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NEWSLETTER

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OPEN HOUSE AND PICNIC

All members, friends, and other interested members of the community are invited to attend an Open House and picnic at the Dan Raymond House on August 4. Nancy Boardman has again consented to serve as chairman for the picnic, which will begin at 6:30. She requests that everyone, except those called for something specific, bring a covered dish for the buffet table, his own place setting, and a folding chair.

There will be three showings of an audio-visual history of Sheffield - at 2, 4, and 7:30. The slide show will be presented in the large meeting room of the Dan Raymond House. Bill Gilligan has offered the society a carousel projector on more or less permanent loan. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schumann have given a cassette recorder-player. We are grateful to these generous people.

Other recent acquisitions are the following: an 1801 map of Massachusetts donated by Howard Crockett, two silver spoons decorated with Sheffield scenes donated by R. W. Smith of Lee, books and a sand shaker inscribed "S. R. Kellogg" given by Willard French, an inkwell with sand shaker from Lillian Preiss, book and pictures from Rachel Willcox, book from Marion Barnum, album of Sheffield pictures from the Ballston Spa Public Library, a silver spoon made by a Sheffield silversmith from Ruth Gordon Ellis, and an 1817 indenture paper witnessed by James Bradford from Irene Armstrong.

These artifacts, as well as others previously acquired, will be on view during the open house in the Dan Raymond House and the Parker L. Hall law office. Members who have other pertinent material they would be willing to show may contact any member of the open house committee: Arthur Chase, Lillian Preiss, Marion Barnum, Irene Cranmer, or Muriel Rokos.

There will be a mystery table holding pictures and objects for visitors to identify. The person who succeeds in identifying the greatest number correctly will win a prize of a can of Sheffield maple syrup donated by Arthur Chase. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in case of tied entries.

A check representing the proceeds from the antiques flea market held on May 27 and 28 will be presented to President Milton Barnum by Carl Proper, chairman of the flea market.

The second Sheffield historical quilt and the log cabin quilt made by the society's quilting committee will be on display, and raffle tickets will be sold.

The house and law office will be open on August 4 from 2 to 6:30 and from 7:30 to 8:30. Hosts and hostesses are needed for both locations to serve for two-hour shifts. Anyone who is willing to act in this capacity should let a member of the committee know the time he can be there.

PAUL IVORY TO SPEAK

Paul Ivory, administrator of Chesterwood, will present a program for the Friendly Union and the historical society on November 17 at Dewey Memorial Hall. The historical society's business meeting will be held on its regular meeting date, November 10, but all are encouraged to attend this informative program on Chesterwood.

NEW LOGO ???

It has been suggested that a new logo more suggestive of the society's present concerns would be desirable. Our current logo served its purpose as the organization was coming into being, but now that we have acquired a headquarters house and are developing a program for its use, perhaps a more pertinent symbol is in order. Members of the society are asked to think about this suggestion and offer opinions. No change will be made without membership approval.

CALENDAR

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| July 29 | Auction and tag sale |
| August 4 | Open house and picnic |
| September 8 | First meeting of 1978-79 |
| October 13 | Regular meeting |
| November 10 | Regular meeting |
| November 17 | Combined meeting with Friendly Union - Paul Ivory |

AUCTION

Our fifth annual auction and tag sale will be held on July 29 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion grounds. Articles for the auction are urgently needed. If you have something to donate and wish to have it picked up, you may call Milton Barnum at 229-2569 or Loring Boardman at 229-7750.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

From the Berkshire Courier of 1842:

At Sheffield on Thursday evening by Rev. Mr. Bradford - Jeremiah Shears Esq. to Mrs. Florilla Lamb

"What if the Shears are old and rusty
What if the Lamb is young and frisky
A faint heart ne'er a victory won,
Persevere - the Shearing is done!"

MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Dues for 1978-79 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. Milton Barnum, Sheffield, MA 01257
Individual member, \$3; Joint membership, \$5; Sustaining, \$10; Life members, \$50.

Name _____ Address _____

Amount enclosed _____