



Strong-Porter House (c. 1730)

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# Sign Post



Brick School (c. 1825)

## Notes from the Archives

As your new archivist I've been trying to familiarize myself with what's in our Archives. I have come across a collection of clippings from local newspapers that needed to be organized which I have done according to year. Within this collection I see nothing which tells us who did the collecting. If I knew I would call it the \_\_\_\_\_ collection, and might file it accordingly in the Archives. It may actually have been more than one person. There are a group of clippings from 1950 clipped and pasted to paper as for a scrap book, and then a page from 1951. The collection then skips to the 1970's and 80's kept loosely in folders. The majority however are from the 1990's. The clippings all relate to Coventry in some way. Can anyone identify the collectors?

It's been suggested that these clippings should be run through a copier on acid free paper. I was wondering if anyone would like to help with that project. I can be reached at 742-5271.

I have also come across a scrap book with many clippings of wedding announcements and obituaries most of which don't have dates, so I thought we might reprint some of the clippings about weddings in the hope that someone in town will be able to locate a date to go with a clipping.

I believe that these various collections could come together to form the beginning of a collection that could be very useful to genealogists and researchers in the coming years.

Sue Way



## TRANSCRIPTION OF ELEANOR INGLE'S DIARY IN THE SUMMER OF 1917 ON THE SHERMAN FARM IN SOUTH COVENTRY CT. (Part two)

I have a wonderful diary my Mother wrote in 1917 (at age 11) of her summer on the Sherman's Farm on Ripley Hill Rd. It mentions the Hazens and some of the other families in the area and what fun they all had berry picking, swimming and walking into Coventry or taking the "old horse" or the trolley car to Willimantic to shop. I have made a transcription of it (her spelling is awful! Ha!)

Sincerely, Midge Marshall



(Part 2)

THE FARM was the Sherman Farm in South Coventry Ct. It belonged to the Sherman in-laws of Eleanor's. Aunt Betsey Sherman, the elder. The Sherman's would go on vacation in the summer and the Ingle family would take care of the farm and have a wonderful time as well.

PLAYERS: "Ant Betsy" Eleanor's mother's sister Elizabeth who married Al Sherman , " Ant Edith" Eleanor's mother's sister Edith married to Charles Newell ( Muriel was their daughter ), Uncle Will may have been William Marigold and his wife Anna may have been "Ant Annie" ( Bessey and Sarah may have been their daughters, the Marigolds were Eleanor's grandmothers family ) Uncle Bill was Eleanor's mothers brother , "Honey" was nickname for Eleanor's sister Marjorie. Most of the others were neighbors on Ripley Hill.

Fri. Aug 10: weather pleasant . This morning we did not do much in the morning but in the afternoon we went in Hazens junk to get huckelburrys. They thought that they were going fast when they went 6 miles a hour. Mrs. Hazen said "he has not got all his power on he can go a little bet faster" when we got their Muriel and I had to take care of the baby we had to move 4 times the last time we camped under a large tree. After a long time we heard the auto horn and then we all ran and got in , there were 12 people in the auto it was a truck and had auto seats in the back. When we were half way home a auto tried to pass us.

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## A Hauntingly Enchanted Thank-you

By Ginney Dilk

The Coventry Historical Society would like to thank the following individuals and companies for their efforts in making A Hauntingly Enchanted Evening (AHEE) a huge success.

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AHEE 2009 is now in the planning stage. Jim Wieloch (Graveside Manor) and I would like to extend the event over two weekends. This will only be possible if there is a committee. These are some of the committees I would like to establish: Food (tavern), Concessions, Set-up/tear-down, Pumpkins, Scripts and Thank-you notes. Each committee will need a chairman and volunteers. I have notes that will get the committees started. Please join the AHEE team. This is a great fundraiser. We netted \$2,000 in 2008.

### **ELEANOR INGLE'S DIARY**

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Mr. Hazen tried to turn out but got stuck in the mud the other car went over a rock and I thought that they had broken a wheel off. We all had to get out and push until we got it out of the mud. They had to push the other car out when the other car got out it backed up and it looked if it was on fire. on the way coming home we went 8 miles an hour and it seemed if we were flying to them.

Sat. Aug 11: weather fine. I did not do much in the morning but in the afternoon father brought Uncle Will and Bessie. After dinner we went to ride on a load of hay with Forest and Eddy we went a little farther down then Sniders. There we got off and went up to Sniders and talked awhile with her until the foxes came. when we got home we went in swimming. Muriel thinks she can swim.

Sun. Aug. 12: weather fine. We went swimming in the morning and went to Willamantic in the auto in the afternoon. Mother, Ant Edith, Ant Annie, Uncle Will and Uncle Charles went to Hartford to see Ant Annie and Bessey and Uncle Will off. Us girls and my father and Uncle Bill stayed home. Uncle Will took us girls down to Coventry to get some ice cream and some candy after we went in swimming and I took 30 strokes. When we got home we set down and plaid jokes on each other. After a while Mother, Ant Edith, Uncle Charles and little Charles... (continued on page 3)

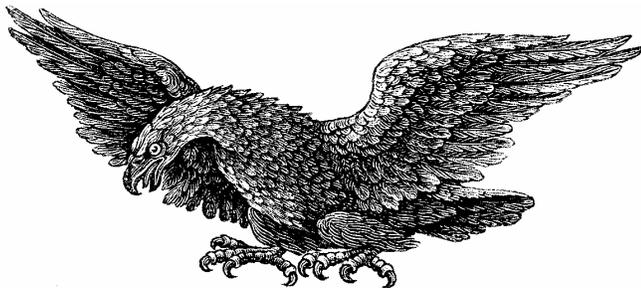
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## Attention!

**We will be dedicating at least one room of the Strong-Porter Museum for a display on Coventry's military history this season. If you have any articles you would like displayed please contact Jim Murphy at: 742-3054 or (preferably) email at [murf1776@charter.net](mailto:murf1776@charter.net)**



Mon. Aug. 13 weather fine . We did not do much in the morning but in the afternoon Muriel and I went down in the culer and talked awhile.

Honey went after black berries. When Muriel and I went down after the milk , Honey came down and told us that Dot had come so we came up the street singing songs.

Tues. Aug. 14 weather fine . We did not do much in the morning but in the afternoon we went to Covertry. Dorothy, Honey, Muriel and I walked and went around in the boat and then we went to the stoor and got some ice cream we slept out that night.

Wed. Aug.15 weather fine In the morning Muriel was sitting on the porch writing when Austin came by in the auto and Muriel called to him that Dot had come but he went on Ant Edith called and becond him to come . he stoped and turned around and came back and Dot ran out and they talked for a while then she came in and asked if she could go to the dance tonight.

Mother said yes . that afternoon we went fishing with the Hazens I cout 4 pumpincsead . we fulled moust of the time so could not ceatch any fish. When Dot came to go to the dance she could not find her coller. We had a long hunt and finely found it. She had to go off without any supper. Forest said he would take us girls. He came to take us but Mother said we could not go. We maid him come up on the porch and we danced then talked . finaly he said why not play a trick on Dot. So we poot a string across the porch and tied the big dinner bell on it so when she came up the steps it would ring and wake us up Then we sewed up her night gown and maid a pie bed and poot chestnut burrs in it . then fixed her bed so that when she got in it , it would go down with her .

Thurs. Aug. 16 weather fine. This morning the boys came up and asked if we would go huckel buring. Mother said yes, so we started. We got into the junk but it would not steart. Muriel , Dot and the baby started home . Ant Edith got in to the auto she put a pail on her head and a brown coat on and sat down if she was a monk and said "speak not , here not , see no evil" she said it three times then it started . we went as fas as the lake then stoped and staid there 2 hours. Finely it started after Ant Edith said the samething . We had to get out when we got on the hill and push on behind, finely we got there. We had to clime a long hill then we had to clime through a bob wire fence. Forest and I went over to the other side of the hill where we got more burryes. We went through bryers and bushes finely we got to a place where we found menny burryes .

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