



**Just For Fun:** Here's a photo from 1943 of two well-known Andover fellas – do you recognize them? If you do, drop a note to [Articles@AndoverBeacon.com](mailto:Articles@AndoverBeacon.com) or call us at 735-6099. We'll publish the answer and a tally of how many people recognized these "future old-timers."

Do you have a decades-old photo of one or more former or current Andover residents? If so, please send it to the *Beacon* and we'll see how many readers can correctly identify the people.

## How Andover Got Its Name

*Doris McDonald had saved this newspaper clipping in her copy of the Eastman town history. Her daughter, Marj Roy, found it recently and passed it along to the Beacon. We don't know what newspaper it's from, but the Franklin Journal Transcript is probably a good guess.*

**By Elmer Munson Hunt**

[Andover] appears to have had as its first settler in 1748 an early physician, Dr. Anthony Emery, who came there from Hampton after graduating from Harvard in 1736, and from whom it took its early name, Emerystown.

Dr. Emery took a leading part in raising a colonial force to assist the British in the capture of Louisbourg at Cape Breton, serving as surgeon under Colonel Blanchard in 1758, and upon his return secured grants of land in his neighborhood for 60 soldiers who took part in the expedition, naming the new

town New Breton after Cape Breton where they had made their successful campaign against the French.

Cape Breton, an island 110 miles long, was considered to be an important citadel by northern New England, second only to Quebec, and its capture was desired for the employment of Boston's over-population at the time, which might engage in its fisheries, as well as the prevention of French colonial expansion to the west along the St. Lawrence.

The incorporation of New Breton under the new name of Andover took place in 1779 following the outbreak of the Revolution. The name Andover was probably selected by Dr. Emery, since in that year the Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, endowed by John Phillips, was completed. Dr. Emery was related by marriage to Mr. Phillips and was his college-mate at Harvard in the 1730s.

## Blackwater Grange #152

Blackwater Grange #152 met on November 12 with 10 members present, Clayton Nowell presiding. Dictionaries arrived and have been given to Andover, New London, and Hill third grades along with four pairs of mittens to each school.

The Grange held its annual election of officers:

Master: Clayton Nowell  
 Overseer: Florence Blay  
 Lecturer: Marjorie Huntoon  
 Steward: Florence Blay  
 Asst. Steward: Ella Phelps  
 Lady Asst. Steward: Bernice Nowell  
 Chaplain: Margaret Jewell

Treasurer: Marcia McWethy  
 Gate Keeper: Marjorie Huntoon  
 Ceres: Charlotte Clark  
 Pomona: Lana Nelson  
 Flora: Eileen Brennan  
 Executive Committee for three years:  
 Vic Phelps

The meeting continued with quizzes and jokes, including Things You Never Knew Your Cell Phone Could Do.

The Grange also met on December 10. The next meeting will be in the spring, on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 PM in the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.

Seasons greetings to all, from members of the Blackwater Grange #152!

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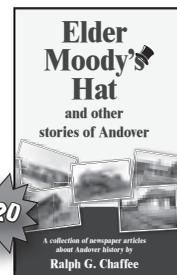
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