

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting
7 October 2021

Program: “**Remembering the Proctors and Their Home**” a slideshow, presented by John Benham and Leigh Webb

Refreshments provided courtesy of Maureen Aube

Business meeting: called to order by President Leigh Webb at 8:05pm with a reading from *The Foolish Dictionary*.

- Salute to the Flag led by Linda Pauwels
- Moment of Silence for departed members.
- **Secretary’s Report** (online draft): Linda Pauwels moved to approve. Seconded by Annette Cain. Motion carries without objection.
- **Treasurer’s Report** was not available. A final year-end report will be presented at the next meeting.

Old and/or Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

- Building —crawling under the Webster House – Leigh needs to follow up with Steve Fifield to get assessment of sills.
- FaceBook update— no report
- Education Comm—4th and 5th grade Webster presentation—still no date set, and dependent on Covid protocols. Chris says the traveling trunk is progressing. Currently working on Flora and Fauna of Franklin, including a slide show featuring pictures by Karen Darling.
- Curator—New additions from donors: **Kathy Fuller** and the Clothes Closet: two books from the USN, small metal dish of Danish design on which someone had attached a note “From the office of the Webster Inn 1965”, two Decato’s hangers and two Decato’s men’s ties, a Holmes & Nelson hanger, and a Loudon bicentennial booklet (which will be offered to the Loudon Historical Society); from **John Benham**: various newspapers including The Trumpeter, the Burlington Free Press, and the National Observer’s final edition, and a 1963 program for the testimonial dinner honoring W. Earle Goss; from **Allison Cross**: a sesquicentennial (1978) edition of The Trumpeter; from **Jim Lewis, of NYC**: a box of weights, may have been used to calibrate scales by Franklin’s Sealer of Weights and Measures 1913-1918; from **Betsy Davison and Brian Jacoby**: a large steamer trunk and smaller personal trunk owned by Robert M. Leach, and a footlocker owned by Commander Conrad H. Carlson, USN, who when retired lived in the Leach House on Aiken Point; from **Steve Foley**: winter carnival booklets, a 1989 city directory, a Weirs times article on “Those Inventive Aikens” to go with the original display boards, and Steve’s 1978 sesquicentennial “Brothers of the Brush” member’s certificate; from **Bill Capron** via **Jo Brown**: two photos of George Gallup Clark and a Christmas greeting from him (which, with some research, it was determined to belong in Plymouth NH where he had lived and practiced law, and was sent, with the donor’s permission, to the Plymouth Historical Society); from **Judy Bibbins (Franklin Planning Department)** a book found in the Proulx Center published in 1887 on the event of Sen. John A. Logan’s death, with the eulogy and speeches made at his

funeral (and upon reading through the book, found a speech by Sen. Jacob Gallinger of NH, who died in Franklin, but summered in Salisbury, so this tome has been offered to the Salisbury Historical Society and accepted); and from **Bill and Lynne Burns**: a New England Family History booklet, the 1934, '35' and '39 Franklin Hospital Reports, 1908 souvenir booklet of Franklin photos published by Hunt's Department Store, the 1919 Opera House program welcoming back those who served in WWI, a 1928 Centennial Pageant booklet, a (partial, missing its cover) photo booklet from Sanborn Hall hospital, a 1913 booklet on the proceedings at the Daniel Webster Birthplace celebrating the reconstruction of the cabin in which Webster was born, a pamphlet on the Griffin Collection of Antique mortars and pestles, a compilation of photos of the Republican Bridge published by Towne & Robie, a cabinet card photo of George E. Sawyer's store as a confectioner (there is a record of a George W. Sawyer, a grocer for decades in Franklin, but no George E. Sawyer), and some 50 odd postcards of Franklin's downtown, churches, hospital, Webster Lake, Orphans Home, with some views of Tilton and Laconia.

- Leigh Webb requested authorization of an additional \$300 for printing of (100) postcards of ten different views and (30) Webster Lake maps for sale (\$400 profit potential) from J-T woodcuts. Linda Pauwels moved to approve. Seconded by Chris Lewis. Motion carried with no objections.
- Leigh Webb reported that he met with Lisa Martin regarding possible donations to the Martin Memorial.
- Projects update—Karen Darling's project for historical marker- no update.
- Revisited discussion about the practicality of using Zoom for virtual meetings. Little response to survey indicates general lack of interest.
- Leigh thanked volunteers for Labor Day weekend, especially Karen Darling for garden clean-up!

New/Other Business:

Holiday Season pot-luck dinner is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12th at Thompson Hall. Annette Andreozzi and Glen Morrill will prepare turkeys.

Next Month: (Tentative) Thursday, November 4th, "How did the Historic Sites become part of the NH Parks System?" with Andrew Cushing

Minutes prepared by Dan Darling, assisting recording secretary Karen Darling, who was unable to attend.