

## **Berlin Historical Society**

### **Annual Report – 2007**

2007 has been another interesting and successful year for our Society. We continued to improve the Nye-Woodbury room at the town hall with the addition of book shelves and a display area for our growing collection.

We have made several important acquisitions this year which include diaries kept by Jennie Scott Stewart in 1899 and 1938, a history of the MacKenzie Memorial Church in Riverton, early Berlin post cards and pictures of Berlin houses and mills that are no longer in existence.

Dave Perrin, a former Berlin resident, was our featured speaker at our annual pot luck dinner meeting in May. His subject was coin silver silverware made by Vermont silversmiths. One of these silversmiths was from Montpelier and was believed by many to be the murderer in the unsolved Berlin Pond murder in 1838.

Joyce Pelletier published a book entitled “A Vermont Woman’s Life in 1883” which was based on Addie Turner Crandall’s 1883 diary. She told us her story of acquiring this Berlin woman’s diary and the writing of her book at our August meeting. She then presented the diary to us to add to our collection.

We have done extensive work on updating and correcting our old cemetery monument indexes including photographing each monument in the East Road, Black, Colby and Dewey-Wright Cemeteries. These lists, including a map of the Colby Cemetery, can be viewed on Berlin’s web site at <berlinvt.org>.

Lynn McManus, one of our members, has done extensive research on the Glastonbury/Hebron area in Connecticut where many of our first settlers came from. Her work is on file for reference by future researchers.

We believe that we have located all of Berlin’s old schools that are still standing. We have photographed these and are preparing before and after pictures for display.

If you are interested in joining our organization and/or attending meetings contact any one of our officers or leave word at the town hall. We will add your name to our notice address list.

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We still need your help in preserving the history of Berlin. By sharing your stories, pictures and artifacts they will be available for present and future Berliners to enjoy.