



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

## The Stratford Historical Society

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November, 1987

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Friday, November 20, 1987 8:00 PM Stratford United Methodist Church  
Parish Hall, 2600 Main St.

"Looking Back at Early New England Lighting" will be the topic  
discussed by Bette and Harry Rapp, co-authors of the book "Early  
Lighting, A Pictorial Guide."

It is so easy today to light a room or a house or an entire shopping complex that we may find it hard to visualize the difficulty of creating a light source two or three hundred years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Rapp will share their research findings on how people illuminated their lives from 1650 to 1850, including a slide lecture illustrating early lighting devices and demonstrations of actual light sources from rushlights to gas lamps. The Rapps have researched seven hundred probate inventories from the town of Wethersfield to gather the material for their presentation.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this most interesting evening lecture.

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At the Annual Meeting held in September 1987 new officers were elected for the Stratford Historical Society. In order for you to be informed, I have enclosed a list of these names on the reverse of this sheet. Committee chairpersons are always ready to welcome new people to help with the work of your Society. Please call the number given at the top of this letter to become involved. Don't be afraid to leave a message on the answering tape. We are at work in the Museum on only Tuesdays and Thursdays until about 2:00 PM.

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OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS  
Recommended for  
THE STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1987 - 1988

President	Mrs. Todd Lovell
First Vice-President	Mr. Vincent Hardy
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Dean Paradise
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Joseph Moore
Corresponding Secretary	MRS. John Hanusovsky
Treasurer	Mr. Donald Calkins
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. Velmore Spamer
Immediate Past President	Mr. John Sober

Directors

1 year	Mr. Stanley Ochman
2 years	Mr. Elden Dustin
2 years	Mr. Robert Cumpstone
3 years	Miss Jane Lafferty

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Accessions	Mrs. Robert Cumpstone
Buildings	Mr. Howard Smith
Education	Mrs. Russel Applegate
Historian Emeritus	Mr. William Howard Wilcoxson
Exhibits	
Finance	Mr. Peter Dahl
Genealogy	Mr. Raymond Cable
Grounds	Mr. Vincent Hardy
Historian	Mrs. Paul Kurmay
Hospitality	
Hosts and Hostesses	
Inventory (Acting)	
Landscape & Colonial Gardens	Mrs. Robert Cumpstone
	Mrs. Kenneth Burton and
	Mrs. Constantine Chagares
Co-League Delegates	Mrs. Henry VanGieson and
	Mrs. Einar Larson
Library	Mrs. Einar Larson
Membership & Dues	Mr. Joseph Moore
Nominating	Mr. Elden Dustin
Program	Mr. David Wiggin
Publicity	Miss Margaret Jacaruso
Ways and Means	Mr. Stanley Ochman

Respectfully Submitted:

Mr. Velmore Spamer, Chairman	Mr. Vincent Hardy
Mrs. Russel Applegate	Mr. Elden Dustin
Mrs. Irving Dobkin	Mrs. Richard Slater

1988 CALENDARS--It is time to order your 1988 Stratford Historical Society Calendar which again shows "Scenes of Old Stratford". Each month shows a different aspect of life in Stratford with explanatory captions. Although these photographs are offered in calendar format, their most important value is historical. These views of life-as-it-was will probably never again be made available publicly. Retain your calendar each year and develop your own sets of views of the history of our town.

Please use the form at the end of this letter to order your calendar(s).

If you would prefer to buy your copy of the calendar locally, you may do so at one of the following business locations in Stratford: Catalano's News Store, Colonial Square Art Shop, Hamilton's Pharmacy, Marnick's Restaurant, Hilltop Market, Pineapple Junction Gift Shop, Sterling House, Steve's Super Market, Stratford Town Hall (Town Clerk's Office), West Shore Market, Albert's Barber Shop, Emile's Barber Shop. It is possible, however, that these merchants will not yet have their stock of calendars. Please check with them to see. If this is so, they will be receiving them shortly. Please check back.

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MAIL SERVICE--We have, for some time, been having mail delivery difficulties with our newsletters. We usually are able to get the bundles to the post office approximately three weeks before the meeting which the newsletter is announcing. The September mailing was received by the post office on Sept. 8 announcing the meeting for Sept. 25. Some of us received our copy on Sept. 14. However, others received theirs on Sept. 25 or Sept. 28..or still have not received it! The post office has now suggested that we keep a list of names and dates of receipt in order to be better able to pinpoint the problems in delivery. Therefore, if your copy of this newsletter has not reached you by Nov. 13 please let us know...a phone call or a post card will do.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE--Docent training classes will begin on Feb. 4, 1988 at 10:00 AM in the Museum building. Docents are given all the information necessary to show Judson House to school children, scout groups, or adult visitors. If you are interested in the history of Judson House, the Judson family, or the story of Stratford in general why not become a docent? The classes last for approximately one and one-half hours a week for ten weeks. Call the Society or Mrs. Russel Applegate, 377-4224 for further information.

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EINAR LARSON devoted many years to the Stratford Historical Society in the position of Exhibits Chairman. However, he was much more than that. Always willing to drop what he was doing to help on another person's project, ever ready to listen to suggestions, questions or just conversation, always smiling or with a twinkle in his eye Einar contributed so much to the feeling of oneness which characterizes the group of volunteers who devote their Tuesdays (and sometimes their Thursdays) to the task of keeping our historical society at its level of excellence. His unparalleled handiwork, on display in the permanent exhibit areas of the museum, cannot be excelled. His attendance, with his wife Lillian, at meetings of the Connecticut League of Historical Societies and other regional meetings of historical societies from many towns was always assured.

With Einar's death this past September, we have lost a talented, giving, warm and wonderful friend. We grieve with Lillian. We miss him.

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A NOTE OF APPRECIATION: "Mere words are inadequate to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful outpouring of generosity and sympathy in memory of my dear husband, Einar M. Larson. Even though he was truly dedicated to the Stratford Historical Society, I am sure he would have been as overwhelmed as I have been by all the kindness and thoughtful deeds that have been extended by the members and friends of the Stratford Historical Society. Sincerely, Lillian Larson"

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CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

In memory of:	Given by:
Arthur Jacaruso	Mr. & Mrs. Velmore Spamer
Marion Trumbull Cruickshank	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fowler
Einar M. Larson	Miss Jane Lafferty
	Mrs. Elizabeth Applegate
	Ms. Bette Johnson
	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Emery
	Mrs. Esther Wojtul
	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hennessey
	Mr. & Mrs. C. Lawrence Bulow
	Miss Margaret Jacaruso
	Mr. & Mrs. Velmore Spamer
	Mr. & Mrs. Allan Barrows
	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dickgiesser
	Mrs. Joyce Bradbury
	Mr. & Mrs. Loren Trabert
	Mrs. Vera Nelson
	Mrs. Margaret Ross

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

In memory of:

Einar M. Larson

Given by:

- Mr. & Mrs. Albert Allillo
- Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Hamilton
- Mr. & Mrs. Burr Hamilton
- Mr. & Mrs. Todd Lovell
- Mr. & Mrs. William Lynch
- Mr. & Mrs. Donald Calkins

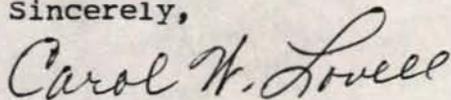
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ANTIQUE SHOW items will be received at the Museum now that our visiting season is over. Please call Hy Tindall at the Society (378-0630) if you have items to donate or items to be picked up at your home. Large items in need of repair or restoration are welcome... chests, chairs, trunks, etc. As usual, any other items will be gladly accepted. If you no longer want it, we can probably sell it at our Antique Show which will be held on Saturday, Mar. 26, 1988 at the Baldwin Center. There will be further mention of this event in future newsletters. However, it would be to our advantage if items could start coming in soon, in order to avoid a heavy workload in the spring for our volunteers who pick up and sort.

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Remember the next meeting of our Society: Friday, Nov. 20, 1987 at the Methodist Church, 2600 Main St... "A Look at Early Lighting".

Sincerely,



Mrs. Todd B. Lovell, President

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1988 STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ calendar(s) at \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 each postage.

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