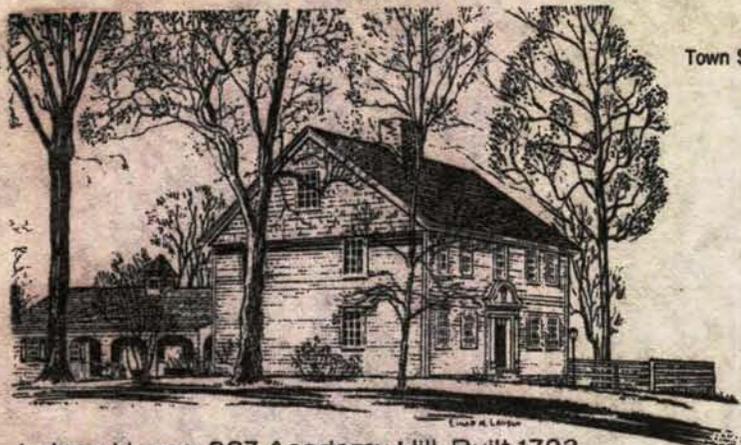


Town Settled 1639

Society Organized 1925



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

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NEWSLETTER

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The next meeting of the membership of the Stratford Historical Society will be held at the Methodist Church hall at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, November 19. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Jeanne D. Doyle of Newtown will give an illustrated lecture on traditional country crafts. Mrs. Doyle teaches crafts in the art department of the Stratford Schools. Her talk, which is illustrated by slides and samples, is based on methods collected in a year of travel and research throughout the eastern United States. We hope to see you there - refreshments as usual.

To permit you to plan ahead, the following is a list of Society meetings planned during the '76-'77 year.

Friday Membership Meetings	Monday Executive Board Meetings
November 19, 1976	January 10, 1977
January 28, 1977	February 28, 1977
March 25, 1977	April 25, 1977
May 20, 1977	June 27, 1977
September 23, Annual Meeting	August 29, 1977

The subject of the January meeting is expected to be the American home, from 1776 to 1976.

Judson House closed for the season on Oct. 31. The House and Museum had a total of 1650 visitors this year - 933 of them students learning history as they never could from a textbook. On Friday, Oct. 29, the House and Museum were the site of a special teacher's workshop attended by 30 Stratford teachers. The workshop was organized by Mr. Jeffrey Williams and conducted by our Education Committee and Hostesses.

Your new slate of officers started their terms on Sept. 30. The officers are:

President - David Jenney	1st. Vice Pres.-David Wiggin
2nd V. Pres. - Selma Dobkin	Recording Secretary - Kay Moore
Corres. Sec. - Dorothy Ice	Treasurer - Donald Calkins
Asst. Treas. - Velmore Spamer	Historian - Howard Wilcoxson
League Delegate - Vivian Larson	Emeritus - Mrs. John Richardson
Directors - Jack Wardman, Mary Hardy, Barbara Olsen, Bonnie Smith	

The standing committees are chaired as listed below. Most of these committees can use additional members. Why not pick an area where you could help and call the head of that committee.

Grounds - John Dolyak 375-2469
Accessions - Frieda Chapman 378-4228
History & Research - Ray Cable 874-0929
Library - Viven Larson - 929-6120
Program - Hiram Tindall
Education - Donald Fowler 378-5482
Publicity - Margaret Jacaruso 375-4681
Buildings - Howard Smith 375-3995
Inventory - Laurine Basso 378-4880
Finance - Peter Dahl 377-3706
Membership - Wilma Andrews
Hostesses - Katharine Lawrence 375-4183
Exhibits - Einar Larson 929-6120
Ways & Means - Franz Goldbach 375-4014

The next training session for guides (Hostesses) will begin in January.

The Society's financial status improved in the past year. The three par capital fund drive, headed by Mr. Fowler, was concluded with a total near \$25,000. It's not too late, of course, if you missed the formal drive. The Society's annual budget year ended with us in the black by about \$5000 - to erase some of the red ink of recent years. The coming year should also show a more than balanced budget.

The one remaining bicentennial event to be held in town will be a worship service to be held about the second week in December.

A 1/12 scale model of Judson House has been built as a project of the Stratford Jr. Women's Club under the supervision of Mrs. Barbara Olsen. The very detailed, accurate model was almost two years in the planning and building. It is being displayed at the Hartford Armory as Stratford's entry in the state Bicentennial exhibition. Congratulations for a most ambitious project successfully completed.

A new book, Historic Houses and Interiors in Southern Connecticut, by Mrs. Sara Rolleston has been published. It includes a chapter - ten pages with many pictures - on Judson House. Copies will be available to members at a special price (\$10) through Mrs. Todd Lovell. Order forms will be available at the Nov. 19th membership meeting.

The State Library's Museum of Connecticut History is featuring a P.T. Barnum exhibit through mid December. The Museum, at 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford, is open free to the public weekdays 9-5 and Saturday 9-1.

A final note - if you have news that should reach the Society membership, please pass it along to me. The next newsletter goes to press Jan. 11, 1977.

David S. Jenney, President