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The next Boston Post Cane recipient is Hilda Blood Tolles born on September 11, 1915.

Presentation will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 1:30pm at the Lawrence Barn.

Hilda Janet Blood was born September 11, 1915, in Hollis, She is the daughter of Henry D. Blood and Clara Elizabeth (Adams) Blood. She was third of six children. She was educated in the Hollis schools and a 1932 graduate of Hollis High School, fourth in her class. She played on the girls basketball team.

It was during the depression, she took what jobs were available. She worked packing peaches and apples at local farms. She did housework in local homes and in Stamford Conn.

Then home for a while, she drove school bus part time for one year. Then worked at Sea Cliff Long Island and Rockville Long Island.

Then back to New England, she worked in Lowell, Hollis and Fitchburg.

In 1940 she attended Hairdressing School in Manchester. She worked in Manchester as a hairdresser until retirement in 1982.

She called The Blood Farm on Blood Road home until she built a home on the corner of Blood Road and Route 122 in 1960 for her mother and herself.

In 1982, at the age of 67, she married Raymond E. Tolles and moved to Groton Mass for 19 years. While there she did some catering for the Rotary Club and Men's Club. Also during that time she continued her hobby of gardening, vegetables, the favorite rather than flowers. Knitting was a hobby, through the years, until the loss of vision in one eye.

While married they traveled to every state in the Union and held and attended reunions of Raymond's World War II unit. Raymond died in 2000 and Hilda moved back to Hollis in 2001.

She joined D.A.R. in 1983. She served as Chaplain of Anna Keys Power for 2 years. Her Revolutionary ancestor was Josiah Blood I and Josiah Blood II. Josiah Blood I died in Fort Ticonderga in 1776. (The Lawrence Barn was built by Josiah Blood.)

Hilda is Aunt to 14 nieces and nephews and 30 great nieces and nephews.

In 2002 she became legally blind, but at age 100 she is still able to live in her own home by herself.



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