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“With the historian it is an article of faith that knowledge of the past is a key to understanding the present.”

- Kenneth Stampf

Founded in 1964, the Ledyard Historical Society seeks to preserve and protect the history of Ledyard and Gales Ferry, Connecticut, to educate and promote pride in our town's cultural heritage.

The Society meets regularly during the year and offers many programs of historical interest.

The Nathan Lester House and Farm Tool Museum

The Nathan Lester House, built in 1793 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a town-owned historic site that includes several outbuildings and colonial-style gardens on 110 acres. The Historical Society owns and is responsible for the furnishings and accessories on display in the house and the farm tools in the barn. In the house are parlor and bedchamber furnishings, hearth cooking utensils, looms, textiles and many other period household accessories. The house is open for guided tours during summer hours and by appointment other times of the year. The house and grounds are available for special events such as weddings, meetings, etc. by making arrangements with the caretakers.

Call 860-464-2040.

The Nathan Lester House is located at the intersection of Long Cove and Vinegar Hill Roads in Gales Ferry, at 153 Vinegar Hill Rd.

Second District School House

The Society has restored and maintained the historic one-room Second District School House on Hurlbutt Road in Gales Ferry. Built in 1868, it is noted for its unusual domed ceiling and curved blackboard.

Ledyard Historical Society Publications

Volume I - *Gales Ferry Village*

Volume II - *Ledyard Center*

Volume III - *Seven Families* traces seven of the first families of Ledyard through the houses they left.

Volume IV - *Gales Ferry Revisited*

Volume V - *Long Lots and Land Grants* tells the history of the settlement of Ledyard on the banks of the Thames River.

Volume VI - *Quakertown*: the story of the Rogerene community.

The Bluff - tells of a special section of Gales Ferry

Ledyard, Connecticut Historic Cemetery Inscriptions

Images of America: Ledyard and Gales Ferry

September 6, 1781: North Groton's Story covers the men in the Battle of Fort Griswold
Map of the Old Houses of Ledyard built before 1800

Bill Family History and Heritage Booklet

30 Recipes from Yesteryear

Beers 1868 Map of Ledyard and Gales Ferry

Also available: Nathan Lester House Cat's Meow is a collectible wooden commemorative

These items may be purchased at the Bill Library, at the Lester House, or by printing, completing and mailing the order form, available in Adobe PDF on the web site

Collections available online at

<http://ledyardhistory.org/virtualexhibit/>

People in Ledyard

Churches, Houses, Other Buildings in Ledyard, CT

Schools in Ledyard, CT (and the One and Two Room Schoolhouses)

Curator's Curiosity - The items added here have been found in our collection and we need your help with details.

Up Down Sawmill in Ledyard, CT

Email research@ledyardhistory.org for genealogical inquiries.

Membership

The membership of the Society consists of the following ten classes: Family, Student, Patron, Senior, Senior Couple, Life, Life Couple, Individual, Honorary, and Honorary Life members.

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“History does not belong to us; we belong to it.”

- Hans-Georg Gadamer

Ledyard Historical Society Membership Form

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July 1st-June 30th,
with our Annual Meeting held in June

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