



Town Settled 1639

Society Organized 1925

## The Stratford Historical Society

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

September 1991

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Sept. 27, 1991 at 8:00 PM  
Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
2000 Main St., Stratford, CT

The sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Society will include a brief business meeting during which Miss Jane Lafferty, Nominating Committee Chair, will present for election the officers for 1991-1992.

Following the installation of officers, Mr. Robert Berthelson of Trumbull will present a program entitled:

### PHOTOGRAPHY: THE EARLY YEARS

The first successful photographic image was produced in 1827. It took 8 hours to complete.

In 1839 no less than four inventors, working independently, announced their own successful photographic methods. By the end of that year pioneering photographers throughout the world duplicated their techniques and perfected new ones of their own.

This slide program reviews the first 100 years of the development of photography from these experimental beginnings to the introduction of amateur color photography in 1935.

Topics covered include early photojournalism in the Mexican and Crimean Wars, American Civil War photography, portraiture of celebrities and historical records of 19th century scenes.

Methods of distinguishing between the major forms of collectible photographic images including Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, tintypes, Carte-de-visites and Cabinet Photos will be discussed.

Two projectors will be used with a unique image blending technique to present the portraits and works of pioneer photographers.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

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BUILDING FUND

Shortly you will be receiving letters regarding a building fund. With the bequest from the estate of Edna Viner, plus a very generous gift from a member, we have a good start. There will be opportunity to make memorial gifts, or gifts honoring relatives.

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BUILDING COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

The committee, under the direction of chairman, Todd Lovell, is hard at work on the plans for the addition to the museum. Bids on all aspects of the addition have gone out.

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SHAKER VILLAGE TRIP

There are still a few openings for the Shaker Village trip. If you are interested, please contact Carol Lovell, 375-3569.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will present its report at the annual meeting on September 27th, at which time voting will take place, during the business portion of the meeting.

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STRATFORD HELICOPTER MUSEUM

A note of interest to all of our members. The Stratford Helicopter museum, at the South Side Railroad Station in Stratford will host an open house on Sunday, October 6th from 1 pm to 4 pm. All are invited to visit their new location.

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GIFTS

Ruth Beardsley Parker of Dewitt, N.Y. has just made a gift of \$100.00 to the Beardsley fund, which she established in honor of her father and brother -- T.R. and H.R. Beardsley.

The Probate Court has notified the Society that we are to receive the Stratford Indian Collection of Franz Goldbach, a member, who died recently. Many of the artifacts used in our permanent exhibit are gifts of Franz Goldbach.

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WILCOXSON HISTORY BOOKS

The Stratford Historical Society will be pleased to purchase, for re-sale, any Wilcoxson History of Stratford books for \$90.00. We receive frequent requests for this very valuable book which is out of print.

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EARLY AMERICAN FESTIVAL

The Early American Festival held on the grounds of Judson House last July 14th was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who participated in any capacity

FOR SALE

There are available for sale two (2) sets of four (4) Pewter Plates each, of Stratford by P. Scott Andrews -- the Lighthouse - Judson House - the Railroad Station and Boothe Park. If you are interested please contact Elden Dustin - 378-5997 or Mary Hardy - 375-4230 for further information.

There is also for sale one (1) pewter plate of Judson House, by the same artist. If interested, please contact Lillian Larson, 929-6120.

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Contributions to the Book of Remembrance have been made as follows:

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
M/M William E. Bassett	Stanley Bassett
Franz Goldbach	Hiram Tindall

Sincerely,

*Vincent L. Hardy*

Vincent Hardy, President  
Stratford Historical Society