



STOW-INFO

Newsletter of the Stow Historical Society

ACQUISITION NIGHT TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 28, 1991

Members of the Stow Historical Society will be treated to a "New Acquisitions Night" at the next meeting of the society on Thursday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Randall Library. The focus of the society this year will be to expand its collection of archival material on Stow.

Ralph Crowell, one of the society's curators, will share information on these acquisitions which include booklets, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and genealogical information. "Of great interest is a history of the Old South School (1820-1847) written by A. G. R. Hale," Ralph noted. He also will highlight information on materials donated recently by Mary Warren and Charlie Childs.

A report also will be made by Jody Newman of the Ancient Documents Committee who has spent a number of years compiling vital record information from headstones in the three cemeteries in Stow. The work has been done under Jody's direction by the Ancient Documents Committee.

Jody reports that computerized vital record documents were completed this month on Lower Village Cemetery and Hillside Cemetery, and work is continuing on Brookside Cemetery. Copies of these documents have been donated to the society. Jody reports that members of the Ancient Documents Committee have slogged through mud, snow, and sleet to gather the information in the cemeteries.

These lists will be added to the genealogical information in the files of the Historical Society. Ginger Pearlman will report on the effort currently underway to set up a separate section of genealogical information to make all this material more easily accessible to researchers.

The society will step up its acquisition program, and is asking members and local residents to donate photographs of Stow, past and present, and any other material of historical interest.

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD GLEASON

Howard Gleason, founder and first president of the Stow Historical Society, died on January 19 at the age of 93. He was born in Stow and had spent his life here, taking an active part in town government.

Remembered by all as a knowledgeable historian, Howard became the first president of the Historical Society when it was organized 30 years ago and served in that capacity for five years. His research

papers delivered at Historical Society meetings are an integral part of the research collection in the society's archives, and he took part in town activities including the reenactment in 1974 of Lafayette's visit to Stow. He served many years on the Stow Planning Board and the Stow School Committee.

Howard also will be remembered as a gentleman with a fine sense of humor and great tactfulness, and most of all for his love and pride in Stow.

FRANNIE'S BOOK IS A BIG HIT

Sales of "Recollections of Stow" by the late Frannie Warren have been excellent, Carol Anthony reports. The paperback history, published by the Stow Historical Society, was launched at a publication party in December at Randall Library. "We have almost met the publication costs and know we will exceed those costs very soon," says Carol Anthony who spearheaded the publication of Frannie's memoirs.

The 132-page history, as only Frannie could tell it, can be purchased at the Stow Town Building, Randall Library, Maynard Paper Store, Hudson Book Store, Concord Book Store, Warren Store, and Derby's Orchard Stand. The cost is \$6.00. The book also may be obtained by mail order from Carol Anthony, 206 Gleasondale Rd., Stow, MA 01775, at a cost of \$10.

Carol reports that sales of Ellie Childs' "History of Stow" continue at a steady pace. This book, published for the 1983 Tercentenary, is available at most of the aforementioned places, at a cost of \$7.00, paperback; \$12.00, hard cover. The book also may be obtained from Carol Anthony by mail order.

MORE NEWS--Alan Kattelle is home and well after a brief hospitalization period in December.

DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE STOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 1990-91

Dorothy Sonnichsen, Treasurer, would be happy to hear from you if you have not submitted your dues for this year. Checks may be made out to the Stow Historical Society and sent to her at 101 Packard Rd., Stow, MA 01775.

- () Individual \$10 () Retired Individual \$5
- () Couple \$12 () Retired Couple \$7
- () Associate (Individual) \$5
- () Associate (Couple) \$7
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