



STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN HALL
CENTENNIAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1981



Rededication
Programme

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

1. INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS ROGER HALL
Chairman, Town Hall Centennial Committee
2. ANTHEM DAVID M. BENJAMIN
Accompanied by music from Original Town Hall Piano
3. INVOCATION Msgr. MIMIE PITARO
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church
4. GREETINGS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, EDWARD J. KING
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hon. WILLIAM R. KEATING
5. PRAYER Rev. ERNEST O. GEIGIS
First Congregational Church
6. REPORT OF THE 1881 BUILDING COMMITTEE AND
DELIVERY OF KEYS PATRICK J. HYLAND
Town Manager
7. REPLY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
OF SELECTMEN WALTER H. JOHNSON
8. 1881 ORATION OF
HON. E. L. PIERCE CHARLES F. LARGE
9. BENEDICTION RABBI HAROLD S. SCHECHTER
Ahavath Torah Congregation

FOUR O'CLOCK, P.M.

DEDICATION CONCERT BY THE OLD STOUGHTON MUSICAL SOCIETY
First United Methodist Church

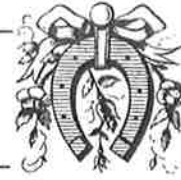


Building Open to Public Tours





Highlights of 100 Years of the Stoughton Town Hall



1870. Town Offices moved to Atwood's Stable, corner of Railroad Avenue and Washington Streets, from Chemung Hall at the First Parish Church.
- February 27, 1880.** Atwood's Stable and entire block levelled by fire. Most of all town records destroyed.
- March 18, 1880.** Special Town Meeting held in tent erected at corner of Seaver and Capen Streets appoints nine members to committee to build town house.
- April 5, 1880.** Annual Town Meeting votes to build Town Hall on site of "Burnt District" for \$40,000.
- April 29, 1880.** Construction started on lot formerly owned by Robert Porter at corner of Pearl and Porter Streets. Architect: S.J.F. Thayer, Boston. Contractor: Joseph W. Coburn & Co., Boston.
- November 15, 1880.** Roof scheduled to be completed in winter of 1880-81. Construction delayed because of storms, cold weather and failure of the selectmen to authorize installation of boilers.
- April 4, 1881.** First Town Meeting held in unfurnished Town Hall; dinner served in auditorium with bare brick walls.
- May 1, 1881.** Original dedication date, postponed to Fall.
- Summer 1881.** Work completed. Donations for furnishings given by Lucius Clapp, Ladies Aid Society, George L. Damon and Stoughton Dramatic Company.
- November 22, 1881.** Formal Dedication. Building committee reports cost overrun of \$10,621.62 from original appropriation.
1903. Library removed to Park Street Building.
1910. Post Office relocated to Wyman Street.
- June 13, 1927. Fire Station removed from lower level, to Freeman Street.
- 1951-52. Large Auditorium dismantled to make room for more office space.
1959. Police Station vacates lower level for Rose Street building.
- 1978-81. Minor remodelling; rooms made out of stage area, ceilings lowered to save energy.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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| <p>Stoughton Arts Council
Stoughton Historical Society
Old Stoughton Musical Society
Michael Romanuk Post 1645, V.F.W.
Stoughton Grenadiers
Town Hall Employees
Chester L. Cohenno
Dorothy M. Woodward
Henry J. Herbowy</p> | <p>Malcolm's Home Bakery
Stoughton Little Theatre
Thomas Dennison
Eugene L. Schwaab, Jr.
Margaret E. Fitzpatrick
Mildred Wilson
Gail Friberg
Old Colony Model T Club
South Shore Antique Auto Club</p> |
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- Stoughton Woman's Club



- Music by Out Jazz Ensemble
Steve Avellino Dave Wilson John DeAndrade
Stanley Manifase Paul Cutugno



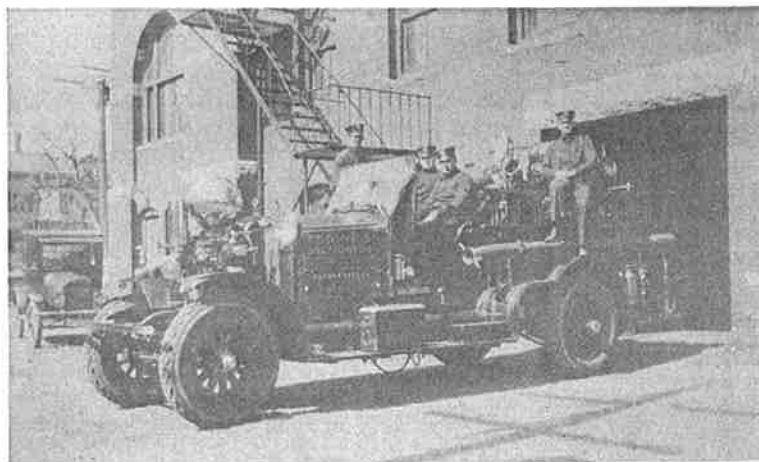
Selectmen George W. Pratt, Horace Britton, James A. Capen,
Town Clerk Corneilous Healy, Police Chief Richard Vanston,
Fire Chief James J. Pye — 1900-1905



Town Hall Stage
Decorated for Graduation 1898



Public Library when located in
G.A.R. Hall, now
Assessors' Office



Fire Department at
Lower Level of Town Hall