

August 21, 1991

Our August 9th share session was chocked full of goodies from the twenty people present.

Don Teator displayed the photo albums in their entirety - this time to show the next major step in the house history project. Most of the text material that has been contributed will now be found after the picture(s) of the structure described. Instead of viewing pictures only, we will be able to read any material written about that building. The major contributors thus far have been the GCS 4th graders (Greenville village), Edna Adams and Claribel Gardiner (Norton Hill), and Barbara Valicenti (Norton Hill). Numerous other people have contributed house history material also.

Pictures that Don has taken or Debra has duplicated in the last two months were displayed. Included were some nighttime shots, houses missed last year, old Freehold (Dorothy Howard), old Greenville Center (Bob & Marie Shaw), and others. These pictures will be added to the nineteen albums (14-houses, 3-people, 1-school, 1-miscellaneous).

Arlene Brown brought in several items. The first is her collection of WWII material of the Brown family (letters, clippings, ration books), much of it in plastic page protectors in a notebook. Arlene announced a November 7th presentation of Voices From the Good War which will recreate the feeling of WWII. More information will follow; all are invited, especially adults and older high school students. Arlene also contributed copies of newspaper clippings of the Glenn murder in the 1930's. Finally, Arlene explained her vision of the December meeting that she is organizing. She hopes to get veterans of WWII and Greenville townspeople to talk about this war. This timely program coincides with the fiftieth anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Harriet Rasmussen was "fishing" from her genealogical research, this time contributing a file of Daniel Fish, for whom the hill one-half mile south of Greenville was named (as well as Budd and Carelas).

Marguerite Simpkins contributed to the files the 1787 Coxsackie tax list (a future Greenville was part of Coxsackie) and the 1810 census. In addition, Marguerite indexed the 1810 census.

Priscilla Palmer explained some of what was in the box of goodies she contributed last month. The list includes several diaries from the turn of the century, several issues of the Greenville Local of the 1880's and 1890's, numerous clippings, and information for Diane Eckert whose request for help was posted in last month's letter.

Ray and Marge Bennett contributed many old assessment records, several Literary Circle programs, a brochure for the Burrless Chestnut House in Freehold, and a picture of a junk metal collection during WWII.

Robert Uzzilia contributed Ayres information, a laudanum bottle from Neil Avery's pharmacy, and a McCabe-Sanford druggist application.

Don grabbed the rest of the evening with several more items.

The 1992 calendar will be ready soon. With everyone's help, we would be doing well to equal last year's effort in selling the calendars. The GLHG will ask several business to

sell the calendars (sell to businesses for \$4.50; they in turn will resell for \$5). In addition, those individuals selling nine calendars will receive the tenth calendar free. This is being done to reward the people who do the selling job many of us dislike.

The house history seminar tentatively slated for this summer is cancelled. Sally Light is undergoing radiation for cancer. Although she would be willing to do the seminar, Sally and Don agreed to wait until next summer.

Don described his trip to a graveyard preservation seminar. He realized the more he saw, the less he knew what he should know before starting the cemetery project. For now, the beginning of the cemetery project should begin with a mapping, photographing, and inventorying of the smaller cemeteries next spring.

The historian's files are being converted, wherever possible, to notebooks with papers in page protectors. Small and/or old clippings that are easy to crumple or bend are being xeroxed. Thus, there will be little reason to physically touch these papers. The genealogy files will be finished by next meeting.

The September meeting will be another share session, followed by an October program, probably of Town of Greenville supervisors, past and present. If you have goodies to share, bring them next month. Looking ahead even further, November is a share session and December is Arlene's WWII program.

Segments of two videotapes were shown from tapings that Debra Teator has done. One was from the 4th grade local history awards assembly; the second was the female artist program of June.

Don had three handouts for interested people to look at and make suggestions. One was the guidelines for the 1994 calendar; a copy is enclosed so please contact Don soon if you have suggestions. The other two handouts were a list of possible local history projects to work on and a list of cemeteries the historian is aware of as of August 1991. Attendees were asked to review the information on these handouts and offer suggestions for next meeting. The project list will be copied for a letter insert, probably in September.

Ten o'clock was near, or may have been past, so Don finally quieted down and the meeting ended, although the typical half-hour post-meeting discussions/socializing continued as usual.

Sincerely,

*Don Teator*

P.S. The continued interest and contribution from many people leads to a growth of saved history, varied interests, and a project to work on. This meeting is proof of the difference each of us can make. Although we have varying levels of energy or expertise or time, the important part is the achievement of a goal or the filling in another piece of a puzzle. A pat on the back goes to all of you who have contributed by filling in a piece, or many pieces, of the puzzles.