

The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

Bloomfield, Connecticut

October 2007

Next meeting: November 7, 2007 7:30 p.m.

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

Program: Bloomfield Historic Homes

Speakers: Winnie Granger

President's Message:

The Feasibility Committee, made up of Fred Hesketh, George Merrow, Charles Regini and Judge Jerry Wagner, presented to the Board and membership, October 10th, their report. Basically this report gave permission for Wintonbury Historical Society to obtain a permanent home/library, on the grounds of the Old Farm School—using seed money of \$80,000. Invitations had been sent to the Board and those members who lived close enough to attend the meeting.

Over Tunxis Trails 2007 revision committee is diligently reviewing the current publication, actually driving around town to update homes still existing, and providing more information about the homes, particularly verifying dates of the houses.—Much applause to Angela Hauptman, Ralph and Louise Schmoll and Marion Kelliher, for their part in this project.

Winnie will be providing a further tour of Bloomfield homes, a continuation of the program in June—at the Annual Meeting. Hope to see you on the 7th

Kudos to Angela for the season, just ended at the Old Farm School. There were 118 visitors, plus the selling of our publications and donations was a banner year. She thanks all volunteers who helped to make this a success—Jean Buscarello, Winnie Granger, Homer Guilmartin, Hillie and Roberta Kania, Bob McComb, Mary Murray and Claire Swallow—to Bruce Hale, who always is there—and to Charlie Regini, who with his green thumb made the garden really bloom—not to mention his working to keep the building in great shape.

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

Acquisitions

From Bill Martin his wife's (Peggy Betters) copy of Music for Every Child by Mabel Mann

From Elizabeth Trumpler (Pennsylvania) 1977 and 1982 ZIP {Bloomfield newspaper}, 1975-76 Town Report, Fun Spots for Childrin (in Conn.), 1970 Farmington River Wartershed - report, guide and map.

From Julie Neaverson —Tobacco Land in Old New England, illustrated by Joep Nicholas— date of 1944 appears

From Judith (Paul) Nelson in E. Granby 1935, 1942 Tattler; clippings of Forster family, August 1955 flood, 1917 Russian Rev., Hartford Courant front pages from Oct 29, 1764 to April 6, 1917; 17 booklets of Eastern Star memorabilia, Bloomfield Federated Church 10" plate, "All American City" hot plate; 8 buttons with Bloomfield advertisements

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: On March 6, our application to have the Filley House put on the National Register of Historic Houses was approved by the State. The application will probably be reviewed some time this summer and approved in the fall.

Sharon Steinberg, Chairman

Newsletter: The deadlines for the newsletter, are for material to be received by Fannie. For 2008 the deadlines are: **Jan 22, 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

New Member Spotlight

We are blessed with talented new members, such as Jean Perreault—

New Bloomfield resident and Historical Society member, Jean Perreault, who recently moved into the Duncaster area of town with her husband, Steve, has released her book tracing the lives of early 20th Century Simsbury resident. It is entitled Footprints Across Connecticut from Simsbury 1930 Census. Jean and her husband lived in Simsbury for nearly 40 years where they raised four sons, all of whom remain in Central Connecticut. This enables them to see their sons, daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren on a regular basis. Jean spent over three years compiling data for her book. She researched each of the 3000+ residents included in the 1930 Simsbury census to try and determine their origins, military careers, occupations, marriages and deaths. The many resources accessed in her research included town vital statistics and directories, church records and newspaper obituaries. She hopes that this information will be a valuable resource used by family members, genealogists and local historians for generations to come. A member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, Jean is also listed with the Connecticut State Library as a qualified researcher, enabling her to assist others with their genealogy searches. In addition to joining WHS, during her brief time in Bloomfield she has already become actively involved on the grounds beautification committee of the Regency a Bloomfield homeowners association, on the prayer shawl at Sacred Heart church and as a town election polls volunteer. Jean has plans to complete comparable works tracing 1930 census residents for other area towns. She is currently working on a Granby/East Granby book based on the 1930 census taken in these two towns.

Fannie Gabriel, President

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

2007

- Nov 7 **WHS Regular Meeting** Slides of Bloomfield Homes continued from Annual Meeting
Dec 4 **Co-Sponsor program at Prosser Library** under auspices of Hartford Preservation Alliance

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 **Flea market/Tag Sale Preview** for members and friends (4 - 6 pm)
Apr **Flea market/Tag & Bake Sale** (rain date TBD) Old Farm School (8 am - 3 pm)
May 18 **Old Farm School** opens for the Season (1 - 4 pm)
Jun 4 **WHS Annual Pot Luck Supper with Business Meeting** 6:00 p.m.
Sep 10 **WHS Regular Meeting**
Nov 5 **WHS Regular Meeting**

Visit the WHS website at: www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

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