

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

Very normal weather, for early-mid November awaited the dozen or so of us who dared enter our first post-Eastern Standard Time meeting. Attending were Harriett Rasmussen, Stephanie Ingalls, Dot Blenis, Ron Golden, Dot and Larry Hesel, Mimi Weeks, Jeanne Bear, Betty Vaughn, Phyllis Beechert, David Rundell, and Don Teator.

Originally, we were to view Curt Cunningham's Civil War exhibit at his house. However, a confirming call in the afternoon revealed it would be better if we could wait. Waiting, in this case, means we will try to view Curt's exhibit in the spring. So, we went on with the rest of share session, our last meeting of this calendar year.

I showed off the storage area for the Historian's Records. It's the same room but all the other occupants – justices, assessors, planning and zoning board – have moved across the street to the Pioneer building. Thus, I'm left with four times as much shelving as I had, room for a table and four chairs, and a few more file cabinets. I don't yet have room for the tanning hut (ha!) but the space will suffice quite nicely for putting records and books within an arm's reach, compared to what I was used to, something like reaching for the second layer

back, second layer down, behind the... well, you get the idea. A thank you goes to the Library for allowing the Historian's records to stay, for the Town Board for not insisting I move over, and to Leroy Bear and Brian Rasmussen for moving stuff out and in. (Some of those file cabinets were heavyweights.)

Harriett brought in info about the Merritt family, especially Idella who is related to the Ellis family, which turned to discussions of Turner tables, which led to his residence on Maple Avenue, which led to R.E. Taylor's diaries, which.... and for those of you who know our meetings, this is a fairly typical pattern for us.

Phyllis brought in some Rescue Squad and Episcopal Church newspaper information that I was looking for.

The feature of the night, unplanned, was Greg Lampman's display of his house project and Lampman genealogy. Greg's family owns property in the Surprise area, and Greg owns the former Taylor house, that might have been Lampman before that, on the first sharp bend of the Surprise Result Road that turns south from the King

Hill – Earlton Rd (known as Losee Rd in the Town of Coxsackie), but not as far as the Rolling Hill Rd intersection.

Greg has possession of a Lampman genealogy that traces the Lampmans a long ways back.

The other part was the photo album of the house renovation he, his wife, and willing family have been working on. Plaster-and-lathe, taking up and putting back old boards, etc., is the classic labor of love of a younger couple who has the energy and appreciation for an old house.

So, the year winds down, the winter projects will soon be facing us, and the more-long-term part of our mind can just barely picture the warmth of spring (except for the snow birds who get an early taste) that comes after our long months of winter. Will it be snowy and cold like last winter, or barely a winter like the winter before? Perhaps, we can tell our stories in March or April.

Which reminds me. I'll have the annual report out in late winter, hopefully in time to announce whatever plans are cooked up for the potluck dinner, if a few chiefs can be found to lead the way.

Thanks for a good year, one of our best average turnouts for a year, and feel free to call during the winter.

By the way, the Doris Hempstead collection will probably be sorted by Christmas, thanks in great part to Mimi, who, despite the efforts of her cats, is sorting cards faster than I had ever hoped. Mimi, thank you for your dedication, and I'm so glad you are having fun doing this.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don".