

◆ THE GENERAL STORE ◆

NEWSLETTER OF THE RALSTON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

SPRING 1994

APPROVAL OF HISTORIC DISTRICT DELAYED

The signing of the Ralston Historic District nomination has been temporarily delayed due to a legal technicality which will require the Township to go through the hearing process once again. When the letters were mailed last summer to notify residents of the public hearing, the zip code of one of the large landowners was incorrect. Consequently, the landowner never received timely notification and has objected that he was not given the opportunity to attend the State's presentation, to ask questions of the State, and to publicly voice his objections. This is his right. Therefore, the State Attorney General's office has advised the State Historic Preservation Office to hold another hearing on May 13th at 8pm at the Mendham Township Hall, followed by a state hearing in Trenton, one month later.

The Historic Preservation Committee has been in touch with Mr. Jackson, developer of Schiff Reservation, to consider

suggestions for preservation of the most significant buildings and structures of the Schiff tract. Mr. Jackson has expressed interest in the suggestions of the Committee and it is expected that the Committee will be meeting with him in the near future.

The local hearing for the proposed Brookside District was held April 5th. There will be one month period for objections, then the State hearing will be held in Trenton on May 5th. We hope this nomination will proceed smoothly.

If you know someone interested in local history that would like to join our association, contact Ed Clauss at 201-543-9725.

ANTIQUÉ APPRAISALS AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Ralston Historical Association will hold its annual meeting on May 19th at 8:00pm at the Garabrant Center on Wilson St. in Mendham Borough.

Roger Flynn, president of French & Flynn, a corporation specializing in interior design, appraisals and restoration will be the guest speaker. Mr. Flynn is an expert in appraisals, conservation and restoration of period homes, antique furniture, and the decorative arts, including paintings, porcelains, silver, crystal, jewelry and fabrics.

We ask that our guests bring no more than two items for appraisal. Please do not include any stamps, guns, or coins.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

MUSEUM OPENS FOR ITS 30th YEAR

On Sunday, May 28th, the Ralston General Store Museum will open for its 30th season. The building was saved by the Ralston Historical Association in 1941 after the Ralston Post Office moved to a new location and the building was left abandoned. In 1964 the present exhibit was opened to the public on Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 5 PM, June through October.

I hereby apply for membership in the Ralston Historical Association

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Membership — \$10.00 - per year | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership — \$20.00 - per year | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership — \$100.00 - one time | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor — \$ _____ | |

Mr., Mrs., Ms. _____

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Please verify the address on envelope and notify us of any changes, thanks.

- I am willing to serve one Sunday afternoon at the store: _____

Telephone # _____

Please make your check payable to the:

Ralston Historical Association
P.O. Box 301
Mendham, NJ 07945