

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

The Stratford Historical Society

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, March 27, 1987, 8:00 p.m.
Parish Hall, Stratford United
Methodist Church, 2600 Main St.

March 1987

ONCE AGAIN - THE 'APOTHEOSIS' OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Cancelled by an inopportune snow storm in January, Stan Ochman's program on George Washington is now scheduled for our March meeting .

As mentioned previously, Stan has been collecting George Washington memorabilia for many years and will be sharing some of the items from his collection with us. He will also be showing slides of paintings, engravings, ceramics, dolls, folk art and other items - all with a George Washington connection.

We're running a little late with our George Washington tribute but it's always fitting to remember the father of our country and Stan's collection of artifacts and slides promises to be an interesting and enjoyable way to do it.

REMEMBER - APRIL 4 - ANTIQUE SHOW - BALDWIN CENTER

This will be the last notice of our annual antique show, which is now a one day event, and this year will be taking place on Saturday, April 4, at the Baldwin Center, West Broad St., Stratford. Please plan to attend and support this most important fund raising event for your society. In addition to many fine dealers we will also operate our own booth and we are still looking for donations to sell. If you have anything to donate please call Bonnie Paradise at 377-2332 or Hy Tindall at 874-1819. We'll pick up if you can't deliver. Dishes, old trunks, small furniture, and a variety of other items are being sought.

STRATFORD'S 350th

In 1989 Stratford will celebrate the 350th anniversary of its founding and the Society is making plans to recognize this anniversary. Stratford is one of the older towns in America and has a rich and significant history to recognize.

As one key commemorative project your Society agreed at its most recent Executive Committee meeting to organize publication of a modern history of Stratford to be ready sometime in 1989. We envision a book with many new photos and illustrations and an interesting, easy to read text highlighting our history. Rather than be a complete reference book for scholars, this work is intended to give an accurate overview to Stratford citizens and public school students. In this sense it will differ from our highly valued History of Stratford, by William Howard Wilcoxson, which will remain as an indispensable source book for Stratford historians.

Naturally, there are still many unanswered questions. One, of course, is the question of financing. We will be looking, in the coming months, at ways of underwriting the cost.

We will also need workers. Lew Knapp, of our Society, is already at work on a draft outline. If you would like to help with the following jobs - research, writing, sketching, page layout and design, photography, copying, or photo processing - please call Lew at 377-0602 or me at 377-3130.

The present concept is to have experts on different topics prepare articles with an editor pulling all the articles together into a completed text.

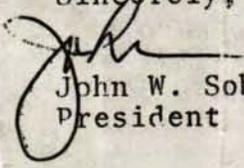
Working together we can make this a book our town will long be proud of.

KNOW A FAMOUS TREE?

The Connecticut Botanical Society's Notable Trees Committee is compiling a list of trees which have been significant in Connecticut's history or related to important state events. If you have a nomination from Stratford please contact our Society or, The Connecticut Botanical Society, Notable Trees Committee, P.O. Box 1625, Connecticut College, New London, CT 06320.

See you at our March 27 meeting.

Sincerely,


John W. Sober
President