

The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

Bloomfield, Connecticut

January 2008

Next meeting: February 6, 2008 7:30 p.m.

Location: Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center, 330 Park Ave., Bloomfield, CT

Program: Letters sent by Seaman Burton Lynde Gabreille, while seaman in the Spanish-American War

Speakers: Fannie R. Gabriel

President's Message:

As 2007 ended-the Society lost two staunch WHS members. Past President Martin Bush-President 1991-1993. Lee Comer followed him as President, but it was Marty and Paul Pelettier who spearheaded the gala for developing financial support for restoring the Filley House—it was here O.D. Filley and his wife Marion, appeared, in all their North Dakota garb. Marty and Paul also manned the refreshment stand for our 1999 Antique Show. Just two of the events where Marty did an outstanding job for the Society.

Just prior to Christmas, Sharon Steinberg passed on-as a former elected officer, member of the board, and chairman of the Filley Building Committee, we all recognize the passion with which she tackled any job. As a researcher, particularly of the Filley family, we can only admire the talent she showed.

We also noticed the passing of Thomas Burnham-though not a member of the Society-as a Burnham you know he was BLOOMFIELD. A few years ago, after the Southwest District School roof had been repaired, he and Leslie Watkins spent a morning telling stories, about when they had been students in that school.

Fannie R Gabriel, President

Our Publications

Wintonbury to Bloomfield (\$16.50), Images: Old Bloomfield (\$20., or to a member \$18.); History of the Bloomfield Catholic Church (\$15); Barnard Genealogy (\$10.); Good Old Days (\$10.); Cook Book (\$7.); Over Tunxis Trails (\$5.); Bicentennial Activities (\$3); Note Paper (8 pk - \$3.); Filley House T shirts (\$12.); Brown Drums and Brown family (\$10.).

To order these items send a check in the above amount plus \$3. for S & H to: Wintonbury Historical Society, P.O. Box 7454, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Over Tunxis Trails

(revision in progress)

We appreciate the Bloomfield Journal printing an article for residents to provide us with more details about their homes, Dr. Schmoll was good enough to allow his name to be attached to the article. Feeding on the work being done by the above committee-and the marvelous tour Winnie Granger gave us of the Duncaster area, at a recent meeting-the house tour (mentioned elsewhere) will feature this area of town.

Fund Raising

If there is any Society member interested in helping with the House Tour, please call Fannie.

Burton Lynde Gabrielle

“Burton Lynde Gabrielle has been a life long Hartford resident-born July 6,1878-and educated in the public schools.. He chose the insurance business, and was with Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, later identifying himself with the “Little” Aetna Insurance Company-presently examiner for the Nee York State Department. He formerly was a member of the Second Division, Naval Battalion, and went out with this battalion during the Spanish-American War. Former member of Company F Hartford City Guard, First Regiment C.N.G.-and now a member of the veteran organization. Member of St. Jude Lodge #4 A.F. & A.M.. Married Henriette J. Evans of Hartford October 11, 1905.”

Committee Reports

Acquisition Committee: See list elsewhere in newsletter.

Judge Jerry Wagner, Chairman

Education Committee: No report

Financial Development Committee: Plans are under way for the Annual Tag Sale, at the Old Farm School.

Winnie Granger, Chairman

Membership Committee:

Steve & Jean Perreault

Jean Buscarello, Chairman

National Register Committee: No report

Newsletter: The deadlines for the newsletter, are for material to be received by Fannie. For 2008 the deadlines are: **March 19, May 21, Aug 20 & Oct 22.**

Fannie Gabriel & Janis Langston

Website Committee: Because of the website WHS continues to receive research requests with regard to historical places and people of Bloomfield. WHS has also received donations of historical items pertinent to Bloomfield because the donor found us via the website.

So, if you are working on a project and would like to share it with the world, or if you would like to expand the material already available on the site, please contact me and we can make the information available as part of the resources of the Society on its website.

Janis Langston, Webmaster

Building Committee Members Announced

At the November meeting the Building Committee members were announced, Jack Kelly Chairman with Douglas Barnard, Homer Guilmartin, George Merrow and Charles Regini and ex-officio, Bruce Hale, Richard Hoff, Fannie Gabriel.

Flea Market/Tag & Bake Sale

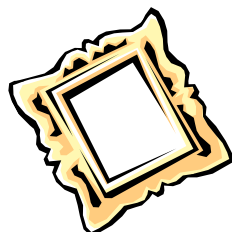
April 26th (Rain Date May 3rd) 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at the Old Farm School (corner Park & School Streets)



Preview for WHS Members & Friends

Friday, April 25th 4 - 6 p.m.

“Come and get some gems you can’t live without”



This popular event allows members, and friends
to donate their “treasures (?)” and receive a tax credit
or rent a space to sell your wares yourself - **\$20.00 for a 20' x 20' space.**
Contact Louise Schmoll (242-2953) to reserve your space

Items being donated may be brought to the Old Farm School on

Sunday, April 20th 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23rd 3-5 p.m.

Friday, April 25th 4-6 p.m.



**Volunteers are needed to set-up, take down, traffic control and on
Saturday to staff the WHS tables and bake sale area.**

Bakers needed to donate “goodies” for the Bake Sale table

Leaving A Legacy

The Wintonbury Historical Society is a charitable and non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historical sites of Bloomfield, and the memory of the ones who created them. The Society is in dire need of funds or gifts in order to continue the restorations, and preservations in progress. We are therefore, soliciting the commitment of citizens who value the history of Bloomfield now and in the years ahead.

Listed are a few ways to leave a legacy:

1. Set aside a gift in your will to the Society
2. Name the Society as beneficiary of an insurance policy.
3. Remember your loved ones with a gift in their honor.
4. Name the Society as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401K.

There are several other means, just talk with your financial advisor.

Financial Development Committee

Calendar of Events

2008

Feb 6	WHS Regular Meeting letters from seaman Burton Lynde Gabrielle, Spanish American War
Apr 2	WHS Regular Meeting Nancy Finley, CHS Arts Curator
Apr 16	Bloomfield Libraries Friends Annual Luncheon Seabury 12 noon; Guest speaker: Marilyn Johnston publisher of poems (and Society member)
Apr 25	Flea market/Tag Sale Preview for members and friends (4 - 6 pm)
Apr 26	Flea market/Tag & Bake Sale (rain date May 3) Old Farm School (8 am - 3 pm)
TBD	Old Farm School opens for the Season (1 - 4 pm)
May 18	Prosser Library Book Sale
Jun 4	WHS Annual Pot Luck Supper with Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Jul	House Tour (watch for an announcement)
Sep 10	WHS Regular Meeting
Nov 5	WHS Regular Meeting

Visit the WHS website at: www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

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