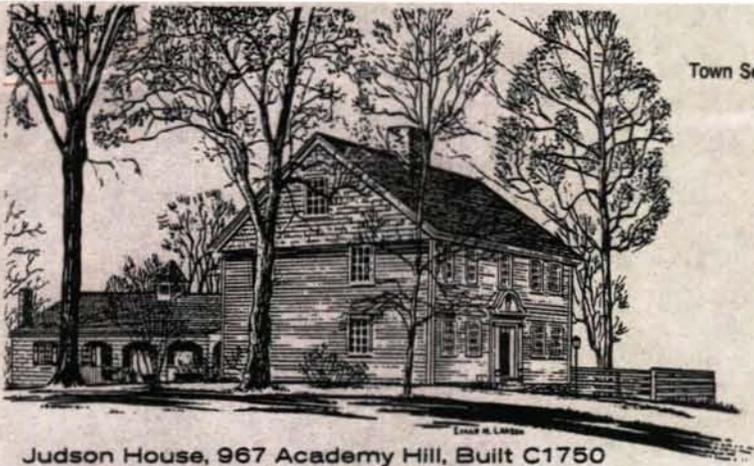


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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built C1750
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

November, 1982

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 19, 1982 at 8:00 pm at the
Church Hall of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
Main Street, Stratford

PROGRAM: "Clocks--Their History and Care"

Mr. Hiram Tindall, our Program Chairperson, has invited Rev.
Edward Morgan of Nichols to speak to our membership on the topic of
antique clocks.

Mr. Morgan has pursued the hobby of antique clocks since 1940
and is most informed on the subject. He is an authority on the repair,
restoration and history of clocks of many periods of history.

On Friday, Nov. 19 he will give a slide presentation and will
bring some of his collection representing various styles and periods
of antique clocks. Members of the audience are invited to bring
their own clocks for discussion.

Come and bring a friend.

As we review our just-closed 1982 season of visitation at our
Capt. David Judson House and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, it is clear
that we have again fulfilled our objective of educating the public
regarding the history of Stratford. Our attendance figures show that
we continue to attract visitors at a fairly steady rate. We would
like to increase our number of visitors, however. Favorable comments
almost invariably follow an individual or group tour. Plan to come
and see for yourself beginning April 15, 1983, and why not bring your
guests?

Many thanks to our Guides Mrs. Jean Wilcoxson, Mrs. Bette Johnson,
and Miss Peggy Bayer for their dedicated service to the Society on
Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during this recent season. We
greatly appreciate their dedication and faithful attendance.

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In order to provide a co-ordinated and consistent tour schedule, it is necessary for the Society to hire a Scheduling Secretary for visits to Judson House. We have been fortunate for several years to have the services of Mrs. Patricia Morrison who has done a fine job of overseeing the intricacies of our group tours. Many thanks to her for the job which she has done so well.

The Society is now seeking a new person to fill this most necessary position. Please read the information which follows; it describes this paid eight-month employment as succinctly as possible in written form. If there are any questions, or if you wish further information, please call the numbers given at the end of the job description. Please be aware that previous involvement or membership in the Society is not a requisite for this position. However, Society members are being informed of this available position before contact is made with non-members.

POSITION AVAILABLE

SCHEDULING SECRETARY

3/1/83--10/31/83

GENERAL NOTE: The Scheduling Secretary shall be hired by the President of the Society or the designated liaison. In many areas, the nature of the duties places the Scheduling Secretary in a co-operative relationship with the chairperson of the Education Committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Schedule group tours of Judson House and Museum. Arrange rain dates for each tour.
2. Schedule docents to conduct group tours.
3. Be present at all tours (or secure adequate substitute); Open and close House and Museum with special attention to Security System; Put out and take in flag; Arrive at least 15 min. before tour.
4. Collect admissions.
5. Act as "floater" during visitations; watch tour direction and timing.
6. Arrange gift shop items for sale; direct docents in sales.
7. Deposit monies from sales and admissions in bank; send records of deposits to Society Treasurer.
8. Maintain daily attendance and financial records for all tours.
9. Compile monthly and annual attendance/financial figures to be given to the President and Education Chairperson. A yearly report shall be given in person to the Governing Board and a General Meeting.
10. Actively recruit groups for tours: schools, churches, senior citizens, Sterling House, summer camps, out-of-town groups, etc.
11. Schedule docents/other volunteers for special occasions when walk-through tours will be given to large groups.

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SCHEDULING SECRETARY continued:

REQUISITES:

1. Knowledge of the history of Judson House and the Mitchell Museum. (The Docent Handbook containing pertinent information will be made available to a prospective candidate who has not completed docent training.)
2. Commitment to the position for the full season of March 1, 1983 thru October 31, 1983.

SALARY:

Payment of \$1200 (\$150 per month for 8 months) is offered for this position for this season. In addition, the Society will pay 13.4% of \$1200 directly to your Social Security account.

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MEMBERSHIP dues have been received regularly. Thanks to all who responded so promptly. Kay Moore, our Membership Chairperson, has announced that renewal notices were sent to a total of 525 members. This does not include those who have been listed previously as Life Members. Our membership grows and becomes more widespread each year. Many of our members do not live in our town, but can trace their genealogies to our original or early settlers. These people are often genuinely pleased with the reception given them when they arrive at the Society and/or when they communicate by mail in search of their past. Thanks to all of you who continue to support our efforts in Stratford.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE contributions have been received as follows:

In memory of:

Given by:

Albert Pickus	Selma and Irving Dobkin
	Mrs. Henry Van Gieson
	Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Friedman
	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cumpstone

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Historical Highlights of First Baptist
Church by Dea. Dinwood Johnson

Reference: Land Records, in Stratford Town Hall, Deacon Board Minutes, as far back as 1914, A Paper by Former Stratford Town Clerk, Wilcoxson, Aunt Hagar Merriman's Autobiography and other sources.

1877: Records show Lundy Lane Property-sold to the Baptist Society, for \$500.00 plus \$100.00 by Matthew Johnson to cover an unpaid loan, which the church assumed by way of trustees, Johnson D. Christian and W. M. Stevens.

1877: Sarah Talbot's home, now the Red Cross Building, saw the beginning Sunday School* become a Mission and later a Church Society. Is recorded

1880: as such ~~was~~

1888: Use- old Academy building, worship there for 35 years. —

1902: Pilgrim Baptist Church organized on Stratford Avenue, South East.

1906: Present land site given for church purposes only.

1911: Deeds recorded.

1914: The two churches merge and worship in Pilgrim Church with Rev. M. H. Hawkins, pastor.

1915: Matthew Johnson died.

1916: Rev. Hawkins resigns.

1917: Church calls the Rev. Frank Harrison. The membership rises to 260.

1919: Attendance rose beyond the capacity of the building. As a result

1921: the members built on the present site in 1921. At this time they had a balanced budget and money left over.

1877 to 1914: The first five leaders or pastors.: Rev. G. W. Fowlkes, Rev. W. A. Ayers, Rev. Moses Taylor, Rev. Ford, Rev. M. Hawkins. These ministers served the two churches only briefly. Most of the ministers served less than a year. So this history will not emphasize individual contributions but rather note the over all growth of the church if any was made.

1914: Matthew Johnson was ordained as the first Deacon of the church.

1917 Concern-as-a church with, getting it together.

to Later we show more interaction in out-reach.(show more interest in other matters outside the church)

1921 G. C. Wainwright, pastor. The Loyal Workers, (originally the Young to Adult Club) organized to celebrate the 46 th Anniversary of the church. There were open baptism in the Stratford Pond.

1931 J. B. Randolph, pastor. The church was exposed to prophesy by Prophet to Jones, Old Time Revivals and Camp Meetings Out Doors Baptismal Pool

1932 Built and used on church property.

1932 J. A. Taylor, pastor. First men's Day Service was held. The Progressive to Club was organized. Tithing days agreed on.

1938 S. H. Clark, pastor. Participated in ordination at Shilo Baptist Church which was then "Friendship Baptist Church". Rev. Clark died in office.

1938 to 1941

* the first place of worship -
* the roots of First Baptist Church

- 1941-48:A. A. Mays, pastor. Recovery and rebuild after the fire in 1944.
- 1948-49:L. C. Lomax, pastor. Recognized by P.U. Institute/ Junior Church Period during regular morning worship service.
- 1949-52:R. Peters, pastor. Church has a working youth program led by Al Bright, Youth Staff, The publishing of bulletins, Library Arrangements, Former structure of church plant reconstructed to increase from one to two choir-lofts, Publish Written Annual Reports, Tighter or Better Organizational set-up, Church Ratifies Men's Fellowship Constitution
- 1952-54:H. T. Tucker, pastor. Receive and install new pews, Purchase new Organ by memorial gifts, Put water fountain and soda machine in old church building.
- 1954: W. O. Johnson, pastor. Church membership enrollment trippled and over Growth has been phenominal, Involvement, Support and Spearheading or Leadership in such as Interchurch-Social Justice, Human Needs, Political Awareness have been the Church's direction beside our Mission to Make or Influence Discipleship, Pray Our Strength in the Lord We have built a long needed Parsonage and a Modern Church Plant.

Historical Committee Members

- 1977:
- Bessie Davis
 - Flora Mays
 - A. Marie Long
 - Kathy Levette
 - Edward Smallwood
 - Kevin Robinson.....Art Work
 - Helen Redding.....Secretary
 - Louise Bright... ..Vice-Chairperson
 - Linwood Johnson.....Chairman