

Berlin Historical Society Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2010

Treasurers Report

Mary Wells reported that as of February 20 we have \$47,923.36 in our account at the Vermont State Employees Credit Union (VSECU)

No Minutes

Cheryl Poor has agreed to be fill the director vacancy and has also agreed to be our Potluck Coordinator at the May 25 meeting.

Norb reported on several matters.

Our upcoming events

April 27 meeting – Bill Doyle will present – Life in Washington County

May 25 annual pot luck dinner meeting – Richard Turner will present – A History of the Barre-Montpelier/E. F. Knapp Airport

June 19 & 20 – Maudean Neill will head up our exhibit at the Vermont History
we have received our space assignment and it is booth D10 in the Dodge-Gillman Building

Expo in Tunbridge – Berlin's Lands in 1860

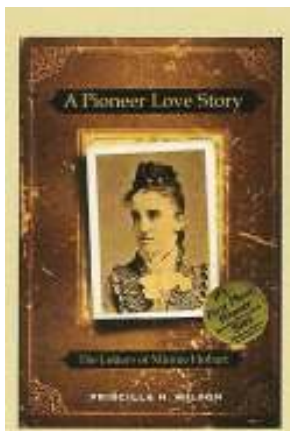
Lynn McManus is working on a pretty extensive request from Mary Tripp 1704 Lake Shore Crest Drive Apt. 16 Reston, VA 20190-3247 703-742-0929

Thought it would be interesting to record the request which is as follows:

“Does the Berlin Historical Society have any information about my 3rd great-grandfather, David Johnson, who is buried in the Dewey-Wright Cemetery (Row K)? The inscription on his gravestone says he died April 1, 1826, age 47. His wife, Betsey (Dutton) Johnson, who died February 26, 1826, age 39, is buried beside him. Do you know who David Johnson's parents are? Information that I have been able to piece together suggests that they may be Seth and Sybel (Cushman) Johnson, but I have found no definite documented statement as to who his parents are. Sybel's gravestone is along the same row, along with other Johnson graves, in the Dewey-Wright Cemetery. Do you know when or where Seth Johnson **died**”

Secondly, is it possible to send me copies of any photos, maps, or other information used in the March 24, 2009, presentation on Abel Knapp, Berlin's longtime town clerk? Please let me know the cost. Abel's sister, Huldah (Knap[p]) Wright, of Hanover, New Hampshire is my 3rd great-grandmother. She and Abel grew up together in Willington, Connecticut (after the family had moved from Rehoboth) and in Hanover. Her grandson, Austin Wright, married David Johnson's granddaughter, Susan Johnson, in Hanover in 1860. (Also, I believe that Elijah Wright of Berlin was the brother of Huldah (Knap[p]) Wright's husband, Asa Wright.)

Priscilla Wilson's book on the life of Minnie Warren and Dwight Hobart



We had a visit by Priscilla Wilson who wrote the Book about her grandparents Minnie Warren and Dwight Hobart. She described the book to an audience at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library last night which included many of our members. We have a copy in our files. Priscilla, her husband Rod, Son Ben and his wife Tina visited our Society in the afternoon.

Castle Stove

Jake Lenihan from Maryland had earlier made an inquiry about our Castle Stove. He was visiting in the area, got hold of me and looked at the stove. He offered us \$500 if we were interested. He left information as to how to contact him if we would have an interest in his offer.

Our Program was Paul Gillies who explained his project for the Town "Berlins Ancient Roads" He told us about how he went about researching the files to prepare his report for the Selectboard. The Selectboard took no action thus far to preserve any of the ancient roads that he found. We have his entire report on file and it is also on the Town Web Page.

Respectfully Submitted by Norb Rhinerson