

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

A group of ten showed up on a pleasant July evening, especially considering the oppressive heat and humidity of the week previous. Because of May and June programs, this was the first chance to have a share session since April.

Note was made of Bill Maxwell's death, the same day as our meeting. Although Bill did not come to meetings or subscribe to the newsletter, I always considered Bill to be a community member who was interested in local history. Many will miss him.

Don brought out all the cookbooks that had been loaned him. June Clark had suggested that we, or someone, consider the idea of an area cookbook. The two most recent local cookbooks we saw were the 1980s and 1960s Episcopal Church efforts. Preston Hollow did one in the early 1990s. Although people liked to look through the books, it was the consensus of those involved that it would be wise to bide our time, or to support some other group to undertake such an event.

Another idea was to have the local history calendar feature area artists. After some discussion, it seemed to be the consensus to keep the variety we have. Recognition of artists could be done on a regular basis in the calendar.

Don raised the idea of involving students in writing some local history. The idea, as proposed, would be to set up the topic of a biographical/personal sketch of a community member, to offer the chance to write to any student in GCS grades 9-12, to inform the English and Social Studies teachers of our effort, and to offer up to five \$50 dollar prizes at the end of the school year. The suggested length would be 1,000 words or more. We should try to finalize the idea at our next meeting. If you can't make the meeting in August, feel free to call someone who will be there to convey your opinion.

Harriet continued her Taylor saga. Since her last account was given last year, she caught

us up a little, and then summarized 1869. I'll try to include it in next month's newsletter.

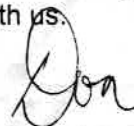
The rest of the meeting was taken up by Don's reading of the captions for the calendar, hopefully to catch any mistakes before the calendar goes to print, not after! A few side stories ensued, as usual. The calendar will go to the printer in mid-July and we hope to have it printed before Labor Day.

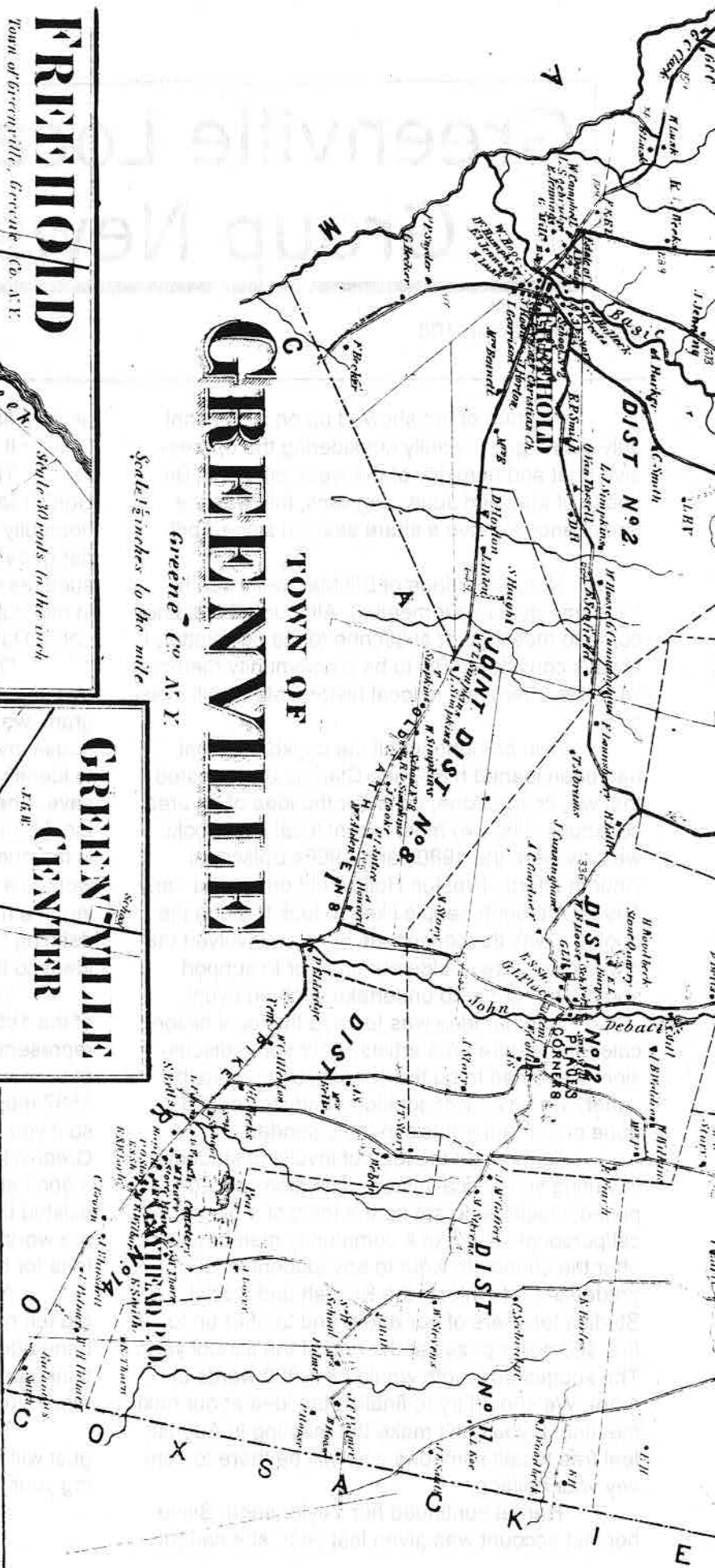
One of the topics that was meant for the evening, but will be saved as next month's program, was, for lack of a better phrase, a historic house inventory. Simply, it would be our attempt to identify those houses that the town should try to save. The identifying is the easier part, even though that will take some time. The tougher part is the question of how to preserve them. One idea would be to require the review of a proposed razing of a historic structure before it happens. Just defining "historic" is tough enough. Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

To that end, I have included copies of part of the 1856 map that lists owners of the houses represented by the black dots. (The southern part of town was cut off.) Also, I've copied parts of the 1867 map (I've put two halves on separate pages so if you want to slide them together, you get all of Greenville in one view). I thought these would be a good starting point to try to identify houses that existed then and today. Of course, other houses are worthwhile protecting also, so think of your criteria for historic structures.

A side note to this would be to identify the top ten or twenty structures in town. This might bring additional attention to those buildings. (I think our overall list could include a hundred or more structures.)

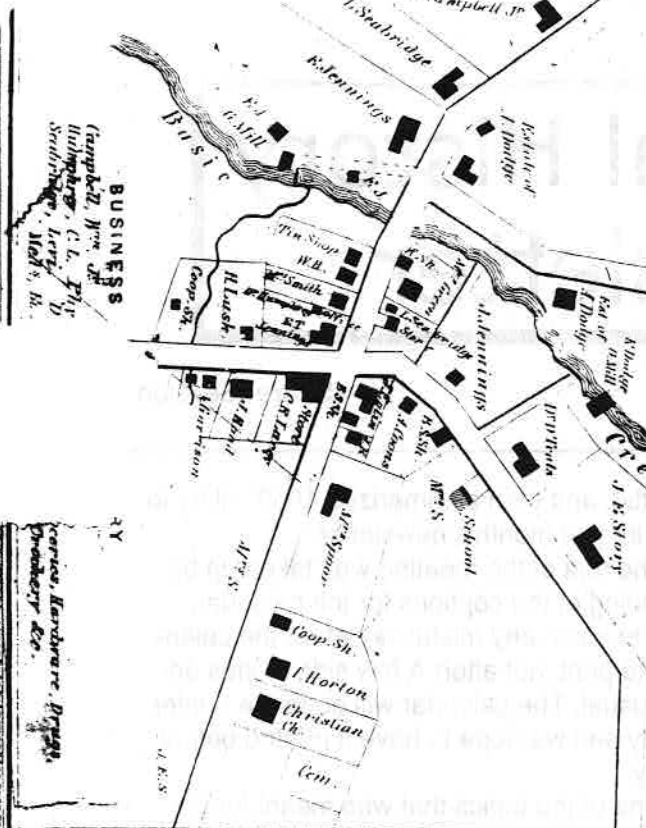
Thus, to repeat, our next meeting in August will focus on our historic buildings. Start making your list and share it with us.





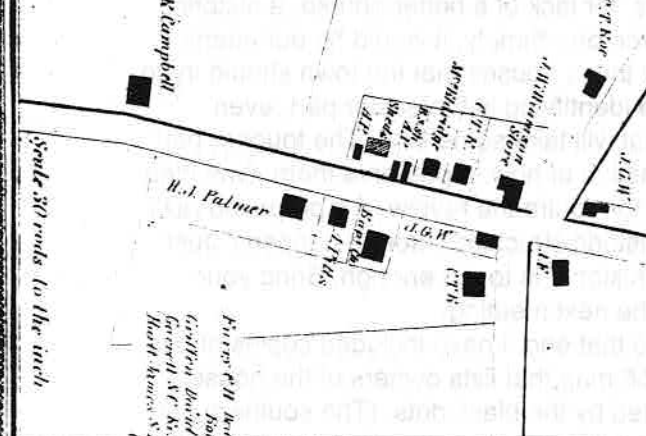
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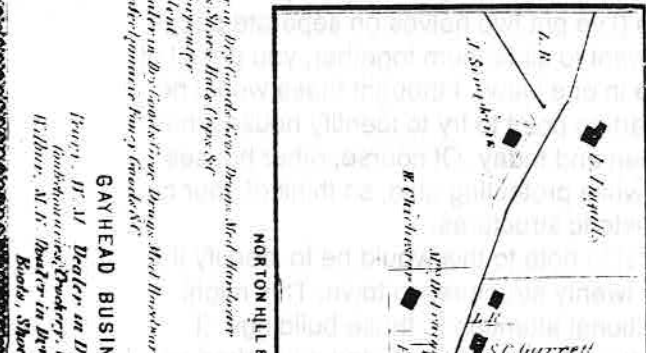
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