



Ellington Historical Society

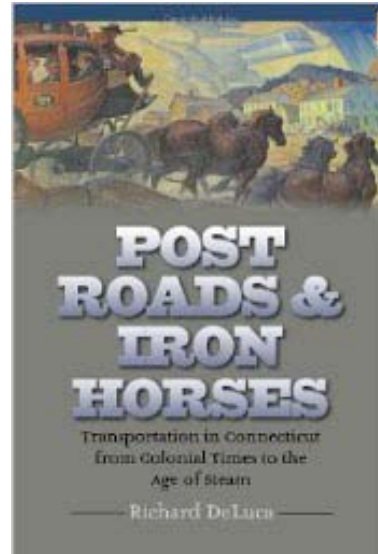
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April 2013 Newsletter

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on **Thursday, April 25, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. Following the business meeting, Richard DeLuca will present a program: *Post Roads and Iron Horses*. New York to Boston: From Six Days to Six Hours! This program focuses on the changes in transportation technology from the days of the first post rider, through the days of turnpikes and stages coaches and steamboats to the railroads and electric railways, and the quickening pace of travel between the region's two largest cities, New York and Boston.

Bakers for our April meeting are Pat Clapp, Pat Szemplinski, and Karyn Kloter.



News from the Curator-Nancy Long

The Nellie McKnight Museum will be open for the season on Thursday, May 2, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be open on Thursdays through the end of September.

Ellington Historical Society Flea Market and Bake Sale

Our annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on May 18, 2013 on the Nellie McKnight Museum grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Ellington Congregational Church will hold their indoor tag sale on this same date and the Farmer's Market will be open at Arbor Park. There is no rain date for our event. Spaces are 10' x 20' for a donation of \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. This donation is nonrefundable. Exhibitors of typical flea market/tag sale items are welcome. Craft and food exhibitors cannot be accepted. Applications are also available on our website: www.ellingtonhistsoc.org

The historical society bake sale will also be held on May 18 in the Nellie McKnight Museum from 9:00-2:00. Members will be contacted to bake and help staff this bake sale. In keeping with the guidelines given by North Central District Health, we are asking our bakers to package their baked goods so they are ready for sale. We do not want to handle or repackage the baked items and it really speeds up the bake sale set up if we only have to price the item. We thank you for your observance of these guidelines.

The museum will be open for tours on May 18. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the bake sale and museum staffing will be available at our meeting.

News from the President—Tim Fahy

The Ellington Farmer's Market theme on Saturday, June 29th will be "Farming Through the Years" and will feature the Ellington Historical Society. We will have an exhibit on "The Farmer's Wife" on display at the market at Arbor Park from 9 a.m.-noon. This will include items from Nellie's kitchen.

We mourn the passing of longtime member Jacqueline Russo, who passed away in March. Our sympathy goes out to her husband Joe. A book in her name will be donated to Hall Memorial Library in her memory.

We received a very generous monetary donation from member Shirley Hayden. Shirley supports the society in many ways, including photographing houses and cemeteries in Ellington and providing information to researchers who are seeking genealogical information. Thank you, Shirley!

News from the Archivist—Lynn Kloter Fahy

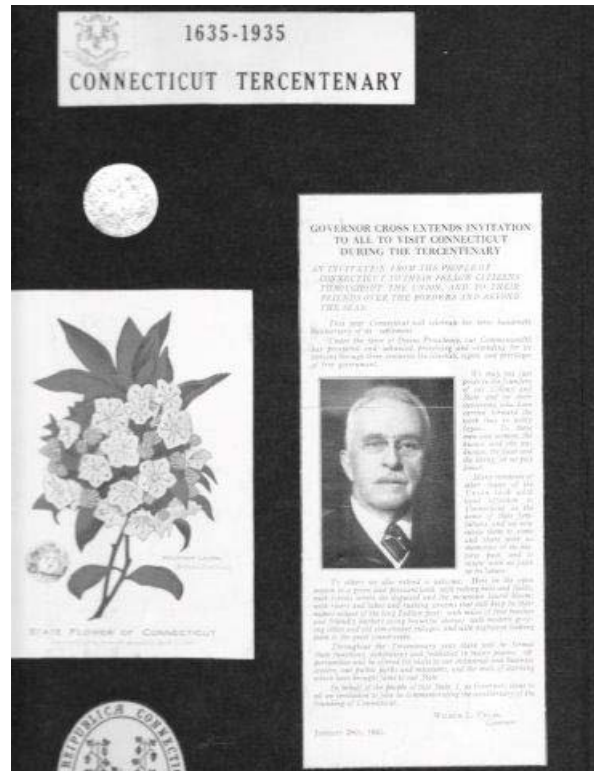
Items from the estate of Homer and Kay Peckham were donated recently to the Nellie McKnight Museum by Jaime Peckham. Included was this 1854 photograph of the house that contained classrooms and a gymnasium for the Edward Hall Family School for Boys. The building is now a private home next to the large apartment building on the corner of Main Street and Berr Avenue that used to house the Hall family and boarding students.



Another recent donation is a snapfish photo album about Moser Farms, donated by Joan and Roger Moser. It is a photographic history of the farm from the 19th to the 21st century. It

provides valuable documentation of the important part that the Moser family played in the history of Ellington's agricultural and industrial history.

Many thanks to Carolyn Blouin of the Vernon Historical Society, who found a scrapbook created by Emily McKnight Davis, Nellie's sister, among the donations to their upcoming book sale. She rescued it and it is now back in Ellington. Emily started the scrapbook in 1935, when Connecticut was celebrating its Tercentenary. It contains photographs and newspaper and magazine clippings. Shirley Hayden has offered to scan the scrapbook for long-term preservation. Both the Moser book and the scrapbook will be on display at the April meeting.



Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library--Potluck supper and annual elections (Members Only)

Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library, Tom Craughwell, author of *Stealing Lincoln's Body*

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m. p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library, T. Garth Connelly, Naval Historian, author, and expert on the history of PT boats in World War II.