
December 27, 2018

FLEMING TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

- **Researched and discovered that the house south of the former Larkin store was a part of the Underground Railroad. Also, located an African American family who lived in the town that fled the town once the fugitive slave law was passed.**
- **Researched the Large family and located the various homes that they occupied.**
- **Replied and answered requests on the Peterson, Wyckoff, and Post families for the Dutch Settlers society.**
- **Provided the Park Service people who were assisting at the Tubman Home this summer with information provided through the years from interviews I conducted with people who knew her. The idea was to flesh the real Harriet. I also provided them with over 300 newspaper articles of her action at various times in life including riding a bicycle which is going to be featured in a new book about her and at the Visitor's Center in Auburn.**
- **Was invited by Denise Fayne of the African American Museum in D.C. to tour the exhibit on Harriet and to flesh her out. Provided the museum with the same info that I had given to the Park Service including deed and loan information. Fayne will be coming to visit Auburn and staying with me while I show her around the various places that Harriet visited.**
- **Mrs. D.M. Osborne was Harriet's "angel" who took care of the money donated to Harriet from some of the royal houses of Europe and around this country. Mrs. Osborne's records are housed at S.U. and I am researching them and will be giving the results to both museums.**
- **Attending meetings of the town historians and historical societies.**
- **Placed an exhibit on Mapleton at the Frontenac Museum in Union Springs. It included the construction of the plank road and the two trains that operated there along with photos of the various farming operations as well as the records kept at the general store which also served as a toll gate for the plank road and later a railroad station and post office. Since some students from Fleming attend Union Springs School, I am providing the Frontenac with the history of the families of the area in that district since some of the teachers at Union Springs have the kids write about local history.**
- **Gave the town records I received which included: records on the formation of District 2 Fire Department, info about District 1 fire department, Annual Supervisor's Reports from 1935-1951, Survey map of the traffic circle, Audit Reports of Various years**

Respectfully Submitted by Sheila Tucker, Town Historian

