

BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Prepared for Town of Brant Board Meeting 12/08/15 and Village of Farnham Board Meeting 12/16/15

The last *official* report submitted November 10, 2015 Last Historical Meeting was held November 18, 2015

The last verbal report to Brant Town Board was given October 13, 2015 (Patty)

This report reflects the time frame November 11, 2015—December 07, 2015 ; submitted so as to record all donations/activities of the historical society.

Attendance:

Patty Friend (It was an extremely windy evening and many were fearful of venturing out.)

Treasurer's Report:

Evans National Bank Statement dated 10/31/2015 Beginning Balance	\$6,560.13*
Deposits: Sale of 175th Anniversary Book.....	25.00
Expenses.....	- 0
Balance on Hand at 11/30/2015.....	\$6,585.13

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RECENT ACCESSIONS [DONATIONS/LOANS] DURING November-December from:

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Jeanne Treat: A box of approx. 25 or more B&W photos, reprinted from glass negatives of Lynn E. Walters. A large number of the photos are of Camp Hughes, Farnham. Earlier this year, Jeanne had donated about 200 photos to the Historical Society, some were included in the June 2015 Newsletter and were also on display at Brantfest. Jeanne Treat is a local author, living in Clarence, NY. [Via US Mail.]

Christian Lograsso, Lydall, CT: Donation of photo of the Frank and Orazio LoGrasso Families on what we believe to be Ellis Road. [Via email.]

Diane Keating, Northborough, Ma: Donation of 4 photos: Dora Knapp Hoffman, Sally Ann Newell Jameson, and 2 photos of Album Quilt, which was hand sewn by women of the Brant ME Church in 1890. [Via email.] List of names include Weatherbee, Clark, Calkins, Evans and many more. The quilt was a wedding gift for Dora Knapp Hoffman who was married in August 1891 in Brant.

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

MILITARY ADD MILITARY NAMES on -going activity: Peter Chiavetta had verbally requested that we add Carl Chiavetta (WWII, Served in Africa), however, Carl's name was already included. Bart Vaticano [via phone] submitted the following names: Bart Vatican Jr. (Vietnam), Bartola Vatican (WWII), Alphonso Panzica (Vietnam Era), Ronald Panzica (Vietnam), James Stearns (Vietnam) Donald Poehopin (Vietnam). [Home Town Hero Banners for Veterans—still on our To-Do List]

OLD BUSINESS

- * **1812 Cannon Ball at Farnham Mayor's office .** The cannon ball was original found in Farnham when the work on the water mains was performed quite a few years back. Lenny Pero will hand deliver to one of the historians for placement in the historical room.
- * **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.
- * **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. 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.
- * **150th Anniversary Lincoln Funeral Train Route Pictorial Postmark Cancels** officially ended October 28, 2015. The current issue of "WNY Heritage Magazine" has a Letter to the Editor from The town of Brant Historian. Final Pictorial Postmark totals for each location from USPS to be available soon.
- * **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! Bev Wasmund suggested that we see if she can arrange a visit with the Brant Seniors.
- * **Rich Taczkowski and Casimiro Rodriguez**, requesting help with Farm Camp/ and working with Hispanic Heritage Council on the "migrant era" of the Town of Brant. Last heard from Rich and Casimiro in October. No update.

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- * **Veterans Listing:** We were made aware of a Veterans listing of those Veterans in the Brant and Farnham Cemeteries. George Cordia has this list according to the article in THE SUN and Marilyn Cordia will request a copy of this list for the Historical Society. We would like to compare with listing that Farnham Historians, Bev Wasmund and Jo Battaglia compiled for our 175th anniversary History Book.

NEW BUSINESS

- * The Town of Brant is not budgeting any money for the Historical Society in 2016.
- * **In remembrance: a moment of silence** for Blanche Sicurella and Cruz Rodriguez.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ◆ **United States Postal Service Employees and Vince Martonis** regarding Lincoln Pictorial Postmarks
- ◆ **Beverly Wasmund** Submitted an article for the December Newsletter.
- ◆ **Diane Keating of Northborough, Ma:** Patty emailed Brant ME Church information and information regarding the ladies Benevolent Society to Diane, along with some photos of Clara Calkins.
- ◆ **John Wissman, Florida and Georgianne Bowman** - Civil War information
- ◆ **David Sink**—Will be working on and creating the Historical Society's Website.

QUICK NOTES:

- * Next Meeting is 11/18/2015 at 7PM
- * We will begin collecting Dues for the 2016 Year
- * Members and all interested are invited to submit articles for our upcoming December Newsletter. Deadline for submittals 12/12/2015.
- * The village of Farnham will be celebrating 125 years in 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by,
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