

Weymouth Historical Society

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WELCOME SPRING !



HOLBROOK HOUSE

REMEMBER MARCH 16: We are looking forward to our March meeting and a thaw---we hope. The program committee and the hostesses thank every one of you who battled snow and ice this year to get out to hear our very fine speakers. Each meeting seemed to bring forth more and more praise and enthusiasm.

In March we shall welcome Mrs. Warner B. Hartford who has been associated with the Boston Museum of Fine Arts since 1951. She was in charge of the Loan Service to schools, was producer of the television show "Images" and has been a lecturer and study tour guide for the past sixteen years. Her illustrated lecture will trace the changing styles of American furniture from Early Colonial days through the Federal Period.

HOLDING THE LINE: In spite of inflation we're offering you the same annual dinner ticket price as that of last year--- \$5.00. A marvelous menu too! We'll use the same system of reservation-- see coupon below. Please plan to come because our program will be outstanding.

Annual Dinner Mon., April 25, 1977 6:30 pm

		Boneless Breast of Chicken			
Dressing		Gravy		Cranberry Sauce	
Rolls	Mashed Potato	Salad	Vegetable	Butter	
	Coffee	Assorted Ice Creams		Tea	

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Please cut off and mail to: Mrs. Wilbur Stanton
228 Pleasant Street
South Weymouth, Mass. 02190

Please send me _____ tickets for the dinner, Apr. 25, 1977.
I am enclosing my check for \$_____.

Name: _____

Street: _____

Town: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to "Weymouth Historical Society."

Tickets are \$5.00 each. Ask your friends to come also.

A GREAT NIGHT: In addition to the delicious dinner and good fellowship we will have as our speaker Francis Carpenter, Associate Director of the Museum of the American China Trade in Milton. This beautiful museum was the home of the Forbes family and we are fortunate that Mr. Carpenter will be with us to tell us about "The Old China Trade" in which so many in Massachusetts engaged.

Whether you can come to the dinner or not, remember that the annual meeting is open to all and will start about 8 pm.

WINTER CLOTHING: We thought the following excerpt would be interesting to you in view of the record winter we have endured. It is from "The Shoe Industry of Weymouth" by Bates Torrey, president of the society at the time and published by the society in 1933. Page 44:

"There was at one time [1866-8] a sort of shoe made at North Weymouth, of which there were very few made elsewhere; namely, a buffalo-lined shoe (or perhaps bootee) of a peculiar character. James Torrey and Alexis Torrey manufactured large quantities of them, being heavy and buckled tight around the ankle, and lined with buffalo hide with the fur inside next to the foot.

These buffalo hides were Indian tanned and came from the Western plains where buffalo were then plenty. They must have been pretty heavy to wear, but those were the days when people wore some clothes; the men heavy woolen underwear, with a fur cap and ear lappets, and a big fur muffler; the women wore a dozen or fifteen 'petticoats' and all wore home-knit woolen stockings....."

MUSEUM HOURS: A hearty thank-you to all who have worked there.

March 8, 15, 23, 28
April 5, 13, 18, 26

May 4, 9, 17, 25, 31
June 7, 14, 22, 27

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY FOR APR. 25.

Betty Kevitt

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