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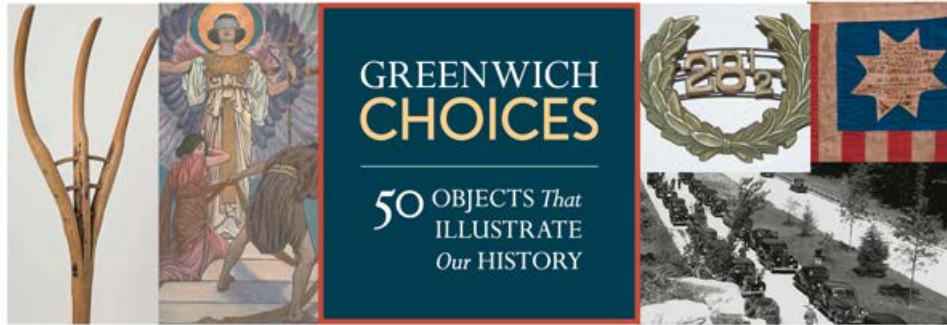
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Greenwich Choices: 50 Objects That Illustrate Our History to Premier at Greenwich Historical Society

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.

I know all men by these presents that I Nathan Merritt
jun^r of Greenwich in the County of Fairfield for and in consider-
ation of the sum of ~~fifteen~~ ^{to give said Simon a slave} pounds New York money to me in
hand paid by Simon Lyon of said Greenwich the receipt whereof
I hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold and delivered
and do by these presents bargain sell and deliver unto the said
Simon Lyon a negro boy named Jack aged three years the
fourteenth day of ~~last~~ ^{to give said Simon a slave} February last past for and until said Jack
shall arrive to the age of twenty five years. To have and
to hold the aforesaid bargained negro boy Jack a slave until
he shall arrive to the age of twenty five years as aforesaid unto
the said Simon Lyon his ^{heir} executor administrator and assigns
and I the said Nathan Merritt Jun^r for myself my heirs
executor and administrator shall and will warrant and de-
fend the same as aforesaid against all claims and demands
unto the said Simon Lyon his ^{heir} executor administrator and
assigns In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 18th day of August A D 1796
Signed sealed & delivered
In presence of
Solomon Closs
Jabez White

Nathan Merritt

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.