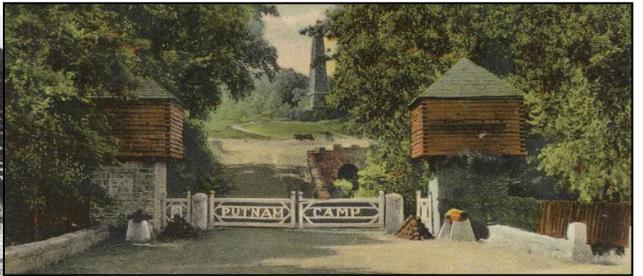
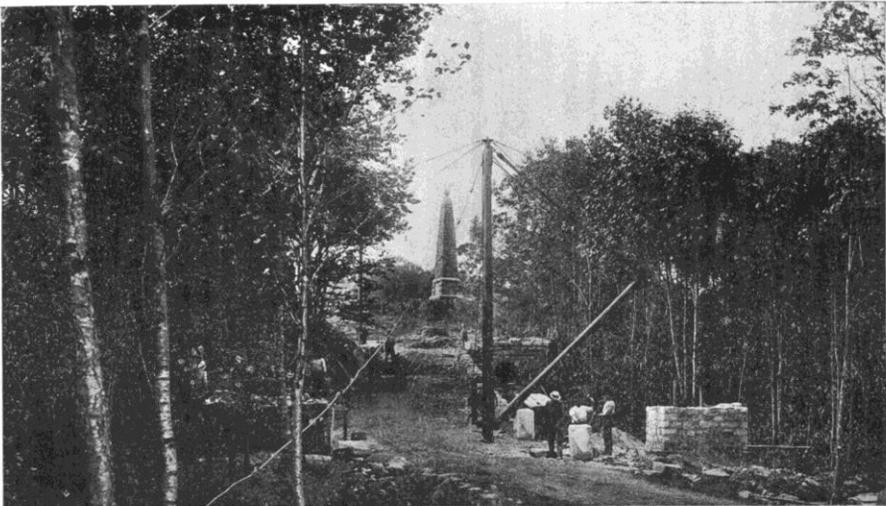


Creation of Putnam Park - 1887



I. N. Bartram
Park in Reddir

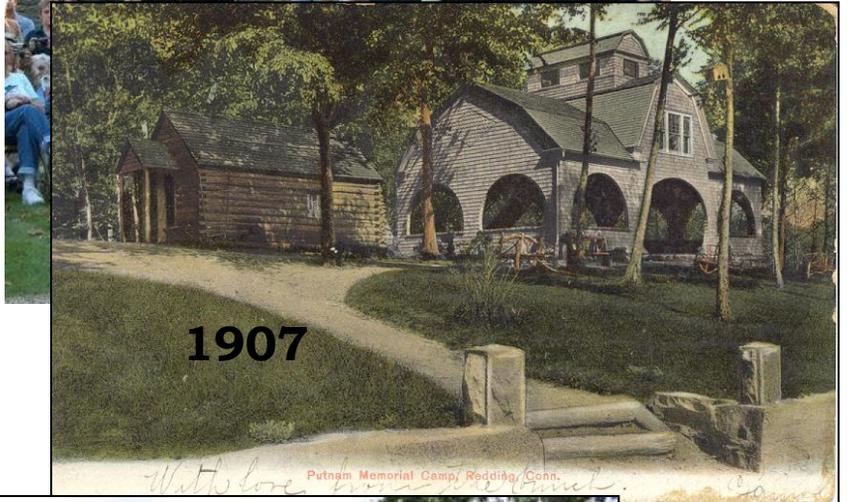




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Whitlock Putnam Memorial Camp, Redding, Conn. *Carroll*



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The February meeting was held at the visitor center on Monday, February 8, 2010.

Notes from the prez ...



1. **Treasurer's Report** -- T.G. filled us in on recent outlays noting that the FANS account, after much of the cost of the VC panels is deducted, has around \$3,100 available in the coffers. He said that store sales of gift items totaled \$1,222 from June thru October. There will be additional expenses for the mural in the museum, food for the Winter Walk as well as for the VC displays, but that revenue will come in from member dues and next year's School Week to offset it..
2. **Park Update** – Nate filled us in on the current state budget situation. He said they are holding their own but that cuts may continue. We offered FANS support with needed expenses. He said long-time employee Andy had foot surgery and may need another. Our best to him on a speedy **2010 Events:** We discussed next fall's event for the reenactment on November 6 & 7, 2010.
3. **Membership Update** – Buzz said that he mailed out about 100 letters to members for their yearly membership contribution. He said others went out via e-mail. Thanks Buzz! T.G. said "About a half dozen people signed up in the Visitor Center using the member form that is on the counter. Harry can you put something in the Newsletter on this?"
4. **Electing officers** – We tabled this as many members were not present. Jeanine felt the group could continue at this time without a formal "president" as everyone could pitch in as needed
5. **Winter Walk** – Scheduled for Saturday, December 5 at 11:00am. The CT 5th will be there – Jim to confirm. Jeanine will check with Dan to make sure he will be there earlier and will coordinate refreshments. Harry to promote through the November newsletter and contact Redding Pilot.
6. **VC Displays** - Scott presented three different types of panels. The consensus was #2 by Paniere as it seemed most durable and Nate felt it would mount well on the existing displays. It was decided to do one panel first and put it up before all nine were done. Scott was going to get with Harry to see about adding copy at the bottom indicating that the panels were done through the generous Meserve grant and by the FANS. Thanks to Scott for doing such a great job working with all the parties to pull this all together!



Other items –

Sharon will continue to work on the mural in the museum during the winter season. There was a need for off-white pants for the mannequin. Going to a quarterly meeting was discussed. Some felt that this may be the way to go as people could still meet and email in between to coordinate upcoming events, projects. Steve raised concern that this could make it difficult to communicate and keep everyone in the loop. Signage to the museum was discussed. Some felt it was inadequate and could be made more noticeable. Nate agreed to look into it – perhaps by raising the existing sign on fireback road and painting it white.



"The winter campaign of starving"

- Joseph Plumb Martin

Two full brigades of Connecticut Line regiments, three regiments of New Hampshire, and the Congress's Own Canadian Regiment under Col. Moses Hazen began filing in through Danbury and Bethel Parish towards the three camps under the command of Maj. Gen. Israel Putnam. It was the first week of December 1778, 231 years ago.

The troops were coming from different places. Most of the Connecticut troops were coming in from the Hudson Highlands where they had been protecting the fortifications around West Point. This parcel of America was called the "Key to the Nation", for if the British were able to break through and control the river up to the chain of lakes toward the St. Lawrence ... they would sever New England from the country, and combine their strength with their Canadian forces. Other troops, like Poor's Brigade had been sent north to Hartford in case they were needed in Boston.

As many of the regiments arrived, the camp grounds were already covered with snow. The job at hand was to construct log huts in which they would spent the next four or five months.

The next FAN's Meeting will be on Monday, **March , 2010**

at 7:00PM at the Visitor Center at Putnam Park.

