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Welcome
to our world!
We are the Weston

Historical Society Trustees
and our world is the History of
Weston and the surrounding areas.

Many of you are members of our Society,
joining because of an interest in Weston
history or because of a civic sense of re-
sponsibility to support a local organization.

We hope you joined for both rea-
sons because we need your support for
which we pledge that we will continue to
expand our historically related program
to bring you closer to the history of
Weston and New England.

One way we plan to do this is to send
this quarterly newsletter to members. We
hope the information and stories pub-
lished in the chronicle will bring us closer
together.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

OUR FIRST ISSUE

This is the first issue of the Chronicle—a quarterly newsletter written for members of the Weston Historical Society. We have published newsletters in the past; however, this is the first issue of an expanded revision we know you will be proud to receive just as we are proud to send it to you.

The Chronicle will be a quarterly newsletter containing regular items and some feature stories we know you will enjoy. However, to keep the Chronicle of interest to you, we welcome any ideas you have for format and stories. Just write to the Editor, The Chronicle, P. O. Box 1092, Weston, CT 06883.

Future issues of the Chronicle will contain stories on Weston History, a list of many of the old houses in Weston and some articles on geneology.

We have sent this first issue to the residents of Weston. If you are not a member of the Weston Historical Society, you may wish to join so you can receive future copies which will be sent to members only.

HELP

Will you share your talents with us? See article on page 2 for areas where we need help.

THE WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY —WHO WE ARE

The Weston Historical Society was formed in 1961, it already held a substantial backlog of history to investigate, record and preserve. It was in 1671 that the forest land which is now Weston was marked off in long narrow divisions called "long lots" by the early settlers of New Fairfield on the Sound.

Weston officially became a town in 1787. Before that it was known as Norfield Parish and at that time what has become Easton and Weston was one area but because of geographical and transportation problems of the day had difficulty functioning as a community.

The Weston Historical Society —Who We Are (cont.)

The region was primarily devoted to farming but water power from the several branches of the Saugatuck River were soon put to use for driving grist mills, saw mills and in the 1800's for small industrial uses.

Weston's Historical Society saw the rapid changes taking place and concluded that positive action was needed to preserve articles and records so that both present and future generations could be aware of the town's heritage. As a result, it has been active on many individual projects, directed, as the By-Laws express it, at "Preserving the Past for the Benefit of the Future".

Barn Museum

The first major program was the acquiring and remodeling of an early working farm barn to house the gifts and acquisitions which flowed to the Society. Today this is a valued collection of early farm tools, furnishings, papers, clothing and records depicting how the early residents lived and made an often precarious livelihood. It is housed in the Barn Museum located on Weston Road. It is open at published times or by appointment for groups such as school children or interested adults. Open House at the Museum frequently includes demonstrations of craft work such as weaving, spinning or caining of chairs.

Meetings

The Society holds periodic meetings for its members and guests at which talks and demonstrations related to local or area history are presented.

PICTURE QUIZ

Can You Name This?



If you can name the item in the picture, send your answer and your name and address to the Editor:

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Weston, CT 06883

The answer will appear in the next issue.

URGENT

The Weston Historical Society would like any pictures you have of Weston—places, people, happenings or any time in history, especially before 1950.

We would like to copy them and will return your pictures to you as soon as possible.

These pictures will be kept in our archives and possibly will be used in future publications of the Society.

Please write to the Weston Historical Society, P. O. Box 1092, Weston, CT 06883 or call herb day, 227-6130.

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The barn in the picture is the museum of the Weston Historical Society located on Weston Road. It is open by appointment only and on selected weekends in the summer.

We are planning extensive renovation on the barn to enable us to offer more programs. More detailed information will appear in the future issues of the Chronicle.

PLEASE NOTE

This copy of the Chronicle is being sent to all Weston households. We invite your support of the Society by becoming a member.

If you would like to join the Weston Historical Society (and continue receiving the Chronicle), complete the form on page 3 (or a facsimile) and send along with your check to Mrs. V. H. Greenwood, 158 Georgetown Road, Weston, CT 06883.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The April meeting of your Society will feature Ms. Nancy Campbell who will speak on "How to Interpret Historic Houses". This meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, April 7, at the Norfield Congregational Church at 8:00 p.m.

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