



The Stratford Historical Society

NEWS LETTER

November 6, 1978

NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1978 - 8:00 P.M.
Methodist Church Hall

Following the business meeting, our program chairman, Hiram Tindall, has another great treat for us. Carolyn Platt Welch will do a Slide History of Connecticut. This was prepared by Mrs. Welch and her husband for the Bicentennial. Because of the popularity of the program they have been asked to do it over and over. Mr. Welch, an experienced photographer, has taken the color slides. Mrs. Welch, a professional librarian, has done much research and has had wide experience at public speaking. We hope to see you there --refreshments as usual.

To permit you to plan ahead, the following is a list of Friday membership meetings planned during the coming year.

January 26, 1979

March 23, 1979

May 18, 1979

Your slate of officers for the '78-'79 year are:

President - David Wiggins 1st Vice President - Ronald Rader

2nd Vice President - Mrs. F. Paul Kurmay

Recording Secretary - Mrs. Joseph Moore

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Louis Minatti

Treasurer - Donald Calkins Ass't. Treasurer - Velmore Spamer

Historian - William Howard Wilcoxson

Directors - Mrs. Dean Paradise, David Jenney, Howard Lounsbury,
 Mrs. Irving Dobkin.

The Standing Committees are chaired by the following:

(Most of the committees can use additional members. Why not pick an area where you could help and call the chairperson of that committee?)

Accessions	Mrs. Todd Lovell	Program	Hiram Tindall
Buildings	Howard Smith	Publicity	Margaret Jacaruso
Education	Mrs. David Olsen	Ways & Means	Vacant
Emeritus	Mrs. John Richardson		
Exhibits	Einar Larson		
Finance	Peter Dahl		
Grounds	John Dolyak		
History & Research	Raymond Cable		
Hospitality	Mrs. H.B. Van Gieson		
Hostesses	Mrs. Russel Applegate		
Inventory	Mrs. S. Richard Basso		
League Delegate	Mrs. Einar Larson		
Library	Mrs. Einar Larson (acting)		
Membership & Dues	Mrs. Robert Switzgable		

On Nov. 3, 4 and 5, 1978, a number of members of the Stratford Historical Society attended a meeting of the New England Association of Historical Societies at Mystic. It was a special occasion for our Society in that we received a National Award from the American Association for State and Local History. The citation is for the management of a local historical society museum of outstanding merit without benefit of a professional director by utilizing volunteers in all aspects of museum work. We are proud of the volunteer workers who made this award possible. From 1972 through 1976, when the volunteer records were kept, they contributed 17,536 hours of work for our Society in the Museum alone and this was the basis for the awards.

At 10:00 A.M. on November 9, 1978, at the home of Mrs. David Olsen (Barbara), The Education Committee will hold a demonstration on Cooking With Herbs. Mrs. Nancy Moore of Fairfield will be the teacher. The cost is \$1.00 and the number is limited to 20. Call Mrs. Nancy Stone, 378-9435 for reservations.

From 12:30 to 3:00 P.M. on Nov. 14, 1978, there will be a tea for prospective docents at the Museum. Those interested in becoming a docent should attend. Call Mrs. F. Paul Kurmay (Judy) if you plan to be there.

The following items are available, with Executive Board permission, for sale.

1. The front face-over and under doors with glass-c.1888 - of the corner cupboard formerly in the N.E. corner of the Judson House Dining Room.
2. Golden Oak wardrobe - currently in the Loom Room must be moved professionally.
3. 5 hinged framed glass cabinet doors-all hinged
 - 2 - 15" w x 51 1/8" long
 - 2 - 15 1/4" w x 51 1/8" long
 - 1 - 18 1/2" w x 51 1/8" long
4. 5 Wood drawers with handles 19" x 30 1/4"
 - 3 at 9 3/4" deep 2 at 11 3/4" deep
5. 2 Wood drawers with handles
 - 17 1/2" x 30 1/2" x 9 3/4" deep
6. Chiffoniere - 5 drawers oak chest - now in 2nd floor storage of Judson House

These pieces may be viewed on Dec. 2, 1978. Please call Carol Lovell, 375-3569, for an appointment. Written bids will be accepted that day. Items will be sold to the highest bidder.

We have been saddened to learn of three recent deaths among loyal Society members: Miss Ruth Unsderfer - Mrs. Walter Goddard - Mrs. Arthur Cox.

Two additional gifts have been received and added to our Trust Funds. The interest on Trust accounts (none of the principle) is used to help support Society programs.

Received a gift from Mrs. John Zenzic for \$500. as a memorial for her husband, John Zenzic. This is in addition to a previous gift of \$100.00.

Received a gift of \$100.00 from Col. & Mrs. Charles A. Wilson, Jr., in memory of their mother, Elizabeth P. Wilson, who passed away Dec. 15, 1977.

Hope to see you on the 17th for a fine program.

David C. Wiggin
President