

October, 1959

NEWS LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Do you know that from September 1958 to September 1959 we have had 1167 visitors to Judson House and the Museum; that these visitors paid admissions amounting to \$412.80; that this is twice the amount of money taken in for the year 1957 - 1958? We are now on our way to attract many more people who are interested in antiquities dating back to the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries. The fine publicity which we have had in local, New York and Florida papers, as well as other media, has been a good source of advertising. Visitors during the past summer came from fifteen states and from the District of Columbia, Canada, Bermuda and England.

Another summer we shall have to consider keeping Judson House and the Museum open for at least five days during the week.

Formal Dedication of the Stratford Historical Museum on  
Sunday, November 8, at 3 p.m.

The members of the Stratford Historical Society will want to make plans to attend this dedication ceremony. It will be a memorable occasion which our members will not want to miss. The memorial plaque stating that the Historical Museum is the gift of Catherine T. Mitchell will be unveiled by Mrs. Frank Scott Bunnell.

Members will be interested in the new exhibits of early American linens which will soon be displayed in the Gun Room. Some of the women have been busily engaged in washing these linens so that they might be preserved for posterity.

November Meeting of the Stratford Historical Society

The November 20 meeting will be of special interest to our members as the restoration pictures of Judson House will be shown. Kodachromes taken by four of our members will trace the task of removing the intrusions of the early and late 19th century to reveal the original construction of the David Judson House. These pictures will also show many features of the House since its restoration. Dr. Abbott L. Cummings, Assistant Director of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Cummings was the spark which set off the restoration of Judson House about a year ago. You cannot afford to miss this program. No further notice will be sent.

Meeting Dates, 1959 - 1960.

November 20, 1959  
January 22, 1960  
March 25, 1960  
May 20, 1960  
July 22, 1960  
September 23, 1960



Do you wish another deduction on your income tax for 1959?

If you are looking for ways and means of giving less money to the government, why not consider making a contribution to the Stratford Historical Society either to the Endowment Fund or for the maintenance of Judson House and the Museum? All contributions should be sent to Mr. Rexford Nettleton the society's treasurer. Checks should be made out to the Stratford Historical Society.

New Members

Do you know of friends who are interested in our program and the preservation of Stratford's antiquities? If so, call Mrs. Clark Lane for applications or obtain them from Mrs. Lane at our next meeting. We need more interested Stratford residents as members of our organization.

Don't forget these important November dates. November 8 and November 20.

Sincerely yours,

Donald S. Sammis  
President

Donald W. Fowler  
1st Vice President

Mrs. Rexford Nettleton  
Corresponding Secretary