

REPORTS

HOUSE

COMMITTEE

1967 - 1977

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
1967

In order to bring all the members up-to-date on the Hills House, I'd like to submit the following report of work done on the house since last Spring.

1. Since Spring, water has been installed. This required many hours of labor and repairs to the pipeline in the field which had been broken and otherwise damaged. Robert Smith donated much of his labor and a discount of 5% on materials. Cost amounted to \$155.97.

A previous estimate by others had been approximately \$300.00

2. Repairs to the roof which was leaking was done by Robert Hill and Fred Rowell at no charge.

3. Repairs were made several times to boards covering windows and doors, by Fred Rowell. Vandals had broken-in, necessitating the repairs. There was no charge for this work.

4. All electrical wiring and fixtures were checked, and put in working order. Repair of fixtures broken by vandals will be done by Rowell and Miller Inc. There was no charge for all of this work.

A previous estimate for this work was \$150.00.

5. Replacing glass in windows and doors by Gate City Glass \$289.20. The cost of labor would have been double, but Mr. Chabot of Gate City Glass agreed to cut cost in half, if we would take out the windows and replace them, also 10% would be taken off the cost of glass, for cash payment.

Last Sunday, Robert Hill, Clifton Rowell, Norwood Keeney, Charles Parker and Donald Spaulding took the windows out for Gate City Glass. They are to be picked up Monday.

At present, the glass has been replaced and the windows returned. Now they need to be put back as soon as possible to keep the water from freezing in the water pipes.

6. Robert Smith is at present installing heat. The present boiler was found to be in good condition, so it will be converted to oil.

An oil burner in good condition was donated by Zoula Rowell.

An almost new oil tank was donated by Greg Dearborn for the house.

Work is progressing well and there should be heat within a week.

7. Robert Smith has checked the sewerage system and found it to be adequate with very little repair needed.

8. Charles Parker, Robert Hill and Fred Rowell spent quite some time cleaning-up after the last spell of vandalism. Rubbish was carted to the dump.

9. A new line and poles were installed from the Street to the house by the Public Service, at no cost to the Society.

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10. Rewiring by Rowell & Miller in the three room and bath apartment has been done, including adequate recepticals. There were none in these rooms. Convenient light switches were installed, as previously pull chains had been used, but were now broken.

A separate panel and meter were installed for the apartment.
Connection for electric stove has also been installed.
Fixtures will be installed when caretakers are moving in.
Estimate for this work is \$150.00.

11. Two Saturdays in August were spent by Mrs. MacDowell, an interested non-member, Fred Rowell and Zoula Rowell, in cleaning the three rooms, bathroom and upper hall of the apartment. Fred Rowell swept up broken glass, paper and other rubbish. Mrs. MacDowell washed all woodwork and Zoula Rowell applied polish. It was found that woodwork does not have to be refinished. It is dusty, at present, because of the work having been done, but after dusting off, and another coat of polish, it will be in good condition.

12. Robert Smith donated a tank cover for the bathroom to replace the one which had been broken by vandals.

13. Mr. Melvin Clement gave us a very low price on repairing holes made in the ceilings. These have all been repaired, but one, at a cost of \$30.00. The remaining one is a very large one of a different material and should be repaired next week.

14. Mr. Paul Buxton surveyed the land of the area which we would like to keep with the house for lawns and parking, and drew a plan to submit for incorporation in a lease.

15. Charles Parker and Rowell & Miller Inc. have furnished a truck for use at the Hills house on many occasions. There is a possibility that others have helped, but their names are not known to me at the present time.

If any men are available, there is much brush to be picked up along the driveway and on the north side of the house.

Fred Rowell would like to mow the lawns and along the driveway so that in the Spring when the grass starts growing, it would look more like a lawn than a hayfield. Please let us know if you could help with this.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Chairman
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
SPRING 1968

Work has resumed at the Hills house this month after our lease was signed.

Since last year's report, the two Provencal boys picked up the dead limbs and brush along the driveway and took a truck load to the dump. They were to return to finish the job, but the next day, it snowed and winter set in. The boys will try to complete taking the piles of branches away as soon as possible. Fred Rowell will mow the lawn around the house, if the snow melts away and the brush is picked up.

Robert Smith is installing a separate heating system for the apartment.

The kitchen downstairs was also without central heating and radiation will be installed so that there will be heating facilities there. The Hills family heated this room with a kitchen stove. Clifton Rowell is donating a radiator for the kitchen.

An electric water heater will also be installed.

Rowell & Miller Inc., furnished three days' labor, removing several layers of paper from ceilings, and some of the walls in the apartment, and painted the ceilings in the apartment and upper hall.

As soon as Mr. Smith is finished with his work, the apartment will be papered by volunteer labor.

Two members of the House Committee have picked out the wallpaper for all of the rooms in the apartment and the hallway.

Interviewing of applicants for caretakers will start next week.

As soon as the apartment is completed and occupied, the boards will be taken away from the windows and doors. The next project will be painting the outside of the house. Volunteers will be needed.

We are now concentrating on selling Commemorative Plates of the Hills house to help finance the above mentioned work.

Our next large money raising project will probably be a House Tour of homes in Hudson. Some members have already offered their homes for the Tour.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Chairman
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
September 24, 1968

The apartment for the Caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pecce, has been completed. The woodwork and floors were scrubbed and polished, once before the rooms were papered and again after they were completed. Mrs. Lenor MacDowell gave one day of her time for this work. The remaining hours which she worked doing this job were paid for by the Society. The papering was done by Ruth Margaret Parker with the assistance of Charles Parker and Doris Provencal. The small hall upstairs and entrance hall downstairs were done with the assistance of Barbara Cady and Marjory Smith.

Others assisting with the great amount of work which it took to get this three-room and bath apartment completed were Robert Hill, Clifton Rowell, Fred Rowell, Harold Miller, Doris Provencal and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pecce and your Chairman.

Mr. Tom Muller and Mr. Keeney assisted Mr. Hill in painting the windows on the outside so that the combination windows could be installed. Mr. Everett Millett spent time Saturday cleaning up the room for us to meet in. Mr. Pecce took the rubbish to the dump and removed the boards from the windows upstairs so that the house looks a little more as if it is occupied by tenants. Mr. Pecce donated and installed a light fixture for their porch entrance. Mrs. Pecce painted the inside of the windows in their apartment. These were badly in need of painting. The chairs which we are using in the meeting room were donated by Rowell & Miller Inc.

During the summer, your chairman and her right-hand-woman, Doris Provencal, spent many days driving here and there, begging for materials or articles which could be used in the house, either as a donation or at a discount. This meant many consultations and many miles of driving from one place to another.

Some of the articles which were donated to us were: all the kitchen cabinets and a man to install them. Chagnon Lumber donated the cabinets and they provided a man, Mr. Blanchard to install them. Also Chagnon's donated the cabinet top and two door jambs which were needed for the apartment. Mrs. Provencal provided lumber for shelves for the walk-in closet and she painted them. Fred Rowell, Doris Provencal and Zoula Rowell painted the radiators. Hammar Hardware gave us 50% discount on window shades and shade pulls.

Paint for the exterior of the house was donated by Fletcher Paint Works of Milford, and Nashua Wallpaper. Door stops were donated by Chagnon Lumber. Nashua Wallpaper gave a substantial discount on wallpaper and paint.

Many other small articles were purchased by Mrs. Rowell and Mrs. Provencal and donated to the Society. Doorknobs were donated by Charles Parker. A shelf for the bathroom was donated and installed by Mr. Robert Hill. Mr. Hill has also done other carpenter work on the house.

There are still a few minor things to do to complete the work in the apartment and this will be done in the near future.

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September 24, 1968

Mrs. Norwood Keeney has offered to do the Tower Room as a donation.

Through the efforts of Clifton Rowell, our caretakers were procured and we are most happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Pecce with us.

Next Saturday will be a work day on the outside, and all members who can possibly assist in any way are asked to report any time during the day when they are available. Work will start in the morning and continue throughout the day. There will be scraping paint, painting, mowing lawns, picking up branches, etc. We hope to paint the house before winter.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Chairman
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
October 22, 1968

The following progress has been made during the past month:

Baseboard radiation for our kitchen was donated by Harold Miller.

The oil tank for the apartment was donated by Clifton Rowell.

Installation of heat and plumbing has been completed in the apartment and in our part of the house.

Mr. Pecce donated and installed floor tile in the apartment kitchen. He also installed and painted the combination door which was purchased for their apartment entrance.

Fred Rowell, Doris Provencal and Zoula Rowell installed the shades. All shades have been procured for the apartment and our part of the house with the exception of the large one for the Library which will have to be custom made, and two for the room in the back downstairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Pecce also cleaned out the kitchen, washed the floor, and Mr. Pecce installed the kitchen electric stove which had to be moved because of the radiation which Mr. Smith placed on the outside wall. Mr. Pecce has also started cleaning out the cellar.

It will be necessary to have a double door made for the front door and double doors or windows for the two double doors which lead onto the front porch. This will be necessary to keep out the cold. Also there are several holes in the foundation which need to be filled in.

I have made arrangements to have all furniture which is at the High School turned over to us, to be returned to the house. We will be notified when it is ready to be moved.

Mrs. Dorothy Crockett has a painting which someone painted for Dr. Hills, and which had been thrown out because it was damaged. She had it repaired and informed me that she intended to return it to the house sometime.

We have had ideal weather for painting the exterior of the house, but no volunteers, except the men who supervised the Boy Scouts one Saturday. Unless some of the male members or the women can get their husbands to help out, it will be necessary to hire painters, and we do not really have the money to do this.

If any of you can help or can get someone to help, please let me know and we'll plan so that you'll have the paint anytime that you are available, as the house is badly in need of paint.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
Alvirne House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT-NOVEMBER 24, 1968

Since our October meeting, the Firemen cleaned the chimneys and last Sunday, they again came to the Hills House and assisted with their ladders to cover the chimneys with wire to keep out the squirrels and doves.

The storm windows donated by Indian Head Millwork were put up by Mr. Hill assisted by Mr. Pecce. The wood combination door for the front door is being made by Nashua Woodcraft in Hudson.

Rowell & Miller provided gravel to fill in near the front porch. As more is needed, they will send enough to fill in where the rain has washed away the soil.

The broken window in the Butler's pantry has been replaced by Mr. Hill. Paper has been bought to paper the room, off the meeting room, which will be used as a cloakroom. Mr. Pecce has installed an inner door to the cellar entrance, and the foundation has been checked for holes. All have been filled in.

The corner bookcases and the grandfather clock have been moved back to the house from the school by Gregory Provencal, assisted by Glen Clark. The weights and pendulum are missing from the clock. Mr. Steckevecz is to look for these and for another piece of furniture which was moved from the house to the school. He advises us to get a mover to move the large bookcase which belongs in the meeting room.

The Fortnightly Club Historical Committee has made good progress in doing over one of the upstairs rooms. Committee members removed the wallpaper from the walls and Mr. Pecce removed the paper from the ceiling and whitened it. It is expected the room will be papered in the near future.

The damper for the large fireplace is being made by Nadeau's and should be ready soon.

Books from the first public library in Hudson were moved to the Hills house.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, CH.
House Committee

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 28, 1969

Since our November Report, all shades have been procured for the Hills house.

Mr. Pecce installed a temporary partition to keep the cold from the rest of the house, out of the apartment. He also closed off the Tower Room for the winter. Some insulation was bought and Mr. Pecce insulated the attic above their apartment. They report that the apartment has been very comfortable this winter.

We are still waiting for a storm door which is being made by Nashua Woodcraft for the front door. We have been informed that it is in the process of being made.

We were faced with an emergency in December. The sewerage was backing-up into the house. We had not expected to have to do anything about this until next summer when we would have more funds.

This being an emergency which had to be taken care of immediately, Bob Smith recommended Mr. Robert Roy who does this type of work. I checked with the Directors whom I could reach for their approval and Charles Parker told me that he knew Mr. Roy and that he could be relied upon to do a good job at a reasonable price. Mr. Roy gave an estimate of "approximately \$20.00," but when he did the work, he found that more extensive work had to be done to make this workable for years to come. He could have done a \$250.00 job, but we might have had trouble again in a few years, so he felt we would prefer a better job for a few dollars extra. The total job amounted to \$331.00. This was considerably less than a previous estimate which was received for this work.

After consulting the Treasurer, I found our Restoration Fund was down to approximately \$200.00. I felt that this should be kept for expenses for fuel, electricity, etc., until more is added to the Fund.

The Directors and Officers whom I could contact, approved borrowing from the General Fund, this to be returned when money is turned in for the plates. The remainder of the bill \$81.00, to be paid from the plate money.

A flag pole has been donated by Mr. Lionel Frennette, and a Stereoscopic Viewer and cards by Miss Eva LeBoeuf of Nashua, a former Hudson resident.

We are still awaiting a call from Mr. Steckevicz as to when we may move the large bookcase and whether he has found the clock parts and other furniture.

The next major money raising project will be an open house tour this summer. Tentative plans have been formulated by the House Committee and these will be presented at our next meeting for your approval.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

Report of House Committee, April 22, 1969.

Doris Provencal reported that Robert Levesque gave us crushed stone and gravel and labor to fill in the driveway.

The large bookcase was removed from the Alvirne High School Library and replaced in the library at Hills House April 12th. The weights for the grandfather's clock and a sewing table were also returned.

The house com. purchased paint for the Library and Mr. and Mrs. Pecce painted the walls.

The shrubs around the house have also been trimmed by our resident-custodian.

Report of House Com., May 6, 1969.

The Public Service lights which were installed to light the back of the house to prevent vandalism did not seem to prevent this entirely as the house was broken into and an attempt made to break in after the lights were installed. But we hope it did prevent more destruction than was done.

After the resident caretakers moved in, it was felt the light at the southeast corner was no longer needed and to save on expense it was disconnected. Because of the large tree, it did not light the south side of the house. The other light which was left gives enough light in the back.

Flood lights donated by Rowell and Miller, Electrical Contractors, will be installed to light up the south side of the house and the driveway and yard on the south side where light is needed. It will also give more light at the side toward the front. These lights can be turned on when needed and shut off when not in use.

The flag pole will be installed in the near future.

Mrs. Provencal procured paint for the Library and Mrs. Pecce painted the north wall. Mr. Pecce painted in back of the bookcase and has assisted when needed.

It is hoped that the light fixture in the Library which was ruined by vandals can be repaired and made usable again.

The two rooms at the right of the front stairs are being done by the Historical Com. of the Fortnightly Club.

Work on the dining room which is being done by the Rowell family, has been started.

Mr. Hill has been doing carpenter work where needed.

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Mrs. Buxton has been labelling the antiques.

Mrs. Provencal has procured lids for these missing on the
kitchen stove.

Zoula O. Rowell

Doris Provencal

Co-chairmen House Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

May 27, 1969.

Since the last Annual Report, the grounds of the Hills House have been improved. Brush and dead branches have been cleaned up and taken away. Shrubbery has been trimmed out and lawns have been mowed. Much of this was done by the caretakers Mr. and Mrs. Pecce, the two Provencal boys and the Boy Scouts of Troop #252. Mrs. Provencal of the House Committee made arrangements to have the driveway from the street to the house filled with gravel and smoothed over so that the road was usable this past winter and spring. This was done at no cost to the Society.

Fred Rowell of the House Committee, took up a load of gravel from Rowell and Miller and filled in where the rain had washed away the soil in front of the porch.

Robert Smith has completed the plumbing and heating. Also the sewerage is now adequately taken care of.

The apartment was completed by the House Committee members and redecorated with Ruth Margaret Parker in charge of the wall-papering assisted by other members.

Shades were procured for all the windows. Also some storm doors and windows for downstairs.

Firemen cleaned the chimneys and placed wire over them to keep out the squirrels and doves which were causing damage inside. All of these things were either done or procured by the House Committee almost free of any charge.

Combination windows were installed in the apartment. Some painting has been done on the exterior but the greater part of the house remains to be done. The paint is available at the House.

Chairs were donated by Rowell and Miller for the meeting room. Mrs. Zoula Rowell asked the School Board for the return

of the large library bookcase. the two corner bookcases. the Grandfather clock and a desk which were at the school at one time. The request was granted and what was still at the school was returned, this includes the bookcases and the clock minus the pendulum.

The Fortnightly Club Historical Committee is redoing two rooms upstairs.

The Tower room will be done over by Phyllis Keeney, sometime this summer.

Zoula, Clifton and Fred Rowell will do over the dining room. Finding paper similar to what was in the room may be difficult and hold up the completion of the work for a while. Furniture and rugs will be donated also for the room.

One wall of the Library was painted by the caretakers.

Mrs. Buxton has labelled the furniture and articles loaned or donated to the Society.

Books from the first public library in Hudson have been moved to the Hills House and Mrs. Buxton plans to have them placed in the bookcases.

Mr. Hill has repaired the front porch and has done other needed repairs.

Mrs. Provencal of the House Committee is making arrangements to have the two dead trees on the north side of the house cut down and removed free of charge.

The Provencal boys are making flower boxes to replace the ones which were destroyed or had rotted away. These will be placed on the front porch where the others were and filled with flowers. Other flowers which will also be planted will add much to the attractiveness of the property.

Rowell and Miller, Electrical Contractors, are trying to

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to repair fixtures which were broken or damaged by vandals. These will be installed when repaired. They also donated floodlights which were installed by Mr. Pecce~~e~~ on the south side of the house.

It is hoped that by fall, all rooms in the house, downstairs, the hall, the two upstairs rooms, and the tower room will be completed.

If anyone is interested in doing over a room, please contact me or Doris Provencal of the House Committee.

Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.

House Committee

May 27, 1969

Report of the Historical Committee of the Hudson Fortnightly Club, Aug. 18, 1969. Two upstairs rooms at the Hills House pledged by the Committee of the Club.

Rexall wallpaper remover	1.50	
Mr. Pecce, whitening ceiling		
smaller room	10.00	
paste for wall paper	1.12	
re-imburse house com. for wall paper	3.70	
smaller room	<u>3.70</u>	\$16.32

Master bedroom:		
bronze spray	1.75	
white latex for ceiling	5.89	
10 double rolls wallpaper, Lauri pat.	28.00	
Mr. R. E. Delisle, dry wall and patching	61.71	
lemon oil	.33	
paste	1.00	1.12
key for entrance	.40	
sealer for walls	1.65	
		<u>100.75</u>
		\$117.05

Also would like:	
mirror for door (replacement)	
master bedroom	\$21.27
eventually need new curtains	
unbleached muslin, Country	23.20

More hooked rugs for both rooms

Wish to thank ~~you~~ the house com. for window shades
hanging wall paper: Ruth Margaret Parker, Doris Provencal,
Charles Parker, Barbara Cady, Marjorie Smith
carpenter work, Robert Hill
electrical work, Louis Pecce
also thank Mr. and Mrs. Pecce for much help:
 sealing rust spots and whitening ceiling in master bed room
 mending screens, washing and oiling woodwork.
thank Phyllis Keeney for 6 pairs of her grandmother's lace
 curtains and rods for same
other members of the Historical Society who assisted, and
the men for helping to place the furniture

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER 13, 1969

Since the last report which was given at our Annual Meeting, the flag pole, donated by Mr. Frenette, has been installed and the flag has been flying every day.

The window boxes made by the Provencal boys have been filled with flowers donated by Hogan's Garden Center and Mrs. Provencal. The flowers around the flag pole were donated by Boucher's Greenhouse of Litchfield.

The Master Bedroom and the Workroom were completed by the Historical Committee of the Fortnightly Club assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Pecce, Ruth M. Parker and Mrs. Provencal.

The other large bedroom upstairs was cleaned and furnished for use as a guest bedroom for the Caretakers and is also being used to display some of the articles from the Morrison house. The work in this room was done by Mr. and Mrs. Pecce.

The Tower room is to be restored by Mrs. Norwood Keeney. The work of jacking-up the Tower room has been done by Mr. Pecce.

The Parlor was restored by the Historical Society. The original paper on the ceiling and the walls down to the molding was not damaged, so it was kept on the walls. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt donated the paper for the lower part of the room. Mr. Holt applied the paper.

The dining room was restored and furnished by Zoula, Clifton and Fred Rowell. This includes wallpaper, dining room set, light fixture, rug and curtains. The wallpaper donated by the Rowell family was applied by Ruth M. Parker assisted by Mrs. Doris Provencal. Mr. and Mrs. Pecce also assisted with the work in order to have the room ready for "Open House" day.

Curtains were bought by the Society for the windows and doors in the Parlor and Reception Hall and were made up to fit and installed by Mrs. Pecce, Mrs. Provencal and Mrs. Rowell.

Mirrors have been replaced in the fireplace mantels.

Mrs. Sylvia Flemming donated a mirror for the hatrack in the Reception Hall and Mr. Hill installed it.

The room to be used as a cloakroom and a place to prepare light refreshments is in the process of being completed and furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Provencal.

The lavatory off of the Meeting Room and the one off the downstairs hall of the Caretakers' entrance have been equipped for use with paper towel and paper cup dispensers and waste baskets.

Mr. Harry Piper donated two windows for the back porch and they were installed by Mr. Roy of Roycraft Homes.

Our most urgent projects at present are finishing off the back porch

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which will be in use for meetings and classes, and the painting of the end walls in the meeting room.

Volunteer painters and paper hangers are needed to do the painting in the meeting room and to paper the reception hall and the upper hall.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Chairman
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

NOTE: This report was not read until the November meeting as it was not requested by the President until that meeting.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
November 24, 1969

The Historical and Cultural Center has been used for an outdoor Wedding on August 16. Open House was held on September 21. On October 8, the Hudson Fortnightly Club held their meeting in the Center. An Arts and Craft Exhibit was held on October 9. On November 17, a Nashua Cub Scout Den and Leaders made a historical tour of the house and the exhibits, in order to earn a badge which they were working for.

Classes in Art have been held by Mrs. Catherine Silva for adults each Wednesday evening since October 15, and on Saturday afternoons for children. This has brought us donations of \$50.00, to date, for the use of the room for Art classes.

Crewel Embroidery classes have been held by Mrs. Welch during the day on Tuesdays. This class will be held for six sessions. Donations for this are forthcoming.

A rug braiding class will be started on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1970, with Mrs. Pat Hayes of Hudson, as the instructor.

A Christmas tree has been donated to Mrs. Binks for use at the Center. Members have been asked to bring trimmings for the tree which will be used in the Meeting Room during the holiday season.

Mrs. Catherine Silva will hold an exhibit and sale of her students art work on Sunday December 7, from 2 to 4 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

The Junior Women's Club of Hudson are considering restoring the kitchen and Butler's pantry. They will let us know more about this at a later date.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Chairman
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
January 27, 1970

Since our last meeting, insulation has been installed above the entire Library ceiling by Mr. Pecce assisted by Gerald Boilard of Rowell & Miller Inc. Mr. Pecce plans to insulate the lavatory in the near future.

Drapes were donated by Mrs. Doris Provencal for the dinning room.

A thermostat has been installed in the Library which helps in controlling the heat in the room.

Wallpaper has been purchased for the kitchen and it is expected that the Junior Women's Club will reimburse us, as they plan to restore the kitchen and butler's pantry.

The committee believes it will be of interest to the members to know that from last October to the present, we have spent \$159.86, for fuel, and we have taken in \$160.00, for the use of the meeting room, up to the end of last week.

Insulating the room has made it much easier to heat and much more comfortable. It is hoped that by next winter, with double windows installed that many more meetings and classes will be held, which should pay for both the heating and electricity.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Chairman
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

During the summer months of 1969:

The flag pole was erected with flower beds surrounding it; The flag flown over the White House and sent through the kindness of Louis Wyman, has been flown regularly by Mr. and Mrs. Pecce. The study was cleaned by Sylvia Flemming and Hazel Buxton, with the draperies formerly used in this room, salvaged and cleaned and hung, Alice Westneat helping with the hanging of these curtains and Greta Pecce with the windows and screens.

Cartons of books which had been brought from storage in the Hills Memorial Library, were emptied and placed on the shelves in the study and corner book cases. The Alvirne FHA girls helped in the study with the assistance of their instructors and Hazel Buxton. Many documents and books from the Dr. H. O. Smith estate were placed in the living room, on the shelves as well as the secretary, books on genealogy in the latter. These were placed by Hazel Buxton and Mary Lou Buxton with Hazel Austin itemizing.

John Aldrich made and replaced shelves which were missing in the mantel in the reception hall. The hall was cleaned by Sylvia Flemming, Hazel Buxton and Greta Pecce with Robert Hill assisting with the clearing and cleaning of the hall closet.

The living room windows and woodwork were cleaned by Louise Shunaman and daughter with ^{Kathy Bolton, Zoe Ann MacDonald} Deborah Buxton and Maureen Rush working another day. Louis Pecce repaired and fitted screens.

The large bedroom at the end of the upstairs hall was cleaned, furnished and floor redone by Greta Pecce.

Much activity helped to put the house in order for the first Apple Festival.

*H. Buxton,
Clerk*

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
February 24, 1970

The following should have been listed in the January Report.

The house presented a real Holiday appearance during the Christmas Season, with Christmas candles in each window. Rowell & Miller Inc., sent one of their electricians to install a cord all through the house so that a candle could be plugged in at each window. A time clock was also installed so that candles and the Christmas tree would go on and off automatically. Labor, candles, bulbs, timer and all other materials were donated by Rowell & Miller Inc. These will be available for use each Christmas. They also furnished bulbs for the Christmas tree and Clifton Rowell loaned an electric log for the fireplace. Other donations were the Christmas tree from Mr. Swinerton, the front door wreath from Hogan's Garden Center, the loan of light cords for the Christmas tree by Gloria Binks, and other decorations for the tree from several members and the students of Mrs. Silva's art classes.

The Hudson Community Improvement Council has donated \$200.00, for insulation and the combination door for the front entrance.

Nashua Lumber gave us a discount on the insulation, and Mr. Payer of Indian Head Millwork Corp., is to give us a discount on the door.

The Junior Woman's Club has started the work of restoring the kitchen.

Wallpaper has been purchased at a 50% discount for the halls.

A successful art exhibit was held February 22, by Mrs. Silva's students.

Additional classes will be starting the first week in March.

Our most urgent need is volunteers to paint the end walls of the meeting room and volunteers to paper the halls. Anyone wishing to donate a few hours labor, please contact me.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Chairman
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 24, 1970

The end walls in the meeting room have been painted by Mr. Millett and Mrs. Pecce.

The Junior Women's Club has approved the hiring of Mr. Clement to repair the kitchen wall and put up a new ceiling in the Butler's Pantry.

Rowell & Miller Inc. has donated a sign to be placed near the entrance at the Derry Road.

We are still looking for paperhangers to paper the halls and a carpenter to install the combination door. Anyone wishing to volunteer a few hours, please contact me.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee
Hudson Historical Committee

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
APRIL 29, 1970

During April, Mr. Pecce painted the ceiling in the Reception Hall. Mr. Hill filled in holes and cracks in the walls and Mrs. Pecce sized the walls.

Mrs. Buxton has obtained the volunteer services of Mr. DeBord to paper the halls.

Mr. Hill has installed doorknobs where they were missing.

The Juniors are working on the kitchen. We have ordered the Linoleum for the kitchen floor, which will be paid for by the Juniors. Mr. Houle of Hudson Floor and Tile, gave us a substantial discount and will install the linoleum when the room is ready.

I have obtained a permit to install the sign which was donated by Rowell & Miller Inc. The House Committee will try to get the service donated to letter the sign.

The Provencal boys replaced the rope which was broken on the flag pole, so that the flag can now be flown each day.

The Pecces purchased a load of gravel for the driveway and Robert Jasper volunteered his services and equipment to spread the gravel. Mr. Hill assisted by Kenneth Abbott and Donald Spaulding also worked on the driveways.

It was apparent this last winter, when it was impossible to use the driveways, and classes had to be cancelled, that something will have to be done before next winter.

Cub Scouts of Den #21, and their Den mothers were allowed to tour the house and see the historical exhibits on Saturday, April 18, during the afternoon. They were very interested and very well behaved. Assisting during the afternoon were Hazel Buxton, Sylvia Flemming, Doris Provencal, Alice Westneat, Ruth Parker, Ruth Margaret Parker, Greta Pecce and Natalie Merrill. Arrangements for the tour were made by Zoula Rowell.

An Art Exhibit and Band Concert will be held on the grounds on Sunday afternoon, May 17, between 2 and 4 P.M. Arrangements to be made by Catherine Silva.

Our most urgent projects at present are volunteer painters to paint the exterior of the house and volunteer labor to repair window screens. Anyone having a few hours to volunteer, please contact me.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
MAY 26, 1970

The wallpapering has been started in the lower hall. The kitchen wall and the ceiling in the butler's pantry have been done over. This is to be paid for by the Juniors. At present, the work by the Juniors seems to be at a stand-still. The Chairman for this project has suggested that if we hold off on our Open House until the last part of June, they would have the kitchen and butler's pantry completed. She asked that I let her know if this would be satisfactory.

The Art Exhibit which had been postponed because of rain was held on the grounds, Sunday, May 24th, and was very successful. This was planned by Catherine Silva, who was assisted by her art students, the Historical Society members and friends.

The House Committee would like to know the Society's feeling on hiring a painter to paint the exterior of the house. It is badly in need of paint to preserve the wood, which is bare in some places. To date, no volunteer painters have been found.

Should we delay our Open House until the later part of June in order to have more of the house completed than last time. It is possible that the papering could be finished at that time, and the kitchen and butler's pantry completed, also possibly Mrs. Keeney could have something done on the Tower Room by that time.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

ANNUAL REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
MAY 26, 1970

During the year, we have had our flag pole installed, window boxes made and filled, and flowers were planted around the flag pole.

The Master bedroom and workroom adjoining were completed. The other large room upstairs was cleaned and furnished as a bedroom by the caretakers. It is also used as a display room.

Mirrors were replaced in the fireplace mantels, also in the hall hatrack.

The cloakroom and refreshment kitchen for the meeting room has been completed. The lavatory used for the meeting room and the one at the side entrance have been restored and equipped for use.

Windows have been installed in the back entrance.

The house took on a festive appearance at Christmas time with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, candles in the windows and Christmas wreaths.

Insulation was installed over the entire Library.

Wallpaper was purchased for the halls and a combination door bought for the front door. The painting of the walls of the meeting room was completed.

A sign has been donated for the entrance at the road.

The downstairs hall ceiling was painted and a paperhanger is papering the halls.

Missing doorknobs have been replaced.

Several different classes have been held during the year. These have paid for the fuel and electricity.

We held Open House last September. A meeting of the Hudson Fortnightly Club was held in the house in October. Mrs. Silva held Art Exhibit on December 7, February 22, and May 24. November 17, a Cub Scout Den from Nashua visited the house and exhibits, and on April 18, a Cub Scout Den from Hudson visited.

The House Committee has been most active and as Chairman, I wish to express my appreciation to them and to other active members of the Society for their assistance. It has been a busy year for the members of the Society and there is still much to be done.

The repairing of screens and awnings, the painting of the house and the completion of the back porch are our most urgent projects at present.

ANNUAL REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

MAY 26, 1970

In the Fall, we will be needing double windows, a fireplace damper in the meeting room, repair of the sliding doors between the parlor and the dining room and work on the driveways.

The house has come a long way in the last year, and I hope it has been as rewarding to you as it has been to me.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee
Hudson Historical Society

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

August 25, 1970

Since my last report, the halls have been papered, and the Juniors have completed what they had planned to do in the kitchen and Butler's pantry.

There still is a sink to procure and install in the Butler's Pantry and the back part of the pantry to complete, also the kitchen closet needs painting and restoring.

Mr. Kenneth Spaulding of Spaulding Associates, had made and donated a leg for the kitchen sink, replacing the one which was missing.

Mrs. Provencal and Mrs. Rowell got a substantial discount from Hudson Floor and Tile for the kitchen floor. The linoleum was installed free of charge. Formica will also be donated and installed for the sink boards. Hudson Floor and Tile also offered to donate wall to wall indoor-outdoor carpeting for the back porch.

Two combination windows have been installed in the master bedroom by the Historical Committee of the Hudson Fortnightly Club.

A very beautiful vase was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rene Beaulieu.

A set of dishes which was brought over from England many years ago was loaned to the Historical Society by Walter Cronin and family of Lowell.

An old salt container has been donated by Phyllis Keeney and is now in the kitchen.

The Tower Room has been restored by Dr. and Mrs. Norwood Keeney and Woody.

There is still one bedroom to paper, also restoration of the back porch and the room in back of the kitchen.

There is a hole in the chimney which should be closed off, as birds were getting into the fireplace in the Library this summer.

The large sign donated by Rowell & Miller has been brought to Henry Fraser for an estimate of the cost of lettering.

Open house held on July 26, was a success, considering that it was held during vacation time and on a day when the weather was not too favorable.

Hostesses were Gloria Binks, Ruth Parker, Sylvia Flemming, Greta Pece, Ruth Shunaman, Phyllis Keeney, Natalie Merrill, Louise Shunaman, Hazel Buxton and Virginia McLavey. Tickets, Ruth M. Parker, Plates and Cards, Zoula Rowell and Frances Shunaman, Afghan, Doris Provencal and Fleurette Munday, Coffee and Cold drinks, Charles Parker, Ruth Quigley and Michelle Munday, Parking, Robert, Hill, Eugene Millett, Fred Rowell, Kenneth Abbott, Guest Book and Donations, Hazel Austin.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch. House Com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER 27, 1970

Since the last report, Mr. Peece has repaired the platform at the back entrance to the kitchen.

Mr. Peece has also installed weatherstripping at the back door to the Library, the front entrance door and the back door to the kitchen.

The sink in the refreshment kitchen has been installed. This improvement and convenience is appreciated by all who have had to use it.

The steps to the side porch have been repaired by Mr. Hill.

The front of the house has been painted, including the tower. Many of the shingles were bare of paint, so the paint will protect the front of the building and the tower, from the weather and the sun.

The molding in the front entrance hall needs to be nailed back into place. It would be appreciated if someone having a little time would volunteer to do this in the near future.

Zoula O. Rowell
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House Committee

Note: The following contributed toward refreshments for this evening, Fred Rowell, Clifton Rowell and Harold Miller.

Note: Mrs. Raymond Greenwood, a new member has volunteered to run a Rummage Sale for the benefit of the Restoration Fund and to be used toward the cost of installing the sink in the refreshment room.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
NOVEMBER 24, 1970

Combination doors have been obtained for the back porch and also a door for the upstairs hall, as voted at the October meeting.

The driveway has been widened and gravelled from the Derry Road to the house and across the front of the house. This is quite an improvement and the road should be passable throughout the year.

Gravel, road equipment and trucks were procured by Doris Provencal and Zoula Rowell, free of charge.

Labor which will amount to approximately \$70.00, is to be paid by the Society. This is quite a saving, as we could not have had this done at present, had it been necessary for us to pay for gravel, use of equipment and if we had been obliged to pay the workers their regular rate of pay for this work. It is too late in the season to do anything more on the driveways, but it is hoped that we may be able to do the rest during the coming year.

The molding needs to be nailed back in place in the entrance hall. It would be appreciated if anyone having a little spare time would volunteer to do this.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
JANUARY 26, 1971

Since the last report, the combination doors for the back porch have been painted by Rowell & Miller Inc., and delivered at the house, ready to be installed. The hardware is included with the doors.

The molding which had been taken down to paper the entrance hall was put back in place by Mr. Pecce.

We were informed by Webster's Forge that the damper to the Library fireplace could not be installed until some work was done on the inside of the fireplace. As the fireplace would have to be left open while this work is being done, it is felt that we should wait until the weather is warmer before having this done.

It would be appreciated if anyone has a few hours he could volunteer to install the missing shingles inside the back porch, so that when the doors are installed, we could complete the work inside the porch.

It is most gratifying to find that since the House Committee had the driveway widened and gravelled, we have had no trouble with it to date, and it is expected it will continue this way throughout the winter and spring.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

APRIL 20, 1971

Because of the weather, not too much has been accomplished during the past few weeks.

The painter expects to finish the top of the tower within a week or two.

Mr. Hill has reported that lumber to install the doors to the back porch will amount to approximately \$10.00.

The rope for the flagpole is broken. It would be appreciated if someone would volunteer to lower the flagpole and install a new rope in order that we may keep the flag flying.

The donation of a rug for the back porch still stands and will be installed as soon as the porch is finished.

The Historical Committee of the Hudson Fortnightly Club has had combination windows installed in the two front rooms upstairs.

Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

MAY 25, 1971

Since our last meeting, Mr. Pecce has been working on the interior of the back porch to the meeting room.

The painting of the tower has been completed.

The repairs to the Grandfather clock will soon be completed by Mr. Simard and the clock will be returned to the house.

Mrs. Pecce has planted flowers in the flower boxes on the front porch.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.

ANNUAL REPORT-MAY 25, 1971
HOUSE COMMITTEE

Since our last Annual Report, the following has been accomplished. The hallways have been papered, and the mouldings replaced. The kitchen and butler's pantry have been restored with the exception of the sink in the butler's pantry. The missing leg for the kitchen sink was made-up and installed.

Combination windows have been installed in the master bedroom. The tower room has been restored and will be furnished later. The north bedroom has been papered and completed.

The hole in the chimney has been closed off. The large sign has been lettered and is ready to be installed near the highway.

The platform at the back entrance to the kitchen has been repaired, weatherstripping has been installed at all the outside doors, the sink in the refreshment kitchen has been installed and the old pipes restored for the bathroom. All have been insulated to protect them from freezing.

The cement steps to the side porch have been repaired. The front of the house and the tower have been painted.

Combination doors including hardware have been obtained and painted ready to be installed on the back porch. Work has been started replacing the shingles inside the porch.

The driveway from the road has been widened and has been gravelled from the road and across the front of the house.

I was informed that the Grandfather clock which was been repaired will soon be completed and returned in the near future.

This report shows that much has been accomplished during the past year, but much still remains to be done.

Our largest money raising project for the Restoration Fund was the Harvest Social. Other money raising projects were the Apple Festival, and Open House Days which have been held during the year. We are also continuing the sale of plates and cards. We have baked for food sales and held Art Exhibits. A successful card party was held and we had a drive for pennies for painting. Classes held during the year have helped to pay expenses for heating and electricity.

The following still remains to be done: the fireplace and damper restored in the meeting room, the doors between the parlor and the dining room need to be repaired, the interior of the back porch to be finished and the doors to be installed, also a door in the upper hall leading to the apartment, restoring the back of the butler's pantry and installing a sink in the butler's pantry, installing the large sign, completing the rest of the driveways, repairing the broken rope on the flagpole, installing more combination windows, completing the insulation, recovering the frames for awnings and painting the rest of the house.

ANNUAL REPORT-MAY 25, 1971-CONT'D.
HOUSE COMMITTEE

A set of dishes has been loaned for display, and several articles of clothing, antiques and articles of historical value have been donated to the Society for use or display in the house.

As Chairman of the House Committee, I would like to thank the other members of the House Committee and all members for their assistance. Also the House Committee would like to thank the members for helping us to accomplish all that has been done to date. A special thanks to our caretakers for their assistance and interest.

As you have heard what remains to be done, you are aware that we need your continued assistance in order to make our dream come true and to restore this lovely old home to be preserved as a historical landmark in Hudson.

Zoula O. Rowell

Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 26, 1971

Since our last regular meeting, Mr. Pecce did all the carpenter work to finish the back porch, and Mrs. Pecce helped with the painting. The floor covering was donated and installed free of charge by Hudson Floor and Tile.

Ruth Margaret Parker repaired the wall paper in the Master bedroom and papered the hallway between the Library and the refreshment kitchen. Mrs. Pecce painted the ceiling. This has made quite an improvement in this hallway.

Mrs. Pecce scrubbed the floors in the rooms upstairs, the front stairs, also the front hall and Parlor and refinished them. This adds much to the appearance of the rooms.

The large sign donated by Rowell and Miller was installed by them near the entrance. Although our lease gives us the use of all of the front lawn, but as we are not using it at present, and after consulting with the school farmer, the sign was placed where the farmer wished it to be, so that it would not interfere with his work.

Mr. Hill did some repair work on the roof.

It is expected that the work on the rest of the driveways will be completed in the near future.

Three combination windows have been ordered for the tower room and should be installed soon.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 23, 1971

Since the October meeting, the combination windows have been installed in the Tower Room. This has been a great improvement, keeping rain out of the room and keeping cold out of the upstairs area.

The roof has been repaired and at present it seems as if all leaks have been taken care of.

The rest of the driveways, with the exception of the short driveway at the north entrance, have had a base of gravel. It was hoped that this could be completed and the top gravel could have been put on, but if the snow and cold weather continues, it may be too late to take care of this before Spring. The gravel was donated as was the use of other equipment, except for the bulldozer and the laborers.

Mrs. Pecce has filled the flower boxes on the front porch for the winter season.

It is hoped that we will have enough money to have the Library fireplace repaired, the missing radiator installed in the diningroom, and that we can purchase a few more combination windows in order to save on fuel and to make the house more comfortable.

The Fall series of classes will be completed next week.

A cub scout Den will visit the house on December 1. The Fortnightly Club will hold its Christmas meeting at the house on December 15th.

The house has been a busy place this Fall and much has been accomplished.

Zoula O. Rowell
House Committee Chairman

JANUARY 24, 1972

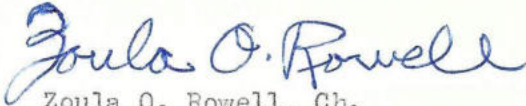
REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

Since our November meeting, 6 combination windows have been installed in the meeting room.

This now makes it possible to sit on the window-seats without feeling a draft.

It is suggested that the remaining combination windows be installed in the Tower Room, also the remaining windows facing west, which complete the combination windows needed for the front of the house.

The House Committee hopes to have electric light fixtures installed in the parlor and entrance hall in the near future. The delay is caused because it is difficult to find fixtures similar to the ones which were broken beyond repair. Eight fixtures are needed.


Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

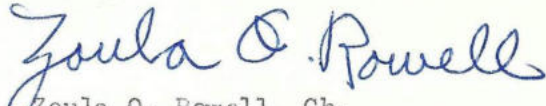
MARCH 28, 1972

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

The combination windows have all been installed in the Tower Room and on the front of the house upstairs.

It is hoped to have the light fixtures installed in the parlor and entrance hall before our next meeting.

As soon as weather permits, we hope to have the work on the driveways completed.


Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

ANNUAL REPORT-MAY 23, 1972

During the past year, the back porch has been restored, the wallpaper was repaired in the Master Bedroom and the hallway between the Library and the kitchen was papered.

The floors in the upstairs rooms, the hallway, the front entrance and the parlor were scrubbed and refinished.

The large sign was installed near the road at the entrance to the driveway, repairs were made to the roof, and gravel was placed in the driveway for a base. Plans are to complete the driveway with a finer gravel during the summer.

Combination windows were bought and installed on the front windows, including the Tower Room.

Electric light fixtures have been installed in the entrance hall and the parlor. Rugs have been loaned or donated for some of the rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Pecce have kept the grounds in as good order as possible until more is done on the outside. Mrs. Pecce has kept the flower boxes for the front porch filled with flowers and has planted flowers around the flagpole.

Money raising projects for the Restoration Fund were a House Tour, our Harvest Social, Apple Festival, sale of Apple Cook Books, Open House Days, Food Sales, Art Exhibits and the continued sale of plates, notepaper, cards and books, and a Hot dog and Cold Drink Sale at the Super Duper Store.

Classes held during the year have helped to pay expenses of heating and electricity. We have had classes in Writer's Workshop, Theater Workshop, Adult Art, Children's Art, Sewing and Yoga.

We are still trying to find a radiator to match the missing one in the diningroom, and we are still waiting for a mason to repair the fireplace, also the doors between the parlor and dining room have to be repaired and a door installed in the upper hall leading to the apartment. This is to be done during the summer. We still have the back of the butler's pantry to restore and a sink to be installed in the butler's pantry.

The Rotary Club has volunteered to paint the house as their project for community service. After the house is painted, the awning frames should be recovered and installed. Through Clifton Rowell and Harold Miller, the painting project from the Rotary Club and the donation of the new chairs from the Chamber of Commerce were made possible.

Many new articles of historical value and antiques have been donated to the Society during the past year. These have all been catalogued under the supervision of Hazel Buxton.

As Chairman of the House Committee, I would like to thank the other members of the House Committee and all the members of the Society for their assistance. The House Committee would like to thank the members for helping us to accomplish all that has been done to date. A special thanks to our caretakers for their assistance and interest.

Zoula O. Rowell
Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE OCTOBER 24, 1972

Since the last report at the Annual Meeting, it was voted to have a French door made for the upstairs hall, as after inquiring at several places in Nashua, it was found that a door of that size would have to be made to order. The cost would be \$90.75.

It was felt by the Chairman of the House Committee that this would be quite expensive, so she decided to try Manchester for a second hand door in good condition. One was found and purchased for \$10.00. The additional cost of stripping was quoted as \$5.00, which made it quite a saving to the Society. The door will be installed as soon as the stripping is done.

Your House Chairman spoke at two meetings of the Rotary Club, on the Hills Family, their gifts to the town, and on the Hills house. This was followed by an invitation to tour the house and chapel. Much interest was shown and resulted in a donation of \$25.00, from the Rotary Club members, a mirror for the door in the Master bedroom, from Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacIntyre, Mr. MacIntyre is a member of the Rotary Club, and in the assistance of several members of the club who painted last Saturday. Mrs. MacIntyre made chowder for the painters, and Mrs. Pecce, Mrs. Provencal and Mrs. Bise assisted in serving a lunch to the men at noon. The Rotary members worked from early morning to late afternoon.

Mr. Pecce has also done some painting and replaced the bulkhead cover. Clif Rowell replaced the missing and broken shingles that were needed on the house.

The driveway on the North side of the house which had not been done when the rest was improved, was done by Carl Leor and some of his men the day before he resigned. He also had the whole driveway rolled down for a smoother surface. This was also a great saving to us in money, from what it would have cost us had we had to pay for gravel and the regular cost of labor and equipment to do the job.

There was no water in the apartment for a few days which seemed to be because of lack of pressure, but it was discovered that the old pipes from the Spring to the house were badly in need of being replaced at the approximate cost of \$2000.00. Mr. Smith, the plumber, informed us that he had spoken separately to four of the Trustees, and they were in favor of the Trustees paying for this work, but when the School Board approached the governing powers of the Trustees, they were informed that the Trustees would not pay for this. Although the School Board tried to tell them, the money could come from the income of the Trust Fund, they were informed it could not. After talking with the Chairman of the School Board, I was informed that he didn't know just how it would be paid for at the moment, but for me not to worry about it, that he would see that it was paid for from some funds, as they still owned the building.

It may seem to you that the Chairman of the House Committee has little to do, but there are many such problems and time consuming public relations activities by the Chairman which are never brought to your attention. I do not deem it necessary, as what needs to be done and is done for the benefit of the Society is accomplished.

Clif Rowell, Harold Miller, Mrs. Pecce and Mrs. Provencal of the House Committee deserve much credit for the many hours of their time and labor which has saved the Society much money, as has the Caretaker Mr. Pecce.

Of course, other members in the past have also given of their time and labor. At this time I would like to express my appreciation to members and non members who have assisted in staffing the house for Open House Days.

The repairs to the outside and the painting, also the door for the upstairs hallway seem to be the most urgent at present.

Your Chairman expects to do some morerunning around soon with the assistance of my drivers, Mrs. Pecce or Mrs. Provencal, to get doors for the Tower room in order to keep out the cold from coming into the house, and also for a radiator to replace the missing one in the dinning room.

We are still waiting for someone to repair the fireplace so that it can be used. We are in hopes this can be done soon. We also plan to get combination windows for the rest of the house. The above items seem to be the most urgent projects at present.

Ella Smith has donated two braided rugs, also a doll dressed in antique baby clothes. The doll is in the antique cradle in the dinning room. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

There may be other gifts which I am not aware of, but which Mrs. Buxton can tell you about if there are any.

CLASSES

Although not the responsibility of the House Chairman or the Caretaker, Mrs. Pecce, but as no one else seemed to be available to organize the classes, it was taken care of by the House Chairman and Mrs. Pecce. Classes now being taught are Adult and Children's Art, Crewel Embroidery, Yoga and Cake Decorating. These are the classes for which we had the most requests. We have excellent instructors and hope to start courses again after these are completed. It is hoped that amongst all of our members, someone will volunteer to be in charge of publicizing, organizing and registering these classes, also procuring teachers for any new classes which may be requested.

Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

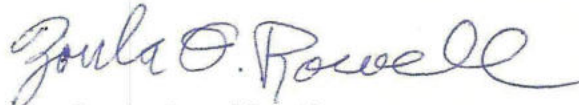
FEBRUARY 27, 1973

Since the January meeting, the combination windows which had been ordered have been installed. The windows all have either combination windows or double windows, with the exception of the dining room and the parlor. These have been ordered.

The door between the front hall and the caretakers' apartment and the double doors to the Tower Room, have also been installed.

A lady who has been contacted to recover the cushions on the window seats will be measuring in the near future to let us know how much material will be needed. She has agreed to do these at a very reasonable price for the Society.

It is expected that material will be purchased and possibly drapes for the meeting room will be made up by the next meeting.



Zoula O. Rowell, Ch.
House Committee

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

MARCH 27, 1973

Since our last meeting the combination windows have been ordered for the Diningroom and the Parlor. This completes the combination windows for the house. The window in the front hall stair landing should be a different type of double window. One is needed there, as much wind and cold comes in from the window.

The drapery and window seat material for the library has been ordered.

At Claire Smith's suggestion, when she was asked what she would like the donation of a Memorial Gift for her father and mother, to be used for, we are still looking for two electric light fixtures to match the center light in the Library, and the remainder will be used toward the cost of the drapery material.

The following groups or individuals visited the Historical Building: two Home Ec Classes, 12 girls each and Teacher. Feb. 5, a couple asked for a Tour and were taken through the house, Feb. 7, Nine Cub Scouts and Leaders, Feb. 12, Cub Scouts, Feb. 23, 18 Girl Scouts and Leaders, March 20, Girl Scout Troop, 15 girls in each Tour and 4 Leaders.

Meetings held in the meeting room included, Hudson Fortnightly Woman's Club, Hudson Junior Woman's Club, The Quota Club of Nashua, and the Fortnightly Club Community Improvement Committee. Donations were received from the Fortnightly Club and the Quota Club for the use of the meeting room.

Zoula O. Rowell
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House Committee
Hudson Historical and Cultural Ctr.

Tours of The Hills House from Oct 1972 to March 73

October 23rd 1972 - Open House for 4th grade +
approximately 12 4th grade pupils
Pupils + Parents

December 20th 1972.
Mrs Williams - Home Economics Class (Birnie High School)
2 tours of 12 Pupils each

February 7th 1973
9 Cub Scouts - Den 2. Troop 21 Mrs Linda Wood header

February 12 - 1973
Cub Scouts - Den 4 - Troop 21 Leader Mary Anne Paquin

February 23rd 1973
18 Girl Scouts Troop 118 Header Mrs John Wood 20900

March 20
76 Girl Scouts and leaders Troops # 178 leader
+ 4 organizations Mrs Roger Sidileau
Hudson Fortnightly Club
" Jr. Women's Club
The Quota Club of Nashua
Fortnightly Club Community Improvement Com.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOUSE CHAIRMAN
1972-1973

May 22, 1973

Starting with our first meeting of the year in October, with much traveling in Nashua and Manchester, second-hand French doors were found for the upstairs hall and for the tower room at \$10.00 each, and with the cost of stripping at \$5.00 each, this came to a saving of \$75.75, on each door from the price quoted for a new door in the sizes required, as they were not standard size and would have to be made special.

The Bulkhead cover was replaced by Mr. Pecce who also did some painting. Clif Rowell replaced missing and broken shingles on the house, both the above jobs were done at no cost to the Society.

Since the last Annual Meeting, the driveway on the north side of the house was done over and the other driveways which had been done previously, were rolled down for a smoother surface. All this was done at no cost to the Society. for gravel or use of equipment.

After informing the School Board about there being no water in the apartment, I was informed by them that the old pipes from the Spring to the house needed replacing at a cost of approximately \$2000.00. They informed me that the Trustees refused to do anything about this, but it was taken care of at no cost to the Society.

It has been brought to my attention that the remark ^{made that we were} was spending too much money, I think the House Committee has proven time and time again that they have saved the Society thousands of dollars in the restoration of the house, and I think that this remark should be ignored by the House Committee as uncalled for.

It may seem that the Chairman of the House Committee has little to do, but such problems as the lack of water in the apartment and others, and time consuming public relations by the Chairman, were not brought to your attention because I did not deem it necessary, as what needed to be done, has been done for the benefit of the Society.

Much credit again this year is deserved by Mr. and Mrs. Pecce, Clif Rowell, Harold Miller and Doris Provençal, for their assistance in time, labor and materials used in or on the house. There was also quite a saving in snowplowing, as the work was done at a substantial discount as usual, and because of the drifting problem, sometimes the plowing has to be done twice during the day or night. This was taken care of by Fred Rowell.

The outstanding and most profitable money raising project was the Dinner-Dance which provided the means of accomplishing much during the past year.

In November, the installation of the doors in the upper hall and tower room was started, also the rest of the combination windows for the upstairs windows. This made a tremendous difference in keeping out the cold and keeping the heat inside, saving on oil, and making the house more comfortable.

The Rotary Club members started painting the exterior of the house, and put in a good day's work. Two of the wives of the Rotary Club members furnished and served lunch to the workers. They were assisted by two women from the Historical Society. The House Chairman had previously spoken at two of the Rotary Club meetings and at a third meeting, they were invited for a tour of the house, which I believe made them better acquainted with what was being done and I believe it paid off for the Society. In addition to the painting of the house, they gave me \$25.00,

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for the Restoration Fund. A member of the Rotary Club donated a mirror for the wardrobe door in one of the upstairs rooms.

There was no meeting in December, so no report for that month.

Other donations of money and articles were given to the Society, and were greatly appreciated. I believe the Clerk has a list and can report on these.

It was voted by the members that the House Committee purchase material for draperies and for covering the window seats in the meeting room. This was ordered and is here in the house ready to be made up. Ella Smith has offered to make the drapes.

The combination windows for the dining room and parlor were ordered. They were very much needed to keep out the cold, and have been installed.

Clif Rowell has been looking for wall fixtures to match the center light in the meeting room at a suggestion from Claire Smith as to how some of the donation of her Memorial Gift might be used. The only thing found to date which would be of the same quality to match costs \$49.95 each. Clif hoped to find something that would match but not be as expensive, in proportion, as the center light which is loaned to the Society.

Mr. Pecce repaired the sliding doors between the dining room and parlor so that they can now be opened or closed when necessary.

This month the Rotary Club members put in another full day of painting and the house is looking much better. It is hoped that we get some dry weather on a weekend, so that they can finish painting the exterior.

As no one wished to volunteer or take the assignment of publicizing courses, procuring instructors, organizing classes and scheduling them, the Chairman of the House Committee with the assistance of Mrs. Pecce on registration, saw that this was accomplished. You've heard the Treasurer's report, so you realize that classes certainly have paid off for the Society, by paying for our fuel and electricity. Instructors have been paid and all income turned over to the Treasurer. We have had classes this year in Adult and Teenage Art, Children's Art, Yoga, Sewing, Cake Decorating, Crewel Embroidery and Children's Workshop in Puppetry. These were the classes for which we had the most requests.

Many groups have toured the house during the year, including Home Ec Classes from Alvirne High School, several Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups, also Special classes from Memorial School, and the Rotary Club members.

Groups using the meeting room were the Hudson Junior Women's Club, The Hudson Fortnightly Club, the Quota Club, the Fortnightly Community Improvement Committee, Dollars for Scholars and Mr. Hill has requested the use of the Meeting for a group meeting. The Art classes at Alvirne High School have used the grounds for classes.

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I wish to thank all the members who made possible what has been accomplished to date and express my appreciation to them for their assistance over the years. There are too many names to mention here, but there is one that I would like to mention, and that is Ruth Margaret Parker, who did so much of the papering throughout the house. Although they are not mentioned here, I do remember all of the other names, with appreciation and gratitude.

I regret that my services were so unsatisfactory to some of the officers and Directors that they felt that I should be removed as Chairman of the House Committee. In the restoration of a home such as this, especially when we were told by the Trustees that it couldn't be done for less than \$30,000 dollars, and we had to do it on a 'shoe string,' it takes a long period of time to accomplish a goal such as this. It takes much work, much travelling around and a great deal of time on Public Relations. With thousand of dollars in donations and volunteer labor, we have been able to accomplish what we have to date.

Some of the long range plans which were to be carried out this summer were the finishing of the painting of the house, restoring the grounds as they were when Dr. Hills was living here, recovering the awnings and installing them for the summer and although we have tried time and time again to have the fireplaces in the meeting room and the front hall repaired, I had made definite plans to have them repaired and in working order before Fall. We have been waiting for volunteer assistance on these for a few years now, but this has not yet materialized, so this was to have been done after the classes were over. Also the large chimney has to be repaired.

I had spoken to the School Board and they had arranged for us to have the use of the land which we agreed we wanted when the first year's lease was signed. We do need more parking space, especially since last year when squash were planted up to and in the parking spaces along the driveway. I had made arrangements for the mowing, but this has been cancelled now, and the School Board can be notified if you wish the lawn to be used for hay and planting as it was last year. It would have been an advantage to have our outdoor activities on the front lawn where they could be seen from the road and use the back and side for parking.

Other long^{range} plans were the placing of metal plates on the doors of the rooms which had been restored by families, individuals or groups. A plate had been designed for this. Also a small sign, colonial in style was to have been placed at the entrance to the driveway that this was the Hudson Historical and Cultural Center. Other minor things in the house were to be done later when the work could not be carried on outside.

All bills which I have contracted on behalf of the House Committee have been paid as of this date. If there are any others, I had nothing to do with contracting them.

It was ^{of one,} a beautiful dream for the town ~~xxx~~ loved as much as Dr. Hills loved it. The first part of the dream was to save Alvirne, and this was accomplished. The second part of the dream was to make an apartment in part of the house for a couple to live in as caretakers. This was also accomplished. The apartment was designed by the Chairman of the House Committee so that it would be a separate part of the house and not interfere with the part used for historical or cultural purposes, and so that the caretakers would have their own separate entrance and stairway.

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Procuring the excellent caretakers you have, was accomplished by Clif Rowell who knew the Pecces. The third part of the dream was the restoration of the house as it was when Dr. Hills and his wife Ida Virginia lived here. This has been three-fourths completed, and the last part of the dream was to make it a place which would be educational and of cultural value for the citizens of the town of Hudson. This part of the dream which I had hoped for may never become a reality, but the plan was to restore the house in order that the children would grow up knowing more about the History of Hudson and a cultural center for the benefit of the children, teenagers, adults including Senior Citizens. Having free lectures, exhibits, demonstrations and free classes as a service to Hudson townspeople. We have already given two scholarships in our Children's Art class this Spring, to two little girls who have art talent, but would have been unable to pay for instructions. I had made arrangements with the State, through friends I became acquainted with when I was on the Town Recreation Commission, to have free classes in the Fall for craft instructions for Senior Citizens at no cost to the Center or to the Senior Citizens.

I'm sure that a Historical and Cultural Center of this sort and the benefits planned for Hudson would have been something Dr. Alfred K. Hills and his wife Ida Virginia would have liked to have done with their beloved home when they could no longer use it.

I would like to leave you with the thought that whatever the reason for your dissatisfaction, my actions were always for the good of the Society, and I think I proved this when at the end of our first year of existence, I was unanimously elected as your President for the following year, by Directors Dr. Quigley, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Provencal. When I was called the next morning by one of the Officers and told that the outgoing President would be terribly hurt if he were not reelected and allowed to continue, I replied, "Far be it from me to cause any dissension in the Historical Society, I will forget that I was ever elected President, and the Directors can go on from there." I think this proves my point. The Directors, one officer and myself were the only ones, up to the present that knew that I had been President of the Historical Society for a day.

Zoula O. Rowell

June 26, 1973

It has been brought to my attention that some of the members are not happy with the material which was bought for the curtains and window seat, therefore I believe it would be better to take a vote as to whether the members want this material used or not.

I was asked by several members to get some material to make up new drapes and to cover the window-seat cushions, and to get something bright and cheery to brighten up the room and to give it some life, as it was very dreary and colorless. That is why the material for the drapes was bought in as near a design as the oldones and in a bright color. The window-seat material is a matching color with goes with the drapery material.

One of the members previously bought material for the room, but was informed after she had bought it and paid for it herself that the old ones had been found and those would be put up, so she was left with the material that she had bought for the meeting room.

Rather than have dissatisfaction over this, if you do not want the material to be used, I will buy it back, and someone else can try to get something to please everyone.

Zoula Rowell

July 12, 1973.

Mrs. Zoula Rowell:

Dear Zoula,

At the last meeting of the Hudson Historical Society, June 26th. the Directors meeting was held before the regular meeting.

The Directors would like to have you reconsider and come back as Chairman of the House Committee.

There will be a Directors and Officers meeting the 24th of July at 7:30 p.m. at the Hills House.

Will you kindly let me know.

Your reconsideration will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Hudson Historical Society

signed

Quitt O Parker

(clerk)

Hudson, New Hampshire
July 20, 1973

Mrs. Eric Parker, Clerk
Hudson Historical Society
R.F.D. No. 1 Robinson Rd.
Hudson, N. H. 03051


Dear Ruth:

In reply to your letter, in compliance with the request of the Directors of the Hudson Historical Society, I feel at this time that I should not reconsider to return as Chairman of the House Committee for the following reasons: You know that when I was a Director, I was unanimously elected by the other four Directors to the office of President, but the following morning, I was called and asked to give it up as the outgoing President would be terribly hurt if he were not reelected. Evidently I am not supposed to have any feelings. I said I'd forget I had been elected, and said no more about it until recently.

Then another little incident happened a little over a year ago, which showed me that there was very little esteem for me from the "Powers that be." This hurt, but it was overlooked at the time and nothing was said about that.

Then the third time and last straw was dropping me as Chairman of the House Committee before long range plans were completed. I'm sure it wouldn't have taken much longer, but evidently again the "Powers that be" couldn't wait to get me out. I was never asked if I wished to continue, but heard that I had been replaced and who the replacement was. Well, put yourself in my place! How would you feel? As I do, I imagine, that your work and planning are either unsatisfactory or you personally are not held in very high esteem by some members of the society, so I'm afraid I've lost all confidence in my ability in what I've been doing for the Society at Alvirne and in my ability to please some of the officers and Directors, so I would be of no help to the Society. Therefore, I feel that keeping away and keeping the remainder of my plans for completion of the restoration and for the activities of the Center, is the best thing I can do for the good of the Society.

Very truly yours,


Zoula O. Rowell

Hazel Buxton

APPLE FESTIVAL

OPEN HOUSE, FOOD SALE, YARD SALE EXHIBITS

Sept. 29, 1974--1:30 - 5 P. M.

(Also registration for classes)

General com., Ray Smith, Louise Shunaman, Hazel Buxton

Food sale: Ruth O. Parker, Sylvia Flemming

Yard sale: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray, assisted by Ray Smith
and Leslie Shunaman

Parking: Robert Hill

Apples and cider, Charles Parker, Erich Parker

Exhibits, Hazel Buxton; displays of crewel work, Florence Szugda;
Quilts, Sherry Bryant; Needlepoint and bargello,
Mary Ann Gendron; Tri-Chem, liquid embroidery, Jeannette
Preston

Hostesses for Open House, Louise Shunaman assisted by Ruth E.
Parker, hall and guest book; living room, Claire Smith;
dining room and chances on afghan and quilt, Florette
Munday; kitchen, Mrs. James Hetger; Meeting room and
sales, Hazel Austin; registration for classes, Greta
Peece, Hazel Buxton, Ruth Steele.

Upstairs, hostesses: Children's room, Alice Westneat; tower and
hall, Kimberley Severance; small room, Natalie Merrill;
master's bedroom, Ruth Steele, and Louise Shunaman.

Publicity, newspapers, Ruth E. Barker; radio, Hazel Buxton;
posters, Ray Smith.

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WORK ACCOMPLISHED

JUNE ,1974

MEETING ROOM FLOOR SANDED AND GYM. FINISHED APPLIED BY MR. BECHARD
FRONT AND SOUTH PORCHES PAINTED BY MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUB.
WOODWORK AROUND WINDOWS AND WINDOWSEATSQVARNISHED BY G.PECCE
HALL WALLS OVER THE FRENCH DOORS ON SECOND FLOOR PAPERED
BY BARBARA CADY.

LEAK IN PORCH AND LIBRARY ROOF REPAIRED BY MR. HILL.

JULY 1974

BELL FROM HUDSON CENTRAL SCHOOL REMOVED, CLEANED, PAINTED AND
DELIVERED TO THE HILLS HOUSE BY CHARLES AND ERIC PARKER.

NOV. 1974

a 10 by 10^{metal} UTILITY SHED ERECTED BY LOUIS PECCE.

JAN. 1975

ADDED COAT OF ASBESTOS INSULATION APPLIED TO THE MAIN HOUSE
FURNACE BY MR PECCE.

APRIL 1975

FLAGPOLE LOWERED, PAINTED AND NEW ROPE INSTALLED
BY ROWELL & MILLER AND MR PECCE.

MAY 1975

THE LARGE FALLEN LIMBS FROM TREES IN DRIVE ^{WAY} SAWED AND CUT FOR
FIRE WOOD AND SMALLER DEBRIS PILED UP BY MR.PECCE THESE
WERE REMOVED BY MR. MURRAY AND BOY SCOUTS.

CLASSES AT HUDSON HISTORICAL SOC. YEAR OF MAY 1974^{may through} 1975

FALL 1974-

AMERICAN ANTIQUE CLASS BY MR. LEBARRE
QUILTING " MRS BRYANT
CREWEL EMBROIDERY " " SZUGDA
YOGA " " ELGIN

JANUARY CLASS 1975

CREWEL EMBROIDERY

SPRING CLASSES 1975-

YOGA CLASS BY CATHY GIFFIN
CAKE DECORATING " MRS CATALANO
QUILTING " " TAYLOR
WRITERS WORKSHOP " PARKER
CREWEL EMBROIDERY " SZUGDA

TOURS AT THE HILLS HOUSE MAY 1974 THROUGH MAY 1975

JUNE 1974	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOC.	50	GUESTS	SIGNATURES
SEPT. 1974	OPEN HOUSE APPLE FESTIVAL	190	"	"
APRIL 1975	BICENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE	396	"	"
MAY 1975	SPRING OPEN HOUSE	81	"	"

OTHER MEETINGS HELD AT THE HILLS HOUSE

JUNE 1974 WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
OCT. 1974 JR. WOMENS CLUB MEETING WITH A TOUR
DEC. 1974 FORTNIGHTLY WOMENS CLUB HAD THEIR XMAS. PARTY

GRETA C. PECCE CH. HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Greta Pecce

6-90

90-873

from Shaker Village 2 post cards
Shaker choir ~~to~~ catalogue & The
Shaker Gift Songs

The Story of Jamestown Cassette &
40 color slides.

pictures of the class of 1937-38 & 1939 ^{Don's class}

Sears Roebuck catalogue #110

" " " 1894-95 #52

Combination Strip with How & Cushman
being for Danell Redicks

Making ellars Dry #1572 U.S. Department of ^{Agriculture} ~~Commerce~~

90-874 Gift of Ella Connell 6-90

Lydia E Penhams Veg Compound

Oct 18 and 20th 1977 - A Tour of 60 Cub Scouts.

Nov. 13 Open House for Sale of Hudson History Books

Dec 28/77 Fortnightly Women's Club Xmas Party

Feb 5/78 Church of the Good Shepherd Meeting

Feb 8/78 - Jr. Women's Club Meeting

Feb 15/78 - Garden Club Committee Meeting

April 19/78 - Directors of Univ. of N.H. Meeting

May 11/78 - Two Tours of Art Class From Alvirne High School Approximately 32 Students

May 19/78 - Two Tours of Home Economy Class from Alvirne High School Approximately 40 Students

May 21/78 - Open House. Approx. 150 to 200 toured the House.

= Cultural Committee And Classes =

Fall Classes 1977 - 6 Classes - 4 for 8 weeks - Crewel, Cake Decorating
1 CLASS 6 weeks in Floral arrangement
1 " 5 " " Japanese Emb.

Winter Classes 1978 - 2 Classes in Crewel Emb. for 8 week each

Spring Classes 1978 - 6 different Classes

3 meeting for 8 weeks, 2 crewel + Cake
3 " " 6 " Macrame,

Jewelry and Floral arrangement

Chairman of these Committees

Evelyn Peace

House Committee Report - May 1977 to May 1978

July 1977, One dead tree cut down and one limbed by
Mr Richard Trodella for use of wood.

Library Porch on South Side built up with bricks
blocks and wire to prevent woodchucks from
undermining it.

Portion of Ceiling Fell in dining room, during
a thunder storm. This was repaired by
a professional plasterer on July 29, 1977.

Aug 1977, Sign of Hills House repainted by Robert Hill
lettering painted by Joann Keeley (art teacher
of Alvirne High School)

Sept. 2 Tree Stumps removed, space filled in
Ceiling in dining room painted
North Porch painted

Furnace cleaned and worn part replaced

Nov 4/77 - History of Hudson Book delivered and stored
by Donald MacIntyre + members
heats in Roof repaired by Robert Hill and
Louis Pece

Meetings and Tours

June 7/77 A Buffet luncheon by ~~students~~ of Crewel Emb. Class

June 12/77 Open House for Crewel Emb. display - by Florence
Szudga (Instructor)

June to Sept, 1977 - There were 23 people toured the house (Books sig
Guess)

Oct 2 - 1977 - Open House - tour of approx 150

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT --MAY 1975 --1976

- WORK ACCOMPLISHED -

- SEPT. 75 TWO NEW DOORS MADE FOR THE WAGON SHED, LOWER SECTION OF THIS SHED RESHINGLED AND BOTH AREAS PAINTED BY LOUIS PECCE
- OCT. 75 LEAK IN VALLEY OF ROOF ON SOUTH SIDE OF HOUSE REPAIRED BY ROBERT HILL WITH THE AID OF THE FIRE DEPT. EQUIPMENT.
- NOV. 75 CEILING IN CARE TAKERS KITCHEN (AREA OVER STOVE AND SINK) REPAIRED WITH PLASTER BOARD.
- FEB. 76 FROZEN AND BROKEN WATER PIPES IN THE SECOND FLOOR BATH ROOM *Replaced*
ANTI INSULATION AND NEW FLOOR INSTALLED. BY LOUIS PECCE
- APRIL 76 GROUNDS RAKED AND CLEANED AND SOME WINDOWS CLEANED BY JR. GIRL SCOUTS TROUP # 628 UNDER THE LEADER OF MRS CAROL FRANCY
- MAY 76 *(Gift of Fortnightly Group)* A NEW COUNTER TOP INSTALLED IN THE BUTLER'S PANTRY BY ROBERT HILL
- MAY 76 SCHOOL BELL FROM THE CENTER SCHOOL MOUNTED ON THE SOUTH LAWN BY CLIFTON ROWELL.

- OPEN HOUSE-

- FEB. 28, 1975 FALL OPEN HOUSE APPROXIMATELY 193 ON TOUR OF HOUSE
- APRIL 1976 BICENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE " 345 # "
- JULY 1975 WEDDING RECEPTION 50 GUESTS
- DEC. 1975 FORTNIGHTLY XMAS. PARTY 50 ⁶⁰ GUESTS
- JAN. 1976 JR. WOMEN'S MEETING 30 MEMBERS

--CLASSES HELD--

FALL OF 1975- FOUR CLASSES

ONE EACH IN CREWEL, CAKE, ^{Dec}QUILTING AND ANTIQUE.

WINTER OF 1976- FOUR CLASSES *(By request of Teachers + Students)*

TWO CREWEL EMBROIDERY ONE KNITTING & CROCHETING AN A CANING & RUSHING OF CHAIRS.

-- SPRING OF 1976- 5 CLASSES --

TWO CREWEL EMBROIDERY, ANTIQUE, CAKE DEC. AND CROCHETING CLASS
(over)

THESE CLASSES WERE SET UP BY MRS ZOULA ROWELL,
TELEPHONE CALLS TAKEN BY MRS RUTH O. PARKER AND
REGISTRATION BY MRS GREGA PECCE.

----- TOURS-1-----

OCT. 1975 TOUR OF ANTIQUE CLASS
" " " FOR 12 HIGH SCHOOLBOYS
" " GIRL SCOUT 23 TROUP 118
FEB. 1976 LONDONDERRY CUB SCOUTS 9 BOYS
MARCH " HUDSON " " 8 "
" 27 5 GLEE CLUB EXCHANGE ST UDENTS, GUEST OF ALVIRNE HIGH
APRIL 10 18 GIRL SCOUTS TOURED THE HOUSE AFTER WORKING ON THE GROUNDS.
MAY 5 MRS CADY'S HOME ECONOMIC CLASS
" 6 MRS HOUSTON'S WRITING CLASS
" 7 " " ENGLISH "
" 7, 10 & 11 MRS JOANNE KEELEY'S DRAWING CLASS (15 & 20 STUDENTS)
" 17 30 FIFTH GRADE PUPILS FROM MEMORIAL SCHOOL (MR YARMO'S CLASS)
HOSTESS FOR THIS TOUR WERE MRS RUTH E. PARKER, MRS HAZEL BUXTON AND GRETA PECE

Greta Pece

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MAY 1976 TO MAY 1977

FALL CLASSES 1976-

6 classes met once a week for 8 weeks

1 class " " " " 5 "

WINTER CLASSES 1977

2 classes met once a week for 8 weeks

2 meetings by Mr. Dresser (writers workshop)

SPRING CLASSES 1977

5 classes met once a week for 8 weeks

1 class " " " " 7 "

HOUSE COMMITTEE MAY 1976 to 1977-

Aug. 24 pot-luck supper Hudson Historical Soc. Oct. 3 open house, Oct. 18 Finance Com. meeting, Nov. 13 first meeting of the workshop com. for the Hudson History. meetings held approximately once a week up to the present date (May 24) Dec. 15 Fortnightly Xmas Party and May 22 1977 Open House.

Tours-

Nov. 30 and Feb. 7 Cub scout tours

April 12 Girl Scout tour

May 6 Home Economic class of Alvin High School (42 Students)

May 16 Mr. Wolfe (drama teacher of Alvirne High School) Took movies of his class on the lawn, porch and several students making an exit from front door.

-Work Accomplish-

Roof repair and leaks by Robert Hill, also a Formica counter top installed over old sink in butlers pantry.

Electrical outlets installed over this area.

A radiator donated by Fred Rowell, to be cleaned and painted and installed in the dining room.

Two chairs caned by Leslie Shunaman, caning donated by William Murray.

Lost a large evergreen tree on North East side of house this was up-rooted by snow storm and strong winds.

Chairman of these Committes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George C. Peck", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Report of artifacts and archives, May 24, 1977

86 articles have been given since the last annual meeting.

A flax wheel and other articles from Mrs. Ruth Avery; rug for the meeting room; many articles from Ella Smith including an oak table; wooden case with glass cover to preserve the civil war flag, made by Paul Buxton; gifts of Godey Lady's Book and Peterson fashion magazines; two wedding gowns; albums of classical music and case returned to Hills House from Alvirne High School; Gowing and Winn accounts on genealogy, *etc.*

540 articles have been catalogued including gifts from the Smith estate. There are also innumerable articles contributed by Mrs. David Webster, 196 books from the first free public library in town. Also placed in a fireproof container for safekeeping is the documents of Kimball Webster that were kept in Roland Abbott's safe. There are also the numerous articles brought from the library by the Hudson Fortnightly Club and the documents in the safe deposit vault in the bank.

*Hazel E. Buxton, ch.
Natalie Merrill
Greta Perse
Ruth E. Parker
Virginia Mc Lavey
Leslie Skunaman*

Hazel Buxton

REPORT AND FALL CLASSES, 1974

Registration, Open House, Sept. 29, 1974

Com., Greta Pece, Hazel Buxton, Ruth Steele, assisted by
Ruth M. Parker.

Crewel embroidery, Florence Szugda, (~~6~~) (8)
Tues. 9:30 - 11:30, Oct. 1 - 8 wks;

Early Americana, antiques, George LaBarre, (13)
Thurs. 7 @ 9 P. M., Oct. 3, 8 wks.

Yoga, Eileen Elgin (10)
Thurs. 7 P. M., Oct. 4, 8 wks.

Quilting, Sherry Bryant (Mrs. John) (7)
Tues. 7 @ 9 P. M., Oct. 8, 8 wks.

Mrs. Pece collected \$450 on registration

Treasurer to pay instructors, \$330

Donations from instructors to Society, \$160

June 11th / 1974 - Meet Rm. Floor Sanded and Gym
Finish Coats Applied. by Mr. Bechard
of Joshua

June 15 - Front and So. Porch Floors Painted
by Rotary Club and Mr. Pease

June 17 - Woodwork around windows and
Window Seats Varnished by

June 18th - Hall wall and over French Doors
by Mr. & Mrs. Pease

Repaired by Barbara Cude

" " Leak in roof over front porch

repaired by Mr. Hill

June 11th - Tour of 4 art Students + Art Teacher

June 22nd - Open house for the N.H. Historical
Soc. 37 signed guest book.

Donations and Sales from table \$10.25

June 24th - ~~Women of~~ ~~Good Shepherd~~ Church ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~hills~~ ~~house~~

Donations \$10

by Hazel Sutton. Note Paper Sold \$2.50

Total of \$22.75 given to the Treasurer.