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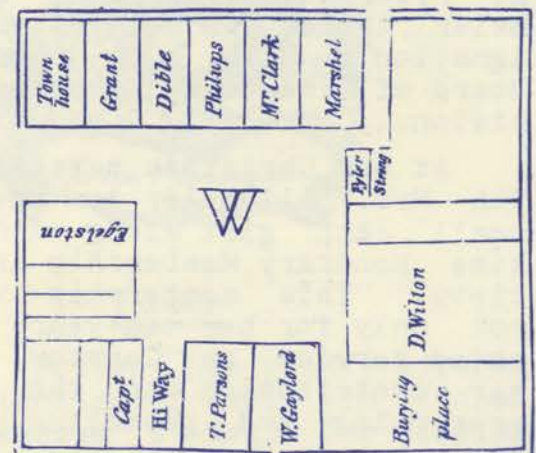
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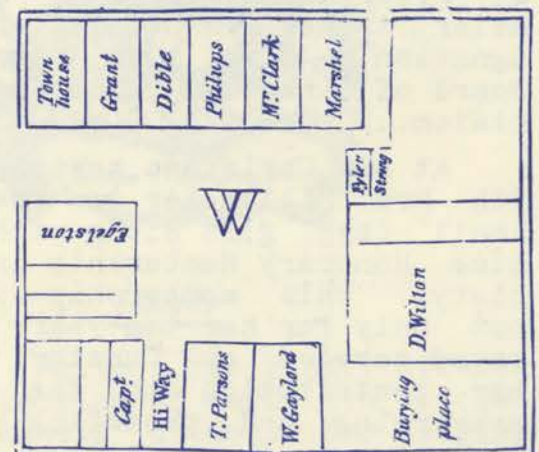
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FYLER HOUSE

President's Comments

This is an important year for Windsor history as we celebrate both the 350th Anniversary of the town and the 200th Anniversary of the Purple Heart.

Since communication is one of the keys to achieving greater member participation in the activities of the Society, I am particularly pleased that we are starting this newsletter. Thanks are due to Robert T. Silliman for conceiving and preparing it.

I am sure that he would welcome your suggestions for future issues.

A. B. Hooker

1972 - 1982

Edwinna C. Hillemeier
CURATOR

Anyone that has visited Fyler House or has worked with Mrs. Hillemeier could not help but love her. She has always assisted her guests with a friendly smile and sincere interest, making them most welcome.

Perhaps the nicest thing we can say is that we all wish we could pattern our lives after hers.

Once again we say "thank you" Mrs. Hillemeier, for a job well done.



At the close of this past year at Fyler House, Edwinna C. Hillemeier turned in her letter of resignation. With much regret, your Board of Directors accepted her decision.

At our Christmas meeting on Dec. 7th Mrs. Hillemeier was presented a small cash gift along with a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Society. This membership was given not only for her ten years of dedicated service as Curator, but for her contribution to the cause of preserving and promoting Windsor's history.

It was ten years ago when Mrs. Hillemeier, Lou and Jane Fowles and others first attempted to create some order to our library. Books, photographs, maps, documents and manuscripts were stored in cardboard boxes. Today after 10 years of a labor of love, daily persistence, and the help of our volunteers, we can be very proud of our library.

Accessions

The First Church recently gave us a sandstone marker with the following inscription:

"This Monument is erected in
Memory of The Great Flood
of March 21st, A.D. 1801"

At the bottom where the stone apparently broke off its base, there is a further inscription:

"The height of....."

Come to our March meeting to see this stone and hear what our further research has uncovered!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dinner Meeting at Loomis/Chaffee
Wednesday, May 18th, 1983

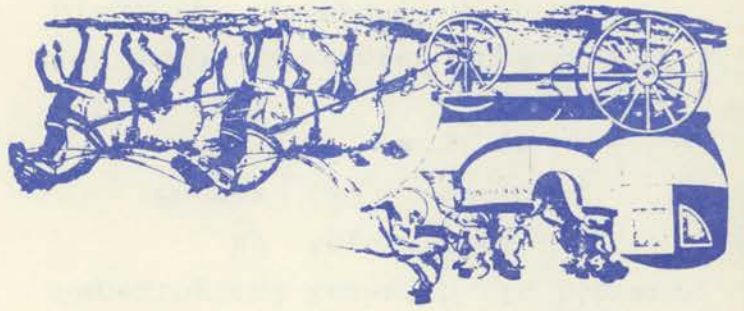
Volunteers

During the 1982 season, the following members served as volunteers on a regular basis:

- Eleanor Anderson
- Ruth Bates
- Dodie Britton
- Julie Carlson
- Aileen Dike
- Agnes Driscoll
- Nan Smart
- Carol Stephenson
- Vernia Swanson
- Doris Zatti
- Jane Finley
- Iola English
- Flor. Ellsworth
- Florence Lamson
- Peg Martindale
- Libby Parker
- George Patterson
- Laura Patterson

We are looking forward to having this entire group return for 1983, and encourage others to join them. You will find this experience to be most rewarding. You can decide the area in which you wish to serve. Acting as a guide can be very interesting when you meet guests, not only from Windsor, but from around the state, around the country, and around the world. New guides will be trained on the job. Do you enjoy library work? One of our most serious concerns is to keep our genealogical library up-to-date and functional for researchers. Again, we will supply on the job training.

There are many other areas in which volunteers are needed. Are you interested in working on exhibits? This could involve everything from research and design to printing labels, selecting documents, displaying costumes or producing a slide-show.



Work schedules are entirely up to the volunteer. Fyler House is open from April 1st thru Dec. 1st, five days a week, Tues. thru Sat, 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. You may report AM, PM or both. If you cannot come to Fyler House, but would like to work at home, contact the Director. Perhaps you have a talent that could be used in this manner.

Volunteers mean the difference between a healthy and successful Society, and one that just exists. We have a proud heritage here in the oldest town in the state. Let's do our part in proving that our Society is in good hands.

Exhibits

Ruth Pelton has kindly offered her collection of early tin kitchen and household utensils for display in our meeting room.



The collection will also include a tin chandelier from the old Sill Tavern. The Sill Tavern was located on the west side of Palisado Avenue, facing the 'Green'.

There will also be a display of 18th, 19th and 20th Century maps from our own collection.



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New Members

Since printing our Annual Report, the following have joined the Society:

Mrs. John J. Quigley
Mr. & Mrs. Jay W. Nash
Mrs. Erma Ellsworth Stout
Mr. & Mrs. Grandon C. Willet
Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Siemiatkoski
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cicero, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Howard P. Baker
Mr. Herbert W. Tutherly
Mrs. L. Edward Chappel
Mr. Mario D. Zavarella
Mr. S. Robert Italia



George Washington when commander in chief, engraved in Paris by Prévost, after a drawing by Pierre Eugène du Simitière (Courtesy of the New-York Historical Society)

Visiting Hours

Fyler House and Wilson Museum
10 AM/12 and 1/4 PM
Tuesday thru Saturday
Apr. 1st thru Dec. 1st
Genealogical Research In Library
By Appointment
Phone: (203) 688-3813

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PRESIDENT: Alexander B. Hooker
DIRECTOR: Robert T. Silliman

Membership not only entitles you to all Windsor Historical Society mailings, but is also an invitation to attend our regularly scheduled meetings and free unlimited guided tours of Fyler House and Wilson Museum. Whenever friends or relatives stop by for a visit, a trip to Fyler House makes a perfect way to entertain for an hour or two. Adult non-members are charged \$1.00 per visit. Annual dues are \$5.00 for single memberships and \$7.50 per couple.