July 19, 2017 Declared Rebecca Nurse Day in Massachusetts!

Governor Charles Baker has declared July 19th as Rebecca Nurse Day in the Massachusetts.



325th Anniversary Commemoration

July 19th marks the 325th anniversary of the hanging death of one of our three Towne ancestors involved in the trials, Rebecca (Towne) Nurse. Two excellent events took place on that day which provided an opportunity to honor our ancestors. At noon, there was a dedication ceremony for the Proctor's Ledge memorial in Salem. Gail Garda, TFA president, gave an inspiring address as one of the speakers, as did Professor W. Emerson Baker, Salem State University who some of us met las year at our reunion banquet in Providence.



Descendants and community members viewing the new memorial





Gail Garda, TFA President and Genealogist



Gail Garda and W. Emerson Baker

Later that same day, the Danvers Alarm List Company hosted a special commemoration of the execution of Rebecca Nurse. A short reception at 6:30pm in the Meetinghouse at the Rebecca Nurse Homestead in Danvers preceded the ceremony. Danvers Town Archivist and TFA member, Richard Trask delivered opening remarks before the group moved outside where the official proclamation was read. Guests then followed the drummer down the hill to the Nurse Cemetery where descendants of Rebecca were invited to place a wreath.



