

# The Stratford Historical Society

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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built 1723  
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

Sept. 14, 1976

## NEWSLETTER

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Stratford Historical Society will be held at the Methodist Church Hall, Main Street, Stratford on Thursday, Sept. 30th at 7:30 p.m. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for the coming year and an Election will be held. The business part of an annual meeting requires a little more time than a regular meeting.

All committee chairpersons are urged to prepare and present a written report which after reading may be given to the Secretary.

There will be a film from Williamsburg to be shown after the business meeting. Refreshments as usual.

The official opening of the Catherine Bunnell Mitchell Museum was a great success. There were 200 people in attendance and all were impressed by the exhibits. Mr. George Bowditch who prepared the structural design for layout and lighting was present and gave a short talk on the significance of the Museum to Stratford. Mr. Bern Ewart, our new Town Manager, also attended. He was not scheduled to speak but responded graciously when invited to do so. It was planned that the guests of honor would be the many people who had worked on the project and their names were listed on the program. Unfortunately, as so often happens when preparing such a list a few names were omitted. They are:

Rev. Stanley Sellick  
Mrs. Herbert Brandt  
Mr. Richard F. Blake

We are very sorry for the omissions.

With the opening of the Museum, the need for volunteer workers becomes more pressing. There is a need for someone to be present in the Museum on Wednesdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A knowledge of history or details of the exhibits is not required since the Museum has been set up as a self-guided tour. If you can give some time during the remainder of the season, please call Mr. Donald Fowler at 378-5482.

There is also a need for ladies to work as spinners and weavers in the Judson House. If you would like to help and incidentally learn one of these arts, please call Mrs. Elden Dustin at 378-5997.

You may be interested in knowing that volunteers gave more than 15000 hours of time in getting the Museum ready for reopening. Without these people we should be "poor indeed". Come - Visit; after all what else has been done in Stratford of a permanent nature for this BiCentennial year.

Jack Wardman - President

REMEMBER THE MEETING IS ON A THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 30th

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September 8, 1976

## NEWSLETTER

The Annual meeting of the Stratford Historical Society will be held on Friday, September 26th at the Stratford Methodist Church Hall.

There will be no guest speaker but we will see a film from Williamsburg. The theme is "The Role of the Blacksmith in Colonial Williamsburg."

This meeting marks the end of our fiscal year although the actual date when we close the books is August 31st. As in other years many people have worked hard at their appointed tasks. The chairperson of each committee has been asked to prepare and report on the activities and accomplishments of his or her committee.

In spite of much hard work by all concerned our antique show could not be called a success. The dealers were there and our people worked hard, but the extreme heat kept too many people at home and our return was only about thirty-five percent of our average profit for the last few years. About a dozen people sent cash donations in lieu of their presence and this is much appreciated. The executive committee is considering a possible change in our planning for this event. We shall be glad to hear the views of any member present at the meeting on this subject. (This is not intended to exclude your views on any other subject of interest to the society).

The nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for your consideration and the election will follow. The constitution also states that nominations may be made from the floor.

Each year your society lists memorial gifts and the donors. We are grateful for the gifts which become a part of our trust funds and for the lives of those commemorated.

In Memory Of	Donor	Gift
Carlos Dwight Blakeman and Helen M. Beecher Blakeman	Miss Harriet Blakeman	\$10,000.00
Frank Ernest Blakeman	Miss Harriet Blakeman	500.00
Selah G. Blakeman (Co.D) 17th Reg. Conn. Volunteers	Miss Harriet Blakeman	200.00
Frederick C. Booth	Ruth W. Worthen	25.00
Susan Plant Bunnell	Friends	280.00

Mr. W. Earl Hawley	Mrs. W. E. Hawley	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Judson	By his will and sons Kenneth G. Judson and William H. Judson	5,350.00
Mrs. Kenneth G. Judson	W. K. and M.D. Kerr	10.00
Miss Sarah Elizabeth Judson	William H. and Horace H. Judson	1,000.00
Harold C. Lovell and Beatrice Beach Lovell	By their Wills	10,000.00
Beatrice Beach Lovell	Friends	60.00
John Nicols Judson	Mrs. Katherine Judson	400.00
Georgie S. Moomjian	Mrs. Eugenie Moomjian	5.00
Charles Edward and Elizabeth S. Nixdorff	Mrs. Charles E. Nixdorff	3,228.30
Maria Elizabeth Peck	Georgiana Peck LeCount	100.00
Elizabeth French Sammis Given on the occasion of her 100th birthday	Stratford Trust Co.	1,000.00
Elizabeth French Sammis	Friends	300.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Trumbull	Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cruikshank	75.00

Only the income from these trust funds may be used for current expenses.  
If anyone is aware of any error or omission, please draw it to my  
attention.

Jack Wardman  
President