

# BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

## Prepared for Town of Brant Board Meeting 02/09/16 and Village of Farnham Board Meeting 02/16/16

The last *official* report submitted December 8, 2015 Last Historical Meeting was held January 20, 2016

The last verbal report to Brant Town Board was given January 05, 2016 (Patty)

This report reflects the time frame January 06, 2016-February 08, 2016; submitted so as to record all donations/activities of the historical society.

**Attendance:** Patty Friend

### Treasurer's Report:

Evans National Bank Statement dated 11/31/2015 Beginning Balance .....	\$6,585.13*
Deposits: Sale of 175th Anniversary Book (qty 2) + freight.....	65.00
Expenses...UPS (SEND OUT BOOK).....	- 10.27
Balance on Hand at 01/31/2016.....	\$6,639.86

### RECENT ACCESSIONS [DONATIONS/LOANS] DURING January-February from:

**Jeff & Ann Prince LOAN:** [ X] Loan of Miller Beach Photos (Scanned and returned [x] originals to family)

Jeff Prince's Grandmother was Ruthe Walters from Milestrip and Hammond Rds. Brant, NY. She married Henry Miller and together ran Miller Beach property. We received a very nice note from Jeff complimenting our June 2015 Historical Newsletter "Journal".

**Becky Cronin LOAN:** [ X] Loan of Strawberry Festival and family Photos (Scanned and returned [x] originals to family). Becky lived in Brant as a toddler, and was on a 1963 Strawberry Festival float. Her family lived in a cottage next to Fayette Wood Products. Up on hill. (Previous owners: Fininzio and Schwartzwelder .) Becky believes the Basher Family was her landlord. [Cronin is her married name, we are inquiring as to her maiden name]

**Sonny Catalano:** Three Photos pertaining to Catalano Family Farm and Strawberries. 1965; Joe and Sonny Catalano and strawberries in field. 1965: Sonny Catalano, Mr. Miller from Meet the Millers, and Charley Minor. 1957 Sept: Sonny Catalano and Leonardo Bonilla with one of the Catalano Trucks. Sonny also donated a "Parish of Our Lady" Informational Bulletin.

**Vince Martonis, Hanover Historian:** One of our 150th Lincoln Funeral Train Posters, stamped with THE COMPLETE Collection of ALL Lincoln Pictorial Postmarks from each of the 16 Post Offices. [Vince took 9 posters to each of the Post offices from Farnham to Ripley. Patty took the same 9 posters to each of the offices from Angola to Buffalo.] Vince provided all the postage stamps! Vince was instrumental in helping with this Pictorial Cancel project. He provided advice and support throughout. What a wonderful keepsake of this event!

\*\*\*\*\* THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS! \*\*\*\*\*

**MILITARY** ADD MILITARY NAMES on -going activity: [Home Town Hero Banners for Veterans—still on our To-Do List]

**OLD BUSINESS** See December 2015 Minutes (no change)

### NEW BUSINESS

- \* Bulletin Board was updated. Highlighting the Farnham Ladies Drum Corps.
- \* We are in our 177th year.
- \* North Collins Historian Georgianne Bowman would like Brant and North Collins Historical groups to work on a mutual Display. The Theme is "Fashion". Patty and Georgianne will be meeting in February.
- \* **In remembrance: a moment of silence** for Herman Dorsey, Ethel Morgano, Ernest Fuchs Sr

### CORRESPONDENCE

- ◆ **United States Postal Service Employees** waiting for final totals of Lincoln Pictorial Postmarks.
- ◆ **Diane Keating of Northborough, Ma:** Patty resent the information and regarding the ladies Benevolent Society to Diane, along with some photos of Clara Calkins.

### QUICK NOTES:

- \* Next Meeting is 02/17/2016 at 7PM We will begin collecting Dues for the 2016 Year
- \* Members and all interested are invited to submit articles for our upcoming Newsletter. Deadline for submittals 02/17/2016.
- \* The village of Farnham will be celebrating 125 years in 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by,  
Patty Friend, Appointed Historian Brant NY