

BUILDING

1. de humidifier installed.
2. Shades ordered (July 1) and should be available to install by Mid July.
3. Book cases painted (thank you Dick Carlson).
4. To be done: *install box for Rev. War bowl.
*program to install outside lights and stone edging to path
5. To be acquired: *flat drawer storage unit for maps and photos: still looking.
* metal shelves for cellar storage needs

WEB SITE set up for materials in COLLECTIONS/ARCHIVE/LIBRARY

We are all working on several projects that will eventually give our WEB SITE a stronger COLLECTION & ARCHIVE presence. This memo is just to capture the various projects in one place and to bring to the Board's attention the possible consequences of the web development to our 'physical' collections.

Our overall objectives are;

1. Put enough on the web to allow searchers some idea of our archives, which should tempt them to visit the Schoolhouse for closer study.
2. Build up a deeper view of the Township's history and stories around sites, hamlets and events. This will be done by scanning and up loading pamphlets like Will Rivinus's books and Waring's Honey Hollow pamphlet.
* when we (Beth) have time and a good number of stories we think to make a MAP approach on the web for visitors to click and read.
3. In considering the Township's proposed 2014 Comprehensive Plan we know the door is open to participate in information sharing. Our Web site work prepares a critical mass of material for our approach at the right moment.

INITIATIVES**1. ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE MAP AND PHOTOS**

Beth is working on mounting a MAP to the (11?) schoolhouses which would allow readers to click and see current photos, and as we can find them, old photos of each schoolhouse.

2. TEACHERS ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The volunteers have catalogued these and filed them in archiving boxes.

Action:

*Type up the catalogue list, put it on the web along with scans of 2-3 "typical report pages." Beth & volunteers have selected the pages to scan and we wait for volunteers to type up the catalogue.

3. BOOK/PAMPHLET upload to web site.

We have in hand Scans of Will Rivinus' books and Beth is putting them on the web site. We will not up load the MILLS book nor the BARNS of BUCKS COUNTY (written with Jeff Marshall.) We approached Jeff, but he only said he would think about giving his OK. I have told Will about the others and he said, as they are not copyrited, they are open to copy and put on the web.

Others that are ready to put up include HONEY HOLLOW and LIMEPORT. Beth has asked Dee Dee Bowman for NHHS OK to publish LIMEPORT. We wait for her response.

4. MAPS

Dick Carlson has made good progress and now has a LIST of all our MAPS.

Actions:

* Dick to order plastic sleeves for each map.

*VOLUNTEER(s) needed to type up the LIST of MAPS for eventual posting to the Web Collections/Archives site.

5. Possible next projects as we get volunteer time:

*Family files: create and post a short catalogue of what each file contains.

* Registered National Historic Houses: consider how to tackle this data so we can share it with Township...

CONSEQUENCES

We are about to adopt an ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS POLICY. This underlines our need to discard items (mostly books/pamphlets) in the physical collection due to duplication. The consequence of presenting scanned copies on our Web Site is we no longer need more than one or two copies in our library and we should STOP selling copies of books/pamphlets as we are now trying to do. Income has been minimal; work to send out infrequent orders is cumbersome. We will gain storage space as we do this.

IS the Board OK with this?