

June 20, 2018 Historical Society Meeting

Attendees were Peter Savage, Bob Underhill, Phil Mandolare, Becky Mandolare, Ed Congdon, Mike Barbieri, Nicolette Asselin

CPRA presentation went well. Thanks to Becky for coordinating it.

CPRA joint event with historic society September 15, 2018 - meet at Town Hall - talk or something here first if they want to, then move to other site, could be bridge abutment, crossing at Walker Mtn Road. Agenda still to be worked out.

Thanks to Peter for getting us business cards. They are coming in handy when talking to people about the historic society.

Heather got us a table at the July 28th Town wide yard sale. Will display some of Phil's artifacts and the Glynn rifle, sell books, take memberships & donations. Purpose is primarily to get word out there that we exist.

Peter will get us an historic society banner at Staples to use at the July 28th event and at future events. We'll go with the same 1869 map background used on the business cards.

Peter took the "Life In A Shoebox" article to scan. The file size had been too big to use.

Bob passed several pictures trying to identify people and places.

The 1869 map had 9 schools around Clarendon. We have now found all nine of them, school six does not exist Horton Road and Creek, 8 across from Post Office, 7 is Chambers house, 2 is two or three houses down the road across from Cobb Lane (Summers own it). That was also a Post Office at one time.,

A reference to a 1924 KKK Rally on East Clarendon Rd was found, including a reference to an article about it in the Rutland Herald. That article has not been searched for yet but if found it will not be posted if it includes names of attendees. We don't want to potential embarrass living family members. The VT Historical Society has nice summary article about the KKK in VT in the summer/fall of 1924 that we can use if we want.

Nicolette, representing Clarendon Heritage Inc., updated the group on the efforts to preserve the North Clarendon Chapel. The Preservation Trust of VT will do a matching grant of \$20,000 towards the \$40,000 needed to stabilize the building. It would be a separate subsequent effort to restore it. Nicolette thought the town owned it. Bob said he would look up the deed to affirm ownership. *Follow-up – bought by Trustees of the N. Clarendon Chapel and Community Center on Oct. 1, 1943 for \$275, Book 27, Page 254.*

Bob inquired if anyone knew where on Alfrecha Rd the Chaffee farm was. He has an article about the 1921 fire that destroyed the barns. Nobody knew for sure, most likely the barns were where the Pinkowski barns are now. The big barn is from the 1930's which fits that scenario.

More than a year into it at this point we have a growing inventory of scanned photos and documents that have not been used yet plus an assortment of donated books, maps, and a handful of objects. Most of those physical items have had photos or scans taken for purposes of being put into an inventory. The problem is that the scans are sitting on Bob's computer at home which is not a good long term solution. We need to get this "inventory" onto our website for safekeeping and to make it accessible to the full board. Peter is going to look at the administration function for the website in terms of having a separate area where non-public scans can be seen by the Board. Anything can be coded non-public now but it would be mixed in with all if the public items when being viewed in Admin mode.