

PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President's Annual Report

May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014

The Society, along with the Town of Prospect, continues to encourage the restoration of the Marsh School. We were very pleased to receive the news in early 2013 that the building has been named to the Federal Historic Registry. This year, we contracted for the exterior painting of the building. As lead paint removal was involved, this was a complicated and expensive procedure. The job was completed in early fall and the building appearance is greatly improved. The window painting is not completed but it is anticipated that that portion will be completed in early 2014. The Signage on the front of the building was removed and restored by members Sam and Lois Gianni. The painter reinstalled the newly refurbished sign.

The Society continued its concern for the older, abandoned cemeteries in Prospect. All have been located and the Society purchased and installed signage on The Bowden, The Ferry and The Clark Cemeteries. Signage had previously been put on the Harding and the DeSilver Cemeteries by the landowners.

The Clark Cemetery, having been previously identified as in a deplorable state of neglect, has been substantially cleared, cleaned and made accessible. This was almost entirely done by member Jack Emack. The veteran's graves in that cemetery have been identified and were marked with flags.

A fundraiser was initiated to raise money for the Marsh School Restoration. People were encouraged to "buy" a window for the price of \$275.00. A commemorative plaque will be placed on each "purchased" window identifying the donor or dedication.

The final project undertaken was a plan for a Prospect History Day to be celebrated in October of 2014. This will be held on the grounds of the Marsh school and will feature the display of many of the artifacts we have in our care. There will activities, displays and perhaps fireworks. Plans are ongoing.

The Society enjoyed active, informative and well-attended meetings this year with two interesting presentations open to the public. Our thanks are extended to the Community Club for the use of their hall for our meetings. The hall allows us the ability to hold presentations that can be open to the public. We also enjoyed two social activities this year, a summer picnic at Fort Knox and a December Holiday luncheon at the home of Carol and Don Johnson.

There is a continued need for new members and volunteers.

Submitted by
Paul Clifford, President