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Share Session

Although there's not a lot to write about the June share session, we were a bunch of "busy beavers". Coming out for the night were Chris McDonald, Jeanne Bear, Harriet Rasmussen, Connie Teator, Millie Adriance, Kathie Williams, Rosemary Lambt, Dot Blenis, Ron Golden, Toot and Betty Vaughn, Cris Ketcham, Alice Roe, and Don Teator.

Don reviewed a few small pieces. One was the Greene County Historical Society's Home Tour, this year in the Town of New Baltimore. Those who went liked the New Baltimore structures. The 1997 GCS yearbook, marked as a piece of local history, was shown. Don noted the dedication of the library, as well as Charles Abrams' mailing of a copy of a picture of the younger grades of GCS of about 1934, which becomes part of the main part of the share session.

Harriet followed up with her summary of R.E. Taylor's diary, 1860, which follows this account.

Kathie Williams came with more goodies from Phil Ellis' collection, which only added to the box of pictures she had brought a meeting or two earlier. And that became the focus of the night.

Because so many pictures do not get identified by the picture taker, years later, when the picture taker is gone, those viewing the photos rarely know who is in the picture. So, we spent an hour or so, writing on the

back of pictures the names of the people in the photo. Don kidnapped Toot and had Toot recall the names of the early school pictures while everyone else split up and started documenting.

And this went on to meeting's end, with probably less than 10% of the work done. This is sure to be a recurring part of a few more meetings.

The next meeting will be people's memories of the boarding houses. Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of part of a 1960 Chamber of Commerce brochure. The information given was good for 1960 but like anything else, the information changes. And not all the boarding houses that ever existed are listed. Where were the older boarding houses that operated earlier but did not survive until 1960? Who owned them? What accommodations were there? When did it operate? What was the capacity?

If you have information about them, come to the next meeting to share your piece of local history. A project Edna Adams did in the earlier 1980s was a report about the boarding houses / resorts that were functioning at the time. I'll try to make copies of that for the next meeting.

*Don*

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Name, Address, Operator  
and Telephone Number

New No. to be used after June 15 (+)

\*Number of Guests  
Weekly Rates

1. **A-BAR-A RANCH**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*35  
Nick Wells, Tel. Greenville 5-9368 \$45 to \$75  
Guest ranch, Main house and bungalows with semi-private showers. Horseback riding and expert instruction on gentle horses. Swimming pool, dancing, bar, hayrides, and all activities. Children welcome. +Yorktown 6-8865 **HORSES FOR HIRE**
2. **ALBERTA LODGE**, Freehold 3, N. Y. \*98  
Isabelle and John Singer, Tel. Greenville 5-4549 \$46 to \$62  
Modern deluxe accommodations with private showers, filtered swimming pool, all sports, large casino, cocktail bar, movies and dance orchestra twice weekly, free dance instructions. Golf — all Churches located nearby. Special June and Sept. rates. Booklet on request. +Yorktown 6-8549
3. **AL SHARKEY'S**, Rt. No. 81, Earlton, N. Y. \*30  
Al Sharkey, Tel. Freehold 7655 \$45 (children by age)  
All outside rooms semi-private baths and showers. Fishing, lake swimming on premises. Congenial atmosphere. The finest food for the nicest people. Bar & Grill. +Melrose 4-7655
4. **BALSAM SHADE**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*140  
B. E. Griffin, Tel. Greenville 5-3315 \$42 to \$66  
New Ranch Type Annex, rooms with private baths and shower. Heat, large lobby. Filtered swimming pool, casino, movies and dances, tennis, softball, shuffleboard. Golf nearby. Free transportation to church. May 25 - Oct. 5. +Yorktown 6-8515
5. **BAUMANN'S BROOKSIDE**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*100  
Russell J. Baumann, Tel. Greenville 5-4218 \$37 to \$62  
All rooms hot and cold running water, also rooms with private baths. Filtered swimming pool, casino, round and square dancing, movies, television, all sports. American cooking, home baking, air-conditioned dining room. Near all churches and golf course. +Yorktown 6-5218
6. **BETTER DAYS**, Greenville, N. Y. \*35  
Paul E. Biskupich, Tel. Greenville 5-3686 On request  
Ideal family resort. Homey atmosphere with good home cooked meals. Modern rooms with all conveniences. New filtered swimming pool, shuffleboard and other lawn games. Bar and Grill on premises. Churches nearby. +Yorktown 4-7876
7. **BEVERLY FARM**, Freehold 9, N. Y. \*45  
Frank Brusini, Tel. Freehold 7660 \$45 to \$55  
Restful, charming place. Comfortable accommodations for about 45 guests. Cabins with private bath and shower. Filtered swimming pool and other simple recreations. Italian-American cuisine. Memorial Day - Labor Day. +Melrose 4-7660
8. **BREEZY KNOLL ACRES**, Route 81, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*125  
Tel. Greenville 5-4214 \$43 and up  
Deluxe Motel accommodations. Fine food. Bath and showers. Filtered swimming pool. Tennis, baseball, recreation hall, movies, dances, cocktail lounge. Everything on premises. Special spring and fall rates. +Yorktown 6-5214
9. **BUTTERFLY FARM**, East Durham 9, N. Y. \*20  
Max and Anna Richter, Tel. Freehold 7759 \$38 to \$58  
Airy rooms, some with semi-private bath. Magnificent mountain view, continental atmosphere, German-American cooking, mountain stream swimming, pine groves, lawn sports, recreation hall. Butterfly museum (booklet). +Melrose 4-7759
10. **CARELAS LAKE HOTEL**, Greenville 1, N. Y. \*175  
Andrews & Youngs, Tel. Greenville 5-4613 \$36 to \$42  
Ideal resort—300 acres, scenic lake, casino, orchestra dancing nightly; planned activities, concrete filtered swimming pool. Tennis, shuffleboard, baseball diamond, boating. Golf course nearby. 1 mile to village and churches. +Yorktown 6-8613
11. **COLONIAL MANOR**, Greenville 4, N. Y. \*125  
Charles Simpson, Tel. Greenville 5-9395 \$48 to \$65  
Filtered swimming pool, rooms with private bath, tennis, shuffleboard, movies, dancing, softball, recreation hall, home cooking, social director for day and night activities, television. Booklet on request. +Yorktown 6-8896
12. **DIANA FARM**, Greenville, N. Y. \*30  
Peter and Margarette Andresen, Tel. Greenville 5-4256 \$35. Children \$20  
Swimming pool, shuffleboard, recreation hall. Lake for fishing and boating. +Yorktown 6-5256
13. **LAKE EVERGREEN, EVERGREEN CROFT HOUSE**, Freehold 9, N. Y. \*55 \$42 to \$50  
John and Gunda Schmelz, Tel. Freehold 7796 \$55 \$42 to \$50  
Modern family resort. Near village and lake. Large rooms with hot and cold water. Bungalows with private bath. The finest German-American meals. Sports, television, swimming, recreation hall. Free booklet on request. +Melrose 4-7796
14. **FREEHOLD MILLS FARM**, Freehold 9, N. Y. \*65  
Emil Ondreata, Mgr., Tel. Freehold 7413 \$43 to \$60  
Family resort, tasty meals, cottages, rooms, private baths, new filtered pool, trout stream, shuffleboard and other sports. Dancing, movies, masquerade, etc., all on premises. Horses available. Bowling, golf course, churches nearby. +Melrose 4-7413
15. **HORTON HOUSE**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*50  
Mrs. John J. Sullivan, Tel. Greenville 5-9379 \$30 and up  
Near amusements, churches. Modern rooms, fine food, private baths. Sports, shuffleboard. Golf course within a short distance. Open all year 'round. +Yorktown 6-8876

16. **INGALSIDE FARM**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*140  
Gerald T. Ingalls, Tel. Greenville 5-3316 \$36 to \$60  
Filtered swimming pool, tennis, handball, shuffleboard, softball, movies, dances, casino. All rooms, hot and cold running water, some with private bath. Near all churches and golf course. +Yorktown 6-5316
17. **JESSE'S ELM SHADE**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*80  
Warren Jesse, Tel. Greenville 5-4325 \$42 to \$45  
Swimming pool, movies, dancing, ping-pong, shuffleboard, lake, all on premises for use of our guests only. +Yorktown 6-8325
19. **MAPLE SHADE FARM**, Norton Hill, N. Y. \*10  
Ernest and Elizabeth Dienst, Tel. Oak Hill 2-4338 \$40 children \$25  
Home away from home. Very friendly atmosphere, good food, all conveniences, near churches, stores and fresh water swimming, plenty of rest and relaxation. Bright clean rooms. +Cedar 9-4338
20. **MAPLEWOOD ON THE LAKE**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*100  
Jack Welter, Tel. Greenville 5-4415 \$45 to \$69  
Modern resort with finest recreational facilities. Deluxe rooms with private baths. Social Director. Filtered pool, large private lake, boating, fishing, all sports. Golf course within walking distance. Colored brochure on request. +Yorktown 6-8415
21. **MCNAUGHTON FARMS**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*124  
McNaughton and Flinn, Tel. Greenville 5-4588 \$42 and up  
Filtered swimming pool, tennis, shuffleboard, softball, movies, archery, ping-pong, handball, cocktail lounge, orchestra, wienie roast. "BRING YOUR APPETITE". +Yorktown 6-8588
22. **PINE CREST FARM**, Freehold 9, N. Y. \*90  
Rene and Pierrette Stern, Tel. Freehold 7637 \$42 and up  
Large filtered swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, all sports, volley ball, shuffleboard, movies dancing. Modern rooms, main house, and cabin rooms, 20 with private baths. Our meals our reputation. Churches and golf nearby. Special June and Sept. rates. +Melrose 4-2858
23. **PINE LAKE MANOR**, Greenville 5, N. Y. \*90  
Reinhold Schermer, Tel. Greenville 5-5645 \$40 to \$61  
Private lake, swimming, boating, fishing, tennis, shuffleboard, softball field, recreation hall, dancing, movies, planned activities and entertainment. Snack bar. Cabins and rooms with bath. 9 hole golf course five minutes walk. Free color folder. +Yorktown 6-5745
24. **PINE SPRINGS VACATION RESORT**, Freehold 9, N. Y. \*160  
Mike Garzilli, Tel. Freehold 7711 \$48 and up  
Finest Italian-American Cuisine. Modern accommodations, all rooms newly furnished, private baths, wall-to-wall carpeting. Entertainment and dancing nightly. Swimming, all sports, cocktail parties, Social Director and Counselors, free wienie roasts, movies, dance lessons. Teenage Rock & Roll Room. +Melrose 4-7711
25. **PLEASANT VIEW LODGE**, Freehold 11, N. Y. \*170  
Eugene C. Schmollinger, Tel. Freehold 7734 \$45 to \$75  
Year 'round resort. Cottages, rooms with bath for honeymooners or vacationists, filtered pool, private lake. Own riding stable, softball field, planned activities, cocktail lounge, orchestra. Informal atmosphere. Excellent meals. +Melrose 4-7734
26. **RAINBOW LODGE & COUNTRY CLUB**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*100  
Walter J. Birmann, Tel. Yorktown 6-5213 \$55 & up with golf  
9 hole golf course on premises, filtered swimming pool, tennis, fishing, boating, planned activities, hot and cold water in all rooms, dancing to orchestra, airport, German-American cooking, bar and grill.
27. **RAVINE FARM**, East Durham 9, N. Y. \*49  
Gustav Schneider, Tel. Greenville 5-4355 \$38  
Swimming, shuffleboard, bocci and other lawn sports. Good home cooking and baking, recreation hall, dancing and entertainment. Family resort. +Yorktown 6-8355
28. **SPOHLER'S ELM GROVE**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*65  
Anna and Fred G. Spohler, Tel. Greenville 5-4193 \$40 & up weekly  
Filtered swimming pool, shuffleboards, lawn sports, Recreation hall, movies and dances. Hot and cold water in all rooms. Showers, German-American cooking. Home baking. Saddle horses, bowling, golf course, all places of worship nearby. +Yorktown 6-8193
29. **SUNNY HILL FARM**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*190  
Arnold Nichol森, Tel. Freehold 7693 - 7642 \$37 to \$55  
Large, filtered, all-concrete pool, shuffleboards, tennis court, ball field, 12-acre private lake with fine fishing, boating, recreation hall, snack bar, free Broadway movies and planned entertainment. Rooms with private bath. +Melrose 4-7693 - 4-7642
30. **THE SHEPARD FARM**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*185  
Mrs. Gladys Shepard, Tel. Greenville 5-4236 & 5-9380 Rate Card on Request  
Large filtered swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, all sports, volley ball, shuffleboard, movies and dances. Recreation hall. Modern rooms, hot and cold running water some with private bath. Near all churches and golf course. +Yorktown 6-5236 and 6-8891
31. **WHEEL IN**, Greenville 9, N. Y. \*80  
Florence E. Young, Tel. Greenville 5-9384 or 5-5342 On request  
Modern rooms, hot and cold running water. Private bath accommodations. Filtered swimming pool, sports, shuffleboard, lake, boating, motion pictures and dances. All churches and golf course nearby. Excellent home cooked meals. +Yorktown 6-8881 or 6-3342
32. **WILLOW BROOK FARM**, Surprise 9, N. Y. \*30  
Mr. and Mrs. John Parks, Tel. Greenville 5-4393 \$35  
Modern, small resort with friendly homelike atmosphere. Natural swimming pool, shuffleboard and stocked lake for fishing. Near all churches, dances, movies and golf. Home cooking. +Yorktown 6-8393
33. **HOLIDAY LODGE**, Gayhead 9, N. Y. \*75-80  
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Tel. Melrose 4-7698 \$45 to \$50  
Good home cooking, modern rooms, filtered swimming pool, sports, family atmosphere, cocktail lounge, near churches.

1860

As the New Year, 1860, begins R.E. Taylor goes back to his teaching job at Norton Hill and by January 10, he has 47 scholars. While he is occupied at school, J.P. Coonley is busy threshing the rye in the barn. School is in session until March 20th. He pays Malbourne Gibson \$1.00 for building the school house fires and Taylor, the teacher, presides over the closing exercises.

The farm is beginning to generate some produce for sale and barter. The cows he bought last year must be producing milk because in January there are two tubs of butter to sell. And there are 14 doz. eggs at .18 cts per dozen and ham at .12½ cts per pound. By February, he is using the eggs to trade at the store. He doesn't tell us the store owner but now he bargains to sell all his eggs there. He will get .18 cts for the rest of the season. I don't know how many hens are in the coop but they are busy laying enough eggs that a surplus of 65 dozen are taken to trade this year. One wonders if he is planning to sell honey too because in March he gets two skips of bees from Mrs. Husted. And on April 11 he is making two bee hives. Of course, these bees are beneficial to his fruit trees too.

The weather in February is difficult. It begins to snow on February 11th. Between the wind and intermittent snow the roads are drifted full on February 20th. But the banks thaw some and by the 25th he is able to get A. Moore to do his chores so he can take Louisa home to Oak Hill for a visit. Apparently, he does not have a cutter of his own yet because on that day, he borrows one of G.A. Stone's.

During the winter months there are many evening visits from his friends and their wives. Fifty times this year people like Ezra Burroughs, Jerry Goff, Luman Ingalls, David Griffin and their wives come to call.

There is a special visitor on January 23rd. He writes, "Wm brought Mother up here for the first time since we moved." So, Phebe Haademan Taylor comes up from Wright Street to Sunset Road to see the farm her son now owns. Phebe is 63 years old and has been widowed for seven years now.

Now that R.E. has a farm he needs the services of a mill. His first reference to such is

on February 24 when he writes, "Freezing - put up 6 bushels of rye and 6 bushels oats and took down to the mill this eve for my oxen." He does not tell us where this mill is. It may have been the one in Medusa owned by his brother-in-law, Sylvester Lord. One of those same oxen sprains an ankle on March 11 and that may have been the reason for wanting to sell his team. He does not say why but we know he is looking for a buyer when Powell comes on April 6 to look at them. He apparently isn't interested and neither is J. Budd. On April 10, R.E. writes, "Drove my oxen to Coxsackie and rec'd \$143.00 for them. Paid .44 cts for my dinner and to feed oxen and .06 cts for gates to ride back. Got home at 9 o'clock.

On March 17, William Richards comes looking for work and R.E. hires him for seven months at \$11½ per month. He reports at the farm on April 3 and is set to work fixing fences. At first, he is referred to as a hired man but over the years the diaries will reveal that he becomes a friend that Taylor depends on to work his farm. On a visit to Winston Cemetery in East Durham I found the William Richards family buried next to the plot of Richard, Louisa and Dwight Taylor.

Church this year seems to be divided between Norton Hill and Medusa. There are fifteen references to his traveling to those two places to listen to the same preachers as in 1859. Elder Wells is still at Norton Hill and Elder Brown at Medusa. On occasion, there are guest speakers like Elders Howe, Spoor, Roberts or Lawyer. There is no mention of services after October 7 of this year.

As in the previous year, his masonry jobs begin in April. But instead of being finished at the end of September he is able to lay stone steps and build cornices until the middle of November. Perhaps the weather was more favorable. Whereas in 1859 he did work for seven customers, this year he would build cellars, chimneys, smoke houses, steps and kettles and lathe and plaster houses for twenty-five people. Sometimes today these entries that show where he was working enables us to date the age of a house or addition.

Even though R.E. and brothers, William and Charles, are occupied from spring to fall with these masonry jobs, this is also a busy time

for a farmer. William Richards now helps with the labor but R.E. is forever involved in the growth of his farm. On April 6, he, "Commenced sowing the wheat." On April 7 he "Sowed grass seed and bought 15 qts of peas for planting." On April 16 he "Sowed oats and dragged them in." By April 28, he was "Ploughing corn ground."

And there is a constant need to buy things like an ox helve, dragg stick, two neck yokes, potato digger, apple machine and Spanish fowls to set. And he would set out Damson plum trees bought of H. Norton on March 29th. Some of these things are bought at vendues. These are what we know as auctions. At one such sale at the home of Isaac Mygatt this spring, R.E. buys a twelve year old mare. The Mygatt family will appear again in the diaries some nine years later but his horse, named Doll, begins her close relationship with the Taylors now. She joins Nellie and Fan for many a trip to B.F. Hisert to be shod.

In early July, R.E. sows his buckwheat and by the middle of July, the rye is all cut and the haying begins. By August 18, they have put in about 31 loads of hay. This compares well with the 15 loads put in the barn last year. The farm is growing. The hay this year is finished just in time. On that day, he is taken with a bilious attack and "Sent for Mother." This will not be the last time Mother Phebe will be called on to doctor the ill. Family and neighbors come to see how the patient is getting along and in about a week Taylor is lathing at Tripps at Oak Hill. While working there on September 6, he notes, "Had a tremendous thunder shower. Burnt two hay stacks at Ezra Burroughs of about 20 tons." And so, another farmer has spent a month of hot back breaking work to lose his hay to Mother Nature.

Frost comes as early as September 29 this year. By October 13, the buckwheat is all threshed and he has a harvest of 66 bushels. Two days later the ground is covered with snow. Louisa's youngest brother, Addison, has earned \$1.00 for cutting corn and on October 30, R.E. writes, "Brown coated at C. Hand's all day and came home and husked corn, as usual." This will be a ritual referred to every year for many years.

Winter is coming and the root cellar is stocked. On November 5, the entry reads, "Remained at home and gathered garden sauce. Had 10 bushel of turnips, 3 of beets and have put 20 bushel carrots in the cellar - and not all gathered."

But that's not the only tasty stuff in the cellar. On November 7, he goes to Medusa with 15 bushels of apples and trades them for cider. Now one understands why after a half day of work on a kettle for Briggs Tripp he accepts a cider barrel as pay.

But he has not let out one single clue for what is about to happen next. On November 21 Lay Ruland comes with his hay press and they begin to make bales which R.E. takes to the river for shipment two days later. They are back to pressing when, on the evening of November 24, Louisa is taken sick and the hired man is sent for her mother, Cynthia Utter, and Dr. Whittelsly. The November 25 entry reads, "Louisa had a boy this morning at 6 o'clock." Although I am sure his heart is swelling with pride at having a son to share his farm activities, there will only be one other mention of this child this year. On December 9, "Mr. D. Griffin's children came up to see the baby."

The farm life goes on and they are busy drawing logs to the mill -- usually two or three at a time until there is a total of twenty-five. Meanwhile, in the household, Louisa's mother goes home and older sister Julia comes to help out. We will not find out the name of this newborn Taylor until the following year when, on August 7, the entry reads, "Dr. Botsford vaccinated Howard today." I thought that was the clue but the September 28th entry made me sure. He writes, "Paid .75 cts for high chair for Howard." So now they are a family and when Howard is old enough to be at his father's side, this child will be mentioned in nearly every entry. That practice will persist for many years but for now he is a babe and the child of his mother.

PS There were only three funerals and one marriage recorded. Mrs. Stone, Hinman Dean and Mrs. Sophia Burroughs died. And Mary Alerton married John Norton.