

BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Prepared for Town of Brant Board Meeting 08/11/15 and Village of Farnham Board Meeting 08/18/15

The last *official* report submitted July 14, 2015 Last Historical Meeting was held July 15, 2015

The last verbal report to Brant Town Board was given 07/14/2015 (Patty)

This report reflects the time frame July 14, 2015—August 10, 2015 ; submitted so as to record all donations/activities of the historical society.

Attendance:

Jo Battaglia, Raymond H. Dunkel, Patty Friend

Treasurer's Report:

Evans National Bank Statement dated 06/30/2015 Beginning Balance	6,410.05
Deposits:.....	0
Expenses.....	-0
Balance on Hand at 07/31/2015*.....	\$6,410.05

*note: Sale of 5 books not included in above. \$125.00 yet to be deposited in August

OLD BUSINESS

- Home Town Hero Banners for Veterans—still on our To-Do List
- Update the Website for the Historical Society
- Vietnam Cancel was very popular—over 180 requests were received during the month it was offered. Thank you to Dave Tempestoso and Darlene Fox at the Brant PO for offering this in behalf of the Historical Society.

Recent Acquisitions: [DONATIONS/LOANS] - Thank you most kindly for your donations!!

Donations in August: Donation from:

Jo Battaglia: Buffalo News articles: Abe Lincoln Funeral Train issue 4/19/2015, Gettysburg issue 07/01/2013.

Family of George Johengen: Trophy's and plaques, other items pertaining to George Johengen, given to Lenny Pero. These were left in the historical room after our meeting in July. We will look through the items and prepare a list at our August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

* **Available until October 28, 2015: Postmark cancellation** theme; "President Lincoln's funeral Train Route 150 Yr. Anniversary." Designed by Tish Hill for the Historical Society. President Lincoln's Funeral Train traveled through Erie County's smallest Village of Farnham. The Farnham postmark cancel is one of 16 cancels initiated by the Brant Farnham Historical Society. Via request of our Historical Society, Christian LoGrasso (native of Angola NY and nephew of Patty Friend) designed the other 15 cancels for Post Offices from Buffalo to Ripley. There is a Buffalo NY special commemorative envelope available through the Buffalo Library at this website. <https://buffalo-erie-county-public-library-online-store.myshopify.com/products/limited-edition-commemorative-abraham-lincoln-stamp-cancelled-envelope> This project is a huge endeavor by our historical society. The cancels can be found in the June 25th, 2015 Postal Bulletin : <http://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/pb2015.htm>. Requests from as far away as Belgium and Hawaii have been received for the Lincoln Cancel!!! According to the Post Office this has been a very successful and highly requested postmark project.

* **Our Newsletter** (more like a News-book; it has 44 pages) Copies are available at the town hall.

* **ADD MILITARY NAMES:** Vietnam: Bart Vaticano, Dave Pruett (Submitted by Marilyn Cordia) Bart Vaticano (WWII) (submitted by Bart Vaticano Jr.) Bart Vaticano Jr. offered to help collect more Veteran names for our listing.

* **Historical Website Updated** - Patty submitted changes to Barb Daniels who update the site right away! Thanks Barb!!

* **Discussed 125th Anniversary ideas regarding Farnham.** Should we offer a calendar? Trolley Tunnels—are they still visible? Jo Battaglia has some photos of the Sturing boy who was killed in War. Ray Dunkel may have some of his family farm before the Evangola State Park took it over. (His home was built in 1856.)

* Patty attended the North Collins Historical Society's program on the Underground Railroad on August 2nd.

CORRESPONDENCE

◆ Plenty of correspondence regarding the pictorial cancellations: Local Historical Societies and historians from Buffalo to Westfield. Local Post Office personnel (Angola, Brant) and the Buffalo Post Office communication persons and The Buffalo Public Library. Christian J. LoGrasso and Rosalee "Tish" Hill—pictorial cancellation designers. Local printer for Event promotion printing (Posters/ Postcards/ Buttons).

◆ Thank you's were sent to EACH of the 16 participating post offices and postmasters, along with a Lincoln Postcard, and

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Lincoln Buttons (buttons and postage donated by P.Friend).

- ◆ Office of Cultural Education/ request for Annual Report 2014.
- ◆ David Lynch writes to us via email: The piece is a 41/2 x 3 ft curio with a small brass dedication plate on the top which reads" To Mr &Mrs Orton and Amy in appreciation of kindness to me "Darkie" I checked US census records and found an Amy Anne Orton born 1845 in Brant NY which caught my attn. due to the history of that area. I am trying to find out who Darkie and the Ortons were. Amazingly this piece made its way to an old warehouse in Fresno Ca where I purchased it from. Any info you can kindly provide would be appreciated. Thank you David Lynch. dvlneweng@gmail.com or 408-580-4913
- ◆ Kay Jorgensen, Editor - Civil War News. Has offered to include notice regarding the Lincoln Funeral Train Cancels in her publication: 800-777-1862 mail@civilwarnews.com www.civilwarnews.com www.facebook.com/CivilWarNews
- ◆ Vince Martonis, Hanover Historian has been most helpful in working on the Lincoln Pictorial Project.
- ◆ Chris Small of " The Lincoln Project" has also been in contact with us, and will possibly set up a linc regarding the pictorial cancellation for us.
- ◆ Darlene Fox, PME at the Brant Post Office tells us that her family "Guzzetta" once owned the building across from the PO and a home next door to the post office (Where the Herc familylives.) She wondered if we had any photos available or other information regarding her family.
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Jo Battaglia who turned 93 on July 6th and to Lee Brunelli who turned 90 on July 3rd (or 6th?)

REMINDER

The village of Farnham will be celebrating 125 years in 2017 - just 2 short years away! We need to begin planning now!
[] Question for village board meeting: is Farnham putting money in their budget for a celebration?

Quick Recap:

- * Next Meeting is 08/19/2015 at 7PM
- * Lincoln Funeral Train 150th Anniversary Pictorial available until 10/28/2015 (90 day extension).
- * Historical Newsbook is currently available. (44 pages!) You can pick up a copy at the Brant town hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by,

Patty Friend, Historian Brant NY -and in behalf of Bev Wasmund, Jo Battaglia, co-Historians of Farnham, NY