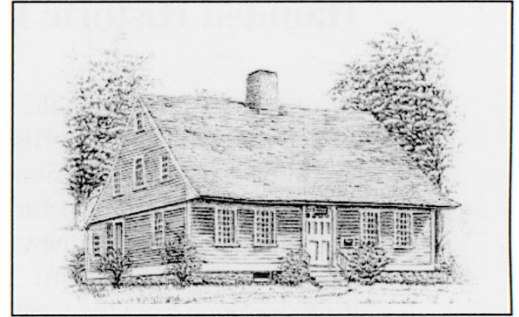


# THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## FALL 2017



### Our Sincerest Thanks....

In September, Lois Casey, a dedicated and long-time member and volunteer of Hamden Historical Society, wrote a letter of resignation. For decades, Lois served as a Docent and scheduled weekend docents for the JD House. According to her letter, it was a difficult, but necessary decision for her. Historical Society President, Ken Minkema wrote, "On behalf of the HHS, its members and Board, past and present, it is my sincere pleasure to express deepest gratitude and appreciation for all you have done to bring history to life for hundreds and thousands of people, young and old, from Hamden and beyond, over your years and decades of service."

### Hamden Historical Society and WQUN presents:

Radio Spots, through December 2017, about Hamden's history. Topics include:

Quinnipiac Indiana  
 Arnold Dana's Fall  
 Dr. Danial Hurd  
 Hamden Plaza and the Ghost Parking Lot  
 Slavery in Hamden  
 James Ives Building  
 Hamden or Hamburg  
 The First Farm in Hamden  
 Hamden Airport  
 Mt. Carmel Female Seminary  
 The Scandal that Rocked 1868

**VERY NICE!!** The average number of visitors to the *Jonathan Dickerman House* this past summer showed an increase over previous years. As we plan additional programs for the future, we expect our increased visibility in the Hamden area will maintain an upward trend for visitors to the JD House.

## Update on the Todd & Toll Houses

Sometimes, no news is good news, and since our last report there has been no real change in the status of the Todd & Toll Houses. Through combined efforts of the Hamden Historical Society, the Hamden Historic Properties Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, and nearly a thousand signatures on the petitions asking Quinnipiac University to cease demolishing structures on Whitney Avenue; the Orin Todd and the Cheshire Turnpike Toll House were saved. The demolition permits have expired. Now, the houses stand empty and waiting for the next step. We hope that will be restoration, and that these structures will remain a part of Hamden's and QU's resources for a long time to come.

### Annual Antique Show

**November 4 and 5, 2017**

Thornton Wilder Hall, adjacent to  
Miller Memorial Library complex  
2901 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden

## 56TH ANNUAL GIANT VALLEY ANTIQUES SHOW

**November 4th and 5th, 2017**

Saturday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Sunday 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.



### MILLER LIBRARY - CULTURAL CENTER

2901 Dixwell Avenue Hamden, CT

Admission \$6.50 \$ .50 Off Admission with this card (good for 2 people)

**Directions:**

**From I-91 North or South**, take Exit 10 to end (Rte. 40/Mount Carmel Connector). At traffic light take a left onto Whitney Avenue and go six traffic lights. At the sixth light (Dixwell Avenue) take a right. The Miller Library-Cultural Center is a short distance on the left.

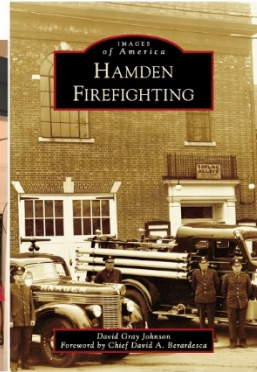
**From Route 15 North** take Exit 61 and from **Route 15 South** take Exit 62. Turn right onto Whitney Avenue and at the second traffic light (Dixwell Avenue) take a left. The Miller Library-Cultural Center is a short distance on the left.

### A BENEFIT FOR THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sponsored by the Giant Valley Association of Antiques Dealers • [www.GVAAD.org](http://www.GVAAD.org)

Hamden's Town Historian, Dave G. Johnson displays his new book,  
arriving on book shelves, November 20, 2017

*Images of America, Hamden Firefighting*



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