

Biography

Jack Hauck, a retired journalist, has been writing about the history of Wenham, MA, for over a decade. He started his hobby not long after he and his wife moved into the Maples, a Wenham senior housing community, in 1997.

Hearing many anecdotes about the history of the Maples property, Hauck decided to pull the many stories together and find out more about the people who had lived there. Just over a year later, he gave a talk to the residents at the Maples about the fascinating history of the place where they lived.

During his research, Hauck became aware of many other areas of Wenham's rich history, scattered about in various booklets, old speeches, book chapters, yellowed files and memories of the town's elderly.

What followed were twelve years of writing about Wenham's history. In total, he has written histories of over two dozen places, organizations, people and events dating back to 1641, when Wenham was incorporated. He presented, year after year, slide presentations at Wenham's senior center and distributed to many seniors copies of the individual Wenham history chapters.

In addition, during his efforts to write the town's history, he wrote a complete history of the Wenham Congregational Church, which he gave to the church, and a biography. "A Man of Many Trees," of Wenham's oldest resident, Albert Dodge. It was published in 2011.

In June 2013, Hauck gave his historical writings to the town of Wenham, the Hamilton-Wenham Library and the Wenham Museum. He did this in thanks for the help these organizations had provided in giving him access to their historical documents.

The writings exist as digital documents consisting of 33 chapters, amounting to over 900 pages. Hauck is still writing five final chapters, which he will forward to the town, museum and library, when they are finished.

Jack Hauck is a 1959 graduate of Rutgers University. Prior to college, he spent two years in the U. S. Army, serving in England.

He was a technical journalist, specializing in covering the burgeoning plastics industry for over three decades. Next, he became a publicist representing major corporations in the U. S. and Europe.

He and his wife lived in Wenham for over 14 years, before moving, in June 2012, to Hamilton.