

Berlin Historical Society Annual Report – 2009

This year several interesting Berlin related subjects were presented at our monthly meetings by our members. At our annual dinner meeting in May our president, Norb Rhinerson, related the history of Berlin's two post offices, one in Berlin Corner and the second in Riverton. He also talked about the ten cemeteries located within our borders. At our August meeting, Maudean Neill talked about the Herring family in Berlin. The Herrings originally settled in Moretown and gradually migrated into the Jones Brook area of Berlin in the mid 1800's. At our September meeting, Vernon and Richard Turner talked on the Turner family in Berlin. They started with their ancestor Humphrey Turner who immigrated from England to Plimouth Plantation about 1830 and continued with his descendants Addie Turner Crandall and William Harrison Turner arriving in Berlin with their respective families in the 1880's.

We participated in a mini history Expo held at the Pavilion in Montpelier in June. It was hosted by Montpelier to take the place of the Vermont History Expo which was not held this year. We displayed historical pictures of Berlin on our computer at this event.

We are involved in an ambitious project of mapping and photographing monuments in our old cemeteries. Lynn McManus has photographed monuments in the Black, East Road, Colby, Dewey-Wright, and Howard cemeteries. Greg Dubois has been surveying the monument locations in the Black, East Road, Colby, Dewey-Wright and West Berlin cemeteries. This project will preserve the names and dates on the old monuments, some of which are already beyond recognition. We have already been able to send monument images along to descendants researching their ancestry.

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 and we will add your name to our notice address list. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of most every month and the yearly dues are \$10.

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We are always looking for Berlin stories, pictures and artifacts. Please contact one of our members if you have them. We have the means to copy them if you do not want to part with the originals. Your Berlin Historical Society is the best way to preserve Berlin related material for future generations.