

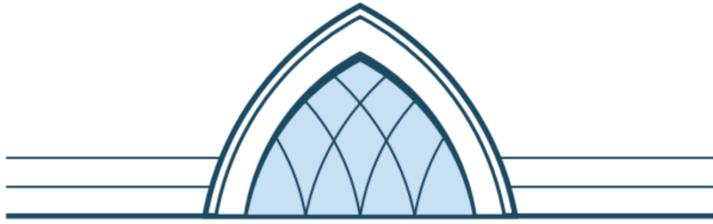
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CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY **BOSTON TEA PARTY**

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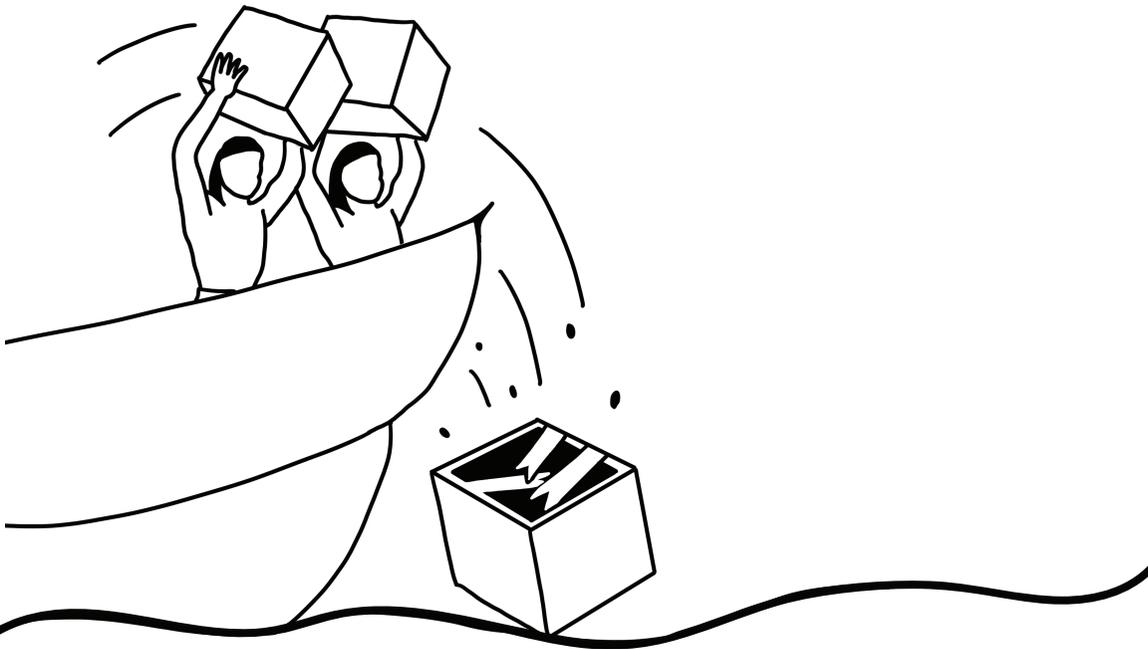
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92,000 LBS. OF TEA!

Events And Displays

Welcome Table

Children's Story Walk

Tea Party Disguises

Fun Words Easel

No Tea Table

Timeline

Liberty Tree

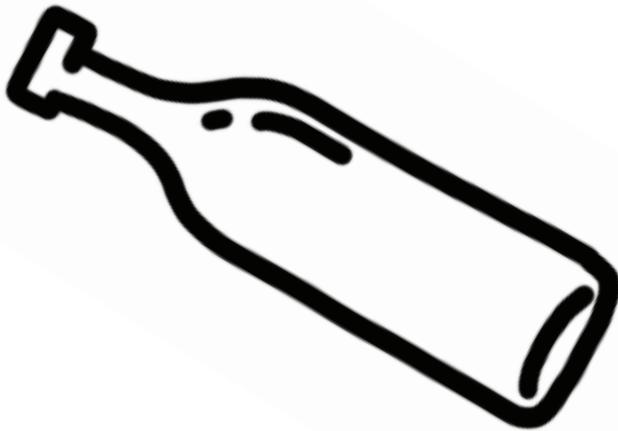
Tea Chests

British Soldiers

Gravesite Remarks 2:30 and 3:15 PM

The Bottle

By 9pm the Boston Tea Party was over, with 342 tea chests, 269 lbs each, totaling 92,000 lbs of tea destroyed. Thomas Melville, grandfather of Herman, found some tea in his shoes and placed it in a bottle to preserve the night's escapades. The bottle is now part of a museum display at the Bostonian Society.

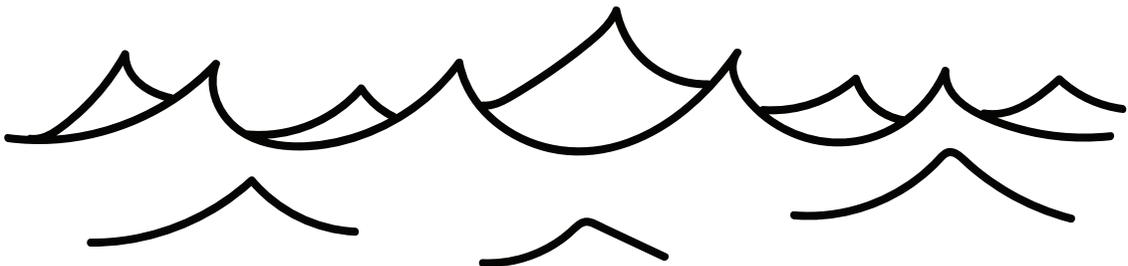


Boston Tea Party

December 16, 1773

Old South Church

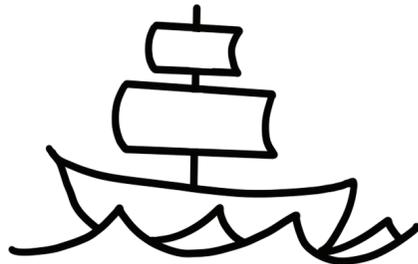
A town meeting was held at which 5000 attended. While the meeting went on, a few dozen men left, dressed to conceal themselves and returned to the meeting. Samuel Adams incited them, and they left to go to Griffens Wharf where the ships Dartmouth, Beaver and Eleanor were anchored. The colonists boarded, got the keys to the ships' holds and started unloading the tea chests. They were careful not to disturb the rest of the ships' cargoes. Each chest contained over 300 pounds of loose tea. The tea became mountainous, falling back into the ship. It then had to be disbursed into the harbor by men raking. By 9:00 p.m. all was done.



Elijah Houghton

1739-1819

Elijah Houghton was one of the 125 known participants in the “Destruction of the Tea”. It was not until the 1820’s that this event became known as the Boston Tea Party. Elijah’s involvement after 1773 further shows him as a committed Patriot. He was one of the “Alarm men”, colonial militiamen who marched to Cambridge on April 19, 1775 in response to the alarm, “The British are coming”. He continued his military service and is listed as one of the “short-service” recruits sent to Rhode Island in 1780. Elijah remained on his farm in Harvard until his death at 80.



Boston Tea Party Celebration

Elijah Houghton Gravesite Program

Welcome – Pat Jennings

A tribute to Elijah Houghton – Dave Marteney

A TUNE TO SHARE – STORY OF MACARONI

Yankee doodle went to town
‘Ariding on a pony
Stuck a feather in his cap
And called it macaroni
Yankee doodle keep it up
Yankee doodle dandy
Mind the music and the step
And with the girls be handy

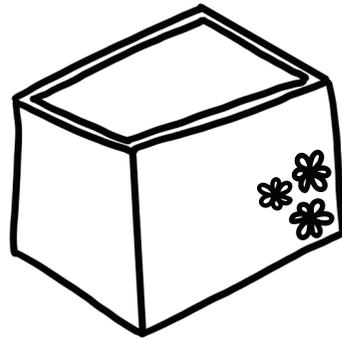
A SONG OF LOVE

Oh beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good
With brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good
With brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

His Majesties 5th Regiment Of Foot – saluting all
men and women serving through the years.

The Tea Party Half Chest

Young John Robinson was walking home along the shore the next morning and discovered one of the only two remaining tea chests, a half chest. John took it home, and the tea chest became a family heirloom, lovingly handed down over many generations, keeping history alive.



As time went by, the chest was painted, decorated with painted flowers on one side, used as a doll house, as a nest for a litter of kittens. On the bottom someone etched a game board. The tea chest was donated to the Boston Tea Party Museum and became part of the museum at it's grand opening in 2012.

The Liberty Tree

The Liberty Tree in Boston was almost 120 years old in March 1765 when the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act. After several years of other taxes including the Sugar Act and the quartering of 10,000 British troops in North America, the colonists resisted. Through the early years before the Revolution, the ancient elm became Massachusetts' most potent symbol of revolt. In the decade before the Revolutionary War, images of the Liberty Tree spread across New England. Many other cities and towns created liberty trees in accord with Boston.



Snippets from History

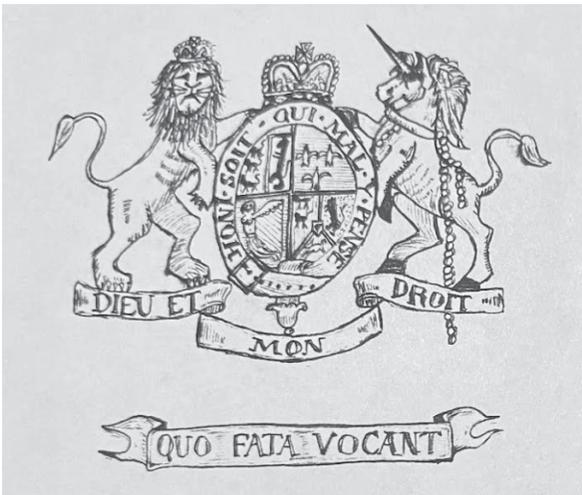
The United East India Tea Company (EIC)

The EIC was started in 1600 by Queen Elizabeth. The EIC had permission to mint money, acquire territory, maintain an army, and enter into foreign wars. It was an entity to be feared. In the 1770's the EIC was failing; it was granted the Tea Act allowing them to export tea without a tax. They then levied a tax on the Colonists.



The Regulars

His Majesty's Fifth Regiment Of Foot is an interpretation of the Light Infantry Company based in Concord, Massachusetts. The 5th Regiment Of Foot was an Irish Regiment raised in January of 1675. Due to ever increasing tensions in the colonies that later resulted in The American Revolutionary War, the regiment was shipped to Boston in 1774. Elements were involved in the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19th and the battle of Bunker Hill in June of 1775.





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