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### **Lynnfield Historic Commission Unveils Historic Center**

Members of the Lynnfield Historic Commission have been hard at work cleaning up the Historic Center located at 35 South Common, just off the center common. Their efforts were celebrated this past week with a large group of visitors in attendance.

On the evening of Veteran's Day, members of the LHC showed off their newly organized archives of historic objects and photographs spanning hundreds of years of Lynnfield's history.

Of note in the collection was a tea cup from the Pocahontas tavern, a show box of Indian arrow heads, several antique furniture pieces including a bed, spinning wheels and foot warming boxes, as well as several vintage photographs including the Dew Drop Inn at Pillings Pond, Suntaug Lake Inn, the Whittredge House and Gerrys Cider Mill.

In attendance was Edie Richard who has donated dozens of items to the LHC from her family's Pope Farm, formerly located on the site of the Summer Street School. "I can't tell you how pleased I am to finally see this project come to fruition. It is such a gift to the community to be able to look back on our wonderful history through all of these items so beautifully catalogued and displayed."

Also in attendance was Don Harriss, President of the Lynnfield Historical Society. "I want to congratulate Historic Commission, Chairman, Nan Hockenbury along with fellow commission members, Linda Gillon, Steven Richard, Faith Honer-Coakley, and Steve Smith for all of their hard work and dedication to making this center a viable resource for future generations of this town."

While the Historic Center is in its infancy of realizing its full potential, a glimpse of its exciting future as a resource to the town's historical significance in the county is quickly becoming apparent. The Historical Commission and Historical Society intend the Centre to function as both an educational centre with access to the collection of historical objects and resource centre for information on conservation, preservation and remodeling practices for new and antique homes. Hours are by appointment, please contact [lhc@town.lynnfield.ma.us](mailto:lhc@town.lynnfield.ma.us).