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MANNING ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED IN 1901 TO PRESERVE THE
MANNING MANSE OF NORTH BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

Directions to Manse: From North: SE I-495S, Exit 19; Rt109E (Medway); left Medway Rd; left I-495N, (Lowell); Exit 39A-B-C to US-3 (Burlington); Exit 29, HWY 129E; Billerica Rd to Chelmsford Rd. From South: North 1-95, Exit 28A; Exit 32A-B to US-3N (Lowell), Exit 29 (Billerica); left Billerica Rd. to Chelmsford Rd. From West: East 1-90E, Exit 11A, merge onto I-495N; Exit 35 A-B-C, US-3S (Burlington); Exit 29, HWY 129E; Billerica Rd to 56 Chelmsford Rd.

MANNING MANSE MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 2008

Annual Reunion and Meeting of the Manning Association Stockholders

June 28, 2008, Mapping kin began to arrive by 11 AM to enjoy refreshments on the lawn served by Carolyn McLean of Woburn, MA. A display of items for sale placed in the Manse was of interest to many. Included here were the blue cobalt manning cuplates and hardcover copies of the "Key of Liberty" book by William Manning. Also on display was a recently acquired 1908 flyer from the early days of the Manning Association. As time permitted, family were able to walk the grounds or view the upstairs rooms at the Manse. At noon, all were seated in the "Manning Room" and enjoyed the reasonably-priced buffet lunch prepared by "Villagio Ristorante". For dessert we were treated to Karin and Peter Stuart's delicious fresh strawberry shortcake. President Leonard Manning welcomed all that were present and explained his ancestry as thirteenth generation from William Manning, Cambridge, MA. As is the custom, each person in turn introduced themselves and most told some anecdote. Jeff Manning of Marlboro said he had waited impatiently for the Reunion and the chance to view the upstairs rooms in the Manse. Being very tall, he had to stoop to pass under the doorways. Ten year old Benjamin McLean of Lowell, during introductions, had to stretch to touch the big carrying beam overhead, as generations of boys have done before. There were several new faces in the group and we can not recall a more enthusiastic gathering.

Prizes were given out to the following people:

- Traveled farthest: Carol M. Correard of Florida and Melanie Stuart Claeys of NY
- Most children: Carlton Warren, Chelmsford, MA (5 children)
- Most grandchildren: Carlton Warren (13 grandchildren)
- Married longest: Carolyn and Robert McLean, Woburn, MA (51 years)
- Youngest present: Benjamin McLean, Lowell, MA (10 years)
- Oldest present: Carlton Warren, Chelmsford, MA, (99 1/2 years young!)

Mr. Warren became the center of attention. He enjoyed his prize basket that contained items to celebrate his forthcoming 100th birthday. He put on the plastic hat and wore it throughout the Meeting. He spoke of the early Reunions he had attended and had several interesting stories. He is the great uncle of Trustees Becky and David Warren. Following lunch, the Stockholders Association Meeting was called to order. The Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting had been published in the June "Messenger" and were accepted as written. Treasurer Peter F. Stuart handed out the "Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet" as of June, 2008. (See Treasurer's Report). A second sheet that Peter shared was the annual Budget. (See 2008 Annual Budget). A motion was made by Carol Correard to accept the Report and the motion carried. The Treasurer has been contacted by the University of Lowell who have asked that the Manning artifacts and materials be removed and stored elsewhere. Peter also

explained about the building upkeep. Lastly, the Treasurer announced that the Manning Association is to receive a substantial bequest from Ruth Manning Woehling, daughter of George and Grace Manning in the amount of \$35,000. This generous gift will be very helpful to the Association. President Leonard Manning reported on the roof problems and the recent repairs that were completed by the local firm of L. L. Morgan Construction Co. New roof vents were installed to improve ventilation in the restaurant wing. Some clapboards were nailed and all looks good. The Trustees are considering tying in to municipal sewer system, as it is now available in front of the Manse. This is expected to be costly (well over \$20,000). Carolyn McLean, "Messenger" Editor received suggestions for additions or changes to the Newsletter. Some felt better directions, including a map, were needed. Others felt that a "tear-off" form should be included to aid members in sending in their \$20 Annual Dues. It was also suggested to send the "Messenger" via e-mail to those with computers, if requested. Carolyn reported that the cuplates we have for sale are due to Peter Cooper of Bedford, MA, making the initial order. He has them for sale, as does the Association.

The 2008-2009 slate for Trustees was presented by the Nominating Committee:

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| * Tawny Manning Beckmann | * Melanie Stuart Claeys |
| * Leonard R. Manning | * Nathaniel Manning |
| * Peter F. Stuart | * Rebecca A. Warren |
| * David Warren | * 2 Vacant Positions |

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the slate of Officers. Motion seconded and passed. The Annual Meeting of the Manning Association Stockholders adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Carolyn McLean, Acting Secretary

Tear here to return your dues to the Manning Association

The Manning Association

This is your dues bill for FY 2008—2009

Your prompt payment of dues as per Statement will be greatly appreciated.
(Please use the envelope provided to assure prompt delivery of your dues). Thank you!
Manning Association Member (and Address):

Annual Dues through June 1, 2009: \$20.00

Past Dues Total: \$ _____

This statement is for the above-named member only. Please make checks payable to THE MANNING ASSOCIATION. Mail no currency in the envelope that has been provided for your convenience. NOTE: HAVE YOU MOVED? WE MAY NOT HAVE YOUR UPDATED ADDRESS. PLEASE PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION BELOW:

Overview of the Warren H. Manning Research Project (Becky Warren):

I had promised an overview of the Warren H. Manning Research Project for the Messenger. Included in this Newsletter are 2 documents from the Library of American Landscape History Research Group describing their project, that I hope you will find interesting. The project coordinator is Mackenzie Greer, while the core members include Robin Karson, Jane Roy Brown, Reid Bertone-Johnston, and Pamela Hartford. I met with this group at the Manse in mid-July to show them the Manse and share information about the Manning Association and our collections. Jane conducted an interview with George Manning at his home in Maine a few years back and has provided me with a copy of the transcript of that interview. Jane has been my primary contact regarding this project. Pamela Hartford is conducting research through the Center for Lowell History at UMASS-Lowell. She will be in Lowell soon to continue her research. She would like to stop by the Manse to look through the artifacts in the upstairs bedroom. At that time, Pamela can certainly shed some light on some of the documents and pictures we have.

MANNING UPDATE

The Warren H. Manning Research Project continues to build momentum and substance. There are 175 completed survey forms from sites around the country with another 275 assigned to volunteer researchers. The findings from these surveys vary—some have led to exciting new discoveries and others yield minimal extant design or planning work. As a whole, though, they contribute to a greater body of knowledge of his planning and design practices.

Refining the Warren Manning book contents and contributors is our focus this summer. In fall, we will begin collecting contributions from the many authors in the form of short entries and longer essays. The first volume will feature a brief biography and other essays. The second volume will contain shorter entries about individual sites based on conducted surveys.

An exhibit will launch simultaneously with the two-volume book, travelling to public facilities such as local libraries. An evocative combination of historic imagery (photographs, plans, **documents**) and **contemporary photographs, it will highlight geographic clusters of Manning's** work while educating about landscape architecture. Excerpts from the autobiography will serve as a unifying narrative voice.

Robin Karson, Project Director and LALH Executive Director and MacKenzie Greer, Project Coordinator recently spoke to public audiences about Warren Manning and his contributions. One lecture was at Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, CT, whose original owner Theodate **Pope Riddle hired Manning to consult about the property development in the late 1890's. Such** opportunities are helping us share information about the research project and more importantly, who Warren Manning was and why we should learn from his work. (For more information or questions about the Warren H. Manning Research Project, please visit <http://www.lalh.org/manning.html> or contact Mackenzie Greer at mgreer@lalh.org or 413-549-4860.

TREASURER'S REPORT
MANNING ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 2008

Bank Assets	
Bank of America (Dues Account)	\$ 1,804.06
Bank of America (Checking Account, Stocks, Bonds)	14,973.35
Merrill Lynch Account	72,000.00 (e)
Vanguard Funds	<u>39,000.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$128,558.05

Real Estate Assets	
56 Chelmsford Rd., North Billerica, MA	
Parcel 1: Vacant land	\$152,600.00
Parcel 2: Land & Restaurant	<u>5 96,000.00</u>
Fair Market Value	\$748,600.00

Accounts Payable	
New roof and repairs	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 5,000.00

Accounts Receivable	
Reimbursement from Tenant (Fire/Liability Ins Prem.)	<u>\$ 4,614.40</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 4,614.40

Items to be considered:
1. Connect to Sewer Systems

TREASURER'S REPORT
ANNUAL BUDGET
CALENDAR YEAR 2008

INCOME	
DUES	\$ 1,200
CD's	5,000
MUTUAL FUND	1,800
RENT	60,000
ADD'L (TENANT TAXES/INS PORTION)	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$76,000

EXPENSES	
INSURANCE	\$ 9,500
ACCOUNTING	1,500
MEETINGS/TRUSTEE EXPENSES	1,000
PRINTING: MANNING MESSENGER	1,500
MASS: CORPORATE INCOME TAXES	1,300
TOWN OF BILLERICA PERS PTY TAXES	1,200
REAL ESTATE TAXES	12,000
ANNUAL MEETING	1,000
REPAIRS/ROOF/PAINTING	15,000
MISC (OFFICE SUPPLIES, ETC.)	1,500
HOOK UP TO SEWER SYSTEM	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,500
PROJECTED SURPLUS	\$10,500

Respectfully submitted:
Peter F. Stuart, Treasurer



Arthur Carlton Warren, 100 years young, December 1, 2008. Currently lives in Lexington, MA with his 2nd wife Ellen Bryant. Carlton was born in Chelmsford MA to Arthur M and Mabel (Parkhurst) Warren, the youngest of 5 children (Miriam, Edwin, Eleanor, Julia & Carlton). Carlton and his 1st wife Alice (Harmon) grew up in Chelmsford and moved to various towns throughout New England as he began his teaching career. They had 5 children (Nancy, Arthur, David, Eleanor and Jonathan). All are scattered around the US yet convened in MA in August to celebrate **Carlton's upcoming 100th birthday**. Happy Birthday to You, Arthur Carlton Warren!

Arnold and Ruth Louise (Manning) Woehling early in **their marriage (1940's)**. Ruth (the older of 2 children, sister, Marjorie, died at 11 yrs., Spinal Meningitis). Daughters of George and Grace (Duwane) Manning, Bath, NY. Ruth worked for the telephone company in Buffalo, NY.



October 17, 1998:

Gertrude (Manning) Goodrich, Ruth (Manning) Woehling and Thelma (Manning) Castellana (cousins) following a **luncheon at the Marriot Hotel, Buffalo, NY**. "Gods blessings dearest cousin Ruth! Remembering the Manning Association in your Will was so in keeping with your love of history and your family heritage! We have so many good memories of Ruth. She was so proud to be a Manning, as **we are!**"

Fondly, Gertrude and Thelma

