



FYLER HOUSE

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NATIONAL REGISTER

The Town of Windsor has applied to the State Historic Preservation Office for a grant to perform the necessary survey for placing the WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Ernest Perreault, Windsor's Community Development Coordinator, has submitted the application for the grant and will be in charge of the survey.

Although historical registration does not prevent anyone from demolishing or altering property, designation does assist preservation efforts in other useful ways. Federally funded projects must be designed to take into account adverse impact on National Register listed or eligible properties. Owners of a National Register property may purchase National Register markers from the State Historic Preservation Office. In addition, any owner of property listed in the National Register of Historic Places is eligible to apply to the Connecticut Historical Commission for historic preservation grants-in-aid, when funds are available.



WINDSOR 1890-1910



A dealer called recently asking if he could show us some glass negatives of Windsor scenes that we might be interested in buying. We met at Fyler house and went through what turned out to be about 250 glass negatives of various sizes of which perhaps half were identified as Windsor related. Included in the lot were 4 boxes of about 10 each of lantern slides which were all Windsor subjects, including such places and things as First Church, Fyler House, the Loomis Homestead and the Bissell Ferry.

This was a very fortunate find and will certainly enhance our collection of Howe Bros. glass negatives and William Leek's glass negatives and lantern slides. Unfortunately the photographer is not identified but the scenes are probably from the 1890-1910 period.

One of our projects for the near future will be to copy all these negatives and lantern slides on 2"x2" slides that can be shown on our new projectors.

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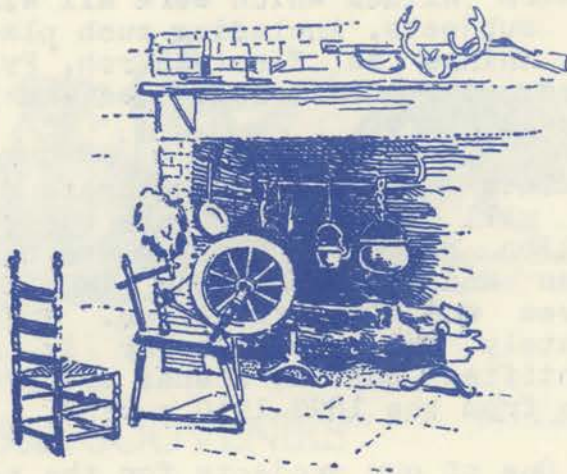
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President's Comments

Hibernating, We're Not...

Following a very pleasant December, preparations for the winter closing began. Sensitive items were covered, the grounds were cleaned and the heating system was set for minimum usage. Now all of the staff is gone, after the busiest of years, and the buildings are quiet. We can take the time to look forward to a new year with the hope that it will be a happy one for all of us.

A. B. Hooker



As Winter closes in and our holiday celebrations are past, we drive by Fyler House and see that it is shut down for the season. It's true that the heating system has been drained in the old house, the manikins have been dismantled or covered, the exhibits in Wilson Museum have been removed and put back in storage and the thermostats pushed back to the bottom of the scale. A 'walk through' this time of year would be in stark contrast to the bustling activity that took place this past Anniversary Year.

This seasonal 'shut down' to your President & Board, Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee and Director, is anything but a four month long vacation. Dorothy Ball and her Committee spent hours closing Fyler House and getting ready for our December meeting. Finding someone to rake the leaves, point up two of our chimneys and replace a ridgeboard that is leaking has taken more time than expected. Meeting the plumber and opening Fyler House so that it could be drained and scheduling an inspection by our security company has all been accomplished.

Once all the above has been completed, your Director is constantly checking the furnace (especially after the outside temperature dips to zero) to be sure it is functioning properly. We do have a red light in place in a library window that will blink if the temperature drops below forty degrees Fahrenheit. HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL CALL ME IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN. Of course there are also the sump pumps that need checking so that our basement will not flood. While all these visits take care of the physical plant, our business continues in other areas.

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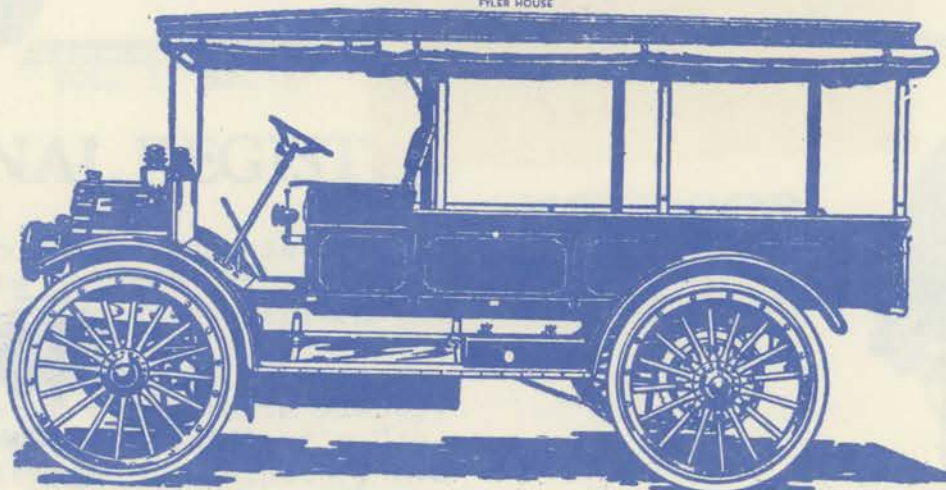
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HIBERNATING, WE'RE NOT.....

Ideas for new exhibits are being developed, plans are being made for our March meeting and April 1st opening, material for the Newsletter is being assembled and prepared, and, of course, there is the daily mail.

The mail contains such things as letters from East Peoria, Ill. and Geneva, N. Y. attempting to trace their Windsor ancestors, and a letter from Middleton, Nova Scotia concerning the 1670 Capt. Thomas Allyn house.

Your Society, although it may appear to be hibernating, is busy and actively preparing for another interesting and exciting year.

This ad appeared in the March, 1916 issue of The Windsor Town Crier. The 'Town Crier' was a monthly paper started in January, 1916 and continuing through December, 1917. In the final issue, an announcement by the editor stated that the paper would be discontinued until after the war.

We are fortunate to have a bound set of all 24 issues which have been completely indexed, including the advertising. George Christopher accomplished this task a couple of years ago and library volunteers transferred all the information to our file cards.

These old papers make very interesting reading. In this same March, 1916 issue is an announcement of the 63rd annual meeting of the Windsor Rogue Detecting Society. Carlan H. Goslee was secretary and treasurer.

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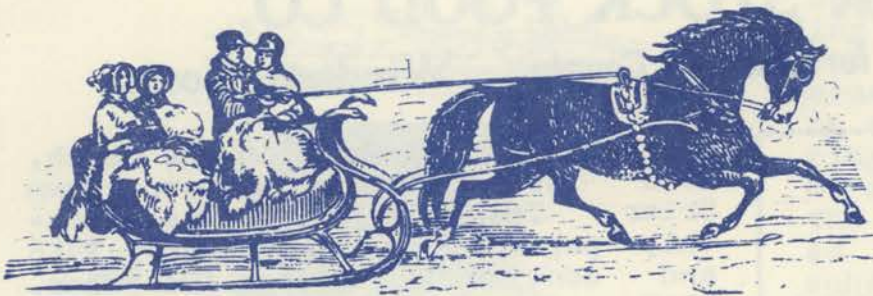
Betsy S. Barber
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Packets containing 6 each of post cards and note paper of six scenes from around Windsor by local artists.

Handblown cobalt pitchers about 6½" high with the 350th logo and Town Seal.

Mugs with logo's of the Windsor 350th and the Jubilee - 350, A Celebration of Hartford Area Heritage - 1983-86.

These items will all be sold at Fyler House when we open in the Spring. If needed before April 1st, give the Director a call at 688-2756.



350th SOUVENIRS

The 350th Anniversary Committee, at one of its last meetings, voted to turn over to our Society, all of the leftover material that was used for fund raising during the Anniversary Celebration.

While some of the items are in short supply, the items turned over to us are:

The 8½" x 11" 24 page booklet entitled: "Celebrating Our 350th Anniversary 1633-1983.



FYLER HOUSE AND WILSON MUSEUM

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April 1 through November 30

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