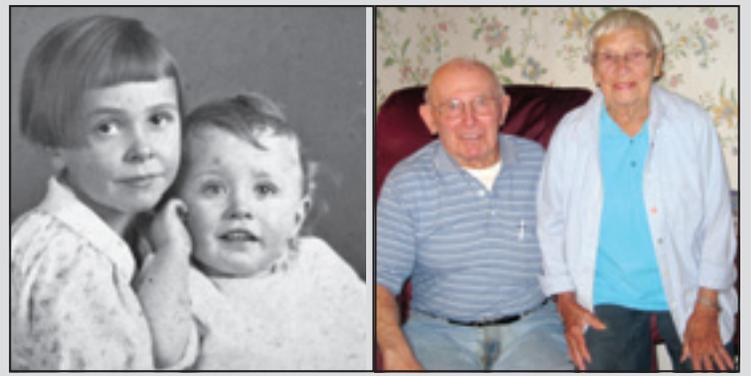




A new sign has been erected at the grave site of Richard and Sally Potter in Potter Place to inform people about the Potters and their significance..



Lifelong residents of Andover, Charlotte Currier Clark and brother Clyde Currier are shown above. Photo at left dates from 1929, and was taken by their great uncle, Elbert D. Currier, a well-known professional photographer in Andover and Franklin for many years. Photo at right was taken in June of this year, on the occasion of Clyde's 90th birthday! Belated birthday wishes from The Beacon!



East Andover Village Preschool students and teachers enjoy a rainy walk to the Bachelder Library. Photo: EAVP

New Sign at the Richard Potter Grave Site in Potter Place

Press release

The Andover Historical Society has recently installed a new sign at the Richard Potter grave site in Potter Place. Mounted close behind the small enclosure around the graves of Richard and Sally Potter, it provides information to passersby about Richard Potter's life and significance. The sign is already attracting attention from users of the Northern Rail Trail and visitors to the Andover Historical Society Museum.

Two hundred years ago, Richard Potter (1783-1835) was the most popular entertainer in America. A masterful magician and preeminent ventriloquist, he performed to great acclaim through-

out the entire country and contributed enormously to the long, gradual process of making American showmanship respectable. His story is all the more remarkable in that Richard Potter was also a black man, the son of a woman who had been captured on the Guinea coast as a young teenager and sold as a slave in Boston. Potter and his wife, Sally, moved to Andover in 1815 and made this town their home thereafter. Their gravesite lies in what was once the front yard of Potter's estate, close by the Andover Historical Society Museum and immediately next to the Northern Rail Trail.



News From East Andover Village Preschool

Press release

In August we welcomed 14 new families to our little school, joining the 11 families returning from last year.

We have had a fabulous first month! The first few weeks of school are all about getting to know each other and the daily routine. Our returning children have done a great job of mentoring and keeping the day flowing with their example.

Thank you to our community members who supported us by buying mums from our fund raiser sale in September. If you didn't get a chance to purchase mums, another chance to support EAVP is just around the corner—our Creepy Crawl 5K is coming up on Sunday, October 28. To register, visit eavpkids.org/5K.

Our first family hike of the year is planned for Sunday, October 7. All EAVP families, past and present, are invited! Look for an email coming soon or contact us at the school for details.



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