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In my previous newsletter, I posed the questions to my readers, 'I reflected on your message; what would happen if the stories of our historical heritage were lost; what would happen if the 'mirror into the past' vanished?'

Well, I did not have to wait very long; several emails and phone calls, offering advice in preventing this from happening, arrived from Jim Russell, Maryann Kowalski, Eleanor Ross, Carl Crossman, and Susan Ortins. I had the pleasure of meeting with Jim at the Page House; we talked for hours agreeing on the role of how memories incited deep emotions; both of happiness and sadness. Below is a composite of what many of you expressed.

'Since my childhood, I have found many things have changed over time. As I tell my children and grandchildren about places I've been and things I've done as a child, I realize it is so different from what they do now. It is hard for them to envision what I experienced. I believe it is important to pass on memories and stories. I enjoy listening to our residents talk about places, and things that they did when they were young. I can relate to a lot of their stories, but it is harder for younger generations because they never saw what we saw.'

As parents and grandparents you expressed your responsibility to teach positive family values; how growing up in your home, life revolved around family. No person will ever penetrate the bond we carry in their hearts for our children and grandchildren.

As I am writing this sentence, I recall a moment from this morning when my grandson (four years old) bleated out as I left to go to a meeting; 'Papa, I love you more than the sky!' My emotion overflowed!

As President of the Danvers Historical Society, I remind you that we are stewards of our cultural heritage in an era of declining resources, how can we best keep the past preserved and alive for future generations?

Now you can! Join us in 'Keeping the Memories Alive', please read the enclosed INVITATION and find out how you can participate. We look forward to hearing from you!!

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