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**FACTS ABOUT OUR PAUL REVERE BELL**

- Cast by the Paul Revere Foundry on Causeway St., Boston; spring 1795
- Weight 695 Pounds (7th heaviest)
- Sold as "Package" with 750 pound bell (#10) to Town of Newburyport in summer 1795 (#10 later destroyed by fire).
- Revere's ledgers show that casting #11 was purchased for 98 lbs., 36 shillings by East Parish Bradford (the name by which this town was known from 1726 until its incorporation and renaming to Groveland in 1850) in July 1795.
- The inscription on the bell reads, "The living to the church I call, and to the grave I summon all." Only two other Revere Bells are known to carry inscriptions such as this.
- Details of the transport and hanging of the bell are sketchy, although church records show provision for a steeple bell was made during construction of the "meeting house" in 1790.
- Church records show that on Dec. 18, 1795 Joshua Lutus (a.k.a. Lutus Elsas) was hired as the bell ringer for 1796 at the wage of \$6.75 per year.
- The bell was -rung daily at noon and 9:00 p.m. curfew until 1855 .It was also used as the town fire alarm, the rope accessible on the outside of the building .... Records include the fact that the bell has been rung at the death of every president since George Washington in 1799 ... at the end of every war since 1815 ... at the funerals of deceased members ... each Sunday morning to summon worshippers ... and, more recently, at the end of weddings.
- In 1883 the steeple clock, donated by Burton E. Merrill, was connected to the bell and continues to strike the hour
- Related Information:
  - No record exists as to the destiny of bells #2-9.
  - Bell #1 (1792) remains as a relic (non-working) at St. James' Episcopal Church, Cambridge, Mass. (This bell has been the property of three previous churches.)
  - No knowledge of Bells #12-17 is available. #18 by "Revere & Sons, Boston 1795" hangs in the steeple of the First Congregational Church, Essex, Mass.
  - Trademarks used by Revere Company:
    - 1792 - 1797 - "P. Revere Boston (Date)"
    - 1797 - 1801 - "P. Revere & Sons (Date)" (Paul Jr. & J.W. Revere) 1801 - 1818 - "P. Revere & Son" (Joseph Warren Revere)
    - 1818 - 1828 - "J.W. Revere"
  - Paul Revere retired in 1811 and died in 1818 ... of the 53 bells actually cast by Paul during his active participation only 23 still exist...company records show 400 bells made, of which 147 are known to remain.

Sources: Original Stock Book of Paul Revere  
Two Books: Revere Bells by Edward C. and Evelyn Stickney, Bedford, MA, 1956 & 1961 with revisions.