

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

The extended hot August weather finally caught up to a local history meeting, with twelve overly warm participants – Stephanie Ingalls, Rosemary Lambert, Kathie Williams, Mimi Weeks, Martha Turon, Harriett Rasmussen, Dot Blenis, Dot Hesel, Ron Golden, John Earl, Phyllis Beechert, and Don Teator. (What did we do before air conditioning? Yeah, I know, many of you have endured worse without AC!)

The first items of the share session were shown by Mimi. A useful pamphlet is Mabel Parker Smith's *Greene County, New York: A Short History*, which Mimi donated to the files. Another interesting piece was a sheriff's sale of property about 1790, handwritten of course, and Mimi had translated it and read to us as we passed around the parchment upon which it was written. Other clippings were about the Catholic Church cornerstone and a Women's Work Association.

Harriett added to her Utter/Tripp article by doing some research on Judson Cleveland who married Victoria Rundell, which coordinated well with Martha's picture of a Rundell family which happened to show Victoria as a young woman. Harriett listed the family of Phoebe and Seth Rundell, with children Ellen (m. Walter Cheritree), John (m. Louise? Bryant), Mary (m. a Merritt, who had a daughter Idella who married Roy Ellis who was the father of Scott! Anyone who knows Harriett knows a connection like this was coming!), Victoria (m J. Cleveland), and Orloff (m. Hattie Elliott). All of these people were in the picture Martha brought in. Did the two of them plan this?

Harriett also brought in a leaflet with poems by Esther Lamb, a couple of humorous pieces, one of which included details of waitressing at Balsam Shade.

Martha had brought in several older Greenville Locals, which prompted my showing a couple of dozen issues from the mid-1980s, so we spent about a half-hour looking through the Locals,

prompting a rash of stories and anecdotes that related to anything in the papers.

Just a few days previous to this meeting, I had taken the time to locate all the old Greenville Locals I had in files, unfold them and stored them flat in the large archival newspaper box I ordered last year. The issue dates are on the back.

A look through the issues of this limited collection was a small goldmine for a very brief history of publication dates. One copy is Jan 10, 1878, and being v1,i10, the very first issue of the Greenville Local must have been about November of 1877. A tattered quarter page remnant from Dec 25, 1919, announces the suspension of Local production. A copy of the wording is included in this newsletter.

The resumption of printing starts May 22, 1932 with v1,i1, a starting point that continues through today for the numbering of volume and issue.

There's a piece about the opening of the Academy in 1906, and I'll make a copy of that for a future newsletter.

Also included is a copy of papers Mimi had brought in to share a few months ago. They show that George King was excused from Civil War service by providing a substitute (not named) and that Elisha Wilson was excused by paying the \$300 commutation fee. Both of these documents demonstrate how some men were able to not serve in the Civil War, a topic that can be more fully explored on your own if you want a fuller treatment.

Also included is a copy of the Local from 1888, the week of the blizzard.

The 2003 calendar should be ready by next meeting. Prices will remain the same for perhaps the last year – five dollars at retail, four dollars for members through the GLHG.

The next meeting is September 9. We'll look at the new calendar, and I'll have a couple of things ready (the Tiberi slides and a brief look at the Concordia Circle file).

Enjoy Labor Day weekend! (Summer is almost over!)

Don

### Greenville Local (pre-1963)

—in historian's files  
—some in relatively good shape, some  
in tatters

1878: Jan 10 (v1,i10)  
1880: Jan 8 (v3,i10)  
1885: Aug 6, Oct 22  
1886: Feb 18, Aug 5  
1887: Jan 20, Mar 3, Apr 21, Sep 15,  
Nov 10, Nov 24  
1888: Jun 21, Aug 2  
1889: Mar 7, Dec 19  
1891: Sep 10  
1893: Apr 19, Jun 1  
1996: Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Mar 12, Mar

19, May 21, Oct 29  
1897: Mar 18  
1898: May 12  
1900: Apr 5, May 10  
1903: Jul 2  
1906: Feb 22  
1912: May 30, Aug 8, Sep 5  
1915 Apr 8, Nov 11,  
1932: May 22 (v1,i1), Sep 14  
1934: Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31,  
Feb 7  
1935: Jun 19  
1938: Jun 8  
1939: Apr 26  
1943: Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10  
1944: Apr 5, Apr 26

Last week we announced that we would discontinue publishing the Local with the issue of Dec. 25th. When our son, who for some years has been associated with us in business, decided to engage in another occupation we at first thought to continue the publishing of the Local but after a careful investigation we find that owing to the increased cost of every thing connected with the issuing of a paper it would amount to as much or more than we would receive for subscriptions, and the only profit would be from the advertising columns, hence the decision to discontinue.

We shall continue the job printing department, which is a large and paying one, and all that has prevented us from stopping before this. This was not an easy decision for us to make after over 42 years as editor of the Local, during which time we have enjoyed many manifestations of warm and true friendship, that we hope to retain until we pass over the river.

We shall maintain the office intact in the hope that when business becomes normal again the Local can be resurrected. As soon as we can find the time to do so we shall make out a statement of each subscription account and send it to each one with the balance due in cash to those who are paid ahead, and hope that those in arrears will treat us the same. It will save us a few dollars in postage if those who can conveniently do so will call at this office.

We take this opportunity to thank those who through all these years have done so much to assist us in our business and especially to our faithful itemizers.

Yours Most Sincerely, P. WINNE.

—I Friday evening as your Junior Editor as enjoying his after supper nap a knock came at the door, and upon his better half answering it he was informed that he was wanted at the Presbyterian Chapel. Thinking it was to assist in the practise of the Christmas Cantata he put on his shoes and went up. You can imagine his surprise, and the feeling that swept over him, when he opened the

Chapel door and seen eighty of his friends and neighbors gathered to tender the wife and him a farewell reception. We have made the statement that "A woman can not keep a secret" but will have to withdraw it. They certainly did this time. After the arrival of the wife, who had been in the secret of the reception, Dr. Chas. P. McCabe and Rev. E. D. Vandyc made a few remarks that were deeply appreciated by both Mrs. Winne and myself. At the conclusion of the Doctors remarks he presented us with a purse of \$61.00, contributed by Greenville and the surrounding community. Events occur in life when one finds that words are inadequate to express one's feelings, and this is one of those events in the lives of Mrs. Winne and myself. Since receiving the purse we have been presented with sums making the total amount received \$80.00. Being unable to express our appreciation, in words, of the many kindnesses shown us all we can do is ask that God's Bless may rest on Greenville and surrounding community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Winne.

*Henry G. ...*

# THE GREENVILLE LOCAL.

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Greenville, Greene Co., N. Y., March 15, 1888.

No. 21.

## WOODS IN WINTER.

BY MAHAR.

Come with me this frosty morning,  
See the sunshine bright and clear  
Lighting up the wintry landscape  
Which last night was dark and drear.

See those fields of gleaming whiteness,  
Stretching off to left and right,  
Each unsightly object hidden,  
Clad in pure and sparkling white.

Tree and shrub are ermine covered,  
Royally they greet the morn;  
All their bare and shivering branches  
Kingly robes today adorn.

Look afar to yonder woodland,  
Saw you ever a scene more fair?  
Winter sprites with fairy fingers  
Surely have been busy there.

Mark those pines so tall and stately,  
Crowned with emerald and pearl,  
Oak and maple, ash and cedar,  
All wear robes might please an earl.

All those pleasant forest pathways,  
Yield us new and strange delight,  
All transformed, by winter's magic,  
Paved with jewels, roofed with light.

Yonder, where a babbling brooklet  
Jubled us off on summer days,  
Gleams a sheet of purest crystal,  
Flashing back the sun's bright rays.

On ferns, grottoes, decked in crystal,  
Meet us now at every turn;  
Brightly in each joy pendant  
Ruby fires now lead and burn.

Thus we ramble on enchanted,  
Thro' this scene from fairyland,  
Filled with awe and silent wonder,  
Neath these glacial arches stand.

Surely, those who but in summer  
When the sun smites crush and tree,  
Seek the shadows of the forest,  
He'er its choicest beauties see.

No, 'tis when the Frost King cometh  
With his elves from out the North,  
Grand, and silently majestic,  
Neath their touch the woods come forth.

## Our Apology.

—Don't be frightened at the diminutive appearance of the LOCAL this week. We are only snowed under and hope to dig out by next Thursday. The facts of the case are that we have been caught napping or somebody else has been dozing. Our stock of paper is in Coxsackie and should have reached us last week Friday or Saturday. It did not come. "Jo" promised to bring it Monday which would have been all in good time but the blizzard struck him and we saw nothing more of him until Friday night, and then he again failed to bring what we so

sadly needed. There is but one course left us, if a LOCAL is issued this week, and it is this Lilliputian sheet. We know our readers will pardon us and we promise to guard against a like occurrence.

## Coxsackie.

If a man is full of honesty, strength and purpose his voice proclaims it.

H W Loomis, of New York, was here on business Tuesday.

John Jackson has been sick two weeks with inflammation of the lungs. He is thought now to be out of danger.

Elder Calvin Brandow was the guest of his brother, Elder William Brandow, a few days ago.

Reuben Crocker transacted business here a few days since. He is a young gentleman of much promise and considerable influence.

Lewis Brownish while at work some time since trimming apple trees had the misfortune to fall and break his leg. He is about again.

Dwight Brownell had business engagements in town on Monday of last week. Mr Brownell is a successful farmer. He has many friends in this place.

Peter Van Alstedt, of Hudson, was in town a few days since calling upon his friends. He formerly resided at Flatbush and was engaged at farming. He is now living on his money.

Will you please let some one of your readers give you the correct answer to the following problems, viz: 4 1/2 in first order, 20 3/4 in second. How much in all? If ten horses or fourteen cows eat five and one-ninth tons of hay in ninety-three days, how long will seven tons last nine horses and five cows?

The people of Coxsackie as a whole are a magnificent success. Everybody here gives close attention to his own business. That is what pleases the masses. The ministers, the doctors and the lawyers have high aims. The tradesmen are honorable in their dealings with each

other not only but with the citizens generally. Many do their marketing here from Columbia county. The outlook of business here this spring is very encouraging.

Patrick McNeil is making a success of the grocery business. Ever since he has been in Coxsackie he has been making money. He commenced here as a blacksmith and now he owns a brick store and two valuable dwelling houses besides.

The party given in honor of Mr and Mrs G Greene, at the residence of his father, Dr F S Greene, on Mansion Street, on the return of the newly married couple from their wedding tour was a brilliant affair. Many friends gathered to greet and congratulate the young couple on their admission to the ranks of married people. We regret we cannot permit us to give an extended account of this very pleasant party.

Give no more to every man  
Than he's able to digest;  
Give him always of the prime,  
And but little at a time.  
Give to all but just enough,  
Let them neither starve nor stuff.

## Medway.

So stormy on Sunday a light congregation attended church.

Wm J Wheeler is to move on his new farm at Coxsackie. He has purchased a fine young horse of Daniel Gann.

A J Thorn is to stay in his store another year. He is a good man deserving of patronage.

Watson Palmer has moved in Andrew Hallock's house.

A B Sprague came down from Albany on Friday to make us a visit, left for Albany Sunday. He likes his position very much.

The debating club at Centralia, Ill., recently discussed the proposition: "If my hen flies over into your yard and lays an egg, and your hen hatches a chicken from it, which hen is the mother of the chicken?"

—Dress trimmings in new spring styles at C E Mabey & Co's.

# Greenville Local.

J. WINNE, EDITOR.

Terms - - \$1 Per Year.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1888.

## Halloot Halfoot

If you have time to take a stroll  
Just go to Hulbert's and see his coal.  
There you will find it bright and clean.  
He always runs it through a screen.  
Its there you'll find just what you need;  
Pittsburgh's flour with brand and feed,  
Star bone phosphate, guano sure,  
It can't be beat because its pure.  
When you begin to plow and sow,  
Star bone phosphate will make it grow.  
He buys for cash and sells it low,  
That's just the place the farmer's go.

—Daniel Wood is quite seriously ill.

—The latest styles in gente neck-wear at C E Mabey & Co's.

—Potatoes for sale. Apply to Eli Bogardus, South Westerlo. 23p.

Wednesday, March 21st, John Darling, sells at his residence, near Durham, farming utensils, stock, etc.

Ladies and  
E Mabey &

—Owing to the storm the auction sale of Henry Dean, East Greenville, has been postponed to Thursday, March 22nd.

—The auction sale of Reuben Norton, three miles west of South Westerlo, has been postponed to Wednesday, March 21st.

—Prof. Childs is and has been for the past week or more, slowly improving. We all hope to see him in a short time and more fully restored to health.

—Miss Lella Nelson, Elocution teacher at our Academy, has resigned her position and left town Sunday morning. Miss Emma Stephens will fill the vacancy and the Local is willing to guarantee that she will do so successfully.

—The best line of surahs and sets in rhadame dress silks in colors and black we have ever shown. Look at our prices in silks at C E Mabey & Co's.

—The storm was too much for our Academy and there has been no school this week. The spring term will commence next Monday and we trust there will be a good attendance. Rev. Geo. A Moore will act as Principal until Prof. Childs is able to resume his duties.

—Matthew Stevens, Sr., has been visiting Wm Conkling this week.

—New stock of spring goods, calicoes, ginghams and dress goods of all kinds at C E Mabey & Co's.

—“Fan” Hallock of East Durham, and his wife, are wintering in South Westerlo. “Fan” telegraphed his father yesterday to put snow shoes on a good fox and send him over as they were running short of steak. [ ]

—List of unclaimed letters in Greenville, N. Y., P.O., March 1st, 1888: Bennie Briek, C B Dayton, Mrs. P Goldberg, Geo. H Marty, Miss Jennie Morse, Mrs. Lucinda Palmer, Geo Northrup, W Rowlands, Robt A Shuffelsop, T Waring, Miss Sarah Wart, John Wright—G. G. McCABE, P. M.

—Its scarcely necessary for us to mention the storm for all, or most of our readers, have experienced its severity. Monday morning we found from 15 to 18 inches of snow on the ground and it continued to fall all day and was piled up into immense drifts by a strong west wind and before night it was almost impossible for even pedestrians to get from one part of the village to another.

This continued all Monday night and the next morning we were buried in mountains of snow. Few of our citizens ventured from their homes and they were only able to reach the centre of the village by circuitous routes, walking stonewalls and burrowing through the drifts. Tuesday was almost a repetition of Monday but during the night the force of the blizzard was spent and Wednesday morning a united effort was made to once more open communication with the outside world. It was a Herculean task but by Thursday night we succeeded in opening communication with South Westerlo, Norton Hill, and, by carrying the mail by hand for a distance over the drifts, with Coxsackie. The stage from the latter place did not reach us before Friday night and thus about nothing but the mail and two passengers.

Monday morning when “Jo” reached Wm Conkling's, about three miles east of here he was obliged to leave his sleigh in a drift but afterward got through to Coxsackie. The storm has extended over a large tract of country completely blocking all the railroads and has been more severe than any previous blizzard in the recollection of our oldest inhabitants. There has been more or less loss of life and property and it is

feared that on the ocean it may have been still more disastrous.

## Lambs Corners.

E R St John has the western fever, and like all other fevers it looks now as if it were bound to take its course. At present writing his pulse is quick—temperature 100.

My attention has been called to an article in a recent issue of the LOCAL in regard to a creamery. I hope there is enterprise enough in the Greenville farmers to make an effort in this line. I am sure there is a good opportunity for some live man to start, and if the right man takes hold of the business he will have a liberal patronage from the farmers. Greenville would be a good central place to make the start. Suppose some of the farmers call a meeting in the near future.

## Farm to Rent or Let.

The desirable Farm known as the Asa Gardner Farm, 3 miles East from Freehold, 1/4 mile west from Pisces Corners. Will be rented or let on easy terms to an experienced farmer. For further particulars call on the premises.

11p1p Mrs. ASA GARDNER.

Good Workmen on the Oak Hill and Coxsackie Plank Road, Good Bar Trade all the year round.

GOOD FARM of about 70 acres. Apply to THE GEORGE HOTEL, 11p31 Burlington, Green Co., N. Y.

## FOR SALE.

### Three Pair Cattle.

Good Workers or good Beef. From three to five years old. Apply to G. A. BROWN, North Blenheim, N. Y., 3 1/2 miles from Broom Centre, on road to North Blenheim. 11p31

## WANTED

We are wanting a large force of smart and intelligent men to travel and solicit orders for Trees, Shrubs, Vines, &c., on Salary. Expenses Paid. 11p27 S. T. GANNON & CO., AUGUSTA, MAINE.

## Answer This Question.

Who does so many people we see around us think to their brains and to make mistakes? A Yankee. Coming up by the Road, Yellow Hair, with 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's System Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them. Sold by Mc Cabe, Greenville; Smith Bro's, Norton Hill; and W. E. Cowles, Durham. 11p3

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—Pursuant to an order of the Hon. J. B. MARSH, Surrogate of the County of Greene, and according to the Statute in such cases made and provided, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Spencer, deceased, late of the town of Greenville, in said county, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereon, to Ambrose Youmans, the undersigned executor, at his residence, in the town of Greenville, Greene County, N. Y., on or before the 1st day of June, 1888, or in default thereof their claims will be presumed and departed from payment out of said estate.—Dated, December 1st, 1887. AMBROSE YOUSMANS, Executor.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-LIABILITY, TO BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF ENROLLMENT.

We, the subscribers, composing the Board of Enrollment of the 13th District of the State of New York provided for in section 8, Act of Congress "for enrolling and calling out the national forces," approved March 3, 1863, hereby certify that George King of Greenville Greenville county, State of New York, having given satisfactory evidence that he is not properly subject to do military duty, as required by said act, and the act approved Feb'y 24, 1864, by reason of furnishing a substitute is exempt from all liability to military duty for the term of for which said substitute will be exempt himself not exceeding one year.

NAME.	HEIGHT.		COM- PLEXION.	EYES.	HAIR.	WHEN.	WHERE, Town and State.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.
	AGE.	In.							
<u>George King</u>						<u>Sept 1864</u>	<u>Greenville N.Y.</u>	<u>By Enrollment</u>	<u>1 year</u>

Substitute for three years

Staudeman  
 Provost Marshal, and President of Board of Enrollment.

Dated at Thiggan  
 this 30th day of Sept, 1864

W. J. Smith  
 Member of Board of Enrollment.  
Surgeon of Board of Enrollment.

NOTE.—This certificate is to be given in all cases where it is applicable, according to the acts of Congress referred to above.

No. 213

Office of Receiver of Commutation Money,

13<sup>th</sup> District of New York

1863

16<sup>th</sup> day of Oct

from Olisha E. Hulson of Green Hill

who was

drafted into the service of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day

of Sept 1863, from the Thirtieth Congressional District

of the State of New York the sum of Three Hundred (300)

Dollars, to obtain, under section 13 of the "Act for enrolling and calling out the

National forces, and for other purposes," approved March 3d, 1862, discharge

from further liability under that draft.

William Stanton

Receiver of Commutation Money.

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