

Berlin Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of the February 24, 2009 Meeting

Minutes of the February 24, 2009 Meeting will be read next month.
In attendance were Norb Rhinerson, Lynn McManus and Mary Wells
The meeting was called to order at 7 PM
Approval of the January 27 meeting will wait until the March meeting
There was no Treasurers report

Program



-“Berlin Historical Cemeteries”

This is a presentation that has been put together from all the information in our files and from Norb’s work on the Berlin Cemetery Committee. It was given for the first time on January 21 at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. The participation of the Historical Society has been significant.



Because of the low attendance Norb will do this again sometime. Norb even advertised this meeting on the Town Web Page but that did not help get a greater turnout

Presidents Report



Wallace Rogers Baker who has Randall and Bean ancestors in the Dewey-Wright Cemetery along with his wife Mary Ellen visited here on February 6th. They will be sharing their research on these two families with us . We have nothing in our files at the present time. They purchased a book while here as well as earlier making a donation of \$50 in appreciation of the material we had provided them including pictures of the Bean and Randall gravestones at Dewey Wright.

Norb read the letter from them which included the donation. The letter included some of the geneology

of these two families which will be placed in our files

A copy listing those that took part in ringing the Congregational Church bell on Feb 12 was dropped off at Norb's house and it will be placed in our files. This was the event where church bells were rang all over Vermont at 2 PM on February 12 for a period of 10 minutes that heralded the celebration this year of Vermont's participation in the Civil War. Howard Coffin is involved in this activity and is completing a new book on Vermont's participation.

Program for May Program/Potluck meeting

We have now had confirmation from Esther Munroe Swift that she will speak to us on May 26 on her book "Footprints of Vermont" and on her knowledge of Berlin. Thanks to Mary and Walter Wells for making this contact.

We have also reserved the Congregational Church Parish Hall for this meeting on May 26th.

We need to name a potluck coordinator for this, Cheryl Poor did this for us last year, and Norb will contact her to see if she will do it again..

Our next meeting will be on March 24

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM
