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Register of Deeds

Hello and welcome to our Newsletter.

We spotlight one community per month and hope to share with the other 53 communities in our district some historical or social significance of the region.

This month, having been vaccinated, I was more comfortable heading out into our northwestern part of the district. On April 8, 2021, Assistant Register Kathleen Meehan-Sullivan and I traveled to Barre, MA. We visited the Barre Historical Society. We met up with the Curator Margaret Marshall. She was a fantastic hostess. We traveled to Barre on a mission to photograph The Yankee Horse Rake. I was successful, but let me tell you, we gained so much more. We spent some time with Margaret and discussed Barre and some of their famous residents. She took us out to the Carriage House. She left us in good hands, with George Marshall. George grew up in Barre; he is a

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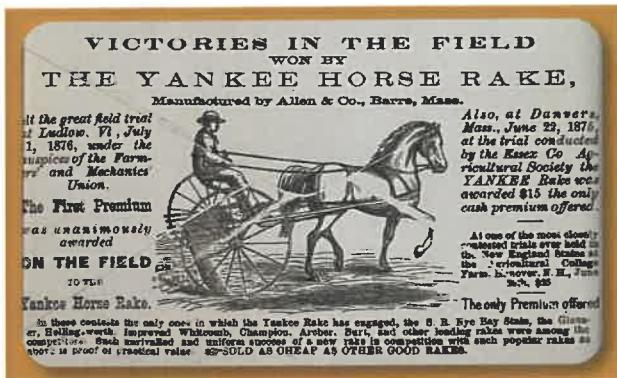
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wealth of information and enjoys sharing his knowledge. The collection held by the Barre Historical Society is remarkable. I snapped many pictures. They have 3 buildings and it is a large collection that is well preserved. The Yankee Horse Rake was the item I went to see, but I saw so much more. They have Charles G. Allen's bicycle, with no brakes, yes I said no brakes; that he used to make his sales calls around the region. They have a fully restored stage coach, fire equipment, farm equipment

and supporting historical information to share. George told us a great story, he explained it is one he usually shares with the annual visiting 3rd grade class, about Engine 2 and the use of local kids to run the pump. I suggest you visit and get the story from George, I would not do it justice.

The Barre Historical Society is open to the public on Thursdays from 10am-12pm or by appointment. They have a great web page: <https://www.barremahistoricalsociety.org/>

Community Statistics

Number of Recordings in March 2021

98

Median Home Value

\$192K

Homes Owned vs. Rented

75%

Median Age

55

Density (Houses per Square Mile)

350

PRICE LIST OF EXTRA PARTS

For

The Yankee Horse Rake



No. of Part	Name	Price Each	No. of Part	Name	Price Each
1	Tooth Holder	40c	28	Tooth Spring	45c
2	Stirrup Holder	45c	29	Dump Spring	75c
3	Tilting Lever	1.00	30	Dump-rod Spring	45c
4	Connecting Lever	1.50	31	Tooth	50c
5	Right Treadle	90c	32	Wrench	45c
6	Linch Pin	15c	33	Right Tug Hook	40c
7	Rocker Plate	30c	34	Left Tug Hook	40c
8	Seat Support	40c	35	Whiffletree Iron	40c
9	Axle Washer	15c	36	Seat	2.00
10	Left Treadle	75c	37	Hook Lever	30c
11	Hinge for No. 5	75c	38	Dump Spring Thimble	15c
12	Foot Piece for No. 5	40c	39	Bevel Washer	15c
13	Left Pawl	40c	40	Holdback Iron	30c
14	Right Pawl	40c	41	Right Stripper Hinge	50c
15	Dump-rod Coupling	40c	42	Left Stripper Hinge	50c
16	Seat Chair	1.50	43	Right Thill Iron	1.00
17	Socket for No. 15	40c	44	Left Thill Iron	1.00
18	Right Thill Iron*	1.00	45	Hub	1.75
19	Left Thill Iron*	1.00		Dump-rods, Pair	1.50
20	Hinge for No. 41	50c		Wheels, Each	7.50
21	Hinge for No. 42	50c		Thills, Each	2.50
22	Left Shield	45c		Head	6.00
23	Right Shield	1.50		Stripper Head	3.50
24	Left Axle	3.00		Cross Bar	3.50
25	Right Axle	3.00		Seat Standard	1.50
26	Right Ratchet Wheel	1.50		Strippers, Each	30c
27	Left Ratchet Wheel	1.50		Hand Lever	35c
28				Whiffletree Stick	30c

*Old style, used before 1884.

**New style, used since 1884.

READ THIS!

All orders for repairs should give the number of the broken part. Until 1884 our wheels were 4 R. high—since then date 4 to 4 in high. In filling orders for wheels and teeth we will send them for high wheel rakes unless otherwise specified. Cut parts right or left as seen from place on the scale. Give full P. O. address, naming Town and State. State whether to send by Mail, Express or Freight. Cash must accompany all orders except from our regular agents.

CHAS. G. ALLEN CO., Barre, Mass.

PRICES EFFECTIVE APRIL 15th, 1888, SUPERSIDING ALL PREVIOUS LISTS

Note: Worcester District Registry of Deeds began in 1731; therefore some records for Barre, are identified as Rutland

By Kathryn Toomey

From the beginning of the earliest kept records Barre was part of Rutland. The town was part of the Naquag grant and was made the Northwest District of Rutland in 1749. In 1774 the town incorporated and was called "Hutchinson". Two years later a petition for a different name resulted in it being called "Barre", with a population of 734. The name was changed to Barre in 1776 in honor of Col. Isaac Barre, a member of the British Parliament who embraced the colonists' cause of independence.

Charles G. Allen, (b.1833) was raised in Barre, MA. He became an educator both in Barre and the surrounding towns. He went on to Harvard Medical School and practiced in Barre, MA. Charles was also a soldier in the 53rd Massachusetts Infantry as a Hospital Steward and the 36th Massachusetts Infantry as an assistant surgeon. He was a Prisoner of War. Upon his return to civilian life he fathered 8 children, 5 of

Town Spotlight

Charles G. Allen

Barre



whom worked in the family business. Through his descendants, the Chas. A. Allen Company continued business for a total of 95 years.

His original homestead/manufacturing site was located at what is now known as 25 Williamsville Road, Barre, MA. Charles Allen began acquiring land off the "Common" in Barre in 1890, with his first purchase from Asa B. Haven in 1890, for \$650 his first 2.25 acres. ([Book 1321, Page 117, 118](#)) His next purchase was land that abutted his first parcel, it was much smaller and measured in the old measurements of Rods. ([Book 1325, page 307, 308](#)) The third piece was acquired in 1891, it was 6 acres for \$125 from George Brown. ([Book 1361, Page 206, 207](#))

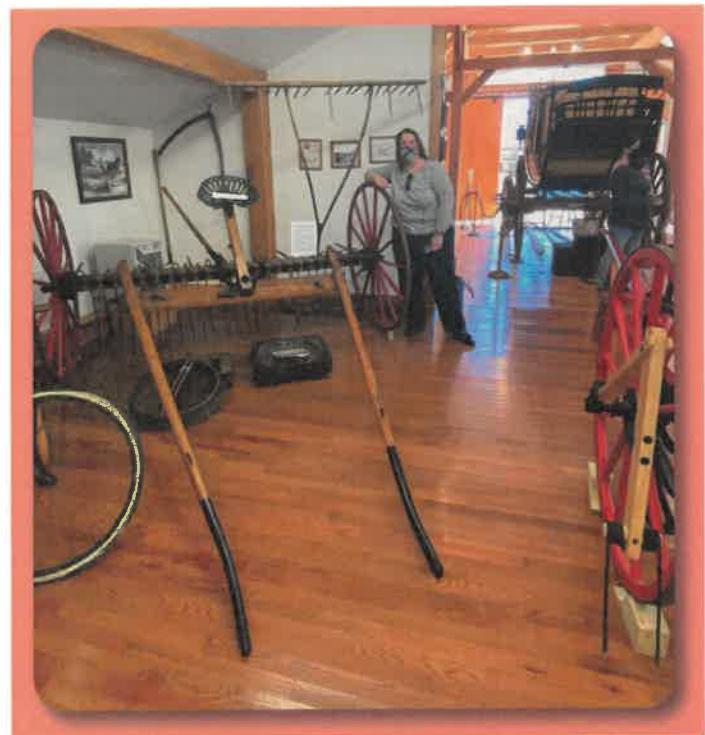
In 1874, Dr. Chas. G. Allen founded his company with the manufacture of the "Yankee" Horse Rake and other horse drawn equipment used in farming. The original rake was sold for \$17.00, when someone could not afford that price he modified the tool and made a \$15.00 version of the rake.

Dr. Allen would use his bicycle to carry the scale model of the rake through the region for sales calls.

Thirty years later, in 1904 the Chas. G. Allen Company developed and manufactured its first upright sensitive drilling machine. They have manufactured of 36,000 to date and During WWII was awarded the Army/Navy "E" Award. This award recognizes manufacturing excellence in support of war effort. They shipped 112 machines per week and had approximately 700 employees.

The Allen drilling machines were well known, they held as much as 75% of the domestic market as measured against competitors.

Charles G. Allen Company and the Barre Wool Company were the main industrial forces in Barre. Items that can be found on display at the Barre Historical Society include: a Yankee Horse Rake, a product manufactured by the Chas. G. Allen Co. from 1873 to 1936; an Allen Co. drilling machine and drill press; and various other Allen Co. agricultural products.



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Monthly E-Recording Statistics – 2020

Month	Recorded Documents	E-Recorded Documents	E-Recorded Payloads Recorded	E-Recording Payloads Rejected	Percentage of E-Recording Payloads Rejected	Percentage of Documents E-Recorded
January	11049	6427	4520	525	11%	58%
February	10807	5299	4041	504	12%	49%
March	11345	7877	5128	636	12%	69%
April	10759	8568	5791	731	12%	80%
May	11926	9809	6322	814	12%	82%
June	13973	11219	7363	867	12%	80%
July	15036	11953	7609	905	11%	80%
August	14622	11428	6913	877	12%	78%
September	15745	12410	7845	925	11%	79%
October	16582	13219	8336	980	11%	80%
November	15251	12118	7816	900	11%	79%
December	18400	15955	9964	1028	10%	86%

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January	14628	11943	8340	879	10%	81%
February	13456	10961	7820	847	11%	81%
March	16585	13188	9543	1020	10%	80%
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