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Did you notice the fancy envelope? We hope you opened it carefully so you can save it as a Bicentennial souvenir! This historical cover was designed by our President, Robert Silliman, and shows Windsor's first Post Office in Fyler House. These envelopes may be purchased for five cents each.

Our fall meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27th, at 8:00 p.m. The program will consist of an illustrated talk by Samuel B. Pierson entitled "Searching for the Plymouth Trading House and finding ???". Mr. Pierson is a member of the English Department at the Loomis Chaffee School.

The Historical Society is most fortunate to have received over 30 items of very valuable furniture and oriental rugs from the Hotchkiss estate. These belonged to the John M. Niles family. John Niles (born at Elm Grove in 1787) was the founder of the HARTFORD TIMES and the leader of the reform movement which was responsible for the adoption of the present State Constitution, which took the place of the Charter of 1662. When he served as Postmaster-General in the cabinet of President Van Buren he took, among other things, a handsome square table with him to Washington, D. C.; this table is now proudly displayed in the Fyler House parlor.

Our Curator, Mrs. Hillemeier, and her volunteer guides have had an unusually busy summer. Besides the great increase in visitors the Fyler and also the Wolcott Family Associations paid us a visit. In conjunction with Windsor's Homecoming Weekend the Fyler House and Wilson Museum will be open on Sunday, September 26th. This will give you an excellent opportunity to see our new acquisitions.

It's that time of year again when our dues are payable. We would just like to remind you of the increase effective this year:

Active	\$ 5.00 (from \$3)
Joint Active	7.50 (new category for couples)
Sustaining	10.00 (from \$5)
Joint Sustaining	15.00 (new category for couples)
Life (one payment)	75.00 (from \$40)

Members who accompany guests to Fyler House and the Wilson Museum should show their membership cards, as there is no admission charge for members; our Curator and her volunteers do not always know or recognize all our members.

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting on September 27th, one day after the 343rd anniversary of the founding of the Town of Windsor. If you cannot attend, be sure to stop by during regular hours to see the beautiful items from the Niles collection scattered throughout the House and Museum.