand the spontaneous contagious quality of his friendship. During his frequent visits he was always passing a cheering word to those he had seen before, and even those meeting him for the first time thought of him at once as an old friend.



**Founder, Trustee
The Rev. William G.
Thayer, Headmaster,
St. Mark's School**

In a very personal vein, my own associations with Dr. Thayer have comprised one of the richest experiences of my life. For six years, I was a boy under his directing care. As an alumnus returning to my alma mater, I found Dr. Thayer invariably interested in what I was doing and thinking, supplying counsel and wisely guidance through the college years. As my face turned towards the ministry, all former bonds were strengthened and deepened, and new intimate associations came into being, so that it would have been hard to have imagined anyone but Dr. Thayer presenting me for ordination to the ministry. With him I talked often and widely of his plans for a new school before Lenox was even a name. Since then the constant collaboration of a common cause that Lenox School has brought helped me to realize ever more clearly his inherent greatness. He was a man of faith and vision, of understanding and kindness, of loyalty and affection. To him did I constantly turn on account of his challenging idealism, his energizing enthusiasm, his keen and mellowed judgment, and his practical aid in meeting knotty problems. My personal debt to him is beyond all possibilities of calculation.

It would be hardly surprising if the school were not fully aware of his constant and growing interest and personal generosity on its behalf. The School and its welfare was perhaps the outstanding interest of the closing years of

his life. In season and out of season, he was speaking well of it. If sometimes, in his enthusiasm, he heaped upon it encomiums far beyond its deserts, the quality of his love for Lenox could not be doubted.

Generations of Lenox boys who never knew the Founder will mention his name constantly when they speak of Thayer Hall. The medal for the highest scholar in the graduating class, the blue ribbon award of the School, properly perpetuates forever, the part that Dr. Thayer played in the School's life. Perhaps as time goes on, there may be other material ways in which he will be brought vividly to mind, through the years.

However, it is the School itself which is in the truest sense his memorial. It will not be easy for us to bring it up to the high standards of Christian education to which his life was committed. It will not be easy to stimulate and prepare youth to follow the Master with that joyous dedication that his life demonstrated. Yet to be content with anything less is not to be worthy of him. A kindly, gracious, effective Christian gentleman, fortunate are we whose paths in life have so constantly crossed his!

May he rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

~ Randy Harris



Salute To a Veteran

According to the P&S of December 17, 1945

Note: This extremely well written article on Mr. Monks' contributions appeared in the same P&S edition that announced Mr. Monks' resignation after serving as the school's Headmaster for nearly its first twenty-years. It provides a heart-felt view of Mr. Monks' personal sacrifices, significant contributions, insights into his personality, and snippets of specific events in school history. It emphasizes his unique skills and leadership, and the personal toll that his efforts took on his health. The article is signed by C.H.G., which must be Mr. Carl H. Gilmore, the well-respected French teacher, coach and dramatic club and orchestra faculty advisor who arrived at Lenox in 1931 and would depart due to illness in 1951, after a year's leave spent trying to regain his health. RH

There are many men getting out of the armed services today and returning to a different life, a life they have not known too well for three, four, or perhaps more years. While they are in uniform they wear certain ribbons to indicate their campaigns, their battles, their wounds, and

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their medals for valor. When they put on civilian clothes they will wear in their button-hole an emblem which distinguishes them and which tells all the world that here is a veteran. But not everyone who has carried out campaigns, who has fought battles, who has received wounds, and who has earned medals for valiant service will have a ribbon to display or, when he returns to his former life, a button to wear that says he is a veteran. But, nevertheless, it is just as true that our headmaster, Mr. Monks, is a veteran, a veteran of twenty years of campaigns and battles. In fact, in an informed survey a few years ago, he was already the Dean of Headmasters for many miles around. Although not the oldest in years, he was the oldest in length of service to a single school. During this time he has more than earned the right to wear many medals for meritorious service. Instead of ribbons he has gray in his hair, instead of medals a gleam of accomplishment in his eye, and for his discharge button only a kindness of nature and a knowledge that he has been a work of construction rather than destruction.

It was twenty years ago that Mr. Monks began his work of education. He had a small group of boys, three other masters – only one of them experienced – and one usable building, Griswold. By 1930 when the first class graduated, the enrollment had increased nicely and the faculty with it, the school had five buildings in use, and a fine outlook for the future. Then came the battle of the depression. But such was Mr. Monks' energy and determination that the enrollment held up very well. Although other schools were slashing salaries to the bone, or were accepting voluntary rebates, our headmaster, through I do not know what miracles of economy, managed to keep the salaries of his staff up to their former level and it was not long after this that the mortgage on the school property was reduced to such a point that thoughts of a new fireproof building could be more than just a dream. Then, on one eventful morning, Mr. Monks came into Griswold, told the masters to call off the classes which were then in progress, and masters and boys alike trooped down to a spot not far from West Cottage where a power shovel was ready to begin its work. After a little speech Mr. Monks invited Mrs. Hubert, the school's chief cook and oldest member of the school staff to take the first shovel full of dirt. From then on until the completion of the building a year and a half later, Mr. Monks was in and about the construction work almost as much as the workmen themselves. Indeed, Mr. Monks' chief task every night was the removal of odd bits of cement, brick, mortar, clay and all sorts of unclassifiable dirt which he had accumulated.

At last the great day arrived. In the fall of 1938 when Saint Martin's Hall was opened, a hurricane and eighty-eight

boys descended upon it. But it had been sturdily built and withstood them both. The day of Griswold had passed and West Cottage was no longer an outpost. In the sea of details that followed the opening of this brand new building Mr. Monks did not once lose heart. Everyone looked to him and depended on him for support and strength and he always managed to find some ingenious solution to take care of every problem. Even when the war came and Mr. Monks saw five of his nine faculty members go into the armed forces or into defense work and the school enrollment fell, he refused to be panicked into a change of emphasis or ideal. He did not falter but went forward with determination to make of the boys in his charge men who

would commit themselves credibly in the college classroom or on the battlefields of land, sea, or air

But he has not come through all this unscathed. The years of backbreaking toil and nervous tension have taken their toll. His health is broken and he must withdraw. As he leaves our midst, no bits of brightly colored braid will be bestowed, no sound of bugles will he hear, but only a whispered, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." We shall always remember how, in his daily life, he has personified the words of the prayer we have so often heard him repeat in chapel, "to give and not to count the cost; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward save knowing that we do thy will."

~ Randy Harris

Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Monday, October 16, 1939.

Roosevelt Greeted by 500 at Lenox Reception



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt acknowledges the enthusiastic greetings of the crowd that turned out for the dinner in her honor at the Curtis Hotel, Lenox. On her left are Miss Augusta Dee of Hancock, Atty.-Gen. Paul A. Dever and Mrs. Owen Johnson of Stockbridge. On her right are Dist. Atty. Thomas F. Moriarty and Rev. G. Gardner Monks, headmaster of Lenox School.

**Board of Trustees' Resolutions
[November 8, 1945]
Upon Mr. Monks' Resignation Announcement
According to the P&S of December 17, 1945**

Note: This article provides the full-length-version of the Board of Trustees' November 8, 1945 Resolutions honoring Mr. and Mrs. Monks and specifically Mr. Monks' service of nearly twenty years as Headmaster. These Resolutions produced the portrait of a seated Mr. Monks that would hang in the dining hall from then on. Highlights from a shorter version of the Resolutions, first released to the public in a letter from Bishop Lawrence, the President of the Board of Trustees on November 19, 1945, are provided in a separate article. This letter revealed that Mr. Monks had made his intention to resign known to the Board in August; announced the selection of Mr. Curry as the new headmaster; and elicited a written response from Mr. Monks. Provided below is a summary of Mr. Monks' contributions to the school that I sometimes share with others. How does it compare to the Resolutions?

Mr. Monks believed in modest, but sufficient facilities; a faculty that exemplified the school's values and demonstrated selfless service; academic excellence; a commitment to service; and promoting the "growth of Christian character with progress towards mental, physical, social and spiritual maturity." He embraced the manifestation of service as practiced by Father Frederic Sill at the Kent School, implementing a student 'Self-Help' program that created both an interdependent community, and reduced operating expenses, which allowed the school to remain unendowed, operate on tuition-only revenue, and maintain a modest, sliding-scale tuition. RH

Whereas: the Trustees of Lenox School have received the resignation of Rev. Mr. Monks as Headmaster of the school, to take effect at the early convenience of the Trustees, but not later than Prize Day in June 1946; and,

Whereas: Mr. Monks has been, since the founding of the school, its Headmaster and guiding spirit and has been, to a large extent, the creator of its life and standards; and

Whereas: during this long period he has won the respect and the admiration of Trustees, alumni, masters and students; Therefore, be it

Resolved: That the resignation of Mr. Monks be received with profound regret, and only because of his poor health.

Resolved: That in accepting Mr. Monks' resignation, the Trustees wish to make a special record of the following

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factors in his administration, which they think are and will continue to be of deep significance in the history and traditions of the school.

That he has always stood for the highest ideals of scholarship.

That he has himself been a careful student of education.

That he has always emphasized the church character of the school and the vital importance of religion and religious education in its life.

That he has exemplified the highest ideals of the clergyman and Christian gentleman.

That he has been the embodiment of loyalty and generosity to the school.

That he has been greatly assisted in his work by his wife, who has helped to give the school its fine Christian atmosphere.

That he has made the school a leader in some movements of notable significance, such as the curriculum of religious education and in the principle of self-help.

That he has been exceptionally successful in providing a good education in preparation for college and for life at a remarkably low cost.

That he has always emphasized the importance of good citizenship and has made the school greatly respected in its home community.

That the record of the school's alumni and conduct at the colleges has been of the best.

That he has always taken the position that he was the leader of the school's faculty, rather than its dictator, and has been open to the suggestions of his colleagues on the faculty and Board of Trustees.

That his thoughtfulness, courtesy and kindness have commended themselves to all connected with the school.

Resolved: That in the judgment of the Trustees, Mr. Monks is one of the three persons who could always be considered as the founders of Lenox School: Rev. Dr. Thayer of St. Mark's, who originally proposed it; Rev. Mr. Griswold of Trinity Church, Lenox, who was instrumental in bringing the school to Lenox, and in aiding it in various ways in its early days; and Mr. Monks, who was mainly responsible for securing the school's property, buildings, and gifts for various purposes, has laid the foundations of its educational policy, and conducted it effectively for its first twenty years, including the overcoming of such crises as those created by the economic depression and the second World War.

Resolved: That the Trustees express the hope that a change to less exacting responsibilities may be productive in completely restoring Mr. Monks' health, and extend to him and his wife every possible good wish for the future.

Resolved: That as a slight evidence of the Trustees' appreciation of his character and his work, a fund be raised

among the Trustees and friends of the school to provide a satisfactory portrait which may be hung in the school Common Room, or other appropriate place where it may ever be a reminder of his work, and an inspiration to alumni, masters and boys.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed or printed, and sent to Mr. and Mrs. Monks, and that copies be displayed in a suitable place in the school, inserted in the minutes, and given to the school Pen and Scroll and to the press.

~ Randy Harris



Remarks By Bishop Lawrence And Mr. Monks On Mr. Monks' Resignation From Multiple Sources Including the P&S of May 11, 1946

Note: This is a composite article using three sources to capture the words of The Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence, the President of the Lenox School Board of Trustees and Mr. Monks' remarks concerning his resignation as Headmaster. The first is Bishop Lawrence's letter of November 19, 1945, publicly announcing the resignation. The second was Mr. Monks' undated response to that letter. And third, was Mr. Monks' Farewell Speech, delivered in St. Martin's Chapel, on March 20, 1946, as reported in the P&S of May 11, 1946. RH

Remarks of The Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence President of the Board of Trustees

To Parents, Alumni, and Friends of Lenox School.

As President of the Board of Trustees of Lenox School, last August I received a letter from Mr. Monks. In it, he explained that the state of his health was then such that he no longer felt able to give to the School the aggressive leadership it should have. With the war concluded, he felt others were once again available who would be able to do so. He therefore indicated his intention of resigning as headmaster. This resignation was later normally submitted and regretfully accepted by the Trustees.

I am happy to be able to announce at the same time the election of the Reverend Robert Lewis Curry as Headmaster, and his acceptance of the post. Mr. Curry is a native of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and a graduate of the Episcopal Theological School. He taught for four years at St. Paul's

School, Concord, N.H., and has been for the past two years an Army Chaplain stationed overseas. It is hoped that Mr. Curry may be released from the Army in time for himself and his wife to come into residence at the School shortly after mid-years. They come here bringing new strength and vigor, and the determination and enthusiasm to build further on foundations already securely laid. Now that the war days are behind, the future of Lenox is more full of challenge and promise than for many years, and the Trustees are confident that under the new leadership, this promise will find large fulfillment.

Mr. Monks' Response To The Trustees' Tribute Resolutions

May I add a few words to the above statement by Bishop Lawrence? It was a decision regretfully arrived at that I should resign the position I have held for nearly twenty years. But in retrospect it appears wise, - indeed inevitable.

My doctor informs me that while I shall need a fairly long period of rest and freedom from heavy responsibility, I can look forward with assurance to complete restoration of vigor. There are, at the moment, therefore, no definite future plans; when the time comes, they will develop.

During the years Mrs. Monks and I have been at Lenox, we have been privileged to move far towards the realization of the high goals we set for ourselves before the school first opened. The difficulties and burdens imposed by years of depression and war have been heavy and unavoidable. Though they have left their scars, their lessons have left Lenox the more ready to move forward with assured confidence. It is not pleasant to contemplate the regrets that leaving Lenox will mean, but it is a deep satisfaction to have been able to steer the ship through stormy seas and perilous waters, and to have come again into the open before yielding the helm.

I might say that I have known Bob Curry for a long time, and fully share the high esteem in which others hold him. I am delighted that it is he on whom the mantle falls, and bespeak for him the same loyal and thoughtful consideration which I as Headmaster have always received. The future that lies open before Lenox is full of tantalizing possibilities, and I believe he is one who can turn a large share of them into actualities.

At the request of the Board, I am happy to continue my position as a Trustee, and therefore Mrs. Monks and I look

forward to a continued contact, even though a less intimate one with many friends who have enriched our Lenox years. Normally, I would wish to write individual notes to many to whom this letter goes, but this year I find myself barely able to keep up with even the minimum demands of the position, and have to husband my energies drastically to be able to do even that. Will you therefore accept the wish for the act, and be assured of my personal thoughts, even though expressed in an impersonal form? Those who have shared with us in the rich life and work of Lenox School we salute with affection and high faith!

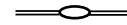
Excerpts from Mr. Monks' Farewell Speech St. Martin's Chapel – March 20, 1946

...The final judgment of the success or the failure of the school lies in the good it has done the 500-odd Lenox graduates in the last 20 years. The ideals of the school have been simple. We have striven to achieve a forthrightness:

an honesty in dealings with one another, attempting to eliminate false politeness, dissembling manners or "apple polishing." We have attempted to instill instead an honest, open-hearted attitude. In seeking honesty in this way, Mr. Monks did not forget to mention that we have also been seeking to encourage truth, remembering, nevertheless, to temper honest speech with kindness: never to say a thing, though true, which may be unkind to another.

Faith in human nature has been another one of our ideals. Mr. Monks stated that if you always look for the best in people and expect them to do their best, they are much more likely to live up to your expectations than if you belittle their achievements and expect their worst side to predominate. The job of the school is to develop the right characteristics and bring them out. Faith in people is one of the best ways to ensure this result.

~ Randy Harris



2022 LSAA Reunion Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, October 14, 2022

11:30 – Meet at Sloane's Tavern, Wyndhurst Golf & Club (formerly Cranwell Resort, Lenox) to register for golf; 1:00 p.m. Tee Off – All players and classes invited.

- **5:30** – Buffet Dinner and Lenox School Memorabilia Auction at Bernstein Theatre (the former Lenox School Sports Complex) at Shakespeare & Co. (Lenox, MA). **\$20 each payable in advance.** (See payment details on response form. Masters, staff and their families are always our guests.)

SATURDAY, October 15 2022

- **9:30 – 11:30 a.m.** – Annual LSAA Business Meeting: Bernstein Theatre Shakespeare & Co.
- **11:45 – 11:55 a.m.** – Lenox School Flag Raising Ceremony.
- **Noon** – Luncheon and Memorabilia Auction: Bernstein Theatre, **\$15 each, payable in advance.** (See payment details on response form. Masters, staff, and their families are always our guests.)
- **1:15 – 2:45 p.m.** – Surprise event!
- **2:45 – 4:45 p.m.** – Campus Tour, courtesy of Shakespeare & Co.
- **5:00 – 5:45 p.m.** – Hymn Sing: Trinity Church.
- **6:00 p.m.** – Cocktail Reception (**cash bar**) at Bernstein Theatre, Shakespeare & Co.
- **6:30 – ~ 9:00 p.m.** – Buffet Dinner at Bernstein - **\$30 each (payable in advance).** Events include - Lenox School prayer, Missing Person ceremony, comments by Masters, Memorabilia Auction, Golf Tournament awards presentation, LSAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and final comments.



NOTE: You can now register and pay online (using a credit card). Otherwise, you can still do it the “old fashioned way” by filling out this form and sending it and a check to Bob. To register online, click this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://lenoxschool.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/7509>

Friday, October 14, 2022 - (# attending in the blanks):

- _____ Cranwell - LSAA’s annual “Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament” (Golf’s Fifth Major, Wyndhurst, formally Cranwell Resort). Please arrive at 11:30 for lunch at Sloane’s Tavern and to register. First Tee time is 1:00 PM. **\$40 plus tax each, pay at the course. Includes cart.**
- _____ Friday Dinner Buffet 5:30 PM, Bernstein Theatre at Shakespeare and Co, Lenox (including, desert, soda, wine and beer). **Bernstein** is the former Lenox School Sports Center. **(\$20 payable in advance.)** Followed by **Memorabilia Auction!**

Saturday, October 15, 2022 - (# attending in the blanks):

- **9:30 AM – 11:30 AM:** Business Meeting, Bernstein Theatre
- **11:45 – 11:55 AM:** Lenox School Flag Raising Ceremony
- _____ **12 Noon:** Luncheon - **Bernstein Theatre** - **\$15.00 each** includes beverages, payable in advance). Followed by **Memorabilia Auction.** (And don’t forget the **surprise event!**)
- **2:45 – 4:45 PM:** **Tour of Campus,** courtesy of S&Co.
- **5:00 PM:** **Hymn Sing:** Trinity Church. Steve Lowry will be the organist.
- _____ **6:00 – 6:30 PM Cocktail Reception** (Cash Bar) followed by **Buffet Dinner at Bernstein Theatre** (**\$30.00 per person, payable in advance**). Followed by **Memorabilia Auction!**

Subtotal from above (Fri night buffet, Sat Luncheon, Sat Dinner) A. \$ _____

LSAA Annual Dues (2021 - 2022) B. \$30

Donation (tax deductible) C. \$ _____

Total Enclosed (Payable to “LSAA” = A + B + C): \$ _____

Your Name and Class: (Family member/guest names, if attending) _____

Address: _____

E-Mail and phone number: _____

Please return this reservation form with check before October 1, 2022 to:

Bob Sansone ('68)
156 North Shore Road
Voluntown, CT 06384

or, if you have questions, call Bob at:
(860) 916-1467 (cell)
RJSENERGY@GMAIL.com

Accommodations in Lenox for the October Reunion

Paul Denzel kindly arranged for special prices for LSAA members who want to reserve accommodations in the Lenox area for our reunion.

Quality Inn, 170 Housatonic St., Lee, MA 01238,
(413) 243-0143.

A special discount rate of \$199+ tax per room for Lenox School Alumni.

Howard Johnson Inn, 462 Pittsfield Rd., Lenox, MA 01240,
(413) 442-4000, hojolenox@hotmail.com.

1 King bed (5 rooms available) or 2 Queen beds (7 rooms available); \$115/night 2 nights required for special rate (Oct. 14 & 15). Arrive Friday, Oct. 14 and depart Sunday, Oct. 16. Cutoff date: Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

Trivia Questions

Note. This edition's Trivia Questions take a look at one of the School's founders; its two longest serving headmasters; and intramural sports, which allowed all students to compete and therefore gain the multiple benefits of team athletics. RH

1. The Rev. Latta Griswold, Rector of Trinity Church and one of the founders of Lenox School was known nationally for what other skill?
 - a. Still-Life painting.
 - b. Wood-carving figurines of Saints of the Church.
 - c. Writing poetry.
 - d. Writing mystery novels.
 - e. Needlepoint kneeling cushions with Church symbols.
2. Which fact about the School's first Headmaster, The Rev. G. Gardner Monks is not true?
 - a. Attended the St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA.
 - b. Received his B.A. degree form Kenyon College.
 - c. Was ordained by The Rev. William G. Thayer.
 - d. Headed Brantwood Summer Camp for three summers.
 - e. Was sent to England to study its schools.
 - f. His headmaster's job at Lenox was his first in the field of education.

3. Which fact about the School's second Headmaster, The Rev. Robert L. Curry is not true?
 - a. Attended St. Paul's School in Concord, NH.
 - b. Earned a Law Degree [LLB] from Boston University.
 - c. Was Presented in 1940 by his mentor The Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence
 - d. Taught for four years at the St. Paul's School in Concord, NH.
 - e. During WWII was assigned to the 204th General Hospital on Guam that treated casualties from Iwo Jima and Okinawa.
 - f. Was thirty-five years old when he took over as the new Headmaster.
4. Which of the following sports at Lenox fielded intramural teams at some time during their existence?
 - a. Football.
 - b. Soccer.
 - c. Hockey.
 - d. Baseball.
 - e. Lacrosse.
 - f. Sailing.
 - g. All of the above.
5. In the fall of 1934, which of the following was not the name of a team in the Touch-Football league?
 - a. Ants.
 - b. Larks.
 - c. Does.
 - d. Rocks.
 - e. Slugs.

~ Randy Harris

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In Memoriam

Beryl Wells

Beryl Wells was called on to join the Lord on April 25, 2022 shortly after being admitted to Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center surrounded by family members. She was born in Donora, PA to Zachariah Jefferson Compton and Minnie Porter Compton on November 28, 1927. Shortly after World War II, she married James "Bud" Wells on January 17, 1948 in Donora and they spent the next 71 years together until Bud's passing in 2020.

In 1962 Beryl and her family moved to Lenox, MA where she worked in the office at Lenox School for Boys and ran the snack shop until the school closed in 1973. Then she worked in the Lenox Town Hall until she took a position with Lenox Bank in 1976 eventually heading the bank's branch as an assistant vice president. She retired from the bank in 1997. Throughout her life she was devoted to her churches, St. John's Episcopal Church in Donora, St. Helena's Chapel in Lenox and Trinity Episcopal Church in Lenox.

Beryl is survived by her daughter Kristine (Donald) Warfield, her son Timothy (Christine) Wells, grandchildren; Sara (Dennis) Ordyna, Nora (Aaron) Tassone, Keri (Joseph) Kelley, and great grandchildren; Quinn Ordyna, Joseph Tassone, Theodore Kelley, Avery Tassone, and Harrison Kelley.

Beryl was predeceased by her parents and two sisters, a great grandson Conrad Kelley and her husband James who passed away on April 6, 2020.

There will be no calling hours and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Jimmy Fund in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Bruce H. Hamill '55

Bruce H. Hamill, 85, died on Friday, April 29, 2022, at his home in Mount Vernon. He was born on Aug. 23, 1936, in Lynn, Mass. the son of Richard Hubbard and Charlotte (Smith) Hamill. He attended schools in exotic locations as his family moved in support of his father, Lt. Col. Richard H. Hamill, USAF.

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Returning to New England, Bruce achieved a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Writing from Colgate University in 1959. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. After graduation, he served in the Navy as a Personnel man 3rd Class and then moved to Northern Virginia where he married Cornelia Witul in 1963. Earning his law degree at night school, Bruce passed the Bar in 1970 and started a career that earned accolades and the position of General Counsel for the National Paint and Coatings Association until his retirement. He took up fiddle playing in his 40s, enjoyed bluegrass and antique violins.



Bruce fixed old cars and frequently donned a leather jacket to ride a motorcycle to his job in D.C. In 1997, he retired to Maine, which he considered his true home since his childhood time spent in Houlton, Bangor, Presque Isle, and Belgrade. He lived down the road from his mother, taking care of her until her death in 2004.

Bruce is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Walter Hamill and Wendy Townsend of Belgrade; a daughter, Cynthia Hamill of Arlington, Va.; a son, Richard Hamill of Topsham; a granddaughter, Avery Townsend of Belgrade; and a grandson, Alexander Hamill of Arlington, Va.

Arrangements are in the care of the Knowlton Hewins and Roberts Funeral Home, 1 Church St. August, Maine, where memories, condolences and photos may be shared with the family on the obituary page of our website at <http://www.khrfuneralhomes.com>.

Charles "Chuck" Nicholas Marquez '64

February 6, 1946 - June 16, 2022

Orono - Charles N. Marquez III, 76, of Orono, Maine, died on June 16, 2022. Charles was born in Honolulu on February 6, 1946, and spent his early years on the island of Lanai, Hawaii.

He was adopted by Charles N. Marquez Jr., and his first wife, Louise (Brock). His sister Mary Catherine (Katy) was adopted in 1945. The family moved to Honolulu shortly after the death of their adoptive mother. Charles Jr., later married Evelyn Clifton. The family moved to Orono, Maine, in 1958, where Charles Jr. and Evelyn opened The Bangor Travel Agency. Chuck attended Lenox School and

graduated from Orono High School in 1964. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1964, serving as a lab technician, stationed in Nurnburg, Germany. Upon completion of his service, Chuck attended the University of Maine and received his Doctor of Optometry degree from New England College of Optometry in Boston.



He married Cathryn Piippo in 1971. After moving to Hampden, Chuck and Cathy raised sheep on their farm, "Highland Meadow." For a number of years, he was an active leader in the Penobscot 4-H Market Lamb Club. He practiced optometry solo and then with partners, Everett and Jeffrey Sawyer, at Penobscot Eyecare. He loved his work and his patients. He retired in 2010.

In addition to his work and raising Suffolk sheep, Charles was an avid basketball fan and golfer. The family spent much of their time playing and watching basketball. His home was a second home to many, including many in the UMaine community. Charles enjoyed reading, talking politics and cooking. Later in life, Chuck enjoyed sharing stories with his family and friends about Hawaii and his youth.

As an adult, Chuck was able to find his biological parents, Lillian Abbott and Jerry Magner and his half siblings Wendy, Jerry Jr. and Jeffrey Magner. He also began to research his genealogy and connected with relatives in other parts of the country and around the world.

Chuck was predeceased by his adoptive parents; his sister, Katy Marquez Low; and his biological parents. He is survived by son, Daniel Marquez; daughter-in-law, Danielle Hazelton Marquez; stepgrandson, Dominic; granddaughter, Anyia Fox; daughter, Sarah Marquez; daughter-in-law, Johanna Neufeld; granddaughter, June Marquez; his former wife and mother of his children, Cathryn Piippo Marquez; surrogate son, Don Long; his biological siblings; as well as many close friends whom Chuck considered family.

An informal gathering will be held at a future date to celebrate the life and legacy of Chuck. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Chuck's name to The Shaw House, where homeless teens in the Bangor area find support and services.



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John MacLaren Hatch '55

John MacLaren Hatch, 81, of Lancaster passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on May 21st, 2019. He was the son of the late William and Virginia Richardson Hatch and was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He graduated from Brown University and married the love of his life, Louise, in 1960.



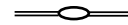
John moved to Lancaster in 1976 as the Director of Purchasing for Howmet Aluminum (now Arconic Mill Products) located on Manheim Pike.

John was President of the Board of Directors at Easter Seal where he introduced the "Buck-A-Cup" and "Rubber Duckie Race" fund raising campaigns to the Lancaster area. He was presented the "A Brace for an Ace" award by the Pennsylvania Easter Seal Society for outstanding volunteer service in 1982. John continued to be an active volunteer when the local Easter Seal Society became the Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center. He was also a Hospice volunteer and his love of people connected him on a one-to-one basis with the patients he served. He brought joy into their lives and felt rewarded in return. He was an active member of Community Fellowship Church where he had served as an elder.

John loved being on the water where he met his future wife, Louise, at a lake resort in the Catskills during their college years. He worked as a boatman and lifeguard while she was as a waitress.

He is survived by his loving wife Louise and their three sons (Steve, Andrew and John), daughter in-laws (Kim and Astrid) and his grandsons (Kyle, Matthew, Dustin, Colin, Seiji and granddaughter Saya).

Editor's note: We only just learned of John's passing from a classmate and regret that notification in the P&S is three years late.



Newton G. Pendleton '55

Newton G. Pendleton, age 85, of Eagles Mere, PA, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022. Newt was born March 2, 1937, in Boston, MA, son of the late Newton G. & Margery Bacon Pendleton. He graduated from Lenox School, Lenox, MA, and from the Norwich Military Academy, Northfield, VT.

Newt married Martha Hunter of Elmira, NY, on June 27, 1959, and they resided in Elmira, NY, until retiring to Eagles Mere. He was the Chair of Newton Pendleton, Inc., an insurance brokerage firm in Elmira, NY. He was a salesman extraordinaire, but his motto was "to serve, not to be served unto." He was a former Director of the Holcombe Group, and Sullivan County Action, Inc., and strong supporter of the Laporte- Eagles Mere Lions Club. He was the founding Vice Chairman of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT).

He personally enjoyed golf, skiing, sailing, and fishing. He always enjoyed a good party and those with a strong sense of humor. He truly misses those who have gone before, too early.



Surviving are his son, Newton G. Pendleton III (Tripp) and his wife Katrine, their children, Henry and Anne; his daughter, Sara H. Pendleton and her children Ted & Rob.

Interment will be private in the Eagles Mere Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Eagles Mere Foundation, PO Box 402, Eagles Mere, PA 17731-0402, or the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, 104 Lockhart St., Sayre, PA 18840.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Homer Funeral Home, 206 Water Street, Dushore, PA

To send condolences or sign the e-guestbook, please go to homerfuneralhome.com.

Richard "Rich" Hesselink '55

Richard "Rich" Hesselink, aged 84, of Byron Center, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Rich proudly served his country for three years during WWII including time overseas. He enjoyed working for Bouma Corporation for over 50 years. He also served as a faithful deacon and elder at his church. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Fran Bootsma and Cathie

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Gasaway. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy; children and grandchildren, Ron and Joanne Hesselink (Rhonda and Kyle Verploegen, and Ryan), Sandy and Dave Bergman (Chad and Kristina and their children, Blake and Lauren; Brent and Victoria and their son, Cortland; Todd, Dori and Kaleb Sims), Rick and Theresa Hesselink (Scott, Randall, Andrew, and Kelsey) and Ross and Arla Hesselink (Keith, Mallory, Kyle, Mitchell, and Kendra); his brothers, Gerrit and Peg Hesselink and Herb and Ruth Hesselink; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Phil Huisjen, Mina Weemhoff, and Merle and Jean Huisjen; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial Contributions may be made to Faith Hospice of Holland Home or Trinity U.R.C. Building Fund.

Gerald James Fawcett

Gerald James Fawcett died on June 30 of complications from a stroke. Jim grew up in several places, but since 1962 made Tyringham, MA his home. Born on January 23, 1939 in Chicago, his early years were spent in Ridgewood, NJ. After his father died when Jim was 10, he moved with his mother to Winter Park, FL.



His experience at Christ School in Arden, NC, an Episcopal boarding school, was formative. There, influential teachers nurtured his love of books and insatiable intellectual curiosity. Jim matriculated at Harvard College, class of 1961. The death of his mother in the summer after his freshman year left him without immediate family. Childless relatives, Clyde and Inez Thomp-

son, took him in for a year on their farm in Truman, Minnesota. The work and rituals of a family farm left a deep impression. At Harvard, Jim majored in English, played football for Leverett House, and was a member of the Fox Club. He met Eugénie Rudd (Radcliffe 1961) at Canterbury House. After graduation, Jim participated in Project

Tanganyika teaching English to African students in Dodoma, Tanganyika. He returned with several gleaming spears and even sharper stories.

Jim and Eugénie were married at St Paul's Church, Stockbridge on September 16, 1961, and moved to Fernside, the Rudd family's property in Tyringham. There they revived the farm, raising sheep for 55 years (and at times chickens, 1 pig, 4 horses and a few cattle). Jim taught English at Lenox School for Boys (1963-1970), South Junior High School in Pittsfield (1971-1978), and Berkshire Country Day School in Stockbridge (1978-2021). He served in the U.S. Army Reserve (1962-1968) and acquired a MALS degree at Wesleyan University (1971). An ebullient and energetic teacher, he used the Socratic method to get his students to think clearly. His passion for reading was irrepressible and he was a natural storyteller. In his beloved Berkshires, he was a member of the Berkshire Bears and Bulls, Mah-keenac Boating Club, and Trinity Church, Lenox. He paddled a canoe or kayak in some 40 races of the Josh Billings RunAground on the Stockbridge Bowl.

He is survived by his wife, Eugénie D. Fawcett, his children John R. Fawcett (Carol), Donald N. Fawcett (Bridget), Annette D. Sedgwick (Robert), James T. Fawcett (Katherine), and seven grandchildren - Eliza B. Fawcett, Elisabeth B. Fawcett, Rudd C. Fawcett, Zachary C. Sedgwick, Elliot G. Sedgwick, Richard C. Fawcett, and Clara S. Fawcett.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Monday, July 11 at Trinity Church, Lenox, MA. Burial will be at Tyringham Cemetery, immediately following, and all are invited. The family extends gratitude to Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company, Lee Ambulance, and Albany Medical Center.

Donations in memory of Jim Fawcett may be made to Trinity Church, Lenox, and Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company.



Editor's note: The very sad news of Jim Fawcett's passing unleashed an outpouring of emailed condolences, comments, and stories. We picked the best to share with readers, starting with Bob Sansone's initial message of our loss. It's clear that Jim Fawcett touched many students' lives in the most positive and memorable ways.

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I am so sorry to have to bring this to all of you. What absolutely sad and tragic news.

Bob S.

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Truly one of the good guys, as we were protesting Vietnam he was in the reserve. Taught me a lot of English!

Fred L.

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This is so sad. Mr. Fawcett was such a good guy from the English classes to coaching our 3rd form football team. He lives on in all of us....

Ira C.

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Damn it.

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Very sad indeed! Wonderful man, wonderful teacher!!

Paul

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Very sad news to hear. He was a wonderful guy and a gifted teacher.

My favorite Jim Fawcett story was when I had him for Third Form English during his first year (I think) teaching at Lenox. If I recall correctly, we had six books to read over the summer and were required to write brief book reports on each. I remember starting each report with some version of, "This book was very interesting." Then went on to add some additional superficial dribble.

Next class, Jim returned the graded book reports. I got a big red "F" on each with a comment along the lines of, "Never begin anything with such a say-nothing phrase." Of course, he gave me the chance to redo my reports. One of those life lessons from Mr. Fawcett. I always think of Jim when I hear the phrase, "Oh, I found that very interesting." Dive deeper and get more specific, young man!

John R.

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Jim Fawcett seems to have made a lot of great stories for us. Mine was I would sign my papers Flavenberg, which he then converted quite quickly and for the rest of the time I spent at Lenox I was referred to as Flav.

Fred L.

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I found your email to be very interesting -- mostly because I had the inverse of your experience in the history/lit course that Mr. Fawcett taught with Nol.

I worked for weeks on my magnum opus final paper -- a sweeping review of the influence of romanticism in 19th Century American literature. It was going to be the definitive work ever done on the topic. Its scope got broader every day. I may even have broken out the colored pencils to emphasize some of my most telling points and embellish the piece in general.

My classmate, Scott Hoffman, chose a simple, narrow topic and wrote his paper overnight in Room E while we were assembling our yearbook photos and text. He got an unheard of 90. I got the lowest grade that Jim could give me in good conscience having labored through my 25 page, sweat-stained, multi-colored excrescences.

Focus, son. Focus.

Jeff S.

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Jim taught all of us how to put our thoughts & positions to paper. The "theme a day" exercise was a very valuable life skill. In college, and beyond, getting thoughts to paper was second nature. I discovered that the ability to do that, was not something that many others were able to do so easily. I had a special skill. I thank Jim for that.

John S.

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My favorite Mr. Fawcett story involved football not any of his classes. As a day hop, we used to change our clothes in St. Martins' basement. In 3rd form, I went with Gary Case to get our football equipment, truded it up to St. Martins, and tried to put the stuff on. Neither Gary nor I had ever worn football pads and had no idea what we were doing. Even so we tried our best.

Walking down to the practice field, Gary kept complaining about his thigh pads hurting him. Me, being Mr. Sensitive, said something to the effect of "get over it." Once the first practice began, Mr. Fawcett had us do wind sprints and Gary was yelling all the way — ouch, this hurts etc.. After a couple of sprints, Mr. Fawcett stopped and pulled Gary aside and asked him what was wrong; Gary said the thigh pads were hurting.... Mr. Fawcett had him take his pants off on the field, looked at them and said, "the thigh pads are in backwards, no wonder your balls hurt!" That was an early barometer of the 3rd form football team. I think we scored two maybe three touchdowns all year, but Mr. Fawcett was always positive. "We'll get them next week boys"..... He was special.....

Ira C.

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I am so sorry.

Van "Woody" W.

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Thank you for letting me know. Jim was a unique and interesting guy. I hadn't seen him in many years - my parents were good friends with him. RIP, Jim

Andie B.

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Indeed very sad news. Both as a student and a master I knew him as a kind level headed person. My brother Mark

a Lenox board member and the class of 55 also passed away on December 24. I know that Mark and Jim had socialized a few times in recent years. Stay healthy.

Jan S.

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Thanks for letting me know of Jim Fawcett's death. I learned so much from him as he would write "Gack" on a writing assignment. Another hero of Lenox School. Rest in Peace.

Andrew O.

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I'm very sorry to hear about Jim Fawcett. He was a great teacher. Thank you for letting me know.

Jody H.

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So sorry to hear about Jim Fawcett. Thank you for letting us know. He was one of my favorite teachers at Lenox.

Be well.

Paul D.

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Thank you. I didn't know him but I'm sorry for your loss. Coincidentally, my mother was a Fawcett.

Tim S.

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I am so sorry. He was a classmate at Harvard. He and Eugenie were at Canterbury House there. Wish I could be with you on the 11th but I don't move fast enough these days. Thanks for the sad news.

Fred E.

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Thank you for letting me know. I realize that I never took a class with him. We only interacted when he was table master. Stay safe and well,

Frank M.

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Really sad to hear this. Jim was a really special person.

Best regards,

Bill E.

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I am sorry about Jim Fawcett. He was the one who connected me to Lenox School and to Bob Sansone and Doug Hardy who had been to KEEP, Japan in 62. So glad we were connected.

Our daughter and her family is coming back to New York from Sydney Australia where she lives now soon, so we won't be able to attend his funeral, but we will be thinking of him, and thank you so much for letting me know.

With warm regards,

Midori C.

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Thanks for the update. Jim Fawcett had a big impact on me... he was my English teacher in 63/64 and a very special master who was at most events in the past.

Jim M.

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Sorry to hear that. Thanks for letting me know. Take care,
Nick C.

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Thanks for the sad news about Jim Fawcett. I really enjoyed Jim as a colleague and fellow coach. He was a real schoolman and changed the lives of so many young men and made them better. He will live on through them.

David B.

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Thanks for the sad news about Jim Fawcett. I regret that I did not meet him. He was just after my years at Lenox.

Kent H.

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Although he came while I was a "6th-former," I remember him well. How old was he? He must be one of the last? Is Ara Dostourian still living? Lapointe? Cogan?

David P.

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Through the passage of time, we have reached that point in our lives, where there are more endings than beginnings. As a member of the last class of 2nd Formers to start at Lenox, Mr. Fawcett, being new to Lenox in the fall of 1963, was given the task of engaging the seven of us in English. I don't remember the content of the class, but we as rebellious students certainly pulled off stunts. A pail 2/3s full of water... perhaps "luckily" dipped in and not out on its intended victim as he entered our classroom, the last room in the east classroom wing of St. Martin's.

Mr. Fawcett raised sheep.... He was famous for wearing what became known as his "sheeping" boots, especially in the wet Lenox springs. His 'boots', red hair and 6ft+ frame will be always part of the Lenox mystery.

Cy L.

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I'm sorry to learn of Jim Fawcett's death. He was so important in keeping the Lenox School story alive. May he rest in peace.

Ital V.

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Thanks... Got to talk to Eugenie yesterday.

Tim C.

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I do not recall Jim Fawcett. As far as I can recall, he was not a member of the Class of 1954.

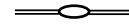
I think I told you that my good friend, Matt Mitchell, died last May. That sad news is supposed to be in the next Lenox newsletter.

Please let me know if I had a connection with Jim.

Hank L.

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Thanks -- while I don't remember Mr. Fawcett directly, I do appreciate you guys passing along such happenings... Earl McClenney two years ago -- one of the most important positive influences in my life -- and close friend Gordon Auchincloss last year, are two examples of names I will always associate with Lenox; Bob Ames (music teacher) some years back also... Again, thank you much --
Bruce B.



Missing In Action

We keep track of the mailed newsletters that bounce because they're undeliverable -- usually, because the recipient has moved and left no forwarding address. Below are some of those names... if you see a familiar name and have contact info for any of them, please alert us so we can update our database.

Harvey Butterfield	Herbert Pearl
Philip Carey	John Powlovich
David Clarke	Mrs. Suzanne Rogers
John Everett	Darrell Shedd
Roger Hood	Stephen Shedd
Leverett Hubbard	David Shelsy
Robert Longbottom	Makoto Tanaka
Richard Lovett	David Tobler
James Mayo	Henry Wangeman
Robert Nitabach	Paul Warren
Christopher Oakman	

Likewise, Cookie Kempton tracks bounced emails from our classmates -- a few are listed below. If you can help reconnect with them, we'd appreciate it.

Bob Hall '67
Alexander Douglas '66
Eugene Hunter '50
Eric Lichtenstein '58



Trivia Answers to The May 2022 P&S Edition

1d. The Bordentown/Lenox School [1972-1976]: created an armory in the Fieldhouse for its cadets' weapons; sold much of the contents of the buildings to raise revenue for use in administering the bankruptcy; and leased portions of the southern campus to the 'New School At Lenox', founded by members of the faculty of the Litchfield School in Connecticut.

2g. The Bible Speaks (TBS) [1976-1987]: renamed St. Martin's Hall Charis Hall, meaning 'Grace' in Greek; and may have removed 'Lenox School' from the building's façade; added a balcony to the Memorial Gymnasium and used it as a chapel/lecture hall; created an 1,800 seat Main Chapel in the Sports Center; created a high-quality softball field with dugouts on the baseball diamond; built a 2-story laundry/maintenance building with two garages next to Lawrence Hall's northeast end; built a fountain with three flagpoles in the circle in front of St. Martin's Hall and a concrete sign on the other side of the circle facing Kemble Street which read: 'The Bible Speaks – International Headquarters'; and collected all the Lenox School Memorabilia from the campus and gave it to the Lenox Library.

3d. Ms. Elizabeth Dovydenas [1987-1993]: rented Clipston Grange, East and North Cottages to Shakespeare & Company while S&Co were still headquartered at 'The Mount'; converted the TBS Main Chapel in the Sports Center into the Berkshire Performing Arts Center featuring top-tier music and comedy acts and even Lenox Town Meetings; and created a Neighborhood Development Plan to convert the campus into a 180 to 200 unit village called Lenox South, but the Plan was never approved by the Town.

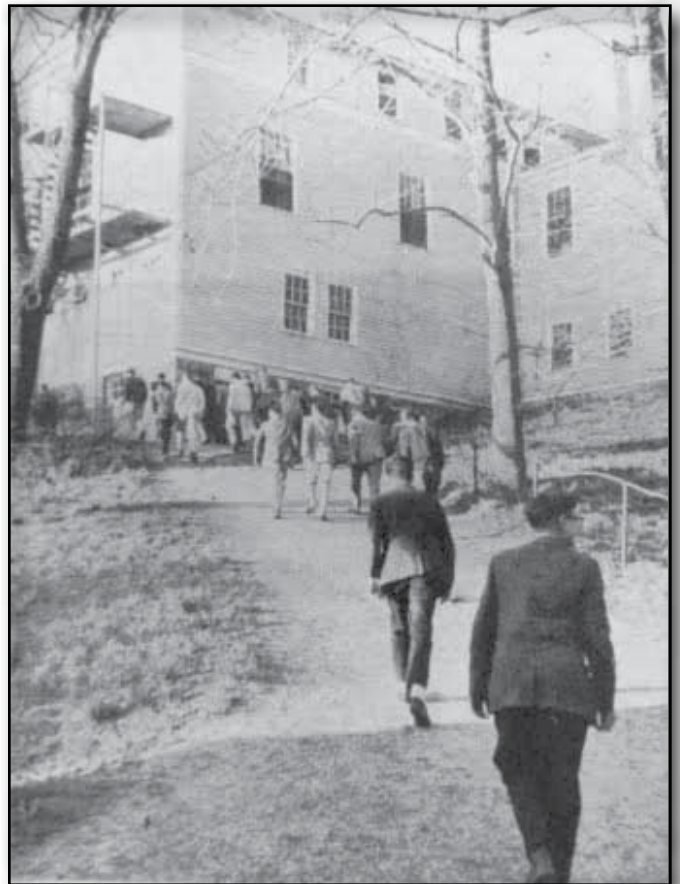
4f. The National Music Foundation [1993-1999]: planned to create 'The National Music Center', but never built any new buildings; reportedly some renovations were made to the Gymnasium; Schermerhorn was maintained as a rented residence which periodically featured nationally known musicians at social and fundraising events; tore down Thayer Hall, which had become dilapidated and was leaching hazardous liquids into the surrounding soil; changed the TBS's concrete rectangular sign to read: 'The National Music Center' with the Center's logo: a chevron with a single note on a music staff.

5d. Dr. James C. Journey Sr. Northern Portion of Campus, Hockey Pond to Schermerhorn [2005-2013] [Maintains Ownership of Clipston Grange 2005-Present]: completely restored Clipston Grange; restored portions of Schermerhorn Hall to stop deterioration: and placed a new roof on the Annex to protect its interior and cleaned-out the basement.

6f. Shakespeare & Company. [1999-2005 Entire Campus] [2005-Present Southern portion of Campus]: maintained Schermerhorn as a 102-seat theater; maintained the Merrill-Seamans Library and Lawrence Hall as its headquarters and a dormitory and rehearsal hall respectively; converted the Gymnasium into the Tina Packer Playhouse and the Sports Center into the Bernstein Performing Arts Center and Theatre; razed Monks Hall and the Coop to create an outdoor performance venue; and made repairs and sealed St. Martin's Hall to slow further deterioration.

7d. The Spring Lawn GP LLC Northern Portion of Campus, Hockey Pond to Schermerhorn, Less Clipston Grange [2013-Present]: planned to create 'Berkshire Legacy' a Luxury Hotel, Boutique and Spa from Spring Lawn and planned surrounding cottages; did renovation work inside Schermerhorn [SpringLawn] and maintained the grounds around Schermerhorn and The Annex.

~ Randy Harris



Immense Size Of Thayer Hall Is Evident To Hikers Heading To A Meal Or Chapel - 1960s



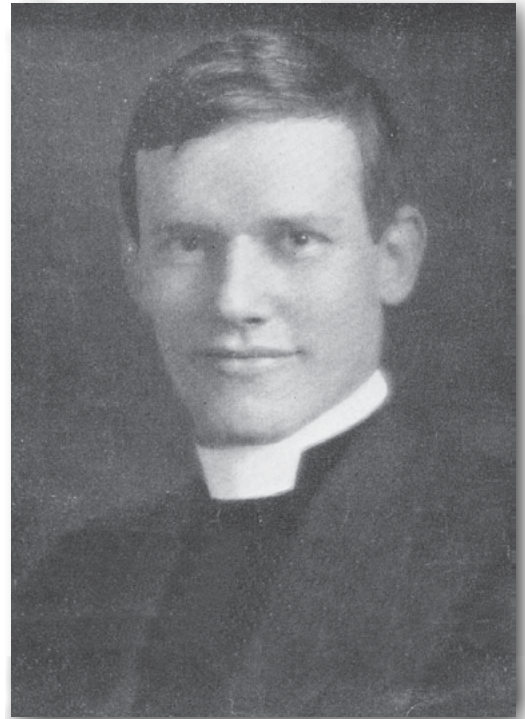
Ski Jumping Behind Griswold Hall



Thayer Hall 's Upper Entrance to Dining Hall and Rooms



Only Remaining Griswold Hall Remnant,
Part Of Foundation - 2008



First Headmaster - The Rev. G. Gardner Monks,
Before Gray Hair - Early 1930s



Thayer Hall Looms Over North Cottage
In The Distance - 1930s



Trustees' Portrait of Mr. Monks Hangs In
the Dining Hall Behind Mr. Curry

**Griswold Hall Front
Oil Painting
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