

# BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

## Prepared for Town of Brant Board Meeting 10/13/15 and Village of Farnham Board Meeting 10/20/15

The last *official* report submitted September 8, 2015 Last Historical Meeting was held September 16, 2015

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

This report reflects the time frame September 8, 2015—October 12, 2015 ; submitted so as to record all donations/activities of the historical society.

### Attendance:

Patty Friend

### Treasurer's Report:

Evans National Bank Statement dated 08/31/2015 Beginning Balance .....	6,560.05
Deposits: .....	0
Expenses.....	-0
Balance on Hand at <b>09/30/2015</b> .....	\$6,560.05

### OLD BUSINESS

- \* Home Town Hero Banners for Veterans—still on our To-Do List
- \* Update the Website for the Historical Society—ongoing
- \* **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.
- \* **ADD MILITARY NAMES on -going activity:** Bart Vaticano Jr. offered to help collect more Veteran names for our listing.
- \* **Discussed 125th Anniversary ideas regarding Farnham.** Bev Wasmund and Jo Battaglia wrote a letter to the Village Board to see if there are plans to celebrate and how the historical society can participate. This is found in their minutes. Also, the Farnham Historians submitted a letter to the Farnham Board respectfully resigning. Both feel it's time for others to be more involved.
- \* Office of Cultural Education/ request for Annual Report 2014. SUBMITTED
- \* **Dale Brose** is helping us investigate this request: **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. [dvneweng@gmail.com](mailto:dvneweng@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.

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

#### Donations in September-October: **Donation from:**

Unknown source: Donation of a Farnham School Dist #5 Chair. Left in the historical room.

### NEW BUSINESS

- \* **Available until October 28, 2015: Postmark cancellation** ; The USPS sent Patty two special letters of letter authorization. One for HAND BACK cancels for the Brant-Farnham Historical Society. And another for HAND BACK cancels for school children if they visit any of the 16 post offices on a field trip with their class. This very unique for the post office to allow this and it would not have been possible without the help of Hanover Historian Vince Martonis. Vince Martonis also received the special Hand-Back Authorization letter. Patty notified school systems from Ripley to Lake shore Central as well as Buffalo, NY. Jim Thoman of the Hamburg Historical Society hand delivered the authorization letter to all the Hamburg Schools. Dunkirk responded that they are taking their classes to the Dunkirk PO. Patty had 200 Lincoln Postcards reprinted and sent 140 of them to the Dunkirk Principal (Kim Texer) for distribution to the children. (Patty and Bill Friend donated the cost for the Printing of these cards.) Latest word from the Buffalo PO is that they have had an overwhelming response for this Cancel!

[ "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. ]

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- \* **CIVIL WAR NEWS** Newspaper had a wonderful article regarding the Lincoln Historical Postmarks and their availability.
- \* **Patty** spent the balance of the meeting time putting away the Brant Fest Displayed items and straightened up the Historical Room.  
7:15-8:30PM

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Various regarding the Lincoln Cancel and Hand Back Delivery

- ◆ **United States Postal Service Authorization Letter; Cyntial Weigel, Supervisor Cancellation Services, AUTHORIZING** hand back delivery of the Lincoln Pictorial Postmarks. (Copies of letters included in this pkg of minutes)
- ◆ **Various School Districts from Ripley to Buffalo, regarding the Hand Back Authorization Letter from the PO**
- ◆ **Kim Texter, Principal of Dunkirk Schools;** Phone call requesting postcards for the children who will be visiting the PO.
- ◆ **Lakeshore School Dist Kristine DiMartino:** Kristine forwarded the Hand-Back Letter and Lincoln Postmark information to all LS Schools.
- ◆ **Information mailed to the Evan/Brant Boys and Girls Club** regarding the Lincoln Postmark and the Hand Back Letter.
- ◆ **Vince Martonis re:** Lincoln Cancels and Post office Authorization Letter
- ◆ **James Thoman/ Hamburg Historical Society Re :** Lincoln Cancels and hand back authorization letter.
- ◆ **Amy Robb Journalist of the Hamburg Sun** with an Over the phone interview regarding the Historical Society's Lincoln PO Project and the Hand Back Letter from the PO.
- ◆ **Gregg Fox, Journalist of the Dunkirk Observer** regarding a small article in the Observer regarding the Lincoln PO Project and the Hand Back letter from the PO for the school children / teachers.
- ◆ **Christina Abt, Local Eden Author,** would like to set up a presentation for her book :Crown Hill. We will try to do this very soon!
- ◆ **Rich Taczowski** requesting help with Farm Camp/ and working with the President of the Hispanic Heritage Council on the "migrant era" of the Town of Brant. Patty sent him some 'FARM CAMP' photos from our 175th book.
- ◆ **Casimiro Rodriguez,** the president of the Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY re the Migrant Project. *Dear Patty, I appreciate the opportunity to meet you electronically and look forward to meet you personally. I would like to set a meet and greet with you soon. If you visit our web page it will give you an idea who we are as a organization. [www.hispanicheritagewny.org](http://www.hispanicheritagewny.org) Our historical exhibit is on display at the central library downtown at present. I would like to in the near future meet you there and Rich to tour the exhibit to begin our relationship. I look forward to working with you on this very important project for community. My contact info is: 716-912-3489.*

## 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 10/21/2015 at 7PM
- \* Lincoln Funeral Train 150th Anniversary Pictorial available until 10/28/2015 (90 day extension).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by,

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

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STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES



Pictorial Postmarks  
Stamp Fulfillment Services  
PO Box 449992  
Kansas City, MO 64144-9992

Postmaster:

Ms. Patty Friend, the Historian for the Brant, New York, has permission from the Pictorial Postmarks Manager, Cynthia Weigel, to receive Hand Back Service for the Lincoln Funeral Train Pictorial Postmarks from all 16 cities. Ms. Friend may walk in and receive hand cancels from September 11, 2015 through October 28, 2015. Ms. Friend has several historical documents that need to be cancelled as well, in addition to other items for the Historical Society.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 816-545-1349 or by e-mail at [PictorialPostmarks@usps.gov](mailto:PictorialPostmarks@usps.gov)

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Weigel".

Cynthia Weigel  
Manager Pictorial Postmarks

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KANSAS CITY MO 64144-0001

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Ms. Patty Friend, the Historian for the Brant County, New York, has inquired if schools within the 16 Cities sponsoring the Lincoln Funeral Train Pictorial Postmarks could visit their local Post Office and receive a cancel of the Lincoln Funeral Train Pictorial Postmark that their local Post Office is cancelling.

If a local school would like to set up an appointment to bring their class to your Post Office they have permission from Pictorial Postmarks Manager, Cynthia Weigel to receive Hand Back Services for the Lincoln Funeral Train Pictorial Postmark. The local schools may walk in and receive hand cancels from September 11, 2015 through October 28, 2015. I have asked that the schools call and set up appointment with their local Postmasters to make sure this will work within your schedule.

I feel this would be a great learning experience for the children and an opportunity for them to be more involved in the history of their town

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 816-545-1349 or by e-mail at [PictorialPostmarks@usps.gov](mailto:PictorialPostmarks@usps.gov)

Thank you for your assistance.

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**From:** Weigel, Cynthia M - Kansas City, MO [mailto:Cynthia.M.Weigel@usps.gov] **On Behalf Of** PictorialPostmarks  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2015 3:39 PM  
**To:** Patty Friend  
**Subject:** RE: Pictorial Postmarks lincoln

Patty,

Attached is the letter for the local schools if they are interested in taking a field trip to the post office to receive a cancel of the Lincoln Funeral Train Pictorial Postmark. If you need any other information please let me know.

Thank You,  
Cynthia Weigel

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