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Deacon Ezra Brainerd Finds A Home

By Lisa Malloy

Our Fall Country Auction held on October 23 was a tremendous success in more ways than one. Although the fundraiser was successful financially (see related story inside) the Historical Society was rewarded in others ways as well.

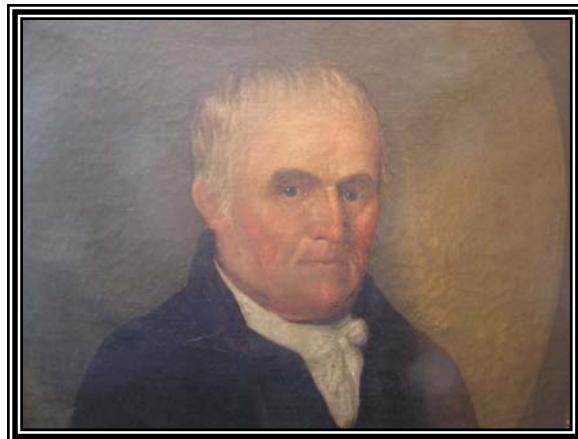
While perusing the items that Brainerd Memorial Library was considering donating to the auction I came across a large oil portrait of a distinguished looking gentleman who was very familiar to me. I walked on and it suddenly clicked who this man was! I let out a gasp and a few concerned volunteers turned to see if I was all right. I, however, was jumping up and down yelling “its Ezra, its Ezra!”

I was positive, the man in the portrait was Deacon Ezra Brainerd of Haddam Neck. We turned the painting over to see if it was identified on the back. It was not, but even more interesting was the partially completed face of a young woman staring back at us. A few people were skeptical that I knew who this unidentified man was, but I remained firm in the belief that it was Deacon Brainerd and I had the evidence to prove it.

How did I know it was Deacon Brainerd? Late last year Audrey Brainard, chair of the 2004 Brainerd/Brainard/Braynard Family Reunion, which was held in Haddam this past fall, asked me if I would give a talk about something related to the Brainerd Family. Being a life long resident of Haddam Neck I had always been interested in the local granite quarries. It has been written in most historical accounts of Haddam that Deacon Ezra Brainerd opened the town’s first granite quarry in 1762 and sent local granite to New York, Maryland, Virginia and Louisiana. Other than mentioning his name as the first quarry operator, not much else was known about Deacon Brainerd, so I volunteered to do a talk on him and the early granite industry.

My research led me to many different sources including town land records, cemeteries, ancestors and the Brainerd Family genealogy published in 1902 by Lucy Abigail Brainerd. It was in this genealogy that I found a picture of Deacon Ezra Brainerd. It turns out that the picture in the book is a copy (lithograph) of the portrait and is titled “Ezra Brainerd, age 73. This would mean the portrait was painted in 1816. Deacon Brainerd (1744-1837) lived a long and accomplished life: he was married three times and had 14 children, he owned and operated a profitable quarry and shipping business, he was a deacon of the Haddam Neck church for 66 years and was a justice of the peace until age 73, he represented Haddam in the General Assembly for 33 sessions and he served in the Connecticut 9th Regiment. I read his will, walked his property and visited his grave. By the time I completed my research I felt I knew as much about Deacon Brainerd as my own ancestors.

To confirm that the portrait was Ezra, I ran back to the office, pulled the picture from the research file and returned to the elementary school where we were setting up for the auction. I sprinted to the portrait and placed the drawing next to it and said, “LOOK, it is him!” Turns out I didn’t need to verify identification, because the box in which the portrait had been stored was marked “Deacon Ezra Brainerd”. It was however gratifying to know I was correct. The Library decided not to auction the portrait and the Board of Directors voted to donate Deacon Brainerd to the Historical Society and we thank them profusely. We are in the process of having the portrait restored and will have him prominently displayed for all to enjoy.



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From the President.....

The year 2005 will mark two significant anniversaries for the Haddam Historical Society, the 50th anniversary of the Society itself and the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the Thankful Arnold House Museum. In 1955 a group of 18 women, concerned that both memories and artifacts from Haddam's past were rapidly disappearing, founded the Haddam Historical Society. In those early years, the members focused their attention on local history programs and community outreach. The organization was one of the area groups who worked to save the Goodspeed Opera House and protect historic homes and sites during the construction of Route 9. When Haddam celebrated its 300th anniversary in 1962, the Society played a leading role in the commemorations. Descendants of the original settlers came from all over the country, including Mr. Isaac Arnold from Texas, a great-great grandson of Thankful and Joseph Arnold. After touring his family's historic home in the center of Haddam, Mr. Arnold then purchased it and had it restored. In May of 1965 the Thankful Arnold House was dedicated as a community museum and the home of the Haddam Historical Society.

Next year the Haddam Historical Society will be honoring both the hard work and commitment of the original founders and the generosity of Mr. Isaac Arnold. The Anniversary Committee is hard at work developing a series of events to mark this double anniversary. For the fall we are planning a house tour with a tearoom, which will offer both lunch and local Haddam products for sale. Social events will include a President's Cocktail Party in the spring and a gala Founders' Day dinner-dance in November. We are hoping to institute an historic house plaque program. A new book, The Pictorial History of Haddam: Daily Life in Haddam 1870-1920, will be published in September as part of the anniversary celebration. Written by Charlotte Gradie, a professor at Sacred Heart University and former Society board president, and Jan Sweet, Town Historian and former Executive Director, the book will feature photographs from our archives and private collections.

This will be a busy and exciting year for the Society and will provide many short-term volunteer opportunities for anyone who would like to share their interest in the history of our town with others. I personally guarantee that anyone who joins our committee or any of the subcommittees will do a fair bit of work but will also have plenty of fun in the process! For anyone new to the Haddam Historical Society, participating in some of the activities we have planned for next year will be a great way to meet people with similar interests. You can learn more by contacting Lisa Malloy, the Society's Executive Director, at 345-2400.

I would also like to thank all of you who responded so generously to our first Annual Campaign. Over \$3,000 was raised, which will be used to support the Society's ongoing programs and for maintenance of the Thankful Arnold House.

-Deborah Rutter

Conversations with.....

My Grandparents, Whitney Brookes, Jr. and Merle Parmelee Brookes

By Jessica Christine Labbe, age 10

My Grandpa, Whitney K. Brookes, Jr. was born and raised in Higganum. His family did not have inside plumbing until he was about 15 years old. His great-grandfather, Robert A. Brookes was the first owner of the Higganum Hotel. His grandfather, R. Arthur Brookes continued to operate the hotel into the early 20th century. In the 1930's the next-door neighbor was burning leaves and the nearby barn caught on fire. The barn burned down and the tavern part of the hotel was also destroyed by fire. The family outhouse was also burned, so they were forced to get indoor plumbing.

Grandpa's dad, Whitney K. Brookes, Sr., had a witch hazel mill in Higganum, where they would grind up witch hazel to send to Essex by train. (The witch hazel was sent to the world famous Dickinson plant to be processed). Grandpa and his friends used to hang out at the Higganum train station on Depot Road where they would watch supplies come in for the feed store and large shipments of metal for Clark Cutaway Harrow and Scovil Hoe. Grandpa's dad also ran a coal and oil business in town and he remembers the coal would arrive by train.

In the 1938 Hurricane grandpa was in the woodshed at Johnnie Stanton's house (located on Landing Road at Higganum Landing). The water was up over the top of the first story of the house. In the winter people would drive their cars across the ice on the river. Grandpa didn't have a car so he used to ride his bicycle to see grandma.

My grandma, Merle Parmelee was born at home on Parmelee Hill Road. Her grandfather, Captain George Parmelee, was a well-known river- boat captain on the Connecticut River and lived to be 102. He also worked on the Haddam-East Haddam Bridge when it was built in 1911. Grandma's grandfather attended the Schutte murder trial in Middletown and was convinced he was innocent until the day they found him guilty.

Her father, George Waldo Parmelee lived to be 98. Her Aunt Phila Parmelee was also a well- known town figure who spent lots of time at Brainerd Memorial Library and Higganum Union School reading stories to small children. My Grandpa said that she read scary stories that made everybody jump.

Grandma went to a private school run by Miss Lewis, the daughter of the Congregational Church minister in her small home along Saybrook Road in Haddam village. She believes the school was funded by the Hazen Foundation. Grandma and Grandpa both attended the Higganum Union School, which was located on the Higganum Green in the center of the village. The school had a teacher by the name of Miss Tibbals. If the kids were bad she would wash their mouths out with soap. The school went up to the 8th grade and after that students went to high school in Deep River or Middletown.

In 1962 the Town of Haddam celebrated its 300th Tercentenary Celebration. There was a weeklong celebration with lots of events. There was a parade that started in Higganum and ended at the Haddam Meadows. There was a picnic after the parade to which the whole town was invited. They had many contests that people could enter. My Grandpa Brookes won best beard and best costume. He wore moccasins, a leather outfit and a coonskin hat. He looked like Daniel Boone. My Grandma, her sisters and my great-grandmother Mildred Parmelee made dresses for their children. They were like the dresses and bonnets that ladies wore 300 years ago. There was also a stagecoach in the parade.

Grandpa and Grandma have a stone-watering trough at their house that used to be in Higganum Center. People would stop in town and tie their horses up to the fence to get a drink when they went into the stores for supplies.

(Photo: Whitney K. Brookes, Jr, Jessica Labbe and Merle Parmelee Brookes)



Editors Note: Jessica is a 4th grade student at Burr District Elementary School with an avid interest in Haddam history. She is the great-great-great-great-great granddaughter of Sybil Huntington May, the painter of the famous Haddam over mantle, now owned by the Connecticut Historical Society.

Finding the Family Farm

By Fran Kastin

I knew very little about my great grandparents. When I questioned my mother (now deceased) she'd say her grandfather (Louis) had a farm in "Turkey Hill in Connecticut". But, where was Turkey Hill? HADDAM was never mentioned! I was looking for a town of Turkey Hill. I even thought that maybe it was the name of the farm. I did not know when they came to Connecticut or where or when they died and were buried.

One day I did a computer search for "Turkey Hill in Connecticut". That brought up Turkey Hill cemetery in Haddam, and a few clicks later, a map of Haddam's 12 historic school districts, including Turkey Hill! Now I accessed the index to the 1920 census (on Ancestry.com) for Louis Goldberg and it showed 5 in Connecticut—*one* in Haddam! He had the right approximate age and country of origin, too. I clicked on the "Haddam Louis", and saw Turkey Hill in the left margin of the census page. The stats seemed right. I knew I'd found my man.

So now I knew Turkey Hill was in Haddam and that Louis and family were there in 1920! (The family was not in Connecticut in the 1910 census.) But, where *exactly* was this farm? From maps, I now realized that Haddam was really close to Middletown, and I knew my grandfather had had a brother and relatives in that general area. Ancestry.com has now digitized some Middletown City Directories, and I have discovered that Louis, his wife Yetta, and other relatives were living in Middletown during various parts of the 1920s, 30s, (and beyond, for some descendants). In 1936, for the first time, my great-grandmother was listed as Louis' widow! But, where are they now? And what happened to the farm?

It is a cold, gray day in March 2004 when I visit Middletown, Connecticut. I have an appointment with a wonderful man recommended to me by a helpful lady at the Middlesex County Historical Society. His name is Nathan Shapiro and, though 89 years old, he is actively involved in the hospital board, the historical society, and the synagogue where Louis worked in Middletown from about 1923 to 1935. We visit the synagogue (saw Louis' notebook), Godfrey Library (copied Louis' funeral bill) and cemetery with relatives, but not Louis and Yetta.

The next day at the office of the Haddam Town Clerk, I find the books with the land records—and find genealogical gold! It seems that Louis bought his farm, with a "partner" (co-signer?) in August 1911. There are numerous transactions, some involving (separately) three sons and a son-in-law and other Haddam properties. I also see that he had been given a loan, apparently for only \$300 of the \$2,800 purchase price, by the Jewish Agricultural and Industrial Aid Society of New York City. (From other reading about that organization I believe they also located the property and encouraged the move from New York City.) Yes, the farm's in Turkey Hill, but where? That is a lot less clear. But one of the bounds, on one side, is Turkey Hill Cemetery, near a fork in the road. I find out from the clerk's map that the cemetery is on Turkey Hill Rd. I don't have time to find it on this trip.

When I returned home, (that's now Easton, PA) I continued to use the Internet, and call several second cousins and other relatives-and relatives of relatives—whose numbers I had acquired through persons introduced to me by Mr. Shapiro. My files (piles) of information were growing. I now had a copy of Louis' obituary, courtesy of "Phyllis" at the Russell Library, the funeral bill from the Godfrey Library (old records of Doolittle Funeral Home in Middletown) and the death certificate from Middletown. From these, I discovered that Louis was buried in an old cemetery in Queens (New York City) that I had never heard of! I still did not know what had happened to Great Grandma Yetta--or when, though Haddam Land records showed her involved in a sale of land in Turkey Hill—while living in New York—in 1941. (I subsequently learned from the cemetery caretaker (in Queens) that she was there, too—buried on June 3, 1950, and had died in N.Y.) I still wanted to find that farm, and other information. A charming lady, 88 years old, who is a niece of my great uncle's wife, and heard about my quest from Mr., Shapiro, has called me. Her name is Hazel Dubin. She says she can find the farm, she knows exactly where it is.

It's a hot day in June 2004 and I am back in Connecticut visiting good friend Gloria Bein in West Hartford. After a stop at the Middletown Town Clerk for some birth and death certificates, and the Probate Court for a will, we pick up the charming and knowledgeable Hazel in Middletown and head for Haddam. She guides us along Saybrook Road to Jail Hill Rd. to Turkey Hill Rd. Just where Turkey Hill Rd. splits (Turkey Hill Rd. to the left and Cedar Lake Rd. to the right—she says, "That's it!" pointing to a house actually on Cedar Lake Rd. We drive down Turkey Hill Rd. past the Turkey Hill Cemetery, containing the very old stones of early Haddam settlers. I marvel at how lovely, and from a New York perspective, how wild—the country still is. I try to envision how it all seemed to my Orthodox Jewish immigrant great-

grandparents from New York in 1911! Suddenly *they're real Americans*—*landowners* (forbidden in the “old country”) and the proud owners of a house with “a parlour stove, a kitchen stove, a horse, a wagon, two oxen, three cows, a calf, a cream separator, and 50 chickens (noted in land records)! The nearest synagogue is in Middletown and the roads are dirt wagon tracks. Now to meet the neighbors (assorted Dickinsons, Parmelees, Tylers, and Gustaf{August} Johnson, a Swedish farmer next door)! My great grandfather must have been pretty friendly with Mr. Johnson. In 1916 (as per land records) Mr. Johnson, then about 71 and alone (see 1910 census), sold Louis his 40 acres in exchange for “lifelong support”, living with Louis’ family and with Louis supplying food, clothes, and medical care! I tried, but failed, to find Mr. Johnson in the 1920 census.

Starting in 1911 (I believe Louis may have been first) a few of the farms in Turkey Hill—and a property in Tylerville fronting on Camp Bethel Road (more about this one later)—are purchased by Jewish families. A scan of the 1910 census does not seem to show any Jewish names in Haddam; with the exception of the two Zagoren families in Tylerville, the small number of Haddam Jews in 1920 seem clustered in Turkey Hill.

But now back to that wonderful day in June. We have returned to the corner of Jail Hill Road and Saybrook Road (Middlesex Turnpike) and are looking at the old jail. The last prisoner has left long ago, but Hazel is telling us how the warden would take prisoners for a hot dog a bit up Saybrook Rd to “Pop’s Stand”. “Pop” was Jacob Zagoren of Tylerville, Hazel’s grandfather. (Note his occupation in the 1930 census states “road stand”.) Aside from hungry inmates and locals, “Pop” sold lots of franks—and home-made sauerkraut—to travelers taking Saybrook Road to the Connecticut Shore, according to Hazel—who, by the way, was born on Jacob’s farm. She even showed us the house—and stated it was where her aunt Ethel married my grandfather’s brother Harris (Louis’ son) in 1916.

The following day, another wonderful discovery—this time due to the help of Lisa at the Haddam Historical Society! The Society has just been given the attendance records of the Turkey Hill (one-room) School from 1911 to 1916 (and from other district schools)! From these, I learned that my great-aunt Rose was the teacher there in 1916! (She also taught in Tylerville in 1915, and she must have continued to teach locally for the next few years, as she is the daughter of Louis listed in the 1920 census—as a teacher. Hazel says Rose’s sister Esther also drove her, in a horse-drawn wagon, to a teaching job in East Haddam at some point. She later married and moved to N.Y., but taught until retirement age.) In 1911, though, the students included Esther, Louis’ youngest child. In the 1914-15 school year, my mother’s older brother William, then only 6, was a student and in 1915-16, older sister Dorothy, 9, briefly joined him. As per the 1920 census, he was still living with Louis in 1920.

A look through these records shows an interesting demographic pattern of significance way beyond my own family, though. Despite what appears to be an absence of Jews in 1910, the 1911 roster of students—for Turkey Hill School—8 girls and 4 boys—appear to be ALL Jewish! Both the sudden appearance of a localized cluster of Jewish families in a very Gentile town, and the absence of any non-Jews in the same school—a public school—invite much further research. Of the 12 students, 3 girls and one boy were siblings in the Langer family. (Their oldest brother married Esther (Goldberg) a few years later.) The censuses reveal that this same neighborhood contained a fairly large “Temporary Home for Children”. Judging by names and census data none of them were Jewish. Perhaps they ran their own internal school. What becomes apparent (1930 census) is that most of the Jews did not stay long on these farms. Though some returned to New York City or other places, a fair number simply moved to Middletown, West Hartford, etc. and they and/or their descendants stayed there through several—even the present—generation. That is what happened in my family, too.

Yes, I found the family farm—but so much more, and not just about the Goldbergs. Maybe “You have a friend in Pennsylvania”—but I made some GREAT friends in Connecticut!

If anyone has information on the Turkey Hill Jewish settlers or families please call Fran Kastin at 610-923-7705 or fkastin@earthlink.net.




Family of Louis and Yetta Goldberg, circa 1901.
Top row: Benjamin, Murray Jerome.
Front row: Isidore, Louis, Harris, Esther, Yetta, Rose.

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Old House Enthusiasts and Support Group

Are you an historic house buff? Do you currently live in or own an antique home undergoing restoration? Do you have questions or advice about restoring a historic building? Would you like to swap "renovation" stories? Would you like to meet others with similar interests? Starting in February the Haddam Historical Society will begin a series of get togethers for people interested in all aspects of owning, living in and working on historic buildings. We will have special guests including restoration carpenters, architects, and other professionals who will provide valuable information and insights. It will give people the opportunity to network with other "old house lovers" and trade information. Hopefully we will have the chance to visit different homes and sites throughout town to share experiences. The first meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thankful Arnold House. Executive Director, Lisa Malloy, who works part time for the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, will discuss preservation standards and the different types of landmarking in Connecticut. Please call Lisa at 345-2400 if you are interested in attending.

Haddam Guides

In an effort to engage more people and increase our membership and visibility, the joint Membership and Development Committee has recently instituted a new program called the "Haddam Guides". The guides will offer a personal tour of Haddam to new residents. The tour will highlight historic and significant sites in town and can be tailored to the new residents' interests. Committee members Deb Rutter, Jan Sweet, Marge DeBold, Leslie Starr, Joy Anderson, Barbara Glista, Lisa Cowan and Lisa Malloy are currently working on route and content of the tour and we expect to start tours early next year. For further information call 345-2400.

Founders' Day Award 2004

Every year the Historical Society presents the Founders' Day Award to a volunteer who has made a significant contribution to the organization. This year's recipient was Ed Schwing, former board member and current chair of the Collections Committee. Ed has an abiding love of Haddam and history and the society is fortunate to have enjoyed his active participation for so many years. He regularly scours e-bay for any artifacts relating to our town's history and has been known to drop everything and jump into his truck to rescue an important artifact. Our restoration award went to Nancy Brainerd Foltz of Haddam Neck and Easton, PA for the restoration of the Brooks-Gillette House in Haddam Neck and Patrick Pinnell and Kathleen Curran for the restoration of their 3-seat outhouse at the Levi Ward Tavern in Higganum.

Share *Your* Ancestors

For the 2005 annual Community Collections we invite members, friends and neighbors to share *their* family history. Whether you are a 12th generation Haddamite or your ancestors came through Ellis Island – Your History is America's History!

We encourage residents to exhibit family photos and mementos to show where you came from and who your ancestors were. Do you have a wedding photograph of your great-grandparents? How about grandfather's service records? Is there a photograph of the family homestead? We encourage families with roots all over the state, country and world to exhibit. The display will help us appreciate who we are and where we came from. Everyone has a story to tell!

The exhibit will run from Friday, April 1 through Friday, April 8, 2005. On Saturday and Sunday the house will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the week the exhibit will be open during regular office hours. On Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. we will have a workshop for children (ages 6-12) to prepare a family tree. Cost is \$3.00 for non-members and free for members. Admission to the exhibit is free. For information call 345-2400.

Fall Country Auction, A Success!

On Saturday, October 23, Haddam Elementary School was abuzz with activity when the Haddam Historical Society and Brainerd Memorial Library co-hosted a tremendously successful Fall Country Auction. Mary Bird of the historical society and Lori Chadwick of the Library co-chaired the event and worked with a crew of wonderful volunteers from both organizations to collect, list and set up the event. Our warmest thanks go to Jeanne Calhoun, antiques specialist and Jack Calhoun auctioneer who were assisted by Kevin Cross and Beth Hartke. We would also like to thank Apizza Fresco for donating pizza and the many volunteers who donated baked goods. The chili was compliments of Diana Link. The event drew in over 100 participants including a number of antiques dealers, neighbors and friends. We had many fascinating items donated from a gold naugahide reading chair to patent model of a clothes wringer. The total income was just over \$8000 and will be used by Brainerd Memorial Library for restoration work on the lobby's historic dome and the Historical Society will fund chimney renovations. Again, thank you to all who donated items and volunteered to make the event a wonderful success.

50th Anniversary Events

The Society is planning a number of special events and celebrations for our 50th Anniversary in 2005. In the spring we will commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the dedication of the Thankful Arnold House Museum with a ceremony and reception. In the fall we are planning a house tour "From Privies to Parlors" and a gala Founders Day Dinner. We are also planning a holiday open house with rooms decorated to reflect different generations of Arnolds who resided there. There will be commemorative items available for purchase including polo shirts with our new "quill pen" logo. There is also talk about instituting a historic house plaque program identifying the date and original builder of the building. However, all these events require volunteers! If you are interested in helping with any of the above activities please call Lisa Malloy for further information.

The Haddam Historical Society would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the 2004 Connecticut Spring Antiques Show.

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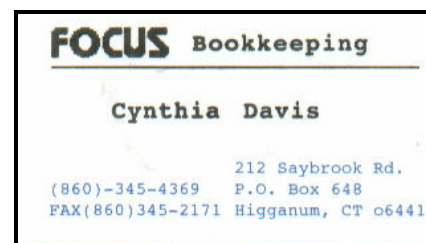
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HADDAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 15, Saturday

15th Night Celebration at “Station Hill”, 946 Saybrook Road, Haddam. 6:00 p.m.

Post holiday “pick-me-up” potluck dinner at the wonderful historic home of Town Historian Jan Sweet. We ask that you bring a dish to share and spirits to enjoy. For further info call 345-2400 or 345-4246. Basket of Cheer drawing and Haddam trivia contest.

January 23 and February 6, Sunday

Winter Woolies at the Thankful Arnold House, 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Join master knitter Beth Hartke for an afternoon of knitting, stitching and good conversation. Call 345-2400 for further information.

February 10, Thursday

Old House Enthusiasts Group, Thankful Arnold House, 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam. 6:30 p.m.

Join other old house buffs for a networking and information session. Director Lisa Malloy will speak about preservation standards and landmarking options in Connecticut. First in a series. Call 345-2400.

March 12 and 13, Saturday and Sunday

32nd Connecticut Spring Antiques Show, Expo Center, Hartford. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-5

The Haddam Historical Society hosts the nationally recognized Antiques Show exhibiting pre-1840 furniture and accessories. Educational programs and booth chats. Volunteer in exchange for free admission

April 1-8, Friday through Friday.

Weekday open- office hours, Sat. and Sun open 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Collections – Share Your Ancestors, Your History is America’s History. Thankful Arnold House, 14 Hayden Road, Haddam.

We invite members, neighbors and friends to share photographs and mementoes of their ancestors and relatives. Children’s family tree workshop on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Admission to exhibit is free. Workshop free for members, \$3.00 for non-members.

Do You Like to Sing?

Historical Society to form Civil War Choir

We are looking for folks who like to sing to form a small choir to perform Civil War era songs at HHS sponsored events such as the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School "Civil War Days" in May and at the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society Memorial Day program at the Amasa Day House in Moodus. Core members already include members of the Haddam Neck Congregational Church Choir who have performed these songs for the last seven years throughout Middlesex County. Please contact Lisa Malloy at 345-2400 or Nancy Hart at 267-2713 if you are interested.

We are still looking for local photos from 1870 to 1930 to use in our upcoming publication "Daily Life in Haddam 1870-1930" to be published by Arcadia Publications. The book will be available in September 2005.

2004 Annual Appeal

Our first community wide annual appeal was an extremely successful initial endeavor. More than 80 donors, both members and non-members, supported the campaign. Funds will be used to help maintain the Thankful Arnold House, collect and preserve items related to the history of Haddam and create quality heritage displays and programs. The Society is extremely grateful to everyone who contributed.

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