

THE WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT, INC.

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Tuesday, December 6th, at 8:00 p.m. is the date for our next meeting. President Robert Silliman will present a program of old pictures of Windsor - chosen from a collection taken over many years by Mr. William Leek, and presented to the Society after Mr. Leek's death. There will also be a musical program arranged by Donald Joffray. The musical group will include, in addition to Mr. Joffray, Stephen OPalick of the Loomis Chaffee faculty, and two students: Amy Glick and Kristin Ludington.

At its first meeting the newly elected Board of Directors (see your Annual Report for their names) selected the following dates for our 1977-1978 meetings:

Tuesday, December 6th
Thursday, March 30th
Monday, May 22nd
Tuesday, September 26th

All meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Society meeting room.

We are starting a collection of Windsor High School yearbooks - THE TUNXIS. If anyone has a book to spare, it would be appreciated. Please call our Recorder, Mrs. Neal Kirk at 688-4294 or the Assistant Recorder, Mr. John Eberle at 688-0913.

The House and Grounds Committee needs people who like gardening and outdoor work to help with the grounds. Anyone interested in fresh air and exercise are encouraged to call Mrs. C. Edgar Blake at 688-2601.

A request for membership was recently received from George Eggleston, St. Lucia (Br.), West Indies, who is writing a book about the Eggleston Family. Begat Eggleston (spelled with one "g" until after the Revolutionary War) was a member of Rev. Warham's congregation that left England, settled temporarily in Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1630 and then permanently in Windsor in 1635 and established the First Church of Windsor where our "new member" George Eggleston was married in 1937. The Eggleston Family owned a house within the original palisado. A later descendant, Thomas, served in the Revolutionary War and was one of Windsor's first brickmakers. The upper story of the 1670 Captain Thomas Allyn House at 119 Deerfield Road, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodale, is made of Eggleston bricks. Directly opposite this house on the Connecticut River was "Thomas Eggleston's fishing place", renowned to be the best fishing place on the Connecticut River north of Middletown.

One of our members has reported that the Simsbury Historical Society recently sponsored a very successful tour of England. If you would be interested in our Society arranging such a tour, please contact our President. If enough people are interested (20 to 25), he will get more information.

To all those who find it impossible to attend our December 6th meeting - a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!