

February 27, 1990

We're in good shape, if the February "share" meeting was any indication. The variety of projects showed a wide range of interests and exemplified the efforts of the group to preserve the town's written history.

June Clark showed her "goodies" bag she received from Ruth Bigelow. Many of the items related to the Presbyterian Church, the Academy, post cards, news clippings, and town news.

Ruth Bigelow also sent a box of material to Don Teator for the GLHG. The box containing a ledger, many photos (and notes with the photos) and other news will be brought to one of our next meetings. Thanks, Ruth, for making us feel as if it's Christmas!

June is maintaining a log book of all the contributions to the GLHG.

Don Teator brought several of the photograph albums. The place pictures have been sorted by town; the people pictures need to be grouped. He asked for input as to how much labelling should go on the pictures. Presently, all duplicated pictures have the negative location as its identification number written on the back. Soon, all picture fronts will be labelled with that negative number. In addition, the people pictures will have a family name listed, full names if only one or two people are in the picture. A suggestion was made for a map for the houses. Also, a computer printout of the pictures, currently numbering 1200, will be updated and kept by the pictures so researchers can look up any further information.

Dave Dively told of the progress of the 4th grade project. The 4th graders are writing house histories of the buildings near the Greenville's four corners. Letters have been sent out to home owners for information.

In relation to that, Dave mentioned that prizes were given out last year and would like to see that happen again this year for the best write-ups. Anyone wishing to contribute money for a prize fund can do so at the next couple meetings or send the contribution to Dave Dively at GCS. A strong sentiment voiced was that the prizes should not be money, but books or some type as this.

Cris Ketcham, modestly admitting to cleaning up, gave for the files the 1968 Saint John the Baptist history book as well as genealogy files on Olive Jennings (Charles-Searles, Palmer, Powell, Feake) and Mrs. Burdette (Ferris, Field).

Marge Bennett gave to the group a unique picture. This photograph shows the students of the GCS High School in the first year of the new building - 1932. In addition, she identified as many people as she knew. I will have the picture available at the next meeting for anybody to fill in the blanks. Marge also brought old post cards to show.

Phyllis Beechert gave for the files a brochure that gave many of the specifications for the new Jr.Sr. High School. Her husband was a Board member at the time.

Barbara Valicenti asked for help on the Norton, Hart(t), and Ramsdell lines. She'd like any information on those families as it pertains to Norton Hill. Barbara also volunteered to help out with questions about deeds and censuses since she works at the Greene County Court House. Although we shouldn't make Barbara regret she ever offered, we'd be foolish not to take advantage if needed.

Harriet Rasmussen placed a Sanford family folder on file. Harriet also described a few other genealogy projects she is continuing.

June Clark, in an almost successful attempt to make appear sane her boundless energy, showed her family trees on the Crow, Botsford, Talmadge, Hickok, and Vanderbilt lines she sketched on rolled paper.

And not to be forgotten, Marge and Ray Bennett brought refreshments. I'm not sure about the rest of you, but the best part of the night for me is cookie time (must be my kindergarten training).

Notes and other opinions:

1. Enclosed is the updated members list. Let me know if changes are needed.
2. If you know anyone who would want to receive this newsletter, let me know. I will torture them as I have done to you.
3. Next meeting is Monday, March 12, 1990. The program is House Histories, but all of us are the "speakers". We plan on breaking up in small groups and listing as many of the owners, occupants, and changes of a particular building or two. Come and share your knowledge. If you want to prepare for this, do so, but it's not necessary.
4. Refreshments: unless someone volunteers, we'll be "dry" next month.
5. As soon as the photographs are labelled, I plan on placing them on file. This may take a couple more months but eventually they'll get there. I intend to keep the negatives of these duplicated photos in my home. Should something unforeseen ever happen to me and Debbie (aliens putting us on the right planet, etc.), you now know where these negatives are. More realistically, should something ever happen to the pictures, the negatives are available. Should you feel something different should be done, bring it up at one of our meetings, or give me a call.
6. Drawing maps for the place photo albums is not my forte, although I will attempt it; unless someone beats me to it! This project calls for drawing road map sections that correspond to the photo albums, numbering the structures, and then labelling the pictures to match the map.
7. June and I never did talk about taping and transcribing. If you want information, call one of us. It's not hard; like any of the other projects, it takes time. We'll try to do it in April if there's time.
8. Ideas for meeting topics? Bring them up at one of these next meetings.

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No dues, meetings the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 in the Community Room

9. If you know of pictures that should be duplicated, please let me know. Although pictures are only a small part of the history to be preserved, they are a visual reminder what the town was.

10. As (in)accessible as the historian's files are, few people take advantage and view what's in them. One way to make it easier might be to have publicized "office hours" and invite the public in. One such time slot could be Saturday mornings when the Library is open.

I'd be willing to cover a Saturday a month if several other volunteers could cover the other Saturdays (or whatever other time slot we make, if we make). This would run on a trial basis for a few months, and then we'd evaluate the response to see if it's worthwhile. If anybody is interested, call June or me.

11. One service this newsletter could provide is to let people know of any requests you have. Let me know your requests and, space providing, I'll include them in the next issue.

12. A personal thank you goes to June who has proofread the past few issues of this newsletter. Another "eye" catches omissions and sentences that were perfectly clear to me at the time.

Don Teator