

AHS meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in the small downstairs meeting room in the Town Administrative Building in Warrenville.

In November we meet on the third Thursday so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving, and in December we usually hold our monthly gathering at a restaurant so that members can have dinner together and celebrate the holidays.

AHS Officers are as follows:

President: Joan Bowley 860-429-4568
V. President: Gail Zaiceck 860-429-4402
Secretary: Kay Warren 860-487-3744
Treasurer: Barbara Metsack 860-429-6383

New members are always welcomed. Membership dues are on an annual basis payable before the Annual Meeting in the springtime.

To join, simply contact any of the AHS Officers listed above, or complete and mail the Membership Application on this brochure. Please plan to attend the next monthly meeting.

New Members Welcome

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Ashford Historical Society, Inc. Annual dues are \$15.00 per single person or \$25.00 per family. Please make your membership check payable to **The Ashford Historical Society, Inc.** and mail it to Joan E. Bowley, President, 630 Westford Road, Ashford, CT 06278.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Cellphone: _____

E-mail: _____

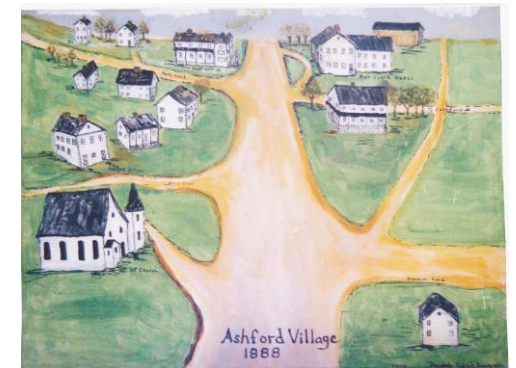
Type of Membership:

- Individual \$15.00
 Family \$25.00

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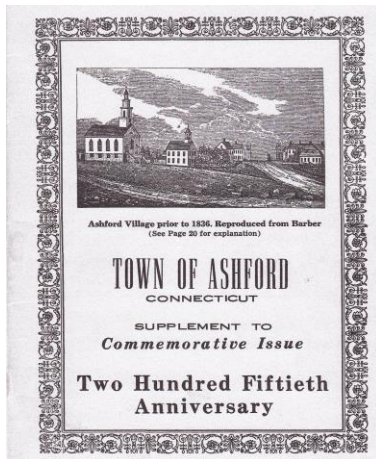
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The mission of the Ashford Historical Society, Inc. (AHS) is to promote appreciation of and interest in Ashford history by educating the public and advocating for the preservation of significant historic resources.

The Ashford Historical Society was first established in 1961 to help plan the town's 250th Anniversary celebration (1714-1964). The founding members included Clayton Kendall, Leon Gardner Sr., Leroy Green, Mrs. Arthur Goodwin, Mrs. John Metsack, Mrs. Maurice Whitehouse, Addison Bassett, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Knowlton. This group of dedicated people laid the foundation of gathering historic information about our town. They also succeeded in publishing a booklet to commemorate the 250th Anniversary (now out of print).



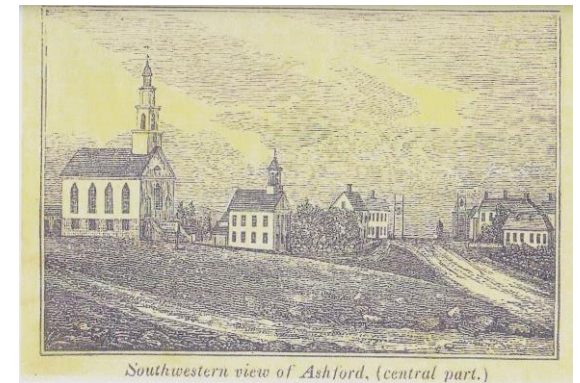
Since the 1960s the town of Ashford has delegated to the AHS the primary responsibility for taking care of the Ashford Academy (built in 1825) located on Route 44 in old Ashford village. Each succeeding generation of AHS members has taken this duty very seriously, and today Ashford Academy stands intact in excellent condition.

Since October 2005, with a change in leadership, our membership has increased from 6 members or so to as many as 63 members. By-laws were updated, and AHS applied for and received incorporation as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization.

As part of the reorganization our focus also became much broader. In addition to taking care of the Ashford Academy the AHS now leases the Tremko/Stebbins House located in Warrenville across Route 44 from the Town Administrative Building and Knowlton Hall. Our goal is to rehabilitate this building and convert it into a museum about Ashford town history.

Once we have rehabilitated this building and have a roof over our heads we can bring together historic

information that has been gathered and stored in various people's homes as well as the vault in the town administrative building. When archiving is completed everyone will have access to this information in the museum. Displays will be organized and presented to the public. A research room will be available for the general public and for school groups. It will be exciting to make available Ashford's rich history on a permanent basis.



Every Columbus Day Weekend AHS supports the WalkTober program in eastern Connecticut by conducting our own Annual Bake Sale at the Ashford Academy. The Academy is open to the general public and tours are available.

AHS also holds an Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser in mid-September at Skungamaug River Golf Club in Coventry, CT.