

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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South Street

An almost classic 80-ish degree day, with a hint of milky sun, awaited the nearly fifty who enjoyed the local history program: Bob & Ann Hallock, Walt & Donna Ingalls, Stephanie Ingalls, Mary Heisinger, Beverly Myers, Carolyn Savery, Lew Knott, Audrey Matott, Kathy Smith, Edna Huffman, Rachel Ceasar, Richard Ceasar, Marvin Smith, Arlene DiBello, Orrin & Shirley Stevens, Sonia Greiner, Sally Staunch, Barbara Flach, Aileen Hesel, Dorothy Hesel, Rich Schreiber, Marilyn Snow, Margaret Donohue, Jack & Barbara Van Auken, Hilde Tompkins, Bette Welter, David Tschinkel, Robert & Johanne Titus, Christine Mickelsen, Jonas Havens, Ed & Sherry Baron, Peter O'Hara & John Garofalo, Don Teator, and another several who slipped past the sign-in sheet and my steel-trap mind.

Moseying Down South Street took us from the Four Corners in Greenville to Hill Street and southward to the foot of the northern side of Carelas Hill. I already had a base of information from years past but programs like this make me realize how little I know.

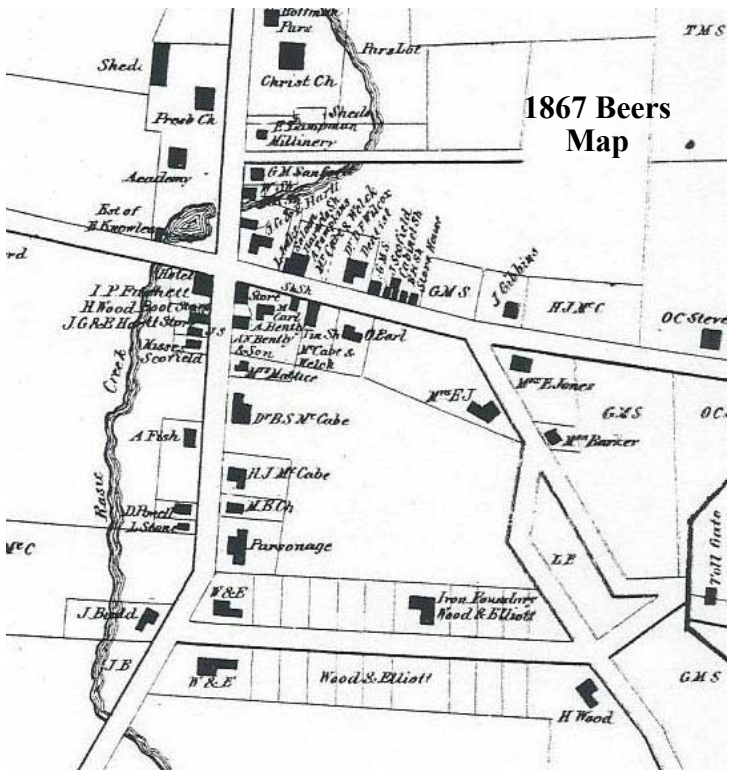
Fortunately, I had lots of help – Rossie & Shirley Smith, Anita Stevens Sanctuary, Marla Stevens, Frank Tiberi, Ron Golden, Hilde Tompkins, Tom Connolly, Lew Knott. If I left anyone out, remind me for future recognition.

A surprising good resource was the 1990 GCS Fourth Grade local history project under the guidance of teachers Dave Dively and Bonnie Persico. They

had their students spread out in the hamlet of Greenville, asking homeowners for information about their house, much of it written down on a standard form.

And before I start a listing of houses, please consider this an invitation to add more. Even better, I hope an enterprising person or group might want to collaborate and start writing material that could go in a book-let about South Street. (This idea also serves well for other streets or parts of town.)

So, here is South Street in rough geographic order, clumping some houses together before crossing the street and listing some quick notes, and keeping in mind that names of

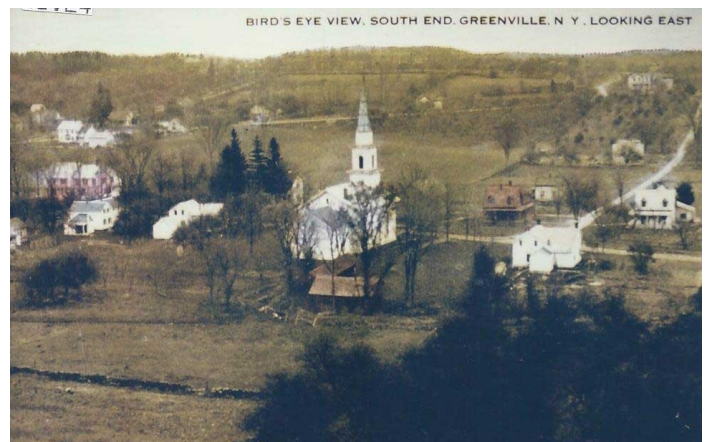




Possibly 1920s: looking south on South Street;
not visible is the Corner Restaurant off left edge, and Greenville Hotel off right edge

structures are the ones both commonly used and at times arbitrarily designated):

- Corner Restaurant: razed in mid-1960s for widening of SR 81; scene of Glenn murder
- Greenville Hotel: razed in 1928 to make way for Pioneer Insurance, now Town Offices
- Hartt Store: located near parking lot entry of Town Offices; a main general store, later shared with Pioneer Insurance; a guess – torn down about same time as Hotel
- Telephone Operator house: located a little further down from Hartt Store
- Real Estate office: Anne Lafferty for years, now Tracy Boomhower; was barbershop
- Hahne-Link (Wirschich): land was part of riding stable, then H-L Insurance – 1970s
- Flach: first of stately houses on east side
- Archer: second of stately house on east side; Archer was prominent artist
- Golden: Ron's house, and his parents before
- burned house
- Hegeman: Ciani physical Therapy today
- Greenville Arms: long storied past, 1952 start as Greenville Arms; 2016 account from Anita
- Randall: next to Greenville Arms
- Ellis: today Aileen Hesel
- Stevens: back to east side, MP Stevens and more
- Stevens: Bill Stevens, later Gumport; was site of Methodist Church in mid-1800s
- parsonage: last used by Carney
- Tompkins: still Hilde's
- house next to Hilde's
- Methodist Church: has ceased as church; today business office
- Winn: uphill corner of Hill Street
- Stevens: downhill corner of Hill Street; Benigno in late 1900s
- Reinhardt: just past church
- ramshackle structure – two cabins connected
- Felter: Lew Knott's grandfather; sheep are seen in field today
- Virano: past Felter house; was boarding house early-mid century



Felter House: notice clear hill in back of house



- Bronson: first of string of house past creek-bridge on east side
- Tiberi: second house; built about 1960; owned by Frank's daughter today
- Tiberi: two pastel modular used as apartments, built early 1970s
- small house with a new porch, by garage; moved from across street about 1956
- Sunoco station: built 1951, vacant a long time
- small house across the street – Virano
- mobile home
- Overlook Lodge: Czapracki, Abrams, Connolly today; Claude Bush had 20 guests in 1945
- Carelas: long driveway, looks onto lake; Meredith Viera's house once

The 1856 map shows a lightly settled South Street. Someone good with computers and programs could do an overlay map that shows the progression of construction since then.

The next meeting is September 11th. Yes, you are reading correctly.

Audrey Matott (Greenville Pioneer reporter and local history aficionado) will feature: *Fifty Years Ago in Greenville*. She has borrowed the 1967 collection of Greenville Locals, gleaned events and ideas the paper revealed, and will remind us of the issues facing Greenville, at

least as expressed by editor Phil Ellis's newspaper.

I hope you come out for a historic first-ever meeting without me. Your attendance would certainly be a boost. And you can add your wisdom and experience to Audrey's account. Thank you, Audrey!

October will be the unveiling of the calendar. November features the second annual Sylvia Hasenkopf local history program.

Thank you, Christine and Stephanie, for providing refreshments. Always appreciated. And Hilde Tompkins made a plate of a recipe of Ruth Stevens – pumpkin bread (included later). All was delicious, mouth-watering.

Comings and goings.

I was surprised, until I remembered I should not have been surprised, when Orrin and Shirley Stevens walked in through the door, coming all the way from Colorado. Nice to see you.

And last month saw a farewell to Ron Golden who is moving closer to family in the City. His family has been on Greenville's South Street since early 20th century, some of it summers only. Ron attended many of our meetings, and I always enjoyed talking about our local history connections, as well as life stuff. Be well, Ron, and let's stay in touch.

Carelas House—pre-lake



Edna Huffman brought in three photos showing a piece of local history that I had not seen documented before – The Greenville Dairy, which was located on the site of the gun shop by Lou Kraker's Garage. Or, stand on Scripture Bridge (the SR 81 bridge over the Basic Creek, and walk downhill a hundred yards). Bill Graf ran the dairy, the time span of which I would like to ascertain.

Two of the photos will be combined for a 2019 calendar photo. However, it would be wonderful to identify the people in it. If you can identify any in the photo, please let me know. And if you can pin the years down, that would be a bonus.

Take care,

Pumpkin Bread
Hilde Tompkins
(from Ruth Stevens)
Greenville, NY

Combine and Sift
1½ cups sugar
1⅔ cups flour
¼ tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp ground cloves
½ tsp cinnamon
½ tsp nutmeg
¾ tsp salt

In Mixer – Combine
½ cup oil (not olive)
½ cup regular tap water
1 cup pumpkin
2 eggs

When Pumpkin mixture is mixed, add dry ingredients until well mixed

Add: chopped nuts, raisins to suit your taste.
Bake at 350 degrees for about 1¼ hours (300 degrees if using glass loaf pan)
(HT note: I no longer use raisins but use craisins instead.)



Who are they? We think Bill Graf is front row, next to last; his wife may be back row, first woman; second woman may be her mother. Help us identify them for the 2019 calendar.