



# Port Chester Historical Society Newsletter

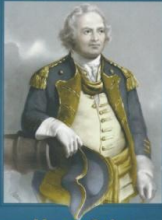


Fall 2020

The Port Chester Historical Society hopes you are all staying safe and sane while also getting some HISTORY into your life!

## GENERAL ISRAEL PUTNAM VIRTUAL LECTURE

Major General Israel Putnam



Hero of the American Revolution  
Robert Ernest Hubbard

**Our first Lecture/Q & A with Professor Robert Hubbard was great!** We learned many fascinating details about Israel Putnam, from his bravery in taking on a wolf hiding in a cave, to his great kindness. Yes, kindness! Some especially interesting tidbits include his daring while he was a ranger, sneaking into enemy camps during the Seven Years [French and Indian] War, his orders to his troops to “respect the local populace” when on a campaign, and the fact that Aaron Burr was his aide. We encourage you to join us on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. for the second half of Professor Hubbard’s lecture. This second half will focus more on Putnam during the Revolutionary War. Email us at [portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) and we will send you the link 24 hours before the lecture.

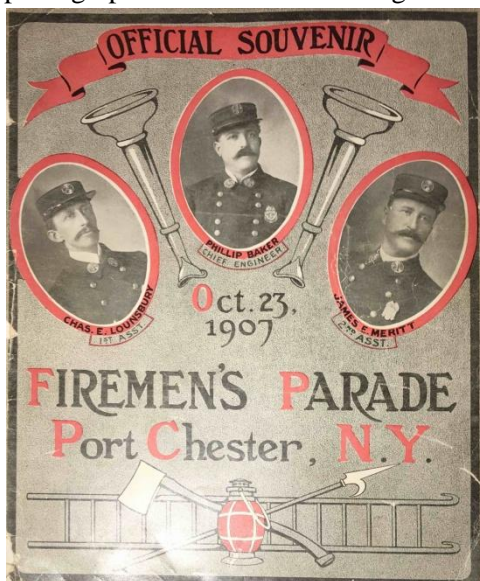
If you would like to order Professor Hubbard’s book, Major General Israel Putnam: Hero of the American Revolution, here is a link:

[https://smile.amazon.com/Major-General-Israel-Putnam-Revolution/dp/1476664536/ref=smi\\_www\\_rc02\\_go\\_smi\\_g4368549507?encoding=UTF8&%2AVersion%2A=1&%2Aentries%2A=0&ie=UTF8](https://smile.amazon.com/Major-General-Israel-Putnam-Revolution/dp/1476664536/ref=smi_www_rc02_go_smi_g4368549507?encoding=UTF8&%2AVersion%2A=1&%2Aentries%2A=0&ie=UTF8)

Prepare some questions and prepare to be enthralled!

## PUTNAM ENGINE AND HOSE

After hearing about our Putnam lecture, the Putnam Engine and Hose Company [the oldest in Port Chester] reached out to us about seeing some of their historical materials. They will be having their 200th anniversary in 2023 and we will certainly be excited to see the historical materials they showcase to Port Chester after 200 years of service! We plan to go back and photograph some of their amazing items so we can share them with you. Here’s a taste...



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## DATE NIGHT

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Our new fundraising idea - DATE NIGHT - has been going very well! Do you have a date that you would like to commemorate? A birthday, anniversary, or perhaps the first time you met that special someone? Send us that date, and in exchange for a donation, we will research that day throughout history AND the exact date so you can travel back in time. Its beautiful formatting makes it a great gift!

George Latimer was our first customer, and we have expanded since then. You can see a sample for a non-Port Chester person at end end of the newsletter! Email us if you are interested in doing DATE NIGHT.

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## ROSES

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After being informed by the heirloom rose company, where we bought the roses for the Homestead, that we



had to get the roses in the ground as soon as possible, we scrambled to comply; however, we think we've completed it in time for the roses to settle in for the winter.

There are two types: *Gallica officianalis*, which people used to grow for beauty and for the rose hips it created in the fall/winter. The other is *Rosa de Recht*, an old

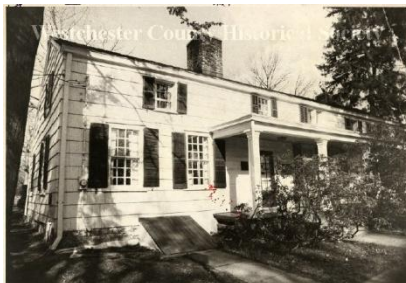


rose with a lovely scent. They are settling down for the winter right now, but come spring we will be able to enjoy the sublime scent of these roses.

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## APS REPORT

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A group of dedicated readers and questioners met to go over the APS report and finalize our comments/questions, which were duly sent in to the Village of Port Chester. There were some errors and some confusing bits. Society member Norm Davis helped us through everything, so a big **“Thank you!”** to him. We will be asking the Village to include some materials from us as well. The APS report will become the document of record for the Village, and we want to make sure it is as comprehensive and correct as possible.

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## CURTAINS

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We are starting our curtain sewing project at long last! Please email us if you would like to put your sewing skills to use. You might be surprised how many windows the Homestead has, but you probably will NOT be surprised that pretty much every window has different dimensions, making this project much more complicated than a simple trip to Bed, Bath, and Beyond. We are sure that this will bring us a bit closer to our ancestors as we measure twice and cut once [and perhaps employ some well-chosen language if we make a mistake].



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## UPCOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

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November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8

# DATE NIGHT EXAMPLE



If you are interested in a "Date Night" commemorative certificate made for your special day, please email the Historical Society at [portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).