

**THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL
SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

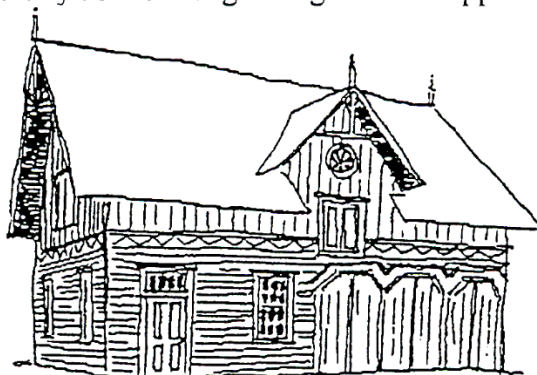
FALL 2000

BENCH DEDICATION CEREMONY

Brian Poirier was a special member of our Historical Society. His untimely passing made us realize how fragile life can be, but he left us an example of quiet dedication and service to his community. Under his leadership as Society President, we grew to be a vocal and respected force in preserving Hamden's heritage. Brian made things happen. His work on the Alice Washburn Celebration and High Standard Exhibit, the Cider Mill and its stone walls, the Antique Show, writing grants, giving tours, writing this newsletter and on and on, so much that Brian made us proud to be Society members. We invite you to help the Society honor the memory of Brian at a Jonathan Dickerman House and Cider Mill reception on Sunday, October 29, 2000 at 2:00. Rain or Shine. Refreshments will be served.

We take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the generous support from the following **Friends Of The Rectory School Barn.**

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(drawing by Christopher Wigren)

BARN AGAIN. . . UPDATE

The Rectory School Barn relocation project is still moving forward. A series of meetings has been held with Legislative Council members, representatives of Mayor Amento's office, the Arts Commission, the Mount Carmel Art Association and the Society. A site has been determined for the Barn's new home, if the details can be worked out and the Council accepts the donation by Centerville Lumber in November. We still are in need of support, since we are \$10,000 short of our goal. Please encourage your friends to support our effort as well as contact your council representative for a positive vote.

Anne Reddington Retires

Anne Reddington, longtime archivist for the Historical Society, passes the torch to Joe and Phyllis Pepe. Anne's career as an archivist began with her early training as a cataloguer for the Hamden Library System in 1962.

Her library training and careful attention to detail helped her process thousands of monographs, photographs, periodicals, manuscripts and cartographic items since taking on the job of archivist and cataloguer in May 1985. But her duties didn't stop there. There were many instances where she aided local and national researchers seeking documents of community interest and for publication, some of which led to national studies. One such effort occurred in 1996 with the publication of the book, *Trading in Santa Fe*, from the SMU press. Anne was credited for supplying archival material from the estate of James Josiah Webb who recorded his travels and merchant ventures of the famed Santa Fe Trail. In 1850 Webb moved his family to Hamden where they once owned most of what is now called Spring Glen.

Anne's work was augmented by many of her several volunteers, most particularly Ginnie Dowd and Kathy Jebts. These remarkable volunteers began their work with Anne over 15 years ago and have given many hours of their time in transcribing and cataloguing hundreds of manuscripts, photographs and articles for the archives. A hearty debt of appreciation from the members of the Society is given to them and all the other volunteers who have helped Anne over the years. Even though Anne has officially resigned, patrons will continue to find Anne and her volunteers busy at the work Anne says is never done.

In her long tenure as the Historical Society's Archivist, Anne has received many donations and words of gratitude from hundreds of curious Hamdenites learning about their homes, neighborhoods and community. Her groundbreaking work has laid the foundation for solid research about Hamden's past and many future generations of

patrons will be helped by her dedicated professionalism in that pursuit.

The Hamden Historical Library Room on the third floor of the Miller Memorial Library will continue to be open for ongoing archival work every Tuesday from 10:00-1:00 and for the public every Thursday from 1:00-4:00. An evening opening, by appointment, is being considered by the Board of Directors.

MANY THANKS ONCE AGAIN

Thanks to all those members who renewed their memberships. We appreciate the extra donation that many of you sent with the returns. For those who have not renewed in response to our May mailing, please do so. It will be much appreciated.

For those interested, visit the Dickerman House some time and view the work of our stonewall builders. The dry fitted stone walls and steps for the Talmadge Cider Mill are now complete.

Society Honored

It has been just announced that the Hamden Historical Society will be honored at the 2000 Chamber Choice Awards Ceremony in November. Our Society is being recognized as a public Service Organization of the Year. Good job members!!!

SUPPORT YOUR
SOCIETY
COME TO THE
ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW



Save This Date!

ANNUAL GIANT VALLEY ANTIQUES SHOW

Saturday, October 21, 10:00-5:00
& Sunday, October 22, 10:00- 4:00

This annual event will be held at the Miller Memorial Cultural-Center, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Ct.. The gate receipts and kitchen profits directly benefit the projects and programs of the Hamden Historical Society.

Each day, luncheon is provided at the kitchen in the Senior Center by members of the Society. We need your help. Deliver to our kitchen your contributions of food/baked goods, a pound of coffee, a can of tuna or some ice cream. Donated home-made pies are especially desired. What we do not have to purchase, increases our profits. You may drop off donations either Saturday or Sunday morning or when you attend the show. BUT PLEASE, call us FIRST to let us know so that we can PLAN.

Help us by calling Al or Betsy Gorman at 288-0017 no later than October 14, to let them know what you would like to donate.

Assistance in the kitchen is needed. We need more people during the noon rush, so if you can help, call Al or Betsy as soon as possible.

Tell you friends and relatives. Better yet, bring them with you. Browse around and visit with the dealers. Unlike other antique shows, this one receives rave reviews for congeniality and ambience. You might find that special Christmas or Chanukah gift. We will be selling our book, *Hamden Our Architectural Heritage*, one of our perennial best sellers and always a perfect gift for your friends, especially former Hamden residents, or treat yourself and buy two. We will also be selling the Jonathan Dickerman House Ornament. Our kitchen serves breakfast, drinks and a delicious luncheon at modest prices, or should we say, historic prices. Come join us, enjoy the day, consume some good food and meet some old friends and maybe some new ones as well.

BE AN ANGEL.. BELOW IS OUR POPULAR CHILI RECIPE.

Try it and make a batch for our kitchen.

2 lbs hamburger, 1 large onion
3 or 4 garlic cloves, 2 green peppers
1 large can of stewed tomatoes
½ bottle chili powder, 1 tsp. oregano
2 large cans of red kidney beans
salt and pepper to taste, ½ bottle cumin.
Chop onion, garlic and peppers, saute.
Brown hamburger. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer, the longer the better.



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October 21st and 22nd, 2000

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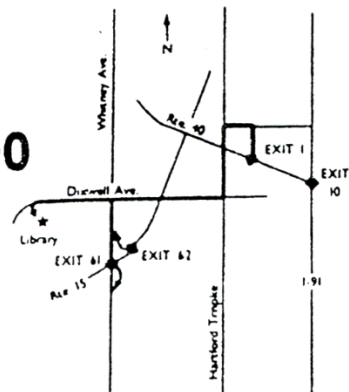
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