



# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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A larger-than-usual crowd came out on a pleasant evening of the long Columbus Day "weekend". Among the attendees were Ray & Marge Bennett, Connie Teator, Toot & Betty Vaughn, Cris Ketcham, Alice Roe, Ron Golden, Harriet Rasmussen, Rosemary Lambert, Joan Tiberi, Leona Rundell, Claribel Gardiner, Stephanie Ingalls, John & Kathy McAneny, Dot Blenis, Jeanne Bear, Millie Spinner, Janet Halstead, David & Judy Rundell, and Don Teator. (If anyone was forgotten, give me a call; this is all my memory cells are recalling.)

(A note needs posting here. If you were mailed a thick envelope, you have an envelope with the 36 page Ingalls diary summary; if you received a one sheet mailing, then I believe you have already received the Ingalls summary. Contact me if you did not receive the summary.)

The program for the evening was Don's presentation of his summary of the 1920s as shown in the Carrie Ingalls diary. He had previously shown this presentation to the 68th Ingalls Reunion the week before at the South Westerlo Church which saw about 50 people attend; he'll present a shorter version to the Town Board.

Those of you who have read the earlier summaries (1886-1893, 1913-1919) know the steps Don goes through to transcribe the diary and then to summarize it. To make a long story short, the summary will tell its story well enough and no more will be said about the written part.

Accompanying the summary was a slide show which has doubled in size from last year's program. Most of this is due to Kathy Gizzi allowing Deb and Don to duplicate pictures of the Ingalls family from her photo albums. And a thank you goes to Leona for coming to these programs

and telling her own life stories better than I could possibly dare to.

The slide show consisted of slides of:

- Carrie Ingalls
- the type of diary she kept
- Norton Hill
- Ingalls related activities
- the Cheese Hill mill site
- the immediate family
- ancestors
- related Ingalls

Parts of the summary were used to tell more of the Ingalls story. Currently, Don is working on 1932 and may have the 1930s done by late next year or early 1998.

Don also brought in a spectacular piece of mail, a notebook of Mygatt information, received two weeks ago from Don Howard of Oxford, NY. Don Howard had heard about our house project and did not want the Mygatt family of Weed Road forgotten.

The notebook contains a narrative of the family of Augustus and Hannah (Wells) Mygatt, transcriptions of obituaries and news clippings, 33 picture duplications of Mygatt family and sites, a copy of Alice Mygatt Hunt's 1883 diary transcription, and family trees and family group sheets for Augustus Mygatt, Oliver Hunt, and Joseph Vincent. (In one of the interesting coincidences of our local history, Mygatt owned the farm that Richard Taylor bought, and Taylor wrote the diaries that Harriet is transcribing.)

This notebook serves us well as an example of a compact, yet descriptive, piece of local history and family history.

Cris Ketcham read two pages of typed "miscellaneous" notes about families in Norton Hill. For example, "John I. VerPlank, Edna Adams

and Edmund Ingalls have a common ancestor -- Jacob Ingalls." And many of the other notes center around these families.

Dot Blenis brought along what is becoming her usual bundle of goodies, claiming she is just cleaning out. Several calendars from the late 1950s and early 1960s represented a variety of area business.

Rosemary Lambert brought the Greenville area brochure (late 1950s?) with many of the businesses, especially the resorts, listed.



#### Reminders, Notes & Miscellany

A thank you goes to Paige Ingalls and Brian Odza for their help in making copies of the summary. I have no calendars in my possession. The Pharmacy and Library have some copies left for a while; if those two places do not have any left, then Bryants probably will.

Genealogy request: Don Howard, the submitter of the Mygatt notebook, is looking for information about the ancestors of these people mentioned in his notebook: Hannah Wells Andrews, wife of Augustus Mygatt; Ann Eliza Avery, wife of Oliver Hunt, Jr.; and Phebe Marshall, wife of Joseph Vincent. For more information about these people, take a look at the Mygatt notebook. Don Howard can be reached at PO Box 15, Oxford, NY 13830.

Our last meeting of the year is November 11th. I believe I have ready our artist who I had hoped to have earlier in the year. Still, I think we'll have some share time so bring in whatever you want for the close of our year. Stay tuned for Chris' column the week before the meeting for news of the meeting.

The heading of the newsletter is a bit different. I will experiment with the scanner I have access to and may try to reproduce different scenes as the whim strikes. If you like it, I might be persuaded to try more; if the overwhelming majority pleads with me to stop, I'll stop.