
Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
East Haddam, CT


War Office
Lebanon, CT


Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
New London, CT

Real Property Committee Report

September 11, 2023

Before I get into this report, I would like to mention the passing of Compatriot, James Rothgeb, who lost his battle with brain cancer. Jim was one of those volunteers who worked for the betterment of the CTSSAR, through his Patriot grave searches and his work as a member of this committee. As Jim's condition progressed we would travel to meetings together so that he could stay informed and continue his research. We had many very direct conversations, he had accepted his fate and was at peace with the reality that there was little time left. He never gave up hope that the upcoming treatment might give more time to spend with his family.

The Spring school programs at the War Office went well, starting with the Lebanon 3rd grade on April 28th, Lebanon 7th grade (Bike & Hike) on May 31st. The annual 3rd grade East Haddam School Days went off without a hitch on June 8th. The student and chaperone numbers will be posted in the next report.

During the Summer the buildings were open for several special events and visitors. East Haddam and Lebanon saw the most action with New London falling short. The DAR Nathan Hale Chapter did a great job keeping the schoolhouse open in East Haddam. SAR members, Dave Jones and Scott Collins were available at Lebanon, East Haddam and New London.

Work began on the perimeter over growth at the War Office. My last visit showed that it was 50% complete. Weather has been a factor with the slow progress. Next work to be started at the War Office will be repairing the front entry sidewalk and

constructing a short driveway, on the right of the building, that will support the weight of a truck. This driveway will allow us to service a possible portable toilet.

On Saturday, September 9th Gary Pitcock, Dave Jones and Dave Packard met at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in East Haddam with members of the Case Family and excepted the gift of a hand school bell that was found in the schoolhouse around 1900, when the building was moved to its present location. The bell is in excellent condition and needs further investigation to determine its true age and possible connection to Nathan Hale. Placing the bell on display will be the subject of further discussion.

I would like to welcome Dave Jones and Mark Sheldon as new members of the Real Property Committee. A meeting will be scheduled to get acquainted and start planning for next year.

Respectfully submitted:
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