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Greenwich Choices: 50 Objects That Illustrate Our History to Premier at Greenwich Historical Society

Cos Cob, CT, September 1, 2015--Every town has a story to tell, and Greenwich’s is 375 fascinating years old. Greenwich Choices: 50 Objects That Illustrate Our History explores defining moments in the town’s growth and development through objects drawn from its collections. A shirt worn by Obadiah Mead, shot by a loyalist “cowboy,” connects visitors with the American Revolution. A bill of sale for a three-year-old slave boy containing an emancipation clause speaks to changing attitudes toward slavery. Records from local manufacturers tell a tale of early entrepreneurs and opportunities for immigrant workers. A congresswoman’s scrapbooks on the construction of the Merritt Parkway chronicle changes that altered both the landscape and the movements of town residents.

All 50 objects reflect transformational moments in Greenwich’s social, economic, industrial, political or artistic story and symbolize choices made by generations of residents that would ultimately shape today’s community. Curated by Karen Frederick, Greenwich Choices also includes responses to the featured objects by local high school students.

The exhibition will run from September 30, 2015, through February 28, 2016, and can be visited Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 pm at the Greenwich Historical Society’s Storehouse Gallery, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807. Greenwich Choices is sponsored by Moffly Media’s Greenwich Magazine, exclusive media sponsor. For more information, visit www.greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.
Opening day of the Merritt Parkway in 1938 heralds a dramatic change in driving patterns and celebrates a changed landscape in Greenwich.
A slave’s bill of sale that contains an emancipation clause shows changing attitudes on slavery before the Civil War.
Shirt worn by Obadiah Mead, who was shot by a loyalist, will remind visitors of the differing opinions on independence in Greenwich during the American Revolution.