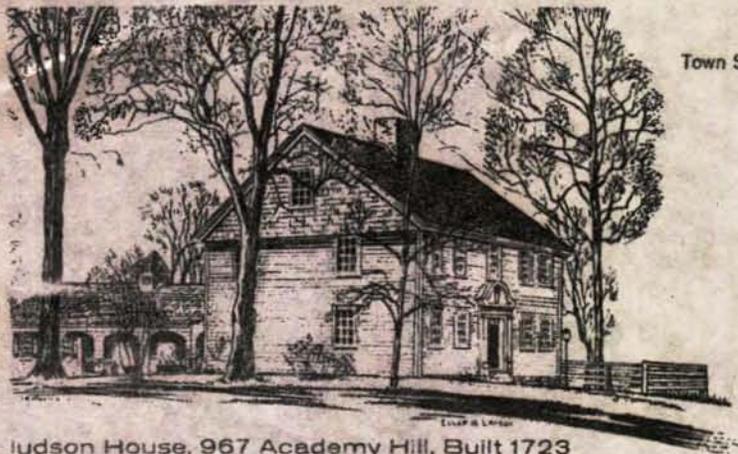


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Hudson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built 1723
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NEWSLETTER

"The Life and Times of William Samuel Johnson" will be the topic of the next general meeting of the Stratford Historical Society on Wednesday, March 31, at 8:00 P.M. at the Stratford Methodist Church Hall.

David Lastomirsky and Barry Lessow, students in the independent study program of the Frank Scott Bunnell High School, will jointly present this program as a summary of their extensive research on the life of one of Stratford's most famous "Sons". Their work coordinated by Richard Fournier of the Bunnell faculty, has involved since September the use of over twenty sources including the research facilities of the Yale University, Stratford and Bridgeport Libraries.

As an additional part of the program planned as a special feature of the Stratford Historical Society's Bicentennial year, the Bunnell choir accompanied by piano, flute, snare drum and recorders under the direction of Charles S. Wakeley will present music appropriate to the era during which William Samuel Johnson lived.

Davis Lastomirsky and Barry Lessow will illustrate their commentary with photographic slides as they trace the career of William Samuel Johnson, a famous citizen of Stratford.

This will be the last business meeting of the membership until the annual meeting which is scheduled for Friday, September 24th.

Vice President David Jenney and his committee have been at work drafting proposed changes to the by-laws. There are no radical changes but the constitution requires that "any changes may be proposed to the Executive Board in writing by 5% of the membership in good standing". This requirement has been met. Acceptance of the proposed changes requires a two thirds vote of the membership present at a regular meeting of the Society. Copies of the proposed amendments will be distributed at the March meeting and a vote will be taken at the September meeting.

Please note that our antique show and sale will be held on May, 8th and 9th this year. Two coupons for reduced admission charge are enclosed. If you need more for friends or family you may obtain them at the meeting or call 375-1505 and more will be supplied.

This will be a great departure from our previous sales and show.

The Show will be inside at the American Legion Hall next to the Stratford Library. It will continue for two days from 11:00 to 6:00 P.M. Parking for the dealers will be behind the hall and free parking will be available for those who want it in the Christ Episcopal Church parking lot. Food and drink will be sold on the premises by the Society. We need the support of every member for this event. It has been our most important fund raiser in past years. The last two years results were disappointing because of the weather. In addition to your attendance we need articles for the Society's Booth. We also need lots of home baked goods to sell. These two booths account for a large part of the income from this event. Please call Mr. Franz Goldbach at 375-4014 and tell him what you have for the sale. If your offering must be picked up we will arrange it. MARK YOUR CALENDAR May 8th and 9th.

The ladies are ready to begin weaving rugs on the old loom in the Judson House. For this project we need fabric such as cotton, muslin or blends. New or good used fabrics such as remnants, sheets, table cloths or even clothing if the pieces are of good length.

Please bring your donations to the meeting or drop them off at the Judson house when it is open, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 11 to 5 after April 1st. Thanks in advance.

According to the latest mailing list there are 544 members in the Stratford Historical Society. There are now quite a few business and professional memberships. Most of these are the result of a recent letter to this group of people and we are grateful for their support.

Some of our new members are also new to the Town. Welcome to the Stratford Historical Society and if you are new here, welcome to the Town. Come to the meeting -- let's get acquainted.

Jack Wardman

President