

BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Prepared for Town of Brant Board Meeting 09/08/15 and Village of Farnham Board Meeting 09/15/15

The last *official* report submitted August 11, 2015 Last Historical Meeting was held August 19, 2015

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

This report reflects the time frame August 11, 2015—September 7, 2015 ; submitted so as to record all donations/activities of the historical society.

Attendance:

Marie MacDowell, Jo Battaglia, Raymond H. Dunkel, Lorraine Dunkel, Bev Wasmund, Janet Bowman, Patty Friend

Treasurer's Report:

Evans National Bank Statement dated 07/31/2015 Beginning Balance	6,410.05
Deposits: Sale of 6 books.....	150.00
Expenses.....	- 0
Balance on Hand at 08/31/2015*.....	\$6,560.05

OLD BUSINESS

- Home Town Hero Banners for Veterans—still on our To-Do List
- Update the Website for the Historical Society
- Our Newsletter (more like a News-book; it has 44 pages) Copies are available at the town hall.

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

Donations in August-September: **Donation from:**

Anita & Larry Lowell: 3/27/1939 Buffalo Evening News Paper

Jo Battaglia: (2) photos. Ed Stuehring and Ed Stuehring with his mom at Niagara Falls. Ed Sturing was lost at sea during WWII Merchant Marine.

Peter Gugino Family: (2) Newspaper Articles. 12/25/2009 regarding Polish National Church opening on Christmas Eve. Town Crier 2003 Newspaper article regarding opening of the Brant Store under the name "A Little Bit of Everything."

John Chiavetta: Aerial Photo (but John did not know of what farm/area)

Loaned items RETURNED to Marie MacDowell: 3 Genealogy binders. (Brinkman/Winters/MacDowell)

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. Each Post Office has received over 400 requests in just 2 months!
- * **ADD MILITARY NAMES on -going activity:** 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.
- * **Discussed 125th Anniversary ideas regarding Farnham.** Bev Wasmund and Jo Battaglia to write a letter to the Village Board to see if there are plans to celebrate and how the historical society can participate.
- * **Family of George Johengen donated items:** 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 still need to go through the items and prepare a list at our next meeting.
- * The Town Clerk's office sold another 175th Anniversary book for us. (Thank you!) The money for this book and the other 5 books was deposited in August. (See above)
- * **1812 Cannon Ball at Farnham Mayor's office .** Bev Wasmund and Jo Battaglia to contact Jackie Hoisington to see it can have a home in the Historical Society. The cannon ball was original found in Farnham when the work on the water mains was performed quite a few years back.
- * **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 family lives.) She wondered if we had any photos available or other information regarding her family.
- * Remembered Camile Kadrowski and Jeanne Winters who passed away. More Sad News: Herman Ciminesi passed away September 6, 2015.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- ◆ Correspondence regarding the pictorial cancellations: Christian J. LoGrasso to revise the Lincoln poster.
- ◆ Vince Martonis, Hanover Historian has been active in requesting the USPS to allow "hand-back" for the Lincoln Pictorial Cancels until October 28, 2015 instead of mailing in requests for the cancels. WE are hoping he is successful so that the School children (and anyone else) may visit the post offices to receive the cancels, instead of mailing in the requests.
- ◆ Office of Cultural Education/ request for Annual Report 2014.
- ◆ **Dale Brose** is helping us investigate this request: **David Lynch** writes to us via email: The piece is a 4 1/2 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 Patty Forwarded the information Dale found, to David. We haven't been able to tie the piece of furniture to our area ..yet! We are still investigating. Georgianne Bowman also supplied information on the Orton Family for us to send to David Lynch.
- ◆ **Mark Miller** requesting information on his Family who once lived in Farnham. (Quagliana, Totaro and Caccamise). Rosie Wiley is helping us with this request.
- ◆ **Joe Sanabria** requesting information on his Family who once lived in Farnham. (Nordblum) His request was forwarded to Bev Wasmund. Patty sent him a few pages which contained the Nordblum Name, from our 175th anniversary book.
- ◆ **James Thoman/ Hamburg Historical Society** sent photocopies of the Hamburg area post offices to tie in with the Lincoln Cancels.
- ◆ **Georgianne Bowman/ North Collins Historian** has sent information on the Kirby Family/ and she requested information on the Clough Family. (Patty Sent this information to her.) Patty also sent information on the Varney family and the Underground Railroad to her.
- ◆ **Mark DeCarlo** is interested in the history of his family. Patty sent him a few pieces of information and will hopefully will find more.

REMINDER

The village of Farnham will be celebrating 125 years in 2017 - just 2 short years away! We need to begin planning now!

Quick Recap:

- * Next Meeting is 09/16/2015 at 7PM
- * Lincoln Funeral Train 150th Anniversary Pictorial available until 10/28/2015 (90 day extension).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by,

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