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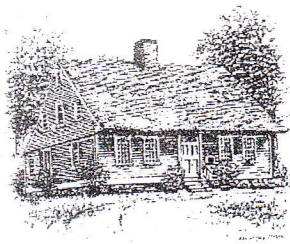
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The above list does not do justice to the Board members who wear more than one hat serving on many committees, making our Society an active and responsible community organization. Help us, help Hamden.



THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER WINTER EDITION 2008

Dear Members:

Over the last few years, the Society has been advocating preservation of the 1790 Elam Ives House at its present location and thereby avoiding its destruction by removal or demolition. Last year the property's owner, the Regional Water Authority, entered into an agreement with the Town of Hamden to achieve that purpose. The Town has the responsibility to maintain, restore, and use the historic structure with environmental restrictions. The Society was given a grant to hire a professional researcher to complete a nomination application to place the house on the National Register of Historic Places; this nomination now awaits the approval of the CT Preservation Office. Another grant was received to research and prepare information for the creation of an historic district in the immediate area known as "Ivesville."

Our public advocacy for saving the Ives House brought correspondence of support for our now successful efforts and among those letters was included the following poem by Christopher T. Walker titled "IVESVILLE JINGLE."

IVESVILLE JINGLE

DO YOU HEAR THE BELLS RINGING ON FACTORY OR DOOR
THREE DICKERMANS DINGING, ENTRY BELLS AT THE STORE?

MOUNT CARMEL'S THE PLACE AND IVES WAS THE NAME
WHERE WORKERS WOULD RACE AND FURNACES FLAME.

ANY MARKET WAS FOUND FOR PARTS MADE OF METAL.
THE HAMMERS WOULD SOUND AND BUYERS WOULD SETTLE

FOR YANKEE MADE CARRIAGE PARTS, SLEIGH BELLS AND AXELS
SHIPPED ON CANAL BARKS OR RAILS IN SACKS FULL.

IVES, GRANNIS, BROCKET, CLARK, SMITH AND WOODRUFF
BUILT WORKSHOPS WHERE SPROCKETS AND WORKERS DID
WEAR DUFF.

TWO YEARS AFTER GRANT AND ROBERT E. LEE
SIRS CLARK AND SMITH RENTED A MILL RIVER SEAT.

THEY FASHIONED AND SOLD SLEIGH BELLS FROM IVESVILLE.
WHEN TRAVEL TURNS COLD, ICING VALLEY AND STEEP HILL,

A SLEIGH BELL'S A MUST WHEN THE SNOW MAKES ALL HUSH.
THE HORSES ARE TRUSSED IN A MID-WINTER'S RUSH.

SNORTING AND GALLOPING DOWN FROZEN TRACKS,
A SLEIGH BELL'S A GOOD THING FOR WARNING STRAY HACKS.

Annual Financial Statement
January 2007 – December 2007

Income

Interest Income	2142
Membership	2425
Contributions (2500 Antique Show gate)	2591
Sales (Includes Kitchen profit)	1348
Book Sales	320
Library Research	155
Library – Bradley Fund	3987
Rental	100
HPTAG Grant	3024
RWA Grant	500
ATT Reward (long distance phone rebate)	14
Total Income	\$16,606

Expenses

Utilities	1157
Lawn Service	1215
Security	112
Archivist	3987
Printing (Newsletter)	176
Postage	195
P.O. Box	70
Safety Deposit	50
Memberships (Historic Association Dues 3)	105
Annual Meeting	100
Cash (Antique Show expenses)	500
J.D. House Roof	13865
J.D. House Insurance (Unoccupied dwelling)	3140
Prime-It Painting (Partial exterior painting)	1500
Connecticut Annual Report	25
Total Expenses	\$ 26,197
Net Gain/Loss	- \$9,591

Assets

Checking Account	5574
Money Market	431
Certificate of Deposit	50215
Total Assets	\$56,233

Joseph Pepe, Treasurer
13 December, 2007

**Hamden History Library Room Celebrates
Connecticut Archives Month**

On Sunday, October 28, 2007, The Hamden History Library Room joined the nation-wide celebration of American Archives Month. As the only dedicated depository of Hamden's historical records, the History Library Room joined other Connecticut History Societies in this public awareness event. The Library Room was open to the public from 1-4pm at the Miller Memorial Library where President Al Gorman and archivist Joe Pepe welcomed new patrons and old friends to view our records and enjoy refreshments.

There were eighteen visitors who came to review our archives on historical, sociological, and genealogical research. Some came to find specific information on Hamden's Town Charter, old Mill sites, family narratives, or historic homes. Others came to inquire on how The Hamden Historical Society was able to collect and catalogue the thousands of documents and photographs of Hamden's past which we hold in our manuscript collections.

The History Library Room continues to assist hundreds of patrons a year. Inquiries can be made by email: hhs@hamdenlibrary.com or, if you can, visit our Library Room on Tuesdays 10-12 or Thursdays 1-4 from September to June. We will do all we can to assist you with your research inquiries. *Joe Pepe, Archivist*

School Tours

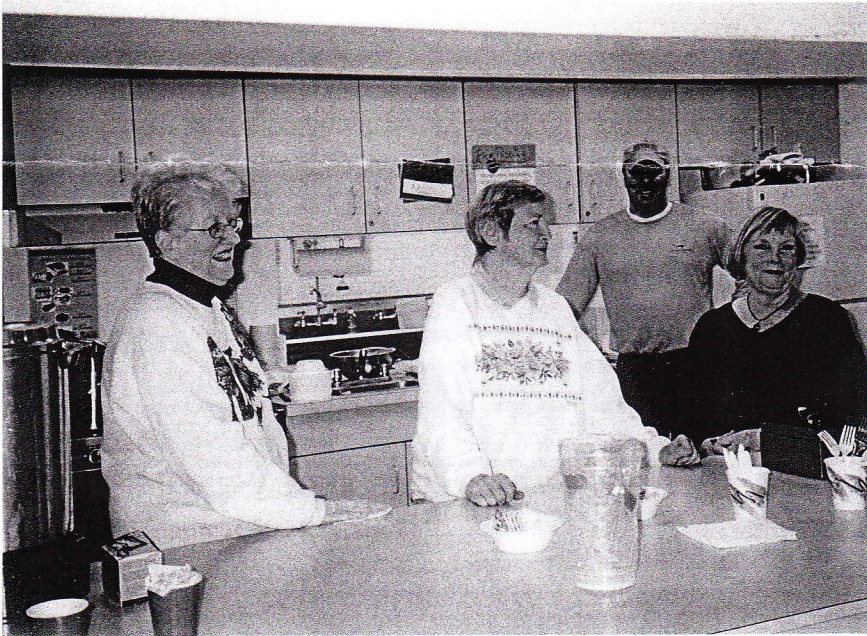
For a number of years, the Jonathan Dickerman House has opened its doors each spring and autumn to the school children of Hamden. These educational visits have been scheduled, planned, and taught by Lois Casey and Nancy Faughnan who this past year served as docents for over 300 students and 52 adults. The Society offers this educational experience at no cost and is pleased to have young learners connect with the past in our 1792 house museum.

ANTIQUE SHOW 2007

We may not have had the grand tradition of the 124th meeting of Yale and Harvard, nor the accompanying tailgating, bands, and cheerleaders of THE GAME festivities, but our Antique Show still thrives and scores constantly after forty-six years. Our kitchen fare would be the envy of any tailgaters, even without candelabrum and silver, especially served by our host of cheerful, cheer leading volunteer staff. While the Elis lost to their visitors, the Antique Dealers Association Show was far and away a winner in Hamden's league.

For the first half on Saturday, our Society Team consisted of members: Ginny Zukunft, Mary Embler, Linda Rovera, Barbara Hogan, Joyce Gilbert, Betsy Pattison, Kimberly and Kathy Casolino, Pam Rendiero, Al and Betsy Gorman, and "Scooter" Don Warner.

Sunday's Team for the second half featured Nancy Faughnan, Lois Casey, Lou Brundage, George Sweeney, Ken Minkema, with Al and Betsy, Joyce and Don playing both days. With the field cleared and the team heading home, Bob Zoni arrived to work after hours knocking down tables. Chili makers: Joyce, Betsy, and Roger Rovero scored big yardage with their fan favorite – homemade chili. Our thanks to all the support team members: bakers, booth sitters, and the fans. The Final Score: The Kitchen gained \$847 and the Giant Valley Association of Antique Dealers donated \$2500 for a total of \$3347. Go Team!



"All Stars:" Lois, Nancy, George, and Betsy



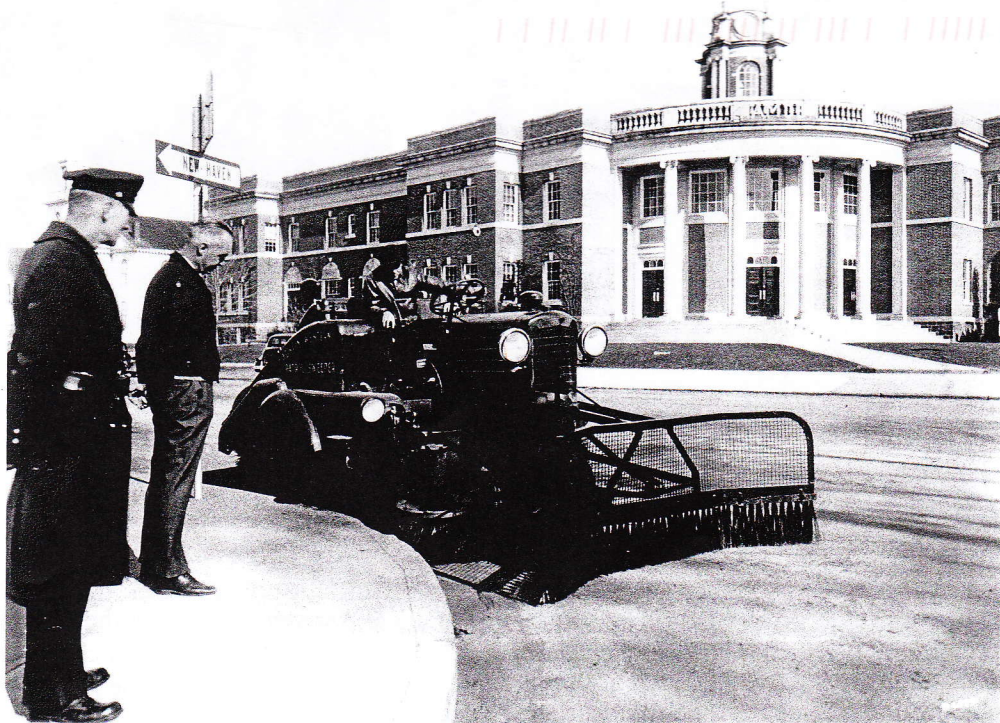
Bake table QB Joyce with Lois

Jepp's Brook Mill Site

The Society has been awarded a Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$3,024 from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. This is a matching grant of which the Regional Water Authority has donated \$500 and the Society will contribute \$500. The grant will be used to nominate the Jepp's Brook Site for the CT State Register and as a CT State Archaeological Preserve. The Hamden Historical Properties Commission is a co-sponsoring organization and will contribute in-kind services. Past, Inc. has been hired to photograph, map, and research the site; it will complete the applications for designation, submitting them by March 2008. The Society hopes to schedule a public tour on the site area in the late spring.

NEWSLETTER

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A new street sweeper for the Hamden Public Works Department is inspected by its driver, Joseph Leggiero and an unidentified police officer across from Memorial Town Hall. (Photo gift of Gloria Sandillo)