

James Kences Newspaper Articles throughout the Years

Seventeenth Century

Capt. John Smith Surveys the Coast(1614 exploratory voyage); 1634. . .The Murder of Walter Norton(One of the original inhabitants killed by Indians in Connecticut); Rise and Fall of Edward Godfrey(the tragedy of the first inhabitant);Exploring Life and Death of Thomas Morton(the famous Morton who died here in 1645); How Gorgeana Became York(The Massachusetts takeover of 1652); Beginnings of Slavery; The First Mills and an Overreaching Millwright;York's Years in Limbo(the period 1660-1668 and the second Massachusetts takeover; The Arrival of the Scottish Prisoners(McIntires and Junkins origins);The Indian War of 1675 to 1678; King William's War and the Candlemas Raid of January 1692; The Fate of Ensign Henry Simpson(a victim of the 1692 raid); to be published The Fate of Thomas Venner(the notorious Fifth Monarchist who once lived here).

Eighteenth Century

York Garrisoned During Queen Anne's War(the Indian war of 1703 to 1713) ; The 1724 Raid at Norridgewock(the background to the famous incident); The Throat Distemper Outbreak(the epidemic of 1735-1736);When Reverend Whitefield Came to York(the visits of 1740,1744, and 1770); Louisburg(the assault upon the French Canadian fortress in 1745); Who Was Reverend Joseph Moody?; Governor Shirley in from the Storm(his brief appearance here in 1754); Removal of French Acadians in 1755; 1760. . .Thomas Moody and the End of New France(His diary of the Montreal campaign in 1760); Jonathan Sayward the "Rescinder" (the 1768 Circular Letter episode); Boston Committee of Correspondence(York's earliest revolutionary activity in 1772);Legal Town Meeting Held in York (18th century town government); The Sons of Ensign Henry Simpson; Loyalist from York(Jonathan Sayward at the beginning of the Revolution)

The Revolutionary War and New Nation

Confusion on the Day of Bunker Hill(York soldiers on the day of the battle); John Adams from York to Independence(the life of Adams after he was in York in 1774); July 1777. . .The York Men who Faced Burgoyne(Town soldiers at Ticonderoga based on Bragdon letters);Valley Forge readied the forces to win the war(York's experience at the famous winter encampment); They Sailed with John Paul Jones(York men who were sailors in his raiding expeditions); The Penobscot Disaster of 1779(how York was involved in the naval disaster); The Massachusetts Constitution of 1780; Ratifying the Constitution in 1788; An Obedient Servant to Alexander Hamilton(Joseph Tucker as Customs Collector and his Letterbook from the 1790s); To be published A Workhouse for the Poor(Attitudes towards poverty)

Nineteenth Century

Death of Washington. . .winter of Mourning(How York observed Washington's death in winter of 1800); The Year Without a Summer(the strange weather of 1816); A Tour of Examination and Review(The visit of President Monroe in 1817);1820 A Town in the State of Maine(York and Maine Statehood); The York Ancestry of Ralph Waldo Emerson; York in 1833: No Longer the Shire Town(when York ceased to be county seat); The Unsettled Northeastern Boundary with British Canada(the controversy before 1843); Temperance and the Maine Law of 1851: to be published Whittier's Poem Maud Muller's Spring(the background to poem)

York and the Civil War

The Vote for Lincoln in 1860; Bounties, Substitutes and Conscription in Civil War York(How the town government experienced the war); The Presidential Pardon of Private Goodwin(Lincoln pardons a York man in December 1863); A Death at Andersonville(How a local man was brought to Andersonville in 1864); April 1865. . .Victory at Last(York and the end of the war)

Tourism and the Seaside Resort

The York Visit of Samuel Adams Drake (His visits in 1875 and late 1880s); 1881. .The Death of a President(Garfield's Assassination in 1881); Author Louisa May Alcott Visits York(the author of Little Women summers here); The Great Blizzard of March 1888; A Rivalry of the Rails(Introduction of the railroad and the trolley); 1895 When York was Electrified(the electric plant installed by E.S. Simpson;

Twentieth Century

York's Unique History(beginnings of Gaol Museum in 1900); Three Men Against Empire(Mark Twain, William Dean Howells, Thomas Brackett Reed opposition to American imperialism); 1905 The Visit of the Diplomats(The Portsmouth Peace Treaty); The Soldiers' Monument(Joshua Chamberlain and the dedication ceremony); York was slow to embrace full equality for women(Suffrage and women in government); York Builds a Library; August 1923. . .War Planes on the Beach(Capt. Billy Mitchell brings his planes to Long Sands; August 1954. . .When Nixon Golfed and McCarthy Fell(the background to Nixon's visit to York); November 1967. . .Vietnam(York's war dead) To be published Thomas Nelson Page; The Town Division Episode;

Continuity--through the centuries.

Pandemics of our past; York Street served town's shifting centers; Unsung Heroes: York town clerks and town history; York Town meetings and town offices through the centuries; Myth and history behind the Witches Grave; Hunting Predators for Bounties; Guard Well this hall: A

history of York town hall; A great Glaring brick town hall proposed in 1929; York Town Hall records vault.