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The Stratford Historical Society

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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built C1750
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

May, 1981

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1981,
8:00 PM at the METHODIST CHURCH HALL, MAIN STREET.

Please be sure to note the change of day and date for this meeting which was necessitated by the schedule of our speaker.

Janice Law Trecker of West Hartford will present "Women in Connecticut History" in which she will discuss many of Connecticut's notable women in their actual role in contrast to the stereotype role often assigned to women.

Ms. Trecker is a teacher, author, and speaker whose emphasis is on women's role in history. She has written "Women on the Move," "Jailed for Freedom," and "Preachers, Rebels, and Traitors" and speaks on a variety of topics including Women's Education, the Suffrage Movement, and Victorian Women.

We are most pleased to have Janice Law Trecker as our guest and look forward to yet another large turnout of our members.

REMEMBER: Wednesday, May 27, 1981 at 8:00 PM.

ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE Our 20th annual Antiques Show and Sale held on April 4 and 5 was very successful. The profit realized was approximately \$400 more than ever before and thus this event remains our largest and most financially valuable activity.

However, the most gratifying aspect of the Antiques Show is the high percentage of member participation with most of us helping in some way with contributions of time, energy, dollars, sale items, baked goods, sandwich fillings, telephoning, and good will. It was a splendid group effort for which our co-ordinators Elden Dustin, Donald Fowler, and David Wiggin wish to thank all who participated.

(A brown velveteen blazer was left behind at the Society booth. If you are missing yours, please call Bonnie Paradise at 377-2332.)

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YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORY Fifteen ninth graders from Johnson, Wooster, and Flood Junior High Schools are involved in a study of Stratford's history under a grant of \$2,500 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project is co-sponsored by the Stratford Community Services and the Stratford Library with Patricia Naylor and Gretchen Swackhammer as co-directors.

Students selected from the English and History classes who have expressed interest in the preservation of Stratford's historical heritage will (with guidance) plan, research, photograph, write, and film important features of the project. The students' final report, to be completed by July 31, 1981, will be presented before interested youth and adult community groups.

Mrs. F. Paul Kurmay and Donald Fowler, advisers, have offered the services of the Stratford Historical Society to aid this project. Participating students have taken a tour of the Captain David Judson House and have made a study of Stratford's history utilizing our Museum exhibits. The Society's extensive library and slide collection have been used for background material.

It is hoped that this project will generate enthusiasm among a group of young people who will become volunteers to preserve the heritage of Stratford. Is it too much to expect that out of this worthwhile project a Junior Historical Society might develop?

TRIP TO LONDON There exists the possibility that members of the Trumbull and Stratford Historical Societies will journey to London for a week sometime during September or October of 1982. The proposal includes transfers, breakfast (and dinner?), sightseeing of the expected places but with additional emphasis on antiques and gardens, and lodging at the Russell Hotel in Russell Square. Subject to change, of course, the price will be under \$1,000 per person.

Several people have expressed interest. If you would like to be included, please return the form included in this letter. The list of names thus obtained will be used as an indication of the level of interest in such a trip. There will be no obligation whatsoever! Before proceeding with intensive planning, it is necessary to have an approximate idea as to the number of people who would like to go. Think about it, please.

SAVE THE DATE The Fifth Connecticut Regiment, Continental Line will once again appear on Academy Hill--Sunday, Sept. 27, 1981--with an all new program including music and flag presentations--excitement in sound, color, and historical presentation. Tell your friends!

Sincerely,

Carol H. Lovell
Mrs. Todd B. Lovell
President