

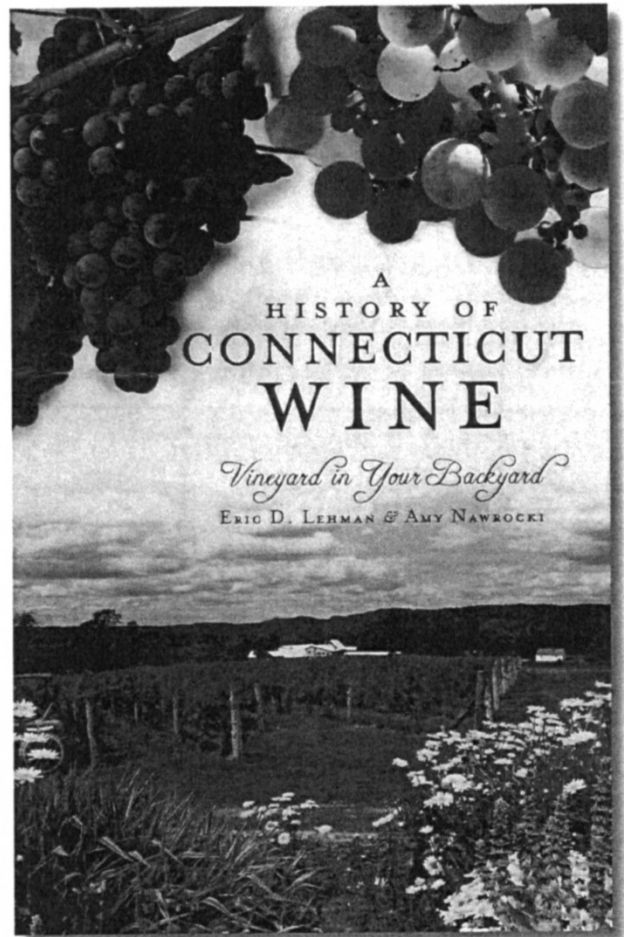
THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER AUTUMN EDITION 2013

Dear Members,

Mark your calendar! There is a crispness in the air as it turns cooler. The leaves are falling, and with the change of seasons the fifty-first annual Giant Valley Antique Show will be arriving in Hamden on November 16th and staying until late Sunday afternoon on the 17th. That weekend at the Miller Cultural Complex on Dixwell Avenue will be the time to join us at the show. Bring a friend, view the items, stay for lunch! This is our major fund-raiser. If you wish to volunteer for the kitchen, booth sit, bake, or donate, please contact me at 203-288-0017.



Visit the display outside the Hamden History Room. The fire memorabilia on view was assembled by Captain David Johnson HFD, Ret. with the assistance of Gil Spenser also HFD, retired and Historian of the SGPA. A special thanks to both.



For your winter reading, or any other time. A new publication from The History Press by authors and Society members Eric D. Lehman and Amy Nawrocki. Cheers!

Dickerman House Clean Up

“Men at rest,” but not for long. It was a hot, hot Saturday morning that this crew of volunteers chose to work at the Dickerman House. Despite the heat, the bushes got trimmed, the driveway cleaned, the tree on the street side was pruned away from the house, and the work was finished by 11:30 AM.

Thanks to Al Gorman, Bob Zoni, who also has been repainting and painting clapboards, and Bill Doheny. (Photo by Betsy)

Also thanks to John Carolla for meeting the Water Co., putting up our sign, and chasing our groundhog away, again! Our appreciation to the Spring Glen Garden Club members who prepared, planted, and renewed the herbs garden, as well as tended to it throughout the summer.



Summer at the Dickerman House

Despite the heat and rain in July, our house museum had over 100 visitors this season. In addition, our successful closing day celebration with refreshments drew over forty people. Check our web site for photos courtesy of Julie Hulten. Another summer high point was a front page article by Laura Cannon, a reporter for *The Hamden Journal*, titled “*The Dickerman House: A Look Back in Time.*”

A great note of gratitude goes to our volunteer summer docents: Lois Casey, Nancy Faughnan, Al Gorman, Joan Remy, John and Marlene Carolla, Bob Zoni, Kathy and Kim Casolino, Barbara Hogan, Eric Lehman, Amy Nawocki, Charles Kortsep, Joe Pepe, and Ken Minkema. They welcomed visitors from as far away as Texas, Arizona, and Turkey.

The Hamden History Library

welcomed a delegation of visitors from the State of Mongolia.

Our archivists, Joe Pepe (standing left), explained the workings of our library, exhibited materials, and shared information with a group of educators and elected officials.



September Membership Meeting

The audience was pleased to listen to Bob O'Brien, Hamden resident, retired CT State Attorney's Office, and Civil War buff. He shared his collection of Civil War memorabilia, traced the history of the CT 20th Regiment at Gettysburg, and at other battles, and focused on Hamden's soldier volunteers.

Hamden sent over 200 men to various regiments, but most served with the CT 20th. Corp, Edgar D. Ives was the first Hamden soldier killed in the conflict; he died at Port Hudson, LA on June 14, 1863. Joel C. Dickerman was killed at Gettysburg and rests in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Major Ezra Day Dickerman was wounded at Roanoke Island, but returned to the front; wounded again at Chancellorsville and at Peach Tree Creek. He survived to return to Hamden. He rests in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Heroes all.

Our appreciation to Bob for the enlightening discussion, materials, and artifacts. The Civil War Round Table meets at Miller Library the second Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome. Our thanks to Betsy Gorman for providing refreshments.

Another Lost

Boarded up and abandoned for several years, the house at 3165 Whitney Avenue was demolished recently by Quinnipiac University. Built in the 1870-80's, this Italian-style structure with a flat-roof and four wide projecting eaves had a boxy feel. While quite plain, it represented a style modeled after Italian country villas of the Renaissance period. Its neighbor to the north suffered a similar fate. Now, Hamden has two empty lots; both covered with grass, but vacant. Photo below by Lee Robinson.

A similar style house at 3327 Whitney Avenue was also demolished in February, 2011, due to winter storm damage.



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November 16th and 17th, 2013

Saturday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Sunday 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.



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2901 Dixwell Avenue Hamden, CT

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Directions:

From I-91 North or South, take Exit 10 to end (Rte. 40/Mount Carmel Connector). At traffic light take a left onto Whitney Avenue and go six traffic lights. At the sixth light (Dixwell Avenue) take a right. The Miller Library-Cultural Center is a short distance on the left.

From Route 15 North take Exit 61 and from Route 15 South take Exit 62. Turn right onto Whitney Avenue and at the second traffic light (Dixwell Avenue) take a left. The Miller Library-Cultural Center is a short distance on the left.

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The Antique Show is the Society's major fundraiser. Gate proceeds and kitchen sales go directly to support our Society. Bring this card for a reduced admission. Please plan to attend. Bring a friend. Stop by and enjoy lunch. Support the Society.