



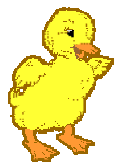
# THE WEBFOOTER

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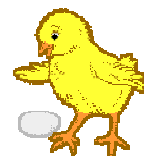
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## HAPPY EASTER



See page 4 for a new series:

**HOMETOWN HISTORIES** by our members

**Next Meeting – March 15, 2008**

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Card sales to begin at 10:30

**APRIL IS AN EXCITING MONTH FOR THE WEBFOOTERS**

**2nd Annual Auction April 18, 2008**

**28th Annual Show and Sale on April 19-20, 2008**



# President's Corner

Another exciting Auction is coming up April 18th at the Rodeway Quality Inn at 9727 NE Sandy Blvd. Preview begins at 3:30, the Banquet begins at 5:30 and the Auction begins at 7:00 pm. Items you donate to the Auction go to support The Webfooters and to keep our membership costs from increasing. Items you place on consignment can put money in your pocket and support The Webfooters as well.

Though the deadline for us to receive items for cataloging and photographing has passed, we can still accept items, but they may not be on posted on our website.

**We can accept your reservations for our Banquet until April 10. Contact Maggie Parypa to make reservations.** We have held the cost for the meal down to last year's price of \$15 each. Last year's meal, which featured bow tie pasta and chicken, salad and a scrumptious dessert was so well received, we are going to try for a repeat performance. When was the last time you were able to eat a banquet dinner for \$15? A number of years ago! Many organizations that have banquet dinners charge \$25 or more.

**Our highly anticipated 28th Annual Show & Sale will be held April 19-20 at the Jackson Armory.** If you are a dealer and you would like to rent a table or two, we still have a handful of tables left. We are also featuring a Webfooters Table to allow members who want to share a table to sell cards and share the cost of the table. If you've got one, two, four or six boxes this is for you. You can take turns selling the cards, and spend time looking to add to your collection or stock.

In this month's Webfooter, a new, continuing series is debuting, *Hometown Histories*. Most post card collectors try to find cards of their hometown. This is a new way for more of our members to submit articles for the Newsletter. This month, we are featuring Steve Bieler's hometown, *Somerset, Massachusetts*. Steve is our new Membership Chair. Steve's well written article shows how easy it is to create your story. I know several of you who could certainly help us with this series. Steve, who is a professional editor, said he is willing to give us a few tips or ideas.

## Member Update

Our newest member, Judy Cowell, #1728, is a friend of one of our dealers who always has interesting cards for sale, Kathleen Stephens, #1656. Thanks to Kathy for spreading the word.

We welcome back Morris Gant, member #309, who recently renewed his membership.

## Roster Addition

Welcome to The Webfooters Judy!!!

Cowell Judy

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Collects:

Topical Greetings



Second Annual

# **WEBFOOTERS POST CARD CLUB**

## **Postcard, Photograph & Ephemera**

# **\* AUCTION \***

**Friday, April 18, 2008 \* 7:00 pm**

**Preview begins at 3:30 pm**

**Rodeway Quality Inn – Portland Airport**

**9727 NE Sandy Boulevard in Portland, Oregon**

### **AUCTION LOTS INCLUDE:**

- Post Cards: real photo, holiday, artist signed, lithos, linens & chromes.
- Vintage Photographs: daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, stereo views, CDVs, cabinet cards, snapshots & mounted photos of all sizes.
- Paper Ephemera: advertising, trade cards, travel brochures, maps, menus & other early paper items!

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**No-host banquet dinner at the Rodeway Quality Inn beginning at 5:30 pm**

**Reservation Deadline: April 10, 2008 Please contact: Maggie Parypa**

**QUALITY CONSIGNMENTS WANTED!!!**

Contact Dusty Schmidt or Glenn Mason

## **28th Annual Show and Sale**

**Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 20 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Oregon National Guard Armory**

**6255 NE Cornfoot Road, Portland, Oregon**

For dealer and general show information, contact Mark Moore: [mark@pdxhistory.com](mailto:mark@pdxhistory.com) – [www.thewebfooters.com](http://www.thewebfooters.com)

# HOMETOWN HISTORIES



Greetings from

## Somerset, Massachusetts

By Steve Bieler

I'll bet that most newcomers to deltiology start by collecting cards of their hometown. I did. I was born in Fall River, Mass., a former global textile center that's most famous for one of its native daughters, the ax-wielding Lizzie Borden. Fall River today is known for its outlet malls and for the collection of warships on display in Battleship Cove, including the *USS Massachusetts*.

When I was 2 my family moved across the Taunton River to the semi-rural town of Somerset. Somerset is the place I think of when I think "hometown." But that's where my collecting troubles begin.

An expert once told me that there are 10,000 postcards of Fall River versus 75 of Somerset. I never saw his collection but from the way he described his cards I can only assume he had all 10,075. As for Somerset cards, I've learned three things:

- 1) The obvious: they're tough to find.
- 2) In addition to their scarcity, some Somerset cards are uninteresting or just plain ugly. I throw those back.
- 3) Except for three cards published in the 1960s (the town hall, the one motel, and my high school), there are no cards of Somerset after 1938.

They built clipper ships in Somerset in the mid-1800s...but there were no postcards around to record that fact. They build small commercial craft there today...but no one seems interested in making postcards of barges and pilot boats. Somerset had a thriving pottery industry, a railroad spur, and a trolley line...all gone since the Depression. It's too late to capture them now.

Here's a brief tour of my hometown, as it appeared eons before I was born. When you're talking Somerset and postcard-collecting, that's as good as it gets!



Somerset's sea captains grew wealthy and built grand homes in the oldest part of town, The Village.

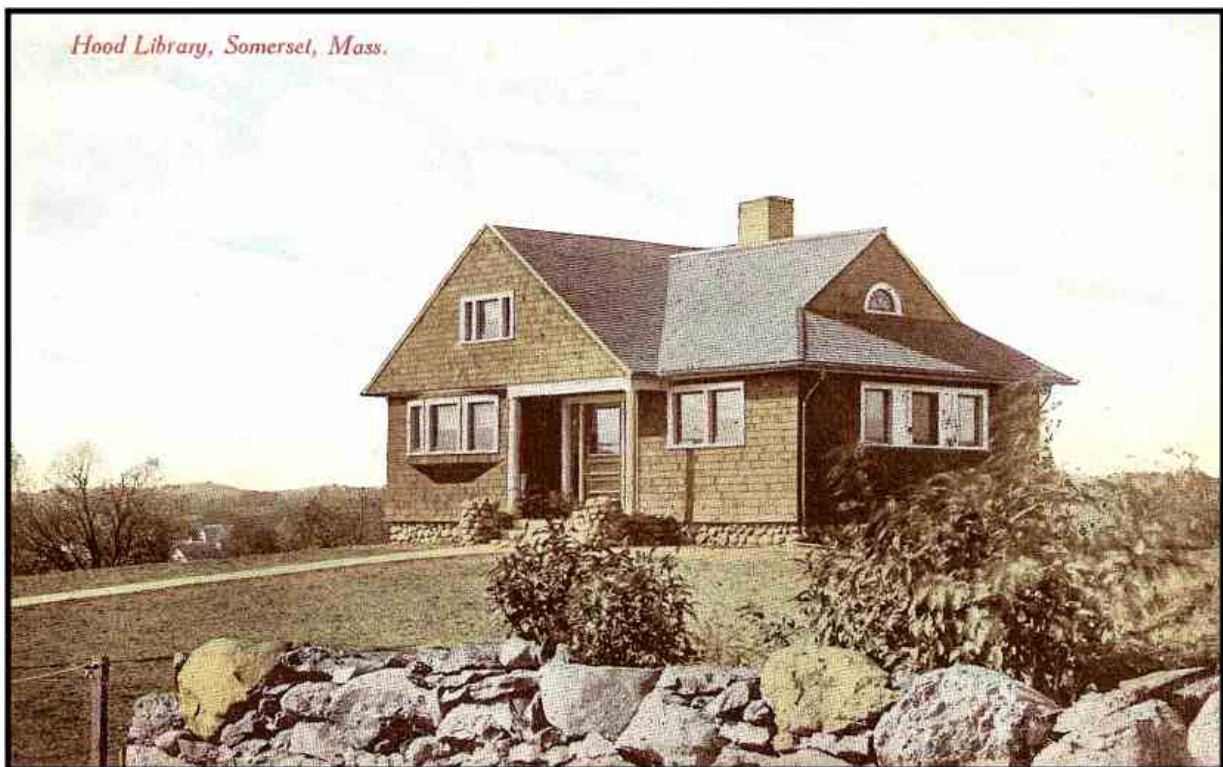


This is the main drag in The Village. The tracks were for an interurban line that was torn up during the Depression. My paternal grandfather bought and sold some of the scrap. This scene hasn't changed much; just add sidewalks and paving.

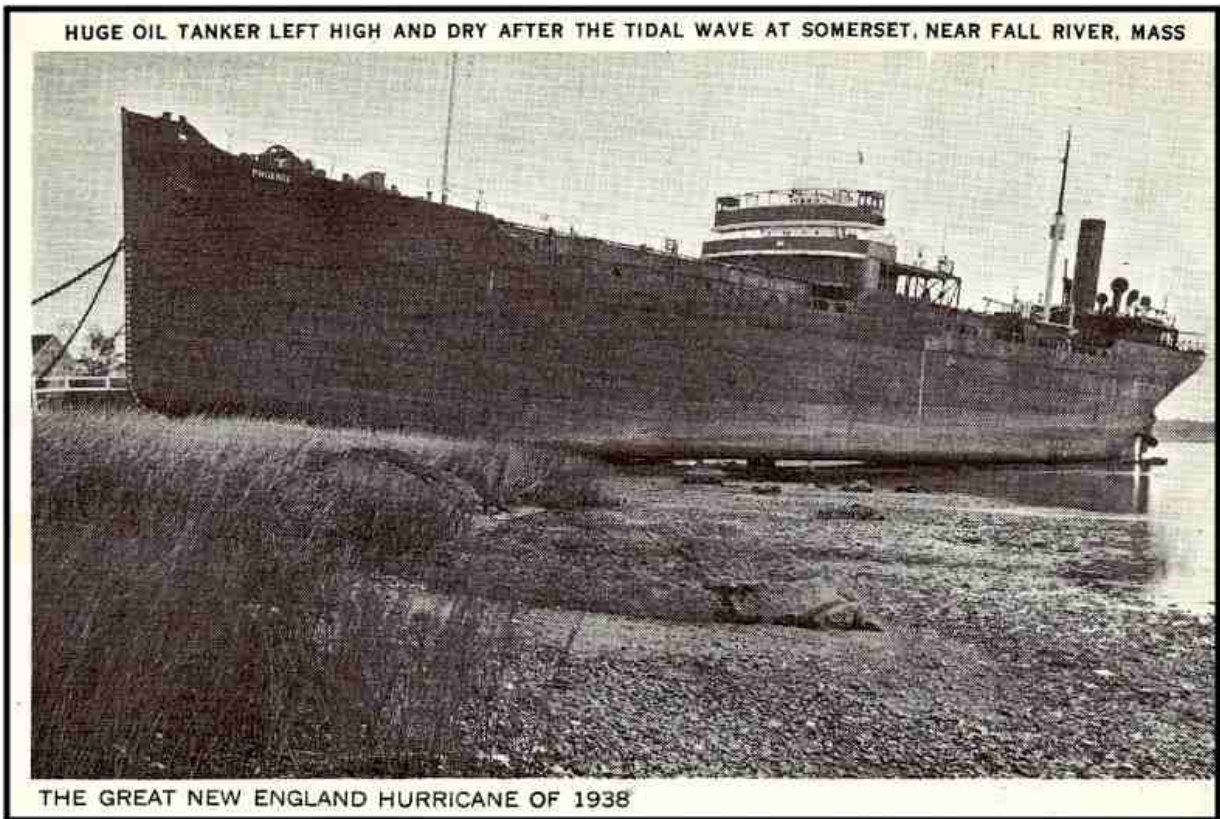
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The "Deserted Mansion" has an odd history. It was abandoned before World War I, when this card was published, but it was never demolished. Someone has spent the past decade refurbishing it. It still looks deserted.



This is one of my favorite postcards, because this is where I learned to read. Today the town has a beautiful new library and this house sits empty, surrounded by towering elms that weren't planted when this photo was taken, about 1912.



The hurricane of 1938 struck New England and surrounding states hard, killing 700 people. A good eyewitness account is Everett S. Allen's *A Wind to Shake the World*. The Taunton River is navigable by deep-draft ships, and the storm threw one of them onto the shore like a bathtub toy.



Somerset High School. Go Raiders!



Like Garrison Keillor's *Lake Wobegone*, no matter who owns this place, it's a motel that "time forgot and the decades cannot improve."

## Happy St. Patrick's Day – March 17, 2008



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We are planning to publish a new Roster this month that will be available to everyone at our Show in April. Please let us know of any changes to your name, address or collecting interests.



# Club Officers

President/Editor.....Mark Moore  
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 Historian.....Joe Macdonald  
 Librarian.....Steve Kuryk



# Calendar

March 10 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)  
 10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

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