

March 26, 1992

Our March 9th meeting was a hybrid - part program and part share.

Debbie Magee was the program part. Debbie, who works for the Nature Conservancy, explained what the Conservancy is and does. Several brochures and newspapers were available for further information.

Most of her program was a presentation of the Town Park project. The Park Planning Committee is proposing the purchase of the Davidson property, much of which are the fields of the old Vanderbilt farm that borders the school on the south, Ames and the Bryant's project on the north, the Basic Creek on the west, and the back of the homes on the western side of Rt. 32 on the east. An access road just south of Greenwood Apartments would lead into the 170 acre lot. This lot will be bought for \$230,000, with \$150,000 coming from the Iroquois Gas Company, \$44,000 from the town's park fund, and the remaining \$36,000 to be the object of a fund-raising project. Debbie hoped that GLHG members would be able to help this fund-raising effort.

The remainder of the night was a share session.

Harriet Rasmussen added information on one more line, the Vanderbilts. In addition, Harriet wrote the history of the rocking chair that belonged to her grandparents Griffin.

John Earl updated us on his blacksmith efforts. He brought an oversized door handle, as well as old blacksmith shop photos and a WWII newspaper.

Robert Uzzilia brought a large scrapbook that was created by the Ayres family, one of whom was an early principal of the Greenville Academy.

Arlene Brown contributed a newspaper clipping of the gazebo at Christmas, some of the material from the WWII program, old business stationery, and several business cards.

Don, as usual, had a few items to bring up. One was a reminder that the photography contest for the 1994 calendar is one year away. Just a reminder: photos must be black & white, 8x10, and show some aspect of Greenville local history. A copy of the rules has been mailed out once; should you need more copies, please let Don know. A copy of the contest rules will be enclosed in next month's newsletter.

Second, Don proposed donations from the GLHG treasury. One donation, showing our support for the continued use of a historic Greenville building, would go to the Library for its expansion project. The second donation, showing our commitment to the growth of our community, would go to the town park project. Don's suggestion was \$1,000 for the library and \$300-\$500 for the town park. As an alternative, Harriet suggested that two equal sums be given to both. Please consider whether you think we should make any donation, and if we do so, in what amount. Since a decision will probably be made at the April meeting, and if you can't attend this meeting but have an opinion on the subject, please let someone who usually attends to voice your

preference.

(Currently, the GLHG treasury stands at about \$2500. About \$1000 should be retained for calendar expenses for the 1993 calendar.)

Last, Don explained his cemetery project. The first part is to photograph all headstones in the abandoned cemeteries (#4-#27 on the attached list). Don explained that Debbie and he would do this during his April school break. The second part involved a request for help. Each cemetery should be mapped; a drawing of rough scale should be made with the general placement of headstones (and other stones and objects) indicated. The general shape of the stone would be sketched. Transcriptions of epitaphs would be recorded.

What can you do? On your own, or by teaming up, take one (or more) of the cemeteries and create a map and record the epitaphs. A list of cemeteries and a cemetery project done by Thurman Bishop for the Town of Westerlo are included. Feel free to recruit non-GLHG people to help or to do a cemetery. Please, no moving of headstones - this is not a preservation project, only a recording of the current status of each cemetery. Even a mid-size stone can weigh hundreds of pounds.

When should you be doing this? This project can be done anytime, but April and early May would seem to be ideal times. The ground is reasonably firm, the grass is still low, the bugs haven't yet made life miserable, and the poison ivy should be at low levels. If you choose a cemetery, you pick your own time; please give Don a call to indicate which cemetery you want to do so he can coordinate who's doing which. A note of volunteers are noted on the cemetery list.

Since the clock read nearly quarter to ten, we adjourned these "grave" matters until next time.

Other notes:

1. The April 13th meeting will be a share session. Bring news of your projects and "goodies". We won't be having another share session until July.

2. The May 11th meeting features a slide show - "The Favorite Photos of Cris Ketcham".

3. The June 8th meeting features a Greenville Cemetery tour with Harriet Rasmussen.

4. The Greene County Historical Society's Historic Home Registry Committee wants to have a Greenville representative. The duties are to attend committee meetings every 2-3 months and to establish input for the Greenville community. Currently, Greenville is not represented. Give me a call if you wish to be considered or know someone who would be a good representative.

5. Springtime and warm air means some of us have more time, or make more time, for various projects. Please consider adding to our files; a list of possible projects has already circulated but feel free to "do your own thing".

Sincerely,

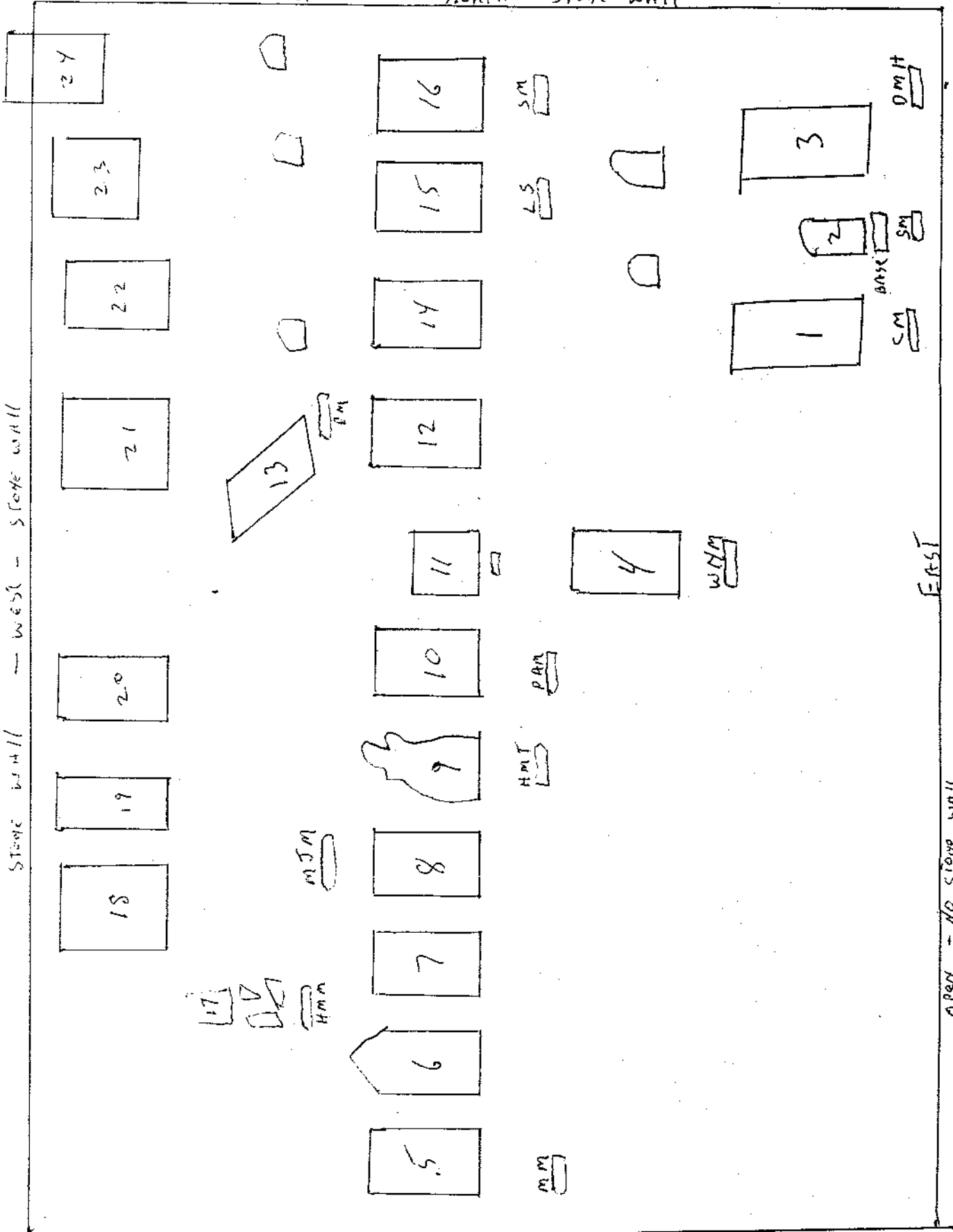
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TOWN OF GREENVILLE CEMETERIES

1. Greenville Association  
rear of Episcopal Church
2. Freehold Association  
adjoining east of church
3. Locust Association  
Maple Avenue - 100 yds north of Rt 81
- \*\*\*\*\* Association Cemeteries not part of project \*\*\*\*\*
4. Old Freehold  
Rt 32 - 1/4 mi south of four corners - west side
5. Freehold Rt. 32  
Rt 32 - 1.5 miles north of Freehold - west side
6. O'Hara  
corner of O'Hara Rd and Shipley Rd - south side
7. Crow  
Red Mill Rd - 150 yards north of Alberta Ln - west side
8. King Cemetery  
King Hill Road
9. King Hill Cemetery  
Surprise-Result Road
10. Greene Cemetery  
off County Rte. 35
11. Waldron Cemetery (R. Uzzilia)  
Waldron Road
- ?12. Smith Cemetery (can't remember! Is 12 + 23 the same?)  
Gayhead-Earlton Road
13. unnamed cemetery  
County Rte. 41 north of Greenville Ctr
14. unnamed cemetery  
County Rte. 41 at Fox Hill Road
15. Sunny Hill Cemetery  
Sunny Hill Road
16. Place Cemetery  
Place's Corners
17. Stevens (H. RASMUSSEN)  
Rt. 81 - 1 mile east of Greenville village
18. unnamed  
Rt. 26 - behind Haight Hall
19. unnamed  
Rt. 26 - under Brandy Hill
20. Raskopf  
Red Mill Rd
21. unnamed (Ed + Louise SCHINDLER)  
on Tower hill
22. unnamed  
Rolling Hill Rd - behind Preisner
23. Gayhead  
Gayhead-Earlton Rd - 1/4 mile north of Gayhead
24. unnamed (Ed + LOUISE SCHINDLER)  
Gayhead-Earlton Rd - behind horse farm house
25. \*Pierce Cemetery (Town of Durham)  
Rt 67 Freehold - across from Giorgini
26. unnamed  
CR 38 - Newry - 1/4 mile east of lower Newry Rd
27. unnamed  
on Pine Springs property

MAPLE AVE  
MABEY CEMETERY

stone wall - North - stone wall



stone wall - west - stone wall

stone wall - south - stone wall

EAST

OPEN - NO stone wall



MABEY CEMETERY--Located south on Maple Ave. after its intersection with South Westerlo-Lambs Corners Road, County Rte 403. Proceed south approx 800', cemetery is located on West (right) side of highway on slight knoll. Stone wall is on two sides the north & west. Copied by Thurman Bishop Aug. 1987

Names appearing on Tomb Stones:

22 Avery, Sarah  
24 Bishop, James  
13 Clark, N  
3 Hill, David M  
1 Mabe, Cemantha  
21 Mabe, Daniel  
6 Mabe, Daniel G  
8 Mabe, George L  
17 Mabe, Helen M  
15 Mabe, Mrs (Lois) Solomon  
5 Mabe, Mrs (Martha) Daniel G  
18 Mabe, Mary  
19 Mabe, Mary J  
12 Mabe, Phebe  
17 Mabe, Mrs (Phebe) Daniel  
10 Mabe, Phebe A  
14 Mabe, Mrs (Rosannah) Solomon  
16 Mabe, Solomon  
20 Mabe, Walter S  
4 Mabe, William N.  
23 Seheaffe, Mayeyam  
7 Tompkins, Anna M  
9 Tompkins, Helen M.

Readings on Tomb Stones:

1. Cemantha Mabe died Aug 11, 1865 aged 50 years
2. Grave marker broken off laying to west no engraving  
Foot stone has initials S M
3. David M Hill died Nov 7, 1863 aged 72 years
4. William N Mabe died June 14, 1860 aged 62 years 1 mo 21 d
5. Martha wife of Daniel G Mabe died Nov 20, 1872 aged  
70 yrs 3 mos
6. Daniel G Mabe died Feb 7, 1870 aged 78 years
7. Anna M Tompkins died July 9, 1861 aged 34 years 7 m's 9 d'
8. George L Mabe died April 30, 1852 aged 19 years
9. Helen M Tompkins died ~~Nov 7, 1878~~ aged 3 years 9 months 7 day
10. Phebe A M daughter of Solomon and Lois Mabe died Aug 18,  
1833 in the 22 yr of her age
11. Is plain unmarked stone, since foot marker is close it is  
grave of small child.
12. Phebe daughter of Solomon and Rosannah Mabe died Jan 15,  
1800 in the 11 year of her age
13. A plain field stone facing Northwest March 1797 N Clark
14. Rosannah wife of Solomon Mabe died Feb 18, 1806 in the  
36 yr of her age

MABEY CEMETERY--Maple Ave.

- 15 Lois wife of Solomon Maby (as it reads) died April 23, 1848  
aged 77 years 3 m's & 10 d's
- 16 Solomon Maby (as it reads) died Dec 18, 1850 aged 86 years
- 17 Is broken off lays face up to west in 4 pieces as shown on map.  
Helen M daughter of Daniel & Phebe Mabey died Nov 30, 1875  
aged 22 yrs 9 m's 12 d's
- 18 Mary Mabey died Nov 20, 1862 aged 2 yrs & 10 mo's
- 19 Mary J Mabey died Feb 24, 1869 aged 4 years 9 mo's
- 20 Walter S Mabey died Apr 17, 1870 aged 14 mo's 2 d's
- 21 Daniel Mabey died Sept 11, 1877 aged 49 yrs 7 d's
- 22 Deserves Picture Crude hand hewn field stone about 10" wide by  
14" high-hand carved but legible. Sarah Avery departed this  
life January the 2 1805 in the 38 yea of her age from July 27
- 23 Another hand carved stone leaning between two trees which are  
about 4" in diameter. It will grow with the trees as it is  
imbedded in bark. They are raising it out of ground (1987)  
Mayeyam Seheaffe dy 1796 dau SHS
- 24 James Bishop died Aug 11, 1851 aged 85 years