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Capt. David Judson House c. 1750

MARK THE DATES:

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JANUARY'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, January 31st, 2:00 pm, "Virtual" Meeting via gotomeeting.com

One of the many COVID-19 casualties of 2020 was our year of remembering and honoring the passage of the 19th amendment (the Equal Suffrage Amendment). The State of Connecticut, the Town of Stratford, and the Stratford Historical Society all had planned many events to commemorate the historic passage of the 19th amendment.

We planned to remember one of Stratford's Suffragettes at every Town Council meeting. We planned other activities at Town Hall and at the Stratford Library. All came to inauspicious ends due to this terrible pandemic.

It would be unforgivable of us, however, if we just threw in the towel and didn't attempt some final wrap-up of last year's 19th amendment commemoration.

On Sunday, January 31st at 2pm



International Order of Red Men's Hall on Church Street, c 1900, where many Suffrage meetings were held.

we will host a "virtual" commemorative conclusion to our 19th amendment recollection.

David Wright, our newsletter editor, will summarize our year of Suffrage

All meetings are free and open to the general public. Please bring a friend! Donations are gratefully accepted.

frage (almost) commemoration and discuss how Stratford, in many ways, differed from much of the rest of the State, and Nation, in its reaction to, and promotion, of women's equal suffrage. Suffrage roots run deep Stratford.

To join our meeting with no long distance telephone charges, please join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/601574589>

You may also dial in using your phone at (224) 501-3412. Access Code: 601-574-589 **Long distance charges may apply.**

We hope to SEE you, virtually, on January 31st!

"I used to think that ignorance of history meant only a lack of cultivation and a loss of pleasure. Now I am sure that such ignorance impairs our judgment by impairing our understanding, by depriving us of standards or the power of contrast, and the right to estimate."

American essayist Agnes Repplier (1855—1950)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

As a reminder, membership **dues** are now **due in January** rather than in September.

We have added new Governing Board members and changed positions for one of our existing board members. Newest board member assignments are: **Corresponding secretary**, Christine Duffy; **Building Committee Chair**, Roger Salls; and, **Recording Secretary**, Amanda DeBiase. We're delighted to have a nearly full slate of Board members, and look forward to all the contributions to be made by our

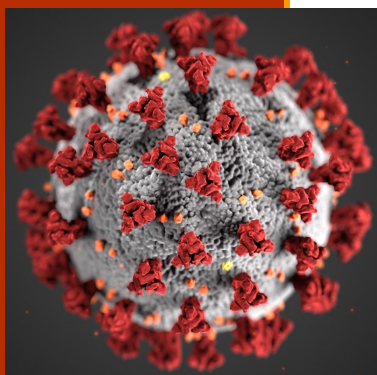
newest members.

During these days of COVID-19 darkness, we have determined to close the Judson House, the Carriage House, and the Museum. These facilities will be open by appointment only for the time being. We long for the days when life can go back to normal on Academy Hill.

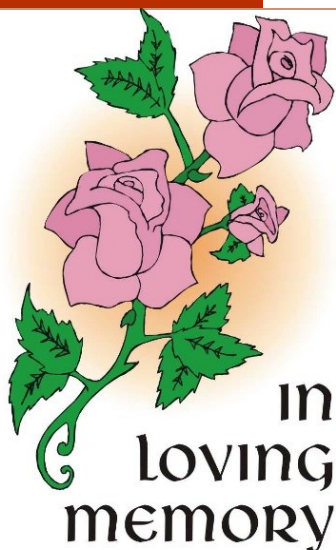
We've been using the COVID-19 lull in business at the Society to make many improvements. We've installed new humidifiers in the Judson House and Museum. We have obtained the approval of the Historic District Commission to install new,

attractive, exterior lighting around the Judson House. These lights should greatly improve safety and security on the Society's property. We're examining the possibility of installing a new liner in the chimney of the Judson house so we can build fires in the kitchen and have cooking demonstrations.

If you have suggestions for other improvements we might wish to consider, please drop us an email. We're assembling a capital improvement projects list, and we will be working off that list as we continue to upgrade our facilities.



Novel coronavirus photo from the US Center for Disease Control



STRATFORDITES LOST TO COVID-19

6,600 Connecticutans dying from the novel coronavirus is a very large number to try to "wrap your head around." It's also more difficult to empathize with those families affected by their losses, when most of the 6,600 dying in Connecticut are unknown to us.

It's much easier to empathize with our relatives, neighbors, and friends who have felt the tragic loss of a loved one during this pandemic. The **Hartford Courant** ran an article at the end of 2020 listing all the Connecticutans lost to the COVID-19 virus.

To make those losses more comprehensible, we decided to distill the **Courant's** list down to just those individuals lost in the Town of Stratford. The list includes 103 Stratfordites lost prior to the beginning of 2021. Like us, you will likely be shocked at the number of names you recognize in this list.

Hartford Courant January 3, 2021 **IN MEMORIAM**

Shirley Anrico
Riccardo Baglioni
Dilma Barbero
Irene Bartnik
Howard Beeman
Angeline Bernadel
Fernando Bernardo
Rosa Berrios Ortiz
Margie Bright
Lawrence Brown
William Brunner

Helen Budries
Alberto Castellanos
Jean Castelot
Evelyn Cobbs
John Colish
Antonio Cruz Sr
Diane Cussimano
James Daniel Sr
Joan Dineen
Evelyn Dlugos
Patricia Doss
Dorothy D'Ostilio
Gloria Duch
Salvatore Emmolo
Sean Evans
Josephine Farr
Natalino Faustine
Andrew Fazekas
Nancy Ferrara
Marie Fierro
Morton Fine
Etiennise Fleur
Elizabeth Ford
Robert Forti
Mary Genaway
Jose Gomes
Nathan Goodwin Sr
Neal Graveline
Paolo Guevara
Lucille Guglielmoni
Eugene Harkins
Dorothy Heffernan
Jean Hendrickson
William Jakupkovic
Jo-Ann Jelormine
Doris Jenkins
Beatrice Kapitan
Michael Keenan
Sarah Kipping
Helen Kiraly
Barbara Kopac
Lucy Laconte
Anthony Lancia Jr
Marcella Lavalley
Eugene Lavin

Betty Lecuyer
Daniel Letizia Jr
Frances Lockwood
Evelyn Lynch
Frank Malski Jr
Violet Marchand
Robert Mccarthy
Michael Mckeeon
Valdur Merilo
Marie Midi
Debra Milano
Marilyn Minto Conner
Gary Moroni
Charles Mulken Jr
Russell Nyquist
Alexander Papp Jr
Anthony Pesano
Net Phan
Sandra Porter
Anna Pulaski
Liberia Rossi
Sally Saja
Elma Schirillo
Anthony Sockolosky
Violet Sorrentino
Marcelina Sosa
Carol Studdiford
Beverly Tabak
John Takacs
Dorothy Tobin
Rosa Torres
Frances Tortorello
Edward Trudeau
Shirley Tutunjian
Barbara Verderame
Frances Vitale
Chrysoula Vlamis
Ann Webb
Jean Weicker
Joann White
Karen Wirth
Richard Wittkamp
Robert Wright
Grace Zampedri
Dorothy Zebrowski

Connecticut's 2020 Forest Action Plan DRAFT



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CONNECTICUT FOREST ACTION REPORT 2020

Among the many discoveries (or rediscoveries) we've made during this global pandemic is just how vital our opening space areas are as retreats for safely enjoying the out-of-doors and helping to improve our attitudes and mental stamina.

In December of 2020, Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published its Forest Action Plan 2020. The report contained many interested

facts and figures pertaining to Connecticut's forests, wetland areas, and urban open spaces. The report touts the news that forests cover about 60 percent of Connecticut, the nation's fourth most densely populated state, protecting water and air quality and providing refuge for wildlife and recreation for people.

Highlights of the draft report (bit.ly/3fQ7273), which is available for public review and comment, include the changing

percentage of coverage. Over the past 400 years, state forestland has declined from as high as 95% in the early 1600s to 30% in the early to mid-1800s. Connecticut now is the 14th most forested state in the nation, which the report calls "remarkable," considering a density of two people per acre. Only Massachusetts is similarly dense and as heavily forested.

In a town with a forest, shore, and wetlands, this report is particularly relevant.

DATELINE STRATFORD DEC. 1955-JAN. 1956

The Stratford News

December 1, 1955

Police Officers Praised for Quick Capture of Killer

Two Stratford police officers received praise yesterday for their quick and efficient arrest of Fred Mitchell, of 247 Colorado Ave., Bridgeport, knife filler of Peter Pastor, 18 year old Bridgeporter, early Tuesday morning.

Stratford police chief Patrick Flanagan lauded Sargeant Joseph Carten and Detective Frank Smith for arresting Mitchell at 1 a.m., with two companions in the Paradise Green area of town, just 55 minutes after Bridgeport Police reported that the killer was in Stratford.

The Stratford News

December 1, 1955

S. J. C. G. CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

The Stratford Jewish Community center cornerstone ceremonies will take place this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. A cocktail party will be held at 4:30 p.m. and dinner and dancing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Joey Russell, stage and screen entertainer will appear on the program. Sid Siegel's Band will furnish the music. Cementing the cornerstone will be done by past presidents Dr. Sidney L. Penner, Dr. Samuel M. Rood and Theodore I. Koskoff. The cornerstone was made and donated to the group by Nicholas Torsiello of the Honeyspot Monument Works.

Sunday Herald

December 11, 1955

Stratford Teeners Unload 'Zip Guns'

Four teenagers were arrested in Stratford as police spotted dangerous bullet-shooting zip guns in their possession.

...Visiting three homes, he (Patrolman Rowland DuRoucher) found zip-guns in each one and brought in the owners who admitted owning the homemade weapons.

Said (Det. William) Troland, "The

kids may not realize how dangerous the guns are, especially because they can explode sideways and certainly could be fatal."

The Stratford News

December 15, 1955

Universalist Church of Bpt. To Build on Chapel Street

The Universalist Church of Bridgeport has purchased approximately three and a half acres of land on Chapel St., Stratford, it was announced on Wednesday by Fred Feldmann of Trumbull, chairman of the planning committee of the Church. The property previously belonged to Harold Fish of Stratford.

Sunday Herald

December 18, 1955

Dorne Urges Board to OK Legal Salary

Spearheading the attack against Stratford's system of paying piecework rates for legal advice, Councilman Edmond Dorne yesterday urged adoption of his proposal to appoint a salaried town attorney and an assistant.

...From 1947 to 1953 the town paid more than \$100,000 in legal fees.

This seven-year figure represented the largest sum paid for legal advice by any town of Stratford's size in the United State.

Sunday Herald

December 25, 1955

11.7 Turnpike Miles to Cost \$40,823,360

Paving the Fairfield county area's first 11.7 miles of the Connecticut Turnpike will cost the state \$40,823,360.38, or about three-and-a-half million dollars a mile, State Highway Dept. figures showed yesterday.

...Contracts awarded to date, with the approximate length of each project and the bid price, follows:

...Stratford and Milford (substructure), .6 mile, \$2,601,056.

Stratford and Milford (superstructure), .6 mile, \$4,643,188.

Stratford and Milford, 1.7 miles, \$4,661,267.

Sunday Herald

January 8, 1956

Movie Genius New Czar of Bard Theater

John Houseman, the man who directed such top movies as "Julius Caesar" and "Executive Suite" has been named overall director of the Shakespeare Theater in Stratford for 1956.

The announcement was announced yesterday by Joseph Verner Reed, of Greenwich, president of the Theater.

Houseman's is a celebrated name in every phase of theater [production from writing to the footlights. He was co-founder of the Mercury Theater with Orson Welles with whom he was associated in the radio production of the famed "Man from Mars" broadcast.

The Stratford News

January 12, 1956

Is Harry Flood Still Town Manager? Demmies-No, GOP -Yes, Attorneys-No

Harry Flood wonders if he has a job, the town employees wonder when their next pay check is coming, and residents wonder what the next development will be, as the Republicans and Democrats refuse to budge in their argument concerning the continuation in office as Stratford's town manager.

The town manager caper got underway Monday night when the Stratford Town Council split 5.5 between Republicans and Democrats, recessed at 11:34 pm without a definite vote on whether or not Harry Flood is still in office.

...The meeting was attended by over 300 townspeople who packed the council chamber. An occasional catcall, booing, applause and laughter were contributed by them as the evening progressed, and the meeting turned into a farce at times.



John Houseman new director of Shakespeare Theater. From **Sunday Herald**, January 8, 1956.



Keating Ford, 1055 Stratford Ave, advertises 35th anniversary. **Sunday Herald**, December 4, 1955.



Jewish Community Center Dedicated. **The Stratford News**, December 8, 1955.



Ice skating at Longbrook Park. **The Stratford News**, January 5, 1956.

NOW SHOWING DECEMBER 1955-JANUARY 1956

December 4th

The Big Knife

Jack Palance

December 11th

Desperate Hours

Humphrey Bogart, Fredric March

December 18th

The Warriors

Errol Flynn, Joanne Dru, Peter Finch

December 25th

White Christmas

Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye

January 8th

Artists and Models

Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis

January 15th

Kismet

Howard Keel, Ann Blyth

January 22nd

The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell

Gary Cooper, Charles Bickford

January 29th

Diane

Lana Turner, Cedric Hardwicke



Stratford Theater c 1934

SOCIETY LOSES TWO VOLUNTEERS



Eileen dressed as a Docent on Connecticut Open House Day, June 2016.

We lost two of our very dedicated volunteers during the month of December: Vivienne Knapp and Eileen Salamon. Eileen was a Lordship resident and had been a Docent for some time. She was a teacher at Bullard-Havens.

Vivienne was the widow of Stratford's former Town Historian, Lew Knapp. Vivienne was involved in many aspects of our town and Society. She supported Lew in many of historical discoveries in Stratford. She authored the cookbook, *Paradise Enow*, in 1989

as Lew was completing his comprehensive history of Stratford, *In Pursuit of Paradise*. She helped in creating that history by interviewing older residents of Stratford to obtain their personal recollections of the town. While Viv had not been actively involved in our Society for some time, her imprint on our Society had been made long ago.

Each of these wonderful volunteers will be greatly missed by our Society and we wish to express our condolences to their families.



Lew and Vivienne Knapp in Stratford's 350th Anniversary Parade, 1989.

PHELPS MANSION STORY RE-TOLD IN 1902

The Phelps Mansion, which stood at 1738 Elm Street, was in very poor condition by 1971. The mansion had been serving as the Alliance Medical Inns nursing home for a number of years. However, the mansion had been abandoned since 1968.

Alliance Medical sought permission from the Planning & Zoning Commission to demolish the Mansion in 1971. The request was denied. Ultimately, however, the Mansion was demolished in March 1972.

While the story of the hauntings of the Mansion may be known to you, we recently discovered an article in *The Thompsonville Press* (Thompsonville, CT) from 1902, that told the story of the "haunting" of the Mansion. We find it particularly interesting when other locales recount Stratford's history. You may read the entire Thompsonville article on the home page of our newsletter website.

The Thompsonville Press May 8, 1902 **A Connecticut Story**

There was unusual excitement in the village about 1850. The townspeople and many in other towns were talking about the same thing—although those who remember it say that the outsiders did most of the talking and seemed to be most excited.

One Sunday Dr. Phelps and his wife, on their return from the

church service, as they mounted the broad steps of the house fronting on Elm street, which they had occupied for two or three years, were astonished to see fastened beside the door and blowing back and forth in the breeze a trailing piece of crape.

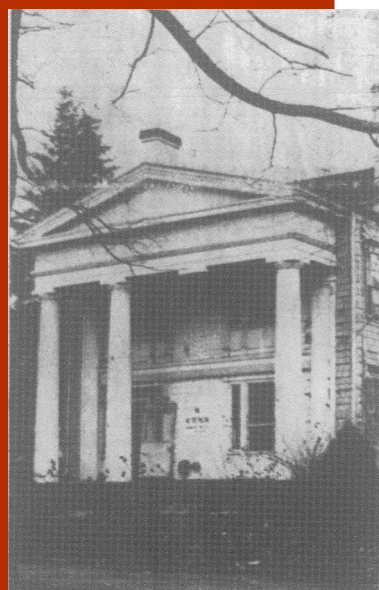
On entering they found evidence of some unusual visitation. Articles of furniture were upset and in one room was a figure laid out and shrouded as if for burial. The crape was taken down, the figure removed and the house set to rights. Then Dr. Phelps sat down to fathom the matter, but he found no solution. The mystery was to grow deeper.

From that time forward the doctor and his family were to be subjected to all sorts of annoyances. There were rappings and thumpings everywhere. There were knocks on headboards of bedsteads, on ceilings, doors and floors. Now and again crashes could be heard throughout the house. Investigation revealed that whatever was responsible for these noises made use of toilet brushes, flatirons, large pieces of junk, ink bottles, bricks and scuttles of coal to produce them. Strips of paper containing messages floated down from the air, and the vegetables, when brought up from the cellar for paring, were found to be written over with indelible characters. All sorts of things happened before the eyes without any visible assistance. Dr. Phelps and his family were compelled to endure per-

sonal demonstrations of ghosts or hobgoblins, which, when clasped by arms of flesh and blood, resolved themselves into sheets from the linen chest. It became noised about that the house was haunted by spirits.

"Possibly," said the townspeople, "it may be the spirit of 'Goody' Basset. She was hanged for witchcraft, you know, almost exactly two hundred years ago. Perhaps she is coming back to take revenge." Others said it might be spirits from the old graveyard whose dust nourished the triple row of elms, and that the whole town had probably become their stamping ground. Had not a man living in the upper part of the town said that by some supernatural means he had been informed of the breaking of his brother's leg at Bridgeport? Orthodox clergymen heard of the strange proceedings, and remarked solemnly to one another when they met: "This may be a manifestation of this so-called spiritualism. It might be well for us to investigate it." They came from far and near to see what this mystery might be.

...No one relieved the good doctor, so finally, unable to stand it longer, he moved to Philadelphia. From the day he left the house there were no further disturbances noted about it. No one ever actually solved the mystery, but a few winked as they remarked: "Dr. Phelps had some lively children."



The Phelps Mansion as it appeared in *The Stratford News*, December 10, 1970.

GLORIANNA FULSOM VS ABBY FOLSOM

Since we're coming up on the most "romantic" month of the year, February, we thought we'd get a jump on Valentine's Day by sharing some background on Stratford's most romantic tale, the Glorianna Fulsom story. The story is truly a "Cinderella" story. We've learned that there are about 345 variants of the Cinderella story which was first printed in Italy in 1634. There are some very strange versions of the story including one where Cinderella's step sisters plot with Cinderella to murder, then eat their mother.

You may even enjoy reading up on some of the unusual variants of the Cinderella story at <https://www.npr.org/2015/03/13/392358854/a-girl-a-shoe-a-prince-the-endlessly-evolving-cinderella>.

Stratford's version of the Cinderella story is nowhere near as gruesome, or odd, as some of the 345 variants, but shares with the Cinderella story many different versions and retellings.

We mentioned earlier in this newsletter that we'd found a 1902 newspaper article from *The Thompsonville Press* relating the story of the Phelps Mansion. In that same article was another story about one "Abbie Folsome". The story was a very unique and original re-telling of the Glorianna Fulsom story which was first documented in Stratford history in print by Rev. Samuel Orcutt in his 1886 "*A History of the Old Town of Stratford Volume I*".

In *The Thompsonville Press* article, not only was Glorianna Fulsom's name rendered as Abbie Folsom. Not only was Glorianna's name changed, but so were the names of other townspeople. The timing of the story was a few years earlier than the Orcutt story, and, the story was morphed into a tale more of heroic Revolutionary deeds by Stratford citizens than the romance tale we are accustomed to thinking of when we think of Glorianna Fulsom.

A quick search of the internet for the names Abbie Folsom and Abby Folsom yielded a rich harvest of 1879-1880 newspaper articles which relating, almost verbatim, *The Thompsonville Press* article published in 1902. In Orcutt's 1882 telling of Glorianna's romance, he even related that there was a spurious Revolutionary War story pertaining to the Glorianna Fulsom romance. Orcutt must have been

aware of these 1880 newspaper articles. Orcutt derived his tale from two of Glorianna's nieces who had heard the original tale from their mother, Glorianna's older sister, many, many years earlier.

It caused us to wonder how the earlier stories had come to exchange Glorianna Fulsom's name with Abbie Fulsom.

A bit more searching yielded a story printed in the *Demorest's Monthly Illustrated Magazine* from 1876. The story was an earlier re-telling of the Glorianna Fulsom romance as written by Lillie Devereux Blake. In Lillie's story, Glorianna Fulsom was identified as Abby Folsom and the setting of the story was at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War which would have been some time after 1783.

As you may recall from 2020 newsletter articles on the Suffrage leaders, Lillie Devereux Blake was one of the most prominent leaders of the movement. She was an accomplished author, and had begun her writing career at her mother's home on Main Street in Stratford in 1860.

Additionally, Lillie was Samuel William Johnson's grand-daughter. Samuel Johnson's house is, and was, located on the corner of West Broad Street and Main Street. Prior to the construction of the Johnson home on this corner, the property belonged to John Folsom (Fulsom). John was a well-known and respected blacksmith.

The Johnson home was built in 1799. Lillie was born in 1833 and spent much of her young life at her grandfather's home. During one of her visits to her grandfather's home, Lillie's grandfather related the story she told in 1876. In this story, Glorianna's name is first mentioned in print as "Abby". We're quite certain all later retellings of the Glorianna Fulsom story based her name on Lillie's 1876 story. However, Lillie's story was silent on the Revolutionary War heroism mentioned in virtually all the 1880-1915 newspaper articles.

Lillie's 1876 story filled in many details that were not included in Orcutt's telling of the story. Details that made the Glorianna story make much more sense. So who got the story right: Orcutt or Lillie Blake? Both stories

we're based on second-hand information related by elderly people who's memories may not have been totally clear as to all the details. We suspect that some combination of Orcutt's Glorianna Fulsom story, and Lillie Blake's Abby Folsom story, is the "whole" story.

We've included on the home page of our newsletter website, Orcutt's and Devereux-Blake's version of the Glorianna story as well as several of the other version published between 1865 and 1915. The Hartford Courant actually posted three different versions of this story including one version which situated the romance in Stratford, Ontario, Canada.

The Bossier Banner August 31, 1876 **LORD STIRLING'S COURTSHIP.**

BY LILLIE DEVEREUX BLAKE.

My grandfather, and my great-grandfather, and my great-great-grandfather, all lived in Stratford, Connecticut. The old homestead stood on the main street off the village, opposite the church, which the first one of the race, the Rev. Samuel Johnson, had helped to build. There were great elms shading the walk before the gate, and in the deep yard mulberry and horse-chestnut trees. Around the stone "stoop" flourished lilac and arcanthus bushes, and there were clumps of mighty box beside the walk.

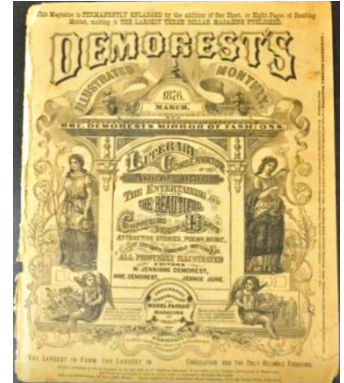
Back of the house, on a side street, were the stables and farms, and on the other side stretched a deep garden, with a row of willow trees shading it at the lower end. One day, when I was a child, I was playing with some companions near these willows, when we saw a queer-looking bit of iron protruding from the ground, and digging about it, presently unearthed a horse-shoe, with which we went, full of eager questioning, to my grandfather, Judge Johnson.

"How did it get there, grandpa?" we all queried in chorus.

"There once stood, just where you found this, little ones, a blacksmith shop, and I dare say if you were to search that you would find many queer bits of iron in the ground."

"And where is the blacksmith now, grandpa?" I asked.

"He is dead, my dear, but his only daughter was one of the great ladies of England; when you are older you

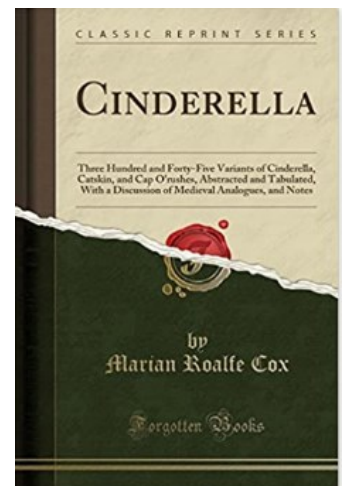


Demorest's Illustrated Monthly
magazine, 1876.

shall hear the story."

We ran away to our play, and for days afterward amused ourselves by digging for iron on the site of the former blacksmith's shop. We were rewarded by finding many odd broken bits, and long afterwards, when I was old enough to understand the story, I was told the romance of Lord Stirling's courtship.

Rather than a century ago, after the close of the Revolutionary war, when prosperity had dawned on the yoting Republic, there came to this quiet village a handsome stranger...



Cinderella: Three Hundred and Forty-Five Variants of Cinderella, Catskin, and Cap O'rushes, Abstracted and Tabulated, With a Discussion of Medieval Analogues, and Notes, 1893.

THE STRATFORD TOP 10

Those of you night owls who were able to stay awake for **The Late Show**, or you insomniacs, no doubt recall David Letterman's **Top 10** lists. Letterman's top tens were regularly reported on by other media sources as well. Letterman has sauntered off into retirement, but it occurred to us that it might be educational to create some **Stratford Top 10** lists.

For instance, what are the Top 10 Stratford political events? "President (Timothy) Dwight (of Yale and William Samuel Johnson colleague), in 1789, writes: *Stratford is better built than either Fairfield or Norwalk...The inhabitants have long been agitated by religious and political controversies.*"

Number 8 on our list is the splitting of the Town's population along doctrinal lines in 1661. This split led to the founding of the Town of Woodbury.

The following is from Rev. Samuel Orcutt's 1886 **A History of the Old Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport Connecticut, Part I.**

Soon after Mr. Chauncey was settled as pastor a question of difference arose in his parish which eventuated in the formation of a second church in the town and that church, largely, removed afterwards and settled at Woodbury. The inquiry is, what were the questions which caused the division and trouble? Evidently these, and only these, that the Halfway Covenant members should be allowed to come to the Lord's Table, and that the minister alone should examine the candidates, and receive them into the church. The church hitherto refused these. A small minority now demanded them. The minority were all members in Half-way Covenant. and hence were denied but one privilege, and therefore could complain of nothing else, for in their letter to Mr. Chauncey and the Church they say, speaking of what God had done for them, "and hath given us an interest in himself to be our God. and taken us to be his own, giving us his own discipline and ordinances for our spiritual and eternal good, and owning us hath given us equal right with yourselves in all his ordinances."

...This is the first record that indicates a division of effort, in the form of another or second church; but the further statement of



the vote at this time shows that the matter had matured to a large degree,

...Two years (1672) Mr. Walker and his people continued their work in Stratford under great difficulties, when the project of colonization to Woodbury arose and was soon after effected in a very commendable and successful manner. When settled in Woodbury they adopted the Halfway Covenant system of church relations and government, the same as the Stratford Church had pursued,...

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