

NEWSLETTER

NORWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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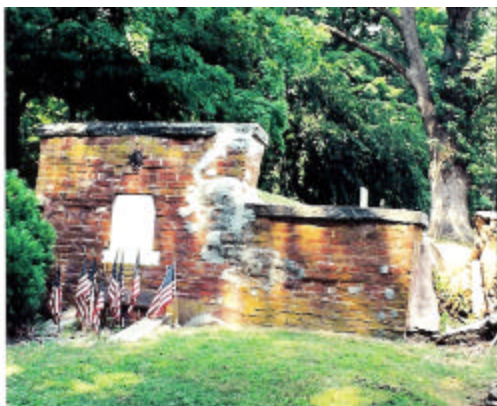
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Ongoing Projects

Huntington Tomb Restoration:



Bill Stanley, Past President of NHS, has been instrumental in the Huntington Tomb Restoration Project. He has been the project facilitator for NHS, the city and other historical groups in the area. NHS has worked with the city to secure services and help with the project. NHS is conducting on-going fund raising project with area businesses. The financial goal for the project is \$25,000 and all donors of \$1000.00 or more will be recognized with a plaque near the gravesite. Anyone interested in

donating should make checks payable to the City of Norwich, with "Huntington Tomb Restoration Project" noted in the memo section. Mailing address:

City Hall
Union Square
Comptroller, Joe Ruffo
Norwich, CT 06360

Projects

Chelsea Landings

NHS' Olive Buddington has been working on a request for information about the ships that berthed at Chelsea Landings. The request came from the Richard Moiel out of Texas.

Apparently his grandfather, who came from Russia, worked in a factory in Norwich in the early 1900's and would travel back and forth from New York to Norwich on one of the ships.

Benedict Arnold



In July 2002, a request from Rosen Publishing of New York City came in for information about Benedict Arnold. The publisher was looking for the information for an upcoming children's book. NHS sent the publisher information and pictures in October 2002.

Bard Family

Bard Family Grave Site

Yantic Cemetery

Section 84, Lot 4

Date of Internment 1-16-1921

Charles Bard



Olive Isakson, Edward Rogalski and Karen Warfield did research on the Bard Family of Norwich, in response to an inquiry from the New York Preservation Society in July 2002. The research project included pictures, a family tree and a brief summary of Charles Bard's business dealings. The project was completed in September 2002.

Networking Liaison Project

The NHS has been working hard to bring together various historical organizations to coordinate efforts and to network amongst themselves. It is hoped that as a team, this networking can work towards educating and facilitating information to the general public. The networking group had its first meeting in October of 2002 followed by a second meeting in February 2003. The group meets once a quarter to exchange ideas and information. Those organizations that have participated thus far are:

Rose City Genealogy
Society of the Founders
Norwich Heritage Trust
Norwich Heritage Discovery Center
Historical Norwich Town Days Committee

Annual Meeting

Speaker: Bill Stanley

*March 24th, 2003 at 7:00 pm
Mohegan Park Recreation Center
75 Mohegan Road*

Programs Held

“Norwich’s African American Heritage”

-Diane Daniels

“Norwich’s role in the Civil War”

-Duncan Stoddard

“300 years of Connecticut gravestones”

-John J. Spaulding

Mohegan Tribal Historian

-Melissa Tantequideon

“Benedict Arnold”

-Bill Stanley

“Military Leaders of Norwich”

-Harold O’Connell

“House Restoration”

-Lost Art Joinery

-Bill Champagne (Refurbishing)

-Karen Roman (Finances)

President’s Corner

We’ve had a very interesting year ... many wonderful program (educational) events, some great topics with fantastic speakers. If you were not there – you were missed.

Our focus, of course, during the first year has been on organizing the Society so we can be effective and essential. We continue to look for relevant education topics and speakers, define our role in the City and ensure that we have the ability to be an effective organization.

We’ve also need your participation – there are many tasks involved from doing research, to attending meetings, to helping mail out information – there is always something! If you feel that you would like to help but not necessarily have to attend monthly meetings, please contact one of the officers – we need you!

I look forward to seeing you March 24th at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

David Warfield
President