



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

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* SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES *

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 10 to 4, American Legion, Route 7.

Tag Sale: on the lawn, or indoors if it rains. Rent a table for \$10 (bring your own, please) and take advantage of this great opportunity to clean out your attic or garage. The Society receives your rental fee and the rest goes into your pocket--along with the fun of joining in on a multi-family sale. If you have just a few items, you can bring them that morning and donate them to the Historical Society table. And if you know someone who'd like to take part, go ahead and invite them. This is not limited to members. Call 229-2569 for more information.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 4 p.m., Dan Raymond House grounds.

Join us for our Annual Picnic. Bring a covered dish to share, along with a table setting and lawn chair for yourself. The Society will provide the beverages, including the ever-infamous switchel, Milt Barnum's specialty. This is always a fun, relaxed event--a chance to celebrate another successful antiques show and the beginning of a new year.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 7 p.m., Dan Raymond House.

Executive board meeting.

THURSDAY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 - 8, 11 to 4. Dan Raymond House.

Come enjoy our Annual Open House. Tentative plans include a display of Victorian and other early flower vases.

A Letter from the President

Following in the footsteps of our past presidents will be a giant step for me. I have been involved in the growth of the Historical Society since the beginning in 1972. I held the office of treasurer for seven years and have been curator, "house mother," and substitute secretary on many occasions, as well as trustee and refreshment chairman. It is now time to assume my office as president, to help further the goals of the Society.

The help of all Society members is needed so that we may still be a leader in Berkshire County. When someone asks how and what we do to accomplish so much, I always answer that "working together and having fun" is the secret. Pursuing the historical education of the Society in the future will be both exciting and rewarding.

So with a new year beginning, let us keep the foundation solid and keep building for the future.

-- Marion M. Barnum

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ANOTHER GREAT ANTIQUES SHOW

The figures aren't complete, but we do know that we had another successful antiques show this June -- close to last year's financially, and with many improvements in the renovated hockey rink and especially in the attractive new cafe quarters.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with food, at the gate, and elsewhere. It's fun -- and it's hard work. We couldn't do it without you!

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NEW OFFICERS

At the June meeting, the following new officers were elected:

President:	Marion Barnum
Vice-president:	Virginia Drury
Treasurer:	Bob Dean
Trustee:	Claudia Ziobro

In the next newsletter we'll provide a complete list of officers and committees for the 1992-93 year. (Now's your chance to volunteer. Isn't there a committee you could donate some time to? It doesn't take much effort, it's a lot of fun -- and it's your organization. Let's spread the work around!)

FAMILY HISTORY SLEUTHING

Can any newsletter reader give help to the Family History Center in responding to two recent inquiries?

One person asks if her ancestor Joel Thorp did indeed marry an Indian woman in Sheffield around 1800, as family tradition claims.

Another is looking for information about the Sheffield years of a skilled cabinetmaker named Silas Butler, who was apparently in Sheffield in the early 1770s and died here about 1778. His widow, Jerusha, married Joseph Huggins.

If you have any clues, please contact Roger Drury or Betty Chapin, or stop by the Family History Center on Mondays and Fridays between 1:30 and 4 p.m. In fact, even if you don't recognize these names, stop by to observe the fascinating research that's going on.

It's Renewal Time

To renew your membership for the 1992-93 year, please fill out this coupon and send it to:

Membership
Sheffield Historical Society
PO Box 1733
Sheffield, MA 01257

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

Family \$5 _____ Individual \$3 _____

I am / We are interested in helping with _____

would like to attend programs/workshops about _____
