



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

March 1996

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Friday, March 29, 1996--8:00pm
Christ Episcopal Church Hall, 2000 Main St., Stratford

"GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE DANCE" Cyril Hendrickson, Dancing Master

We will have an entirely different program this month when the Hendrickson Group from Sandy Hook, CT will present narration and dance music that Washington would have known. They will also present dance tunes named in George or Martha's honor.

Mastery of the Minuet was an absolute necessity to any one of the middle or upper class. The dance, performed one couple at a time, in descending order of social rank, showed the watching assembly that one was properly instructed in the social graces. The bearing, steps, arm movements and the man's use of his hat, all done well, were sure to help maintain one's respectability in the social circles of early America. The Minuet was taught by dancing masters throughout America.

Come, bring your friends. All meetings of the Society are open to the public.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Calvin Curtis Search

For the 1997 season we are planning an exhibit of paintings by the Stratford artist Calvin Curtis (1822-1893). He was a well-known artist whose portrait of President Garfield is in the White House collection. Curtis painted many prominent people including P.T. Barnum. The Society owns nine of his works and would like to know the whereabouts of others. If you own a Calvin Curtis or know someone who does would you let us know? We would like to photograph them for our files. Leave a message on our tape at 378-0630.

Stratford Commemorative Plates

A set of Stratford Commemorative Plates designed by Peggy Scott Andrews is available for sale. This set of four plates: Stratford Lighthouse, Putney Chapel, Judson House and the Old Railroad Station, is Numbered 1 in the series and will be sold only as a complete set at this time. Please call 378-0630 for information if you are interested in purchasing this set.

1867 Map of Stratford

We now have copies of the Beers Map of the Town of Stratford. They are available for sale (\$2.00) at the Historical Society Office and will be at Judson House when it reopens in May. Maps of 1824 and 1882 are also available.

Book of Remembrance

IN MEMORY OF
Mrs. J.O.(Doris) Carson
Mrs. J.O.(Doris) Carson

GIVEN BY
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lovell
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barnish

Coming Events:

Antique Show

The Annual Antique Show will take place on Saturday, April 13th at the Baldwin Center. We are eager to receive donations of any saleable items: glassware, china, kitchen ware, books, rugs, pictures, tinware, picture frames, etc. Let us decide whether or not your treasures should be thrown out. Call Hy Tindall at 378-0630 or Bonnie Paradise at 377-2332.

Early American Festival

An Early American Festival is planned for Sunday, Sept. 29th. The mounted group of Shelton Light Horse Dragoons will return with their authentic military maneuvers and clothing. Craft participants will be clothed in authentic period garb while purveying authentic goods. A fun day and Family event.

Judson House will open for the 1996 season on Wed. May 15th, and will be open Wed. Sat. and Sun. through Oct.

The Rev. Orcutt's two volume "History of Old Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport-1886" is available. Please call the Society at 378-0630.

General Meeting, May 31, 1996

Marie and Vito Sorge, of Oronoque Village, Stratford, Connecticut..."One Couple's Love Affair With Miniatures and Dolls."

Judith Kurmay, President