

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Annual Report

Winter's greetings go out to all of you, and I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. El Nino, if we can fairly blame anyone or anything, seems to have had a hand in one of our milder winters.

This annual newsletter is my chance to review what we did this past year, to catch up those people who don't subscribe to the newsletter, review for those of us who do, and to challenge all of us to add more to our collection of local history.

A look back upon 1997 found the Greenville Local History Group in its usual pattern of meetings. However, the cancellation of programs and/or my failure to find a program to alternate with the share sessions meant we had more than our usual proportion of share sessions. Our intention is to alternate programs with share sessions on a consistent basis. Fortunately, we were still able to utilize these non-program meetings to add to information we should be working on anyway.

Our membership still numbers about 70, with about 45 receiving a newsletter, and the average attendance at meetings often numbers about 12-15. (A listing of members, first & last names, and post office is included later.) The newsletter tends to be a review of what happened at the monthly meetings, with an additional piece of someone's work or clipping from the newspaper. During this past year, as has happened the last few years, this additional piece was usually Harriet Rasmussen's review of a year from Taylor diary. (The summaries for 1859-1862 were reproduced in 1997.)

Our schedule will continue to be the second Monday of April through November. One hope is that the winter furlough has allowed some working on local history projects to be shared during the coming year.

This past year saw only two programs. One was an interview of Toot and Betty Vaughn, another in a series of interviews that have recorded the memories of residents of the area. The next step is to transcribe these tapes, and if any knows of a person who can transcribe audio tapes, please contact me. The person who was doing them found herself too busy to continue the excellent job she was doing.

The second program was of the boarding houses in the area, and this topic spilled over into at least a couple more of our share sessions. The intention of this endeavor is to record all the known instances of boarding houses in the town and in those areas we often associate with the area.

A third topic, although never a planned program in of itself, that occupied us for part of a few meetings, was the mass of photographs from the Phil Ellis collection that Kathie Williams had the foresight to preserve.

A highlight of our season, as it has been most years, is the creation of the local history calendar. This year's calendar was more of a mix of old and new, with more before-and-after pictures, and contained almost 3,000 words. (The printer has suggested the length of the text has altered the proportion of the pictures, although not many people would notice.) Themes of boarding houses and school continue, and the inclusion of the Freehold church might be a start of a church theme. Our honoree was Chris McDonald. Of all of our efforts, it often is the calendar that garners the most comment. A thank you goes to Bryant's, the Pharmacy, and the library for their help in selling the calendar.

Next, a reminder about subscription dates. Your mailing address label's top line is a number representing an expiration date. The first two digits of the four digit number represents the year of expiration; the last two digits represent the month. Thus,

any number less than 9801 means your subscription has run out. Many of you have subscriptions that will run out this summer (9807, 9808) and I will put out another reminder in July. Anyone wishing to renew a yearly subscription can send a check (made out to Don Teator) for five dollars to: Don Teator, RD1, Box 147, Freehold, NY 12431.

Just a reminder. People contribute in many different ways. One of the most useful is to preserve some piece of Greenville's history. This may happen by the saving of an artifact. However, the part that is tougher to save is the collection of memories and stories. And thus, I urge you to audiotape or write your memories of Greenville people, events, and places. Daunting at first, this recording becomes more and more useful with the continual adding of sources.

I hope to see you at the April share meeting (2nd Monday).

Until then, take care.



** Last minute reminder: The **pot luck dinner** will happen. The date is Monday, March 23; the time is 6 pm although a few minutes sooner is fine. All are welcome. The site is the Episcopal Parish House. Those of you who want to coordinate food choices, call Betty Vaughn or Phyllis Beechert

Current Members

Mildred Adriance -- Greenville
Gail Banker -- Norton Hill
Barbara Baron -- Freehold
Con Baumann -- Delmar
Orlie & Jeanne Bear -- Greenville
Ray Beecher -- Coxsackie
Phyllis Beechert -- Greenville
Ray Bennett -- Freehold
Dorothy Blenis -- Surprise
Margaret Bogardus -- So. Westerlo
Gerald Boomhower -- Greenville
Helen Brown -- Greenville
Lee & Arlene Brown -- Norton Hill

Hank & Joan Bruni -- So. Hempstead
Zan Bryant -- Greenville
Carol Bryant -- Holmes Beach
Hilda Burton -- Delmar
Pearl Capone -- Climax
Barbara Chatterton -- Greenville
June Clark -- New York
Nick DiBrino -- Yonkers
David Dively -- Greenville
John Donohue -- Coventry
Marianne Doorly -- Greenville
John Earl -- Greenville
Diane Eckert -- Castleton
Len & Claribel Gardiner -- Norton Hill
Kathy Gizzi -- Albany
Ron Golden -- Greenville
David & Harriet Gumport -- Greenville
Ossie & Bunnie Gundersen -- Greenville
Janet Halstead -- Freehold
Doris Hempstead -- Freehold
Don Howard -- Oxford
Ruth Hunt -- Ormond Beach
Stephanie Ingalls -- Greenville
Paige Ingalls -- Bronx
Clarissa Ketcham -- Greenville
Fred & Carol Lamb -- Greenville
Patrick N. Lambe -- Greenville
Rosemary Lambert -- Freehold
Joseph Mangold -- Freehold
Chris McDonald -- Greenville
Priscilla Palmer -- Greenville
Bonnie Persico -- Earlton
Elnora Phinney -- Nassau
Harriet Rasmussen -- Greenville
Alice Roe -- Greenville
Leona Rundell -- -- Catskill
David & Judy Rundell -- Greenville
Ed Schindler -- Freehold
Robert & Marie Shaw -- Greenville
Howard Snowiss -- Marlboro
Robert & Emma -- Spees Eagle River
Gus & Millie Spinner -- Freehold
Linda Steinberg -- Princeton
Orrin Stevens -- Greenville
Don & Debra Teator -- Freehold
Connie Teator -- Freehold
Elsie Turon -- Greenville
Robert Uzzila -- Cairo
Barbara Valicenti -- Greenville
Thurston & Betty Vaughn -- Greenville
Kathie Williams -- Greenville