



SOCIETY RECEIVES OF GRANT

We are extremely pleased to announce the Society has received a check for \$6,000 from the George Dudley Seymour XXI Trust in partial support of the publication of our "History of Willington". This is an outright grant and comes from the Colonial Bank of Waterbury, Conn. The only request made was that they receive a "notice of support" within the publication.

This, together with the outstanding support we have received from the community, will make it possible to proceed without further fund raising efforts at this time.

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Date: November 12, 1982
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Center school

Ernest Kline and Isabel Weigold will give illustrated talks on two aspects of Willington's history. Ernest will talk on the story behind the formation of the Historic District on the town green.

Isabel will show slides which have been made from old photographs, talk about the formation of the town as it

grew around its various industries and the resulting lack of communication between the various villoges.

This same talk will be given at the Stafford Historical Society on November 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the old Railroad Station building in Stafford Center. Everyone invited.

ST. JUDE'S BAZAAR

The St. Jude's Bazaar will be held on November 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and November 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Members of the Society are asked to contribute items for the sale. Tree decorations, maps, cookies, soap, notepaper and books will also be available.

SENIOR CITIZENLISTS

The Senior Citizens are sponsoring a FREE musical program by the "Sentimentalists", who will furnish music for listening and dancing. This orchestra played music of the 40s and was a tremendous hit when they played here last spring. This program will be held at the Senior Center on Old Farms Road on November 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and is open to the public - everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Raymond Daley was elected Vice President and Harold J. Weigold was re-elected as Secretary for a term of two years.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The illustrated talk on Wildflowers in Willington by Harold Weigold was enjoyed by an attentive audience. The pictures were presented in the order of their appearance from the earliest, the skunk cabbage, to the fall asters appearing in September and October. The talk was a follow up to the one given last May by Barbara Shaw.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES

Gift certificates, hand painted and individually decorated, will be available for anyone wishing to give a copy of the "History of Willington" by Ronald Deane as a gift at Christmas or for any other occasion. The price has been tentatively established and will be finalized at the next meeting on November 12. The suggested price is \$18.00. The certificates may be purchased from a member of the Executive Committee or by calling Isabel Weigold at 427-2656.

IN THE PROOFREADING STAGE

The first five chapters of our History have been completed in galley form. Edward Williams, Ernest Kline and Isabel Weigold have been the proofreaders. So far things have been going smoothly and we are still hoping to have the book sometime in January.

RECENT GIFTS

Abstracts from the Colonial Records and from Town Records dating from 1733 to 1757 were given by Mrs. Georgianna Booth in September, 1982.

WILLINGTON EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION PROGRAMS BEING SOUGHT

The Society has a nearly complete collection of eighth grade graduation programs dating from the 1920's to 1974. We need one for 1948 and one for each of the years from 1975 to 1981. If anyone has a copy for one or more of these years and would like to donate

it, please contact Isabel Weigold.

INDENTURED SERVANTS IN WILLINGTON by Jennie H. Church (Continuation of story in September Newsletter)

An indenture on parchment paper, water-marked with the British Lion rampant and the words "Pro Patria," is owned by an antiquarian in Willington. Indenture means in simple language, duplicate copies of an instrument written on one sheet and separated by a clipping, zigzag. "This indenture made the nineteenth day of January anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty one witnesseth: That Henry Cortiss, son of William Cortiss late of the Town of Ashford in the County of Windham and Colony of Connecticut in New England which Henry Cortiss now is under the care of the Selectmen of the Town of Ashford aforesaid, and now doth of his own free will and accord and by and with the advice of us, Jedediah Dana, Ezra Smith, Amos Babcock, Benjamin Sumner and Ebenezer Byles, Selectmen of the Town of Ashford aforesaid place, put and bind himself an apprentice unto Joseph Whiton his heirs, executors or administrators, to serve and dwell from the day of the date of these presents until the full end and term of ten years, seven months and nine days from thence next ensuring to be fully completed and ended, during all which term of ten years, seven months and nine days the said apprentice his said master shall faithfully serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands everywhere obey; he shall do no hurt to his said master, nor waste nor lend his master's goods unlawfully, nor suffer it to be done by others without giving speedy notice thereof to his said master.

At any unlawful game he shall not play. He shall not commit fornication nor contract matrimony within said term of time, nor absent himself by day or night from his master's service without his master's leave; but in all things behave himself as a good and faithful apprentice ought to do to his master all said term of the time.

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And the master shall provide for his apprentice good and sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing and lodging and necessary physick all said term of time, both in sickness and in health, and also in said term of time teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the said apprentice to read the English tongue and to write a good legible hand and to cipher as far as the rule of three.

And when said apprentice shall have served out his said term of time, then his master, his heirs, executors or administrators shall give unto said apprentice a good middling pair of oxen, and a good middling cow, and shall also give said apprentice two good suits of apparel for all parts of his body, one of said suits fitting for working days, according to his degree.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Henry Cortis
Joseph Whiton
Jedediah Dana
Lzra Smith
Ebenezer Dyles
Kezia Spring
Elijah Whiton

The above written indenture was made by and with the advice and consent of one Elijah Whiton, Justice of the Peace."

The Cortiss homestead is located about three quarters of a mile northeast of Willington Hill in a valley on a back road. The last Cortiss to live there was Ward Cortiss, who died of typhoid fever when a young man. The farm was sold to George H. Cosgrove and is now the home of the Wraight family. (Ed. Note: It was most recently owned by Mr. Boos.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 9 Ernest Kline and Isabel Weigold
Place: Stafford Springs Railroad Depot
Time: 7:30 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER (continued)

November 12 Ernest Kline and Isabel Weigold
Place: Center School
Time: 7:30 p.m.

November 18, 19 St. Jude's Christmas Bazaar
Place: St. Jude's Center
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thurs.
4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday

November 21: "Sentimentalists"
Place: Senior Center
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

March 18: Willington Historical Society meets
Program yet to be announced.

May 20: Willington Historical Society meets
Program yet to be announced

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Betty Robertson, President
Raymond Daley, Vice President
Harold W. Weigold, Secretary
Frances Daley, Treasurer
Nancy Desmarais, Membership Chairperson
Harriett Marco, Program Chairperson
Isabel Weigold, Research Committee Chairperson

FLEA MARKET

Sales were brisk at the Flea Market in September. We sold many of the leftover tag sale items and sold out our supply of old dog tags and fishing licenses. Our maps, always popular are nearly gone. We took in over \$20.00 as we roasted in the sun but it was all worthwhile.

ADVANCED BOOK SALES

There are still a few people who failed to send in their checks by Oct. 1 in order to reserve a book at the \$15.00 price. If you signed up for a book and overlooked sending your check, we will accept late checks up until Nov. 15th. This applies only to those who have already signed up for a book.

The Society has received money for 172 books to date.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE