



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 1985-86 has been one of transition for the Sheffield Historical Society. New faces have appeared at the meetings and we have mourned the loss of some old friends. We have purchased the little house to our north and expanded the old carriage house in preparation for a tool and barn museum. Our educational programs have increased and we have exchanged our old antiques market in May for a beautiful indoor show in June. This is all as it should be. A vibrant, healthy Society must progress. This small group of dedicated souls is the envy of every other historical group in the County. Through the beneficence of Sally Scanlan, Helen Hurlburt, Charlotte Oleen and others we have been fortunate to have the resources to instigate and complete many projects of historical significance. A Society, however, only reflects its membership and the members reflect the town they love. Thank you for a wonderful two years and let's look forward to many more.

FROM THE CURATOR

Thanks to the thoughtful generosity of Helen Hurlburt of Hartford, we have inherited a desk and other furniture which make the south parlor look much as it might have looked during Dan Raymond's occupancy of the house. Other bequests include a blanket chest, tables, chairs, glassware, etc. We are very grateful.

Mason and Ruth Dutcher have donated an 18th century traveler's case with five bottles used to hold "spirits" for the journey. Howard Mott has given us a book, "Little Brown Bessie", by Mrs. L.D. Shears, a native of Sheffield. From Alice Warren have come pencil drawings by her grandfather, M.J. Smith, depicting 1887 views of Orchard Shade. We have purchased from a rare book dealer "An Act for erecting the lower Plantation at Houssatonnock into a Township, by the Name of Sheffield" dated 1733.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW

Once again the Sheffield Historical Society Antiques Show, featuring dealers from 15 states, will be held on the campus of Berkshire School. The Preview Party (all of whose proceeds go to the Society) will be held on Friday, June 27th from 6-9 PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

There will be plenty of hearty food and traditional American music will be provided by Southwind.

The remainder of the Show will be held Saturday, June 28th from 11 AM-7:30 PM and Sunday, June 29th from 12 PM-6 PM Any time that you could donate to help make the show a success would be greatly appreciated.

REPORT FROM THE DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

On May 29th a group of twenty six third grade students arrived at the Dan Raymond house accompanied by their teacher Laura Ponkos. Their visit tied in with their study of how early towns had their beginnings and developed.

The month of June is the time for the annual historical field trip by the eighth graders of Mount Everett Regional School. Once again they will visit the DRH, "drink in some history" and present their reports to their teachers William Gillooly and Paul Mennin.

The Society is pleased to receive a special gift from Peter Cook, a student at Mount Everett. As a school project, he constructed a very fine model of Old Parish Church. Those of us who have seen it admire the quality of his work. It will be on display at the DRH for all to see.

As of May, a new flagpole is in place on the DRH grounds. Thanks to Milton Barnum who procured the pole and the flag and rigged it. Old Glory is flying once again !

A note on summer hours - during July and August the house will be open on both Friday and Saturday from 1:30 to 4 PM and of course always by appointment if you would like to bring guests.

QUILTERS

The quilting group is proud to announce that another 9 patch quilt is ready to be raffled. The group also has voted to give the Historical Society \$500. This will be a total of \$3,500 given to the Society since the group was formed. Congratulations !

We were saddened by the recent death of one of our faithful workers, Charlotte Oleen. She will be missed.

FROM GRAMPS BUTTERY

Do you remember years ago how Mother prepared Saturday night's supper? She had to sort over the beans to make sure there were no stones left with them, then she would soak them overnight, cook them and finally bake them for hours so you could enjoy a fine supper. Well, now we're offering you a deal. On Saturday evening, July 26 you are going to be able to bring the whole family to a fine old-fashioned bean hole bake supper at the American Legion Post Home. We will have been working on this for two days in order that you might enjoy your finest supper of the season. Bring your family and friends to the supper on Saturday, July 26th from 5 to 7. If your friends happen to be away, come anyway and make new friends, all for only \$4.50. You wonder how we could give you all this and still have a few cents left over for our Dan

Raymond House Committee ? Well, come and see. Now if you are a stickler for statistics, here is a good argument on why you shouldn't miss this meal.

WHY NOT USE BEANS INSTEAD?

Beans make an excellent, nutritious substitute for rice, potatoes, or spaghetti. The National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council has set a Recommended Dietary Allowance for nutrients that children

and adults need daily. Here's how navy beans (the most common kind) stack up against rice, potatoes, and spaghetti in providing the daily allowance of seven important nutrients.

	Navy beans (1 cup cooked)			White rice (1 cup cooked)			Baked potato (1 large)			Spaghetti (1 cup cooked)		
	Child 7-10	Male 23-50	Female 23-50	Child 7-10	Male 23-50	Female 23-50	Child 7-10	Male 23-50	Female 23-50	Child 7-10	Male 23-50	Female 23-50
Protein	41%	27%	32%	8%	5%	7%	11%	7%	8%	20%	13%	16%
Thiamin	36	31	43	13	11	16	13	11	15	22	19	26
Vitamin B-6	31	19	19	6	3	3	31	19	19	3	2	2
Iron	52	52	29	14	14	8	10	10	6	16	16	9
Calcium	12	12	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Phosphorus	35	35	35	5	5	5	12	12	12	12	12	12
Magnesium	45	32	38	5	3	4	20	15	17	12	8	10

Attention

We are also offering you a chance of a lifetime. For the person who guesses how many baked beans in a pound, we have a special prize for you. You will win a free baked bean supper for your Mother-in-law. The only hitch is that she must come in on a skateboard.

Oh yes, did I tell you that recently Gram and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary. Bless her heart. I don't know how the little lady put up with my nonsense all that time, she deserves a medal. Well anyway, we thought we would enjoy going to Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for a weekend. On our anniversary day, we came into Gorham, N.H., a nice old town with lots of old buildings. We saw several places to eat and lots of motels there. Well, this being a special occasion, we thought we could leave the tent in the car and get an upper-crust motel. After the clerk explained to me what we were getting to make the room so expensive, he gave me the key. Now the good part ! I pulled up to room #125, but first I must tell you this - wait Gram, please don't take my pen !

JUNE MEETING

Don't forget the meeting on June 13th. This is the Annual Meeting and dinner of the Sheffield Historical Society. Election of new officers will be held and we will have as a special treat a display of the Macy Family Geneology by sixth grader Sarah Macy. There may also be a few surprises so don't miss the 6:30 start and remember to bring a covered dish and place setting. See you there !

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 13 Annual meeting and dinner at 6:30 at Dewey Hall
- June 21 Fourth Annual Covered Bridge Ramble - the only race over two covered bridges. Plenty of opportunity to help Mandy Morgan organize the race and hand out water if you are not the running type.
- June 27 Preview Party for the Sheffield Historical Society Antiques Show, 6-9 PM
- June 28 Sheffield Historical Society Antiques Show, 11-7:30
- June 29 Sheffield Historical Society Antiques Show, 12-6
- July 26 Tag Sale on the grounds of the American Legion. Bean Hole Bake at the American Legion, 5-7 PM.
- August 3 Summer Picnic at the Dan Raymond House, 5 PM. Bring your covered dish.

ANNUAL DUES

The 1986-87 year begins with the Annual Meeting in June, so once again it is time to enrich the treasury. You may wish to pay at the June meeting or, if you are unable to attend, send the form below with your payment to:

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 1733
SHEFFIELD, MASS. 01257

The dues, which have been kept low so that all may join, are \$3 for a single membership, or \$5 for a family.

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