



FEBRUARY 1998

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL Meeting of the Fitchburg Historical Society will be held on Sunday, February 22, 1998. The meeting will be held in the Swan Creek Room of the Fitchburg Community Center at 2 P.M. The Swan Creek Room is on the lower level with parking at the rear of the building.

The business meeting will consist of elections to the board of directors. Four members are elected each year for a term of three years. If you are interested in working behind the scenes with the board please call Richard Blaney at 271-6539 and let him know. Duties of the board include attending four board meetings each year and helping to guide the organization through the various endeavors undertaken. It is a rewarding experience even though the pay is low (as in non-existent).

It has been pointed out that several items in the Bylaws should be brought up to date. These matters will be addressed at the meeting.

The program for the day will be a video presentation of the slides that were taken on *Picture Day, 1990*. For those of you who have not seen the slides this will be a great time to see some of the treasured images we have in our archives. Light refreshments will be served.

NOTE: This will be the only reminder you will receive of this meeting. Be sure to attend and feel free to bring a guest or two along with you.

FAMILY HISTORIES

Several people have answered our call for family histories. One, a reminiscence about the Lappley family of Fitchburg Station, has appeared in the Fitchburg Star. We have also received seven articles printed in *Relatively Speaking*, a newsletter of the Ray Sweeney family. These articles were written by Dick Sweeney who is the compiler of the *Sweeney Family History*. A copy of this book is in our archives. The articles will be filed with the book. We have room for more family reminiscences in our files. This also gives us a chance to use the Fitchburg Star to share a bit of historical information with the community. Keep them coming. We have also received copies of several old newspaper clippings people thought would be of interest to the users of our archives.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

February is also the month for membership renewals. A form is included with this newsletter. Fill it out and bring it with you on the 22nd. If you are not able to attend the Annual Meeting you can send your renewal form and check to Janet Maves. This would also be a good time to ask friends, relatives or neighbors if they would care to join the organization. We are particularly interested in finding former members whose memberships have lapsed to rejoin us.

FITCHBURG A HISTORY

We are working on perhaps having the book *Fitchburg A History* reprinted. It would be done in a slightly different format than what it is in now. It will be done with a soft cover and spiral binding. If the book is reprinted it would include an index. The Board of Directors feels that it is imperative to have the index finished even if the book is not reprinted. Anyone who has the book now would be able to purchase the index separately at a small cost (probably just photocopying charges). The index would also be sent to various libraries which hold the book in their collections. An index will be a great asset to this book.



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