



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

Sheffield Historical Society
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Hello Fellow Society Members:

First, we want to thank the Fall Festival Committee for a great beginning of what we hope will be a tradition, with a larger Festival in the planning for 1996. If you didn't have a chance to attend, it was a fun and interesting day. The Committee report is attached.

Programs for the remainder of this year are as follows; please mark the dates on your calendar. See you there!

OCTOBER 13 -- speaker MARGARET KINGMAN

Now an innkeeper in Richmond, she was an intelligence officer in World War II. "Wild Bill" Donovan, the first director of what is now the CIA, was her boss. As a senior engineering draftsman, her assignment was to make maps for our armed forces. She resides at Pierson Place in Richmond, which was built as a commercial building where boots were manufactured for soldiers.

OCTOBER 22 -- 17th annual TURKEY DINNER chaired by MILTON BARNUM

Two seatings, noon and 1:30, at the American Legion Hall. Call 229-2569 for reservations, and to ask Milt for a job assignment if you would like to help.

NOVEMBER 9 -- speaker RORY O'CONNOR

Well known in the community, Mr. O'Connor will speak of his experiences as a boy growing up on Hewlitt Hill.

DECEMBER 8 -- speaker JIM DOUGLAS

New England's history, people, and traditions will be brought to life through traditional folk songs. With Mr. Douglas, we will celebrate the holiday season with songs from early New England Christmases.

This will be a supper meeting and Virginia Drury will be contacting you for help.

**Bill Preston
President**

MUSEUM STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The first annual Sheffield Historical Society Fall Festival was held September 16 and was well attended. Demonstrations of herbal crafts, spinning, and cider pressing, and activities for children (scarecrow making, pumpkin carving, and pony and horse-drawn wagon rides) were well received.

The "Day in the Life of Sheffield" photographic contest did not materialize as expected. Further discussions with teachers and students at the Mt. Everett School indicate that there is considerable enthusiasm for this activity, however. Consequently, the photo submission date has been rescheduled to November 17. Photos submitted will be hung in the Dan Raymond House for the Christmas Open House, and judging will be by Ann Shanks.