

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2018

Venue: Webster-Tay House– 7 pm

Program: “**Journal-Transcript photos**” from the 1960’s and 70’s, including the Sesquicentennial events, mostly from negatives, by President Leigh Webb

Refreshments

The Business Meeting was called to order by Leigh Webb, President, with a humorous definition from *The Foolish Dictionary* by Gideon Wurdz, 1904, for “fig leaf”.

Salute to the Flag

Moment of Silence for Departed Members and David Fuller, husband of member Kathy Fuller, who has made many recent donations, including of military uniforms.

Secretary's Report

- July 5, 2018 minutes, taken by Dan Cerat in the Secretary’s absence that meeting, were passed around. **Motion** made by Sandra Burney, seconded by Rita Norlander, to accept the minutes as written; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – a copy was passed around, in the Treasurer’s absence. **Motion** made by Maj Deutel, seconded by Maureen Aube, to accept; *passed*.

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

- **Building Comm:**
 - Garden clean-up last weekend. Unfortunately no one was able to help so Leigh did what he could while Annette Andreozzi was available for visitors.
 - 3rd floor vinyl siding removal and necessary repairs in abeyance until boom lift available from Beck & Bellucci or if that cannot happen, a rental is procured; Scissor lift was a tremendous help but could not reach the third floor. Discovered that windows and clapboards were replaced when building was still an orphanage and not by Sisters – found 1795 square nails in portion of original siding which had rotted and had to be replaced.
 - Eventually will need major restoration of building sill and foundation. Roof should last several years yet..
- **Cook Book Comm** – Dan Darling and Elizabeth Jewell—more material available to add; probably enough to do another printing next month, in time to give as holiday gifts.
- **FaceBook update**— Steve Foley and Karen Darling – making weekly or twice-weekly posts – including weekly segments of newsletter and photos of events or that Leigh has sent. Several individuals have inquired. An “Event” is created for all meetings.
- **Education Comm**— Chris Lewis, Steve and Karen --“Trunk” in office with artifacts. Tested out “Franklin Then & Now” photos with 4th graders in June. Responses were 95%

positive, students expressed appreciation for learning local history, Committee to meet to make tweaks in response to feedback, end of September or early October.

“Open Saturdays” encouraged some trail users to visit as well as donors – will likely stick to Saturdays next summer.

August Field Trip report – “perfect” weather and excellent tour at St. Gauden’s in August.

- Suggestion made for future trips: Do not have a July meeting (always so close to 4th of July) – instead, members would be encouraged to go to historic sites to which they had never been before, and take photos. August program would be those members sharing their photos and stories, to spur others to experience these (and other) venues for themselves!

Projects Update:

- *Plaque for “Sentinel Pine”*— still need to contact owners of the property.

New/Other Business

Porter Young films: the President requests authorization for \$300 to digitize two more 16 mm films, 1928 and 1920, Odell Park. Linda Pauwels made a motion to do so, seconded by Chris Lewis, *passed*.

Recent Donations: **Annette Cain**, for four FSB metal “piggy banks” (but shaped like classic cars), a “Frontier Days” button, and a Center Launderette key chain; **Porter Young**, for two more 16 mm films of Odell Park in 1928 and 1930 (alas, one suffering from the ravages of moisture, may not be able to be saved, but an attempt will be made to digitize both) most likely shot by his father, Red Young; from **Linda Pauwels**, newspaper articles, info on Helen Hird, Smythe family photos and images from the Methodist Church; **Madalene Dunlop (through Mary Foley)** gifted a 7 x 9 photo of the 8th grade St. Mary’s class of Yvonne Jean Sylvestre; **Ann Morgan**, from the Lancaster, NH Historical Society sent a porcelain tea cup adorned with an image of the Franklin Public Library, commissioned by the H.L. Young Company, c. 1910; **Carlton Ham** for business records from H.L. Young spanning from 1886 to 1980, along with commemorative plates from the Congregational and Christian Churches, and two photos of the Prescott Oil filling station on So. Main St.; **Mary Ham** contributed dues records from the Woman’s Club of Franklin (she was the organization’s treasurer), membership cards, and ledgers from the 1980’s and 90’s; from **LoriAnn St. Jacques** came an amazing largesse of material of her father’s, Arthur St. Jacques, including his WWII Navy uniforms from his days aboard a Sub tender, patches, medallions, souvenirs of that era and just after (a wartime embroidered pillow case of Malta, a fan and a Geisha’s sash from post-war Japan), documents, booklets, and his ceremonial vests from the VFW’s Order of the Cooties, his VFW caps as well as other material and photos from the VFW, and Franklin memorabilia (magnets, and two dozen-plus FSB metal collector’s banks like those donated by Annette Cain); **Carol Edmunds** stopped by with a box containing newspaper clippings, a program, and a three ring binder filled with 8 x 10 photos, all relating to the 25th Anniversary of the Polish Home Association in 1953; from the **Clothes Closet and Sally Bussiere** came a 1932 copy of “Antiques” magazine featuring an ad for Webster Place Antiques Shop and Tea Room and an Outing Club’s Winter Carnival Volunteer’s button; **Frank Kyper**, from Massachusetts, gifted a 53 inch long, 11 inch wide, enameled metal “FRANKLIN” RR station sign, which may well have been the last such sign to have welcomed travelers to the Depot Street station in the 1960’s; **Luan Clark**, of the Andover Historical Society, for a c.

1890's card game based on the Mother Hubbard nursery rhyme in a small box stamped with the dealer's name—C. E. (Carl) Noyes, who ran a variety store on Central Street; **Dorothy Hodgdon**, of West Salem, Ohio, mailed the Society two 5 x 7 photos of Franklin c. 1890 and 1925, along with two Victorian era photo albums collected by Hattie Campbell, featuring members of the Smith, Hersey, and Clark families; **Scott Clarenbach**, for a 1941 booklet of speeches (his grandfather was in attendance) celebrating the 65th year of the Stevens Mills, with two booklets detailing the process of making wool into cloth, and a booklet written by Richard J. Datson, tracing his lineage back to Ebenezer Eastman; and once again **Chris Lewis** has added a wealth of material to the Society's collections including two desks (probably c. 1950) from the Parker Hancock School, more O.A. Towne glass negatives of various area houses (he sold real estate as well as publishing the local newspaper and being an accomplished photographer), a large box of 1960's era newspaper photos (including the three of JFK campaigning seen tonight), 1959-1970 financial ledgers from the Journal Transcript, a trunk and suitcase, either or both to be used for transporting historically important material as learning tools between classrooms at the Middle School, and a cornucopia of artifacts (as yet not totally inventoried) to be stored in those containers, and most recently, from **Glenn, Colby, and Tim Morrill** a maple sugaring evaporation tray, collection bucket with lid, and vintage taps.

Next Month: "Personal Tales of the Paranormal" by Jim Prew, Thurs. Oct. 4 at the Webster-Tay House at 7pm

Adjournment: 8:45pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary