

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

About a dozen of us came out for a share program on a pleasant, late summer evening.

The big story of the night was Harriet Rasmussen's completion of the transcription of the forty-five year span of the Taylor diary, a task (or labor of love) on which Harriet has spent about five years. After Harriet read an introductory piece for the diary, she announced she wants to start over and write a summary for each year, which, when put together, will be the (her) story of the diary. We celebrated Harriet's accomplishment with some cookies and lemonade at the end. A small write-up should be appearing in the local papers. Congratulations, Harriet.

Cris Ketcham reminded us of the Greene County Historical Society's program utilizing her slide show of the churches in the Greenville School District, a program that Cris has shared with the Greenville Local History Group previously. By the time you read this, the program will have been done; it's a program everyone should see or should have seen.

Arlene Brown passed around pictures of the August 3 wedding of her son that took place at the house.

A few brochures recently collected were shown.

The last 45 minutes was the first of what might become a regular feature of our share sessions - the house history project. Having chosen Greenville's South Street previously, we started at the corner, worked

our way down the street, and for each building, tried to recall who lived there and when. It is interesting indeed to watch ten people trying to remember faces and times, often needing someone's input to recollect another who and when. A sample sheet, listing people's names and the time lived there, will be included in an upcoming newsletter.

However, anyone who wants to start to make some notes for your area, please feel free to do so. Turn the notes into me, and I'll start typing them. Please also consider doing houses that have been built during your lifetime, even the very recent ones.

After 45 minutes, we had only gotten as far as the Greenville Arms and the Fink residence. At this rate, we could be here for quite a while, but we decided to start Greenville's North Street at the October meeting.



Other notes:

— After a modest lobbying effort (actually Ellen and Barbara were quite agreeable), we will be meeting in the big room. Therefore, there will be no more stairs to climb up and down. The only catch is that I have to remember to pick up the keys just before the meeting, and I know that if I forget and make anyone do the stairs again, I will be truly sorry for inflicting such torture on the knees.

Therefore, I promise to remember, or come as close as I can.

— **Calendars are available.** If you can't wait for the next meeting, check Bryant's, the Pharmacy, Library, Freehold Country Store, and At The Crossroads. If you can, thank those businesses for helping us distribute the calendar. Without them, the calendar would probably stop being a self-funding activity.

— The next meeting will be our artist's recognition program, pending a re-confirmation from Tom Teich, originally from O'Hara's Corners. Tom has had many photographs published, many of the ones I've seen being of the Catskills.

— Notecards with sketches of Greenville are available at the library and the ice cream store, and maybe other places that I'm not aware of now. Jeanne Bear is the artist, and I think the historically minded will enjoy these cards.

Requests:

As Town Historian, I typically receive about 15 genealogical requests a year, some of which I pass along to you, guessing that some of you might know where to look. Here are a couple of recent requests.

1- Kenneth Coonley is asking where he lived when was a baby. He lived in the Greenville area until he was about eight, living in Norton Hill from about age 3-8, but he does not know where he lived in the Greenville hamlet before the age of three.

Does the name sound familiar to you? Kenneth was the son of George and Charlotte Coonley, born in 1938. Kenneth had a

brother, Donald, who was born about 18 months earlier. Kenneth's father was a butcher at John I's for a while, and later drove truck for the Ingalls lumber yard.

If you have any idea which house in Greenville Kenneth lived in, you can contact me or contact Kenneth at 6401 Partridge Circle, Charlotte, NC 28212. Phone # 704-537-5736.

2- Carolyn St. Denis is looking for any living relatives. Her family tree looks like this:

Great-grandparents:

Charles A. Goff (1866-1959) m. Libbie Seymour (1865-1941) and they lived in the Town of Durham.

Children of Charles & Libbie:

1. Ethel Goff (1898-1964) (grandmother) m. Stanley Jaycox (1895-1975)

Ethel & Stanley lived in the Athens area. Carolyn does not know if Ethel had any brothers and sisters. (Stanley's father & mother were Orrin Jaycox and Charlotte Boomhower (maybe Boomhoven)).

Children of Stanley & Ethel:

1. Searles Jaycox (b. 1921), m. Mary Kwaitkowski, had children Carolyn (the researcher above) and Robert.

2. Wallace Jaycox, died during WWII, without children, Carolyn thinks.

3. Edith Jaycox, m. John Hagan, died in 1985, lived in the Catskill area, had children Leeanne, Daniel, Donald Mazel Jr.

Carolyn appears to know quite a bit of her family history but is not sure if, 1) Ethel had other brothers and sisters, 2) if Wallace had any children, and 3) if there are any other people in the family tree not listed here.

Again, contact me or contact Carolyn St. Denis, 54 Crescent City, Clifton Park, NY (zip not included) Phone# 383-3016.