

## Oral History Report June 1, 2016

Darcy and Laura met to discuss oral history projects shortly after the last board meeting. There are several projects we'd like to pursue at this time, some large, some small.

Larger projects include

1. Land Preservation in Solebury Township -- history, development, what is happening now. To that end I have spoken to Jean Weiss who suggests we speak with Ralph O'Banion and Phil Johnson before we do anything. Jean also pointed out that much of the history of the Land Preservation Committee is available on the website.
  - (a) There has been some discussion about using this topic as a topic for a trolley tour next year. It can, and should, also be developed as a paper for presentation at historical conferences and/or for publication.
  - (b) Committee Action items:
    1. Read township committee information available online.
    2. Contact Ralph and Phil regarding potential interviews.
    3. Discuss and plan.
2. Historic Trees -- David Benner's work with historic is a prime programming topic that fits in perfectly with the land preservation theme. And he can star in his own video that can be posted online, presented as a program, and copied for publication. That would require some video editing, but we can apply for a arts and culture grant to help with that

In addition, I helped out with the NHS Lower School visit to the Schoolhouse. I suggest we make an outline of what we presented and store it for future use. We might consider developing a few 45 minute programs for such occasions that we can dig out of mothballs when needed.

## **Darcy**

### **Notes from Robert**

1. Donneta Crane is about to start doing "past Presidents (STHS) OH to document the beginning of the society in 1981.
2. Beth Carrick has added about 7 new OH to the web site from the National Canal Museum collection. More to follow. Including NHHS tapes.
3. May 26th Robert McEwan & Beth Carrick gave a presentation to the NHSHS History teachers using OH excerpts about Township key events. Part of the Education Program organized by Marnie.