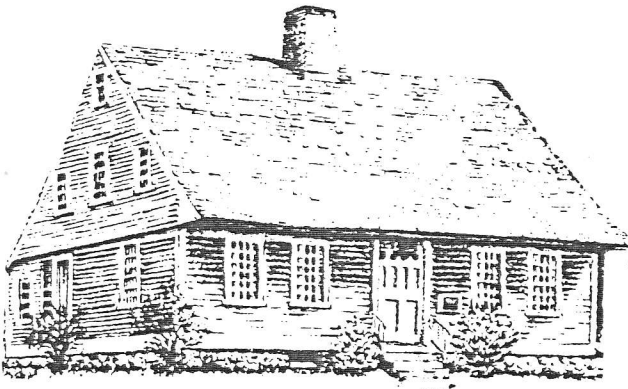


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2012

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INCORPORATED

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THE JONATHAN DICKERMAN HOUSE

Dear Valued Member,

One of the good moments in our Society's year is when a new member joins and last year the Society welcomed 12 new members. Also, we have 21 Life Members who continue to support us in many ways, as well as 15 members who included an extra donation with their membership dues. I want to express my sincere appreciation for your generous support.

During the past year, the Society sponsored a lecture on CT Baseball, participated in Hamden's Earth Day Festival, hosted a poetry reading and discussion program, supported the Donald Hall tribute and held a CT wine tasting event. The Society received a Barn Grant from the CT Trust and partnered with the Friends of Brooksvale Park for a second barn condition assessment grant. We collaborated with the Hamden Historic Properties Commission with efforts to publicize the Jepp Brook Industrial site and with the Farmington Canal Rails-to-Trails Association to open the Lockkeeper's House Canal Museum.

Your membership helps to support the historic Dickerman House Museum, the Hamden History Library, an education program for Hamden third graders and town-wide preservation advocacy. Please help us to continue our work by renewing your membership.

For those who have not renewed in a year or more, please join us again. Complete and return the enclosed Membership Renewal Form by the end of June with your tax deductible gift.

Thank you for your support,

Al Gorman, President
203-288-0017

Annual Financial Statement

January 2011 - December 2011

Income:

Interest Income	1814
Membership Dues	1860
Donations (JDH & members)	450
Antique Show Contribution	2,500
Antique Show Sales (Kitchen profit)	552
Book Sales	604
Archivist Research	470
Library: Bradley Trust Fund	4,513
Rental	0
Arcadia Press (Book Royalty)	44
Gift: Thetford Fund	250
Jones Family	250
Map Sales	60
CT Trust Barn Grant/match	2000
Bank Credit	20
Honorarium	75
Total Income	\$15,462

Expenses:

Utilities	1,173
Lawn Service	1,335
Archivist Service	4,513
Archival Material	232
Memberships (Historical Assoc.)	135
Printing (Newsletter)	126
Postage	134
P.O. Box Rental	72
Safety Deposit Box Rental	70
J.D. House Insurance	3,423
Hospitality	70
CT Annual Report (Sec. of State)	50
Garden Club (Plants)	73
Security (inc. new system)	863
Antique Show (Starter Expenses)	500
Bk. Purchases to sell	129
Barn Grant Consultant	2000
Web site (new)	64
Tax Acct. & Checks (new)	91
Total Expenses	\$15,053

Assets:

Checking Account	2,005
Money Market	9,837
Certificates of Deposit	101,131
Total Assets	\$112,973

Financial Statement

For your information, the Society's 2011 financial statement has been prepared by our Treasurer, Joe Pepe. Our expenses were below our income for the year; thus we balanced on a positive side.

Our 2011 income was less than the previous year because of decreased bank interest, lower kitchen profits and book sales; expenses were higher than in 2010 due to higher insurance costs, upgrades to our JDH security system, and the cost of additional new items. Our thanks to our new members and Life Members for their continued support. The Board appreciates our Treasurer for his monthly reports, oversight, and responsible management for our funds.

Dickerman House....Summer Docents

We are planning to open the Dickerman House Museum on weekends beginning Sunday, July 1st from 1 to 4 PM through the end of August (the 26th). We need your help to show off Hamden's only historic house museum; please volunteer one Saturday or Sunday afternoon to open the house for the visiting public.

Contact Al Gorman, 203-288-0017 to help.

Membership Support

To save postage, we have included our annual appeal letter and return envelope with the newsletter. Please consider enrolling a friend or family member in the Society. We are grateful for your springtime renewal.

Save the Date

On September 20th, David Leff will present *Hidden Treasures of Connecticut* in the Social Hall, 7PM at the Miller Library Cultural Complex on Dixwell Avenue.



The photo above shows Art Doolittle at his sawmill on West Todd Street, April 1, 1962. It is a gift to the Society from Ted Stopkoski whose family lived on Downs Road. The twelve-foot red oak log measured almost sixty inches in diameter; it was the largest log cut at the mill.

Originally, a sawmill had been established nearby by Waite Chatterton in 1747. He operated it until selling it to a cousin, Horace Doolittle. His nephew, Oswin Doolittle, replaced the original up-and-down saw with a circular one in 1879 and built a new structure to house it. A number of Doolittles lived in the West Woods area as farmers, woodcutters, and operators of the sawmill. This sawmill has continued to operate into the 21st century thanks to the Reynolds family.

Summer Resort Atop The Giant

What remain today are iron bolts and traces of stone foundations found on the five ridges of the Sleeping Giant State Park on Mount Carmel Avenue.

In the late 1880's, weekend "cottages," usually one room with a porch, were constructed to be used as retreats from the summer heat below. Some houses, such as George Peck's was modeled after a railroad tower to enhance the view; another was just a tarpaper shack. By 1913, there were about ten houses on the mountain as well as cabins. By the 1930's, the houses were gone, turned to piles of rubble or burned, with the exception of the Peck house that was dismantled and its stone reused in the construction of the WPA's tower project in 1939.

On May 10th, Thursday, at 7:00 PM, **Julie Hulten** will present "*The Resort Era on Sleeping Giant*" in story and photographs. Julie is an educator, researcher for the Sleeping Giant Park Association, avid hiker, and Giant Master. This springtime event will be in the Senior Center Hall at Miller Memorial Cultural Complex, 2901 Dixwell Avenue; please enter from the rear. It is open free of charge and the Society will serve refreshments. Bring a friend, enjoy the view.

An example of the "Giant's cottages" is shown on the back of this newsletter. The photo is from our Library files.

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