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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

November, 1981

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1981 at 8:00pm
at the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALL, MAIN STREET.

Be sure to come on November 20 at 8:00 pm for a brief Business meeting of the Society to include presentation of the revised Constitution and By-Laws and Election of Officers for 1981-82 which will be immediately followed by the program.

"Silver and the Silversmith in American Life" will be the title of the program to be presented by Barbara M. Ward, with slides of objects in the Mabel Brady Garvan collection of the Yale University Art Gallery.

Mrs. Ward is co-curator of the current traveling exhibition entitled "Silver in American Life" organized by the Yale University Art Gallery and the American Federation of Arts. She is also Curatorial Assistant at the American Arts Office of the Yale University Art Gallery. She has written extensively and lectured throughout the country on early American silver and other aspects of the decorative arts.

Barbara Ward graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Connecticut College; in 1975 from Boston University with a Master of Arts Degree; and is currently a Doctoral Candidate in the American and New England Studies program at Boston University.

Stratford's own 18th century silversmiths John Benjamin (who crafted the Golden Rooster atop the Christ Church steeple) and Myer Myers (who is recognized as one of early America's most noted craftsmen) will be mentioned in Mrs. Ward's talk.

CONSTITUTION Copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws are available at the Museum on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 1:00pm. If you are unable to pick one up, call Carol Lovell (375-3569) who will see that you receive one. Copies will also be available at the door on November 20.

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SCHOOL TOURS During the season just completed there were approximately 2,000 children who visited Judson House and the Mitchell Museum in school groups. These children were conducted on their tours by trained docents.

If any member of the Historical Society knows of a person interested in becoming a docent please contact Kathleen Breeding, Education Chairman (375-8842). Classes will begin in January, 1982 and will be held once a week for both male and female volunteers. Don't be afraid to give it a try!

FIFTH CONNECTICUT REGIMENT The program of Crafts, Colors, and Concerts held on Academy Hill on September 27 was quite a success! On that clear cool day the Fifth Connecticut Regiment and the Danbury Ancients presented a varied program to the approximately 800 persons in attendance. Over 500 adults and children walked through Judson House and the Museum during the afternoon. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talent.

CONTRIBUTIONS to help defray the expense of the new chimney and roof on Judson House have been received from the following people whom we gratefully thank:

Mrs. Russel Applegate
Mrs. G. Bernnard
Miss Harriet Blakeman
Albert A. Curtis
Leigh Danenbergh
M/M Irving Dobkin
Mrs. H. T. Hillson
Adelaide T. Langbein
M/M Todd B. Lovell

James S. McCullough
M/M Stillman Munger
Mrs. Dorothy E. Olsen
Joseph D. Schlosser
Hilda M. Trainor
Jack Wardman
Ellen C. Williams
Esther S. Wojtul

EXHIBITS The Trumbull car, the first automobile made in Bridgeport, sank with the Lusitania in the early stages of WW I. We are preparing an exhibit of related items and request donation or loan of the following: a Klaxon horn, gauntlet gloves, automobile hat, shoes (ca. 1910), a first Stratford auto license plate, and any other items which you may consider pertinent. Please call 378-0630 to leave your message on the answering device or drop a note to our PO Box 382.

PENNSYLVANIA ANCESTORS? The Herclerode-Meier Family Association of Myerstown, Pa. is searching for descendants of Herclerode Meier (Myers). If your ancestors came from Lebanon County, Pa., you might contact this Association through Mr. Philip G. Brown, 665 River Road, Fair Haven, N.J. 07701.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE--as of October 26, 1981

In memory of

Given by

Harold Phillips
Edmund H. Judson, Jr.

M/M Irving Dobkin
Elizabeth R. Applegate
Margaret Van Gieson

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M/M Irving Dobkin
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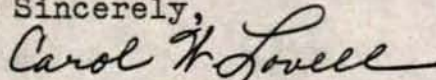
HISTORY OF STRATFORD The three copies of Wilcoxson's "History of Stratford" offered in the last newsletter have been delivered to the successful bidders. Eleven persons expressed interest and bid on at least one of the volumes offered.

Since that last offering, we have been given two more copies to sell for the benefit of the Historical Society. We greatly appreciate these donations and the concern which these donors have expressed.

Please use the form below if you wish to bid on either volume. The minimum bid will again be \$65.00 per copy. Be sure to send your bid to: Stratford Historical Society, Box 382, Stratford, Ct. 06497.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday, November 20 at 8:00 pm for our Business meeting and "Silver in American Life" program.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Todd B. Lovell

I wish to bid the amount indicated below for a copy of Wilcoxson's "History of Stratford".

Copy No. 1--1939 edition, Wilcoxson signature,
donated by M/M Garo W. Ray \$ _____

Copy No. 2--1960 edition, no Wilcoxson signature,
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