

March 21, 1990

Our March 12th meeting found almost 20 of us spending the beginning of a March heat wave working on house histories. After a brief explanation of the form that June and Don concocted (with the help from a couple other sources also), two groups formed - Greenville and Freehold. (Actually, a third group sat on the couch and had as much fun as the groups.)

Each group selected a house to start with and recorded as much information as could be remembered. The goal is to have a worksheet that lists much of the information needed for a basic house history. Ultimately, we hope to insert a house history with any pictures we have of that building. This information would be on file and would act as a resource for anyone researching that building.

Enclosed you'll find an blank form which we hope will be filled out for a house of your choosing. As of now, we have only two house histories (out of a possible 1500). We need help! Keep in mind it's not vital to use this form; if you'd rather record this information differently, please do so.

Other news included several June Clark comments/queries. One was to ascertain interest for a booth at the Rotary Fair on June 2. The booth would cost \$20 and we would have to decide what would be shown or done (the pictures certainly could be used). Second, June sought volunteers to open the Historian's files to the public by manning a time slot (probably a Saturday morning a month). As of now, Don would take one, June would take another. Ideally, we need people to cover the other two Saturdays of each month. We'll try it for 3-4 months and then evaluate. Call Don or June if you'd like to volunteer. It might be a good time to read some of the files yourself. We'd probably start in June. Third, June suggested a joint project of transcribing headstones from the abandoned cemeteries. She mentioned that Ronnie Campbell might have a list of those cemeteries.

Don announced that the 1925 Greenville census had been transcribed and was on file. In addition, most of the Methodist Church records of Greenville and Norton Hill had been Xeroxed (thank you to Tom Carney and Rosemary Harrison for their help). Don also made copies of the 1867 and 1856 maps of Greenville, valuable to researchers because these maps indicate the owner/resident of the buildings.

#### Notes and opinions:

- 1: Marge and Ray Bennett's picture of the high school students will be brought to meetings until almost all the students can be identified. If you graduated in the 30's, help us out and fill in some of our blanks.
- 2: Harriet Rasmussen contributed several pieces: family group sheets, an obit for Henry Barker, the house history of her home, and the story of Central Hudson in Greenville.
- 3: Cris Ketcham contributed ancestry information about Olive Jennings. Related families include Sarles/Searles, Palmer, Powell, and Peake.
- 4: Reminder: Anyone wishing to contribute to a prize fund for the 4th grade project can give a donation to Dave Dively or send it to him at the Elementary School.

5: Reminder: If you have queries to be included in the next newsletter, call, see, or write me. (Our first query is found at the end of this letter.)

6: Several big projects are up for grabs; many small projects can be achieved also. I hope everyone will take time to contribute some small piece of the puzzle of Greenville Local History every once in a while. Many topics of interest you take for granted, that reside in your memory, remain to be written down.

7: New "members" include:

Carol Lamb, Box 293, Greenville 966-8576

Marilyn Lobb, RD#1, Box 46, Greenville 966-5084

Update on other members:

Dorothy Blenis -include along with Gordon Blenis-  
Bonnie Persico mailing address- PO Box 4, Earleton 12058

8: Thank you for references for pictures. Recently, pictures were loaned by Nick DiBrino, Curt Cunningham, Leona Rundell, Joe Mangold, and Marge & Ray Bennett. If you know anyone who has pictures of buildings and people of Greenville, pass them the word that we want to shoot. Currently, we have 1300 pictures.

9: Two thank you's: one to Jeanne Bear for some "history in the rough" (memories of her husband) written and given to the files; and, the other, to Edna Adams, for the transcription of her interview with Erwin Yeomans.

10: If no one says anything, June and I will continue to "inflict" our choice of topics upon you. We will try to catch a hint the best we can, but feel free to suggest a topic you'd like to be discussed.

11: Our April meeting is April 9, a share session. Bring your latest projects. I'll bring refreshments.

12: Last fall, I said I would write the newsletter and cover the cost from my Historian's budget until spring. Spring is here and at the April meeting, I will be asking for input what the group wants to do with the newsletter. We're at almost 50 mailings per month.

13: The Greene County Historical Society's 1990 Home Tour features Greenville village on June 9, 1990.

#### QUERIES

\*\* If you know the location of any Greenville Local issue(s) for 1891-1892, contact June Clark.

*Don Leator*

GREENVILLE HOUSE/BUILDING SURVEY

Building name or business name:

Location - Town:

Road:

Directions:

Adjacent property/owners:

North -

South -

East -

West -

Owner/name of larger tract of land if acreage has been sold off:

Date of construction:

Architect:

Builder/s:

Other related information:

Architectural style:

Description of main structure:

Non/existing out buildings, their use and changes:

Historical information:

OWNERS, RESIDENTS, BUILDING USE, LAND USE, STRUCTURE  
(interior and exterior), IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (old to new).

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OWNER/RESIDENT</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>STRUCTURAL CHANGES, ETC.</u>
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