

Dec. 20, 2008

Dear Mr. Spier,

Here is the bound volume of the Shoreham Scribe 6/1934- 8/1936 that I spoke with you about on the phone last month.

The editor/writer/reporter and overall prime mover of this enterprise was my Uncle Jack (Johnstone Erskine) Hughes, son of Helen Erskine Hughes (later Upham) and Harry Hughes who had a place in Shoreham. My father Tom (Thomas Franklin) was the next younger brother to Jack and had the glorious task of helping mimeograph the paper. Youngest brother Bob was apparently either too young or too independent minded to be of mentionable help.

While I enjoyed reading the articles in these little papers I really felt that they would serve the best if they were to be kept there in the Shoreham archives for others who know the community and perhaps have family mentioned, to be able to see.

My grandparents (Helen and Harry) were great savers of many things. After my father died, a year ago last April, my sister took possession of many wonderful photos and she has promised to make digital copies. One extraordinary item was a fairly long silent film of adventures the family had around Shoreham, including some sort of story a bunch of the adults acted out. My brother has this film and did a crude video tape of it by shooting video of the projected image. My Dad was sitting with him and talking during the film, commenting as to what was what, his words are captured on the audio channel of the new tape.

It is a thrill to see these things which bring to life a time long past or family members early days. Thank you so much for the good work of preservation that you do.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Murphy

December 26, 2008

Dear Mrs. Murphy,

I cannot thank you enough for that wonderful Christmas present you gave to the Village which arrived today, and please accept the thanks of the Village as well!

Needless to say that the bound SCRIBES are an important addition to the Village archives, and will be safely kept under lock and key in the Village Hall.

You wrote that there may be more photos, film, and other things in your family, and if at all possible these would find a good home here. There are very few photos of the early days of Shoreham, and pictures of old villagers that are identified are rare.

It happens frequently that people ask to look up things in the archives, and next week someone writing a history of Mountain Lakes, NJ, will be here for the same purpose. Tagliabue and Hapgood were the developers of Mountain Lakes and Shoreham, and the homes of both in the Village are still standing.

Again, many, many thanks, and may 2009 be a happy and healthy one for you and yours.

Sincerely,

Peter E. Spier
Village Historian