



SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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NEWSLETTER

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SOCIETY TAKES TITLE TO HOUSE

After an energetic, three-and-a-half year fund-raising program, the Sheffield Historical Society has taken title to the pre-Revolutionary War Dan Raymond House. Work bees have been held to clean up the grounds, and a committee is engaged in establishing priorities for necessary work to be done on the house itself. One room has been set aside to hold acquisitions of the society until a permanent display can be arranged.

Carl Proper reported at the June meeting that he has researched the ownership of the house as far back as 1793, when Dan Raymond sold it to Ezra Fellows.

DEDICATION OF LAW OFFICE

A gala evening has been scheduled for Friday, August 5, when our restored law office will be dedicated. A sign designating the building as the office of Parker L. Hall, attorney at law, will be installed, with President Milton Barnum cutting the ribbon.

The dedication ceremony will start at 6 p.m., followed by a community potluck supper. Nancy Boardman has graciously consented to serve as chairman of the supper. Unless she calls to ask you for something specific, please bring a cold dish for the buffet table. Each person should also bring his own place setting and a folding chair. Iced tea will be furnished. We are hoping to have some informal musical entertainment. Come and bring a friend.

During the afternoon on August 5 from two to five, there will be a display of local history projects made by eighth grade students at Mount Everett Regional School under the direction of Paul Menin and Bill Gillooly. Please encourage non-members as well as members to see this interesting group of models, old pictures, family trees, and dioramas. The exhibit will be set up in the Dan Raymond House.

The Bicentennial quilt made by members of the society will also be exhibited there during the afternoon, and chances will be sold by members of the quilting committee. The group is already at work on a second quilt, which will remain the property of the society and will be on permanent display in the Raymond House. Also available at that time will be the tape of an interview with Fred "Doc" Shook. The tape was made at a meeting of the society on May 13.

FOURTH ANNUAL AUCTION

Antiques and miscellaneous items will be offered for sale at the society's fourth annual auction to be held Saturday, July 30, at the Sheffield American Legion Hall starting at 10 a.m. Proceeds will be used to start restoration and repair work on the Dan Raymond House. Bill Bradford will again conduct the auction.

Assistance is needed to help move auction articles to the hall, to help price items for the tag sale, and to work during the auction and tag sale. If you can spare some time before July 30 or on that day, please contact Milton Barnum or Loring Barnum. Refreshments will be sold by the American Legion Auxiliary.

THE "BOW-WOW DISTRICT"

We fear we may have cast an evil impression on the readers of the Courier in writing about "Bow-wow" district, sometime ago, as we do not wish them to infer that we are such a noisy neighborhood. That name was given several years ago, because a number of families kept dogs, which kept up such a continual barking that it was called "Bow-wow," but the name is becoming obsolete, as the section is seldom called by that name now.

L.H.

(from The Berkshire Courier of April 5, 1871)

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MEMBERSHIP

Dues for 1977-78 are now due. Some memberships were paid at the annual meeting in June, but if you would like to join by mail you may send your check to the treasurer now.

Please remit to: Mrs. Marion Barnum, Sheffield, Mass. 01257

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- Please check:
- Junior Member (under 18 years of age) \$ .50
  - Individual Adult Member 3.00
  - Joint Membership (husband and wife) 5.00
  - Sustaining Member 10.00
  - Business Firm 25.00
  - Life Member (exempt from annual dues) 50.00
  - Benefactors (exempt from annual dues) 100.00

Additional contribution (tax deductible) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_