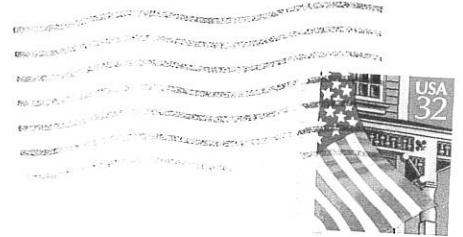


The second floor of the Town Hall, built in 1852 for \$200, now the very cramped home of the DHA Museum. Note the basketball hoop over the door, often used by Theron Tirrell and 'Red' Follensbee. The second floor was also used for parties in the late 1940s with dancing to a hand-cranked Victrola donated by Sam and Norma Smith (Peter Smith's parents.)



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Annual Picnic  
Tuesday, June 23  
the Landing, 6 pm

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## **\*\*THE OLD BRICK TOWN HALL**

Wouldn't ALL of the old Town Hall make a splendid building for the DHA! The wonderful museum is now on the second floor but the room is very crowded. The stairs get steeper by the minute.

The District Court which is now on the first floor will probably move to Dover within a couple of years. And then there would be all that lovely space for the DHA Museum. Points to ponder: Would the town rent the building to the DHA for say the princely sum of \$1 a year? Could the town help with renovations and the heating bills? Could a few ANGELS fly about and create a trust fund for the DHA? (The building is in need of urgent repairs.)

I think it certainly would be an appropriate building to hold Durham's history because it has been a part of the warp and the woof of the town for 173 years.



*The old Town Hall more than 100 years ago. The entrance to the DHA Museum is around the corner to the left of the building. The house with the four chimneys was built in the early 1800s by James Joy, later Charles Marston's house, and now the spot of defunct Dover Auto Supply. The watering trough in front was given by Hamilton Smith, the diamond mine-owner of Red Tower. The sign over the Town Hall door reads C.E. Hayes. Chauncey Hayes had a general store there, renting the space for \$50 a year from the town. Hayes was appointed postmaster in 1889 and his store became the post office.*