

THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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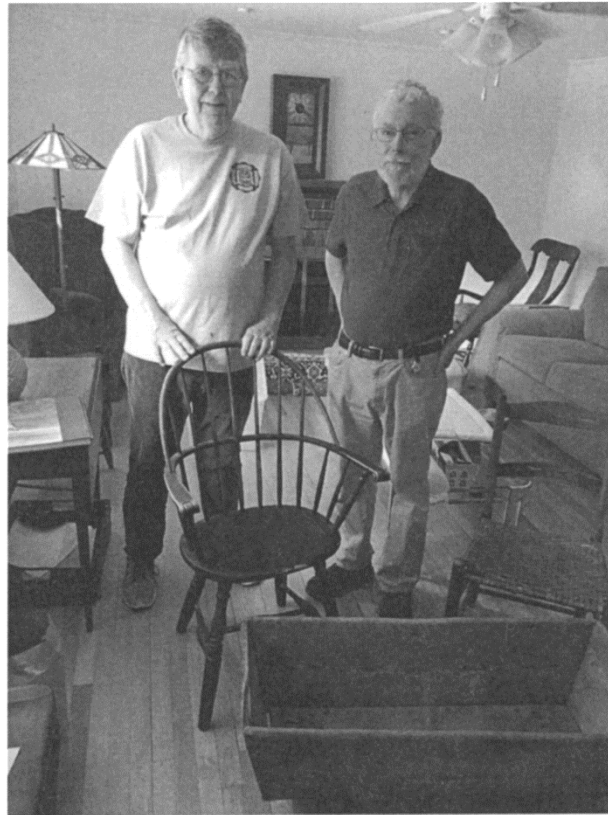
UPDATE ON THE DICKERMAN HOUSE AND CIDER MILL

Our intrepid restorer Bob Zoni reports that the Dickerman House is safely buttoned up for the winter, and repairs will continue to the roof in the spring, when new shingles will be installed, the rake board at the gable end of the house will be repaired and replaced, the front entry door and its trim will be re-installed, plaster work inside addressed, and mold abated. Our goal is to have the Dickerman House open for tours next summer. Meanwhile, the parts of the Cider Mill are in storage and await repair and eventual reassembly.

GOOD TO GREAT GRANT

The Hamden Historical Society has been awarded a Good to Great Grant by the Department of Economic and Community Development. This grant program provides funding for projects that link art, history and tourism in ways that enable cultural and historical sites to enhance visitors' experiences. We will use this grant to improve accessibility to the Dickerman House and to renovate and update the basement in order to make it usable for a broad range of activities. With this grant comes a further amount to the Society to develop a Strategic Plan.

RECENT DONATION TO ARCHIVES



Leonard Corwin, until lately a resident of Hamden, shown here with Hamden Municipal Historian Dave Johnson (L), recently donated three pieces of furniture from his family, which goes back in New England to the 17th century. The items include a Windsor bowback chair, a c. 19th-century splint-seated side chair, and a c. 18th-century cradle. We give our sincere thanks to Leonard, and wish him well at his new home in Buffalo, New York.

A HAMDEN HISTORY MINUTE: THE MT. CARMEL YOUNG LADIES FEMALE SEMINARY

In the early nineteenth century, advanced education for women was rare, but Hamden boasted an early effort in female education. In 1849, three sisters, Elizabeth, Abigail, and Fannie Dickerman founded the Mt. Carmel Young Ladies Female Seminary in a large house on the west side of Whitney Avenue. At its peak, the seminary had forty to fifty students.

Unfortunately, all of the sisters died before the age of thirty from tuberculosis. However, their lives and their religious motivations were recorded for posterity in *The Sisters*, published in 1859 by Mt. Carmel Congregational Church pastor Israel Warner. The house later was the Mt. Carmel Children's Home, which became the Children's Center in Whitneyville.

MEMBER INPUT AND DUES REQUESTED

Do you have ideas or suggestions about how the Society can better serve its mission of preserving, encouraging research, and educating the public about the history of our town? About how to attract more members? Please send your thoughts to hhs@hamdenlibrary.org. Also, while many members have paid their dues, there are still some who have not. Please help! Mail your annual dues of \$15 to: Hamden Historical Society, P.O. Box 185512, Hamden, CT 06518.

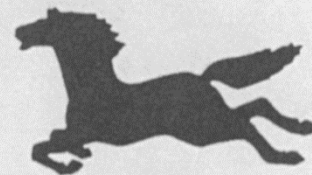
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