

January 23, 1991

Don't let the number of sheets panic you! Even I can't write that much about one meeting (don't dare me, though). You should find the following: the January regular meeting, the annual State-of-the-Group, and the financial report. This mailing is going out to everyone on our membership list, even to those who do not subscribe to the newsletter (I will plan on mailing the annual statement to everyone from now on).

In addition, at the top of this page you will find a label with information about you. Above your mailing address is a four digit expiration date, the first two digits representing the year and the last two representing the month. Thus, 9206 indicates your subscription runs through June (06) of 1992 (92). Below your mailing address is your telephone number. If any of my information is wrong, please let me know.

I plan on printing in the February newsletter an updated membership list that will include names, mailing addresses, and phone numbers. My goal of reprinting an updated list is simply to allow people to contact other GLHG'ers. If the information is correct, and printing this information is acceptable, you need do nothing. But please contact me by the February meeting if: 1) any of the information needs updating or correcting, or 2) you do not want me to include some of the information on the updated list.

Now for the January share meeting.

Harriet Rasmussen, of course, had another family to feature. In response to a request, Harriet decided to flesh out the Wakely family, which prompted memories of Frank Wakely and Winnifred (Wakely) Earl, who lived in Greenville. In addition, Harriet loaned material from the December meeting to be copied.

Arlene Brown showed material about the GCS organization as shown in a variety of documents - letters, teacher contracts, attendance registrars, and bills. Lee Brown had the foresight to save these papers from being thrown away.

Gail Banker brought a couple interesting items. First, she displayed two painted glass vases owned by Dr. Charlie (McCabe) and promised to give them to the GLHG at a convenient time. Second, she showed a pocket knife shaped contraption with three blades with semicircular edges to them and asked for identification. Gerald Boomhower and Ray Bennett promptly identified it as a bleeding instrument, probably for animals, but for the same purpose that a smaller one would be used on humans. For the rest of the night, several allusions were made to Gail's bleeder.

Don Teator had several items on his agenda. Attention was given to the Bryant's store circular celebrating and detailing fifty years of operation.

The 1992 calendars are nearly sold out. Less than five unsold ones exist and by the time you get this, they may be gone also.

The 1973 calendar pictures were shown and help was requested for information for the captions.

Portions of a letter that Evelyn Simpson sent Don were read. The letter, written by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ingalls in 1960 was titled, "A History of Greenville." Portions will be reprinted for one of the shorter letters later this year.

A reminder was made for help on programs, or to refer suggestions for programs to Don.

The idea of Saturday meetings during the winter was raised. The question will be asked for a decision in March or April (obviously for next winter).

The latest copy of the Rensselaerville Press was displayed. Our compliments to a revitalized Historical Society.

Don described the next photo project as Town Historian. An inventory of all the abandoned cemeteries will be attempted. This project would mean the mapping of the cemeteries, photographing each gravestone, and transcribing all readable inscriptions. More information will be given in March. Volunteers will be needed, whether they be members of our group or outside the group.

Snickers were allowed for the next idea Don had. The bicentennial of the Greenville's existence occurs in 2003. Don suggested that people start thinking about working on a book that would show Greenville's history, with input and writing from as many people as possible. The scope and type of history to be done would have to be determined, but without a group tackling this project, it may never get done. Several area towns completed histories during the US Bicentennial; Ray Beecher just wrote one for the Coxsackie area. Maybe Greenville can write its own book for or before its bicentennial.

Other notes:

1. The next meeting is February 10th. The program will be the published material about Greenville. Books, magazines, and newspapers will be shown and the contents of most will be described. Bring material with you that applies.
2. Get well cards would be appreciated for Mr. Jerry Ingalls, Capital Region Geriatric Center, 421 Columbia Street, Cohoes, NY 12047.

Sincerely,

*Don Teator*