

Historic Homes of Rural Hanover

Summary: The end product of this project is a pamphlet picturing each home in rural Hanover, still standing and on the tax rolls that were built BEFORE the Civil War.

Here's one "vision" of what the process might be:

- (1) Expand the committee to include willing and enthusiastic committee members from the three neighborhoods – Etna, H Ctr, North Neighborhood and East Hanover. Meetings few and far between with field work the primary focus.
- (2) Produce an organized file of reference materials to be housed at the Etna Library for use by committee members.
- (3) Write a letter and design a form to be mailed to ALL current homeowners whose homes were built BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR. (Ed C.)
- (4) Call a committee meeting to address, stuff and mail these letters. (About 64.)
- (5) Follow-up in a month by phone (or e-mail) to urge them to respond.
- (6) Once the snow is gone, schedule drive by "shootings" with a digital camera of every home on the list. (Ask for early "historic" pictures of the home in the letter, an/or search Jay Barrett's files to find some.)
- (7) Using Google Earth and the 1855 map for reference, create maps of the four areas, identifying the location of each home on the list. (And

commenting on those that are now “cellar holes”???) These will be of high quality and perhaps might require the help of a graphics designer.

- (8) Create a standard picture/narrative for each house that contains date built, original builder if known, and anything extraordinary about its history. The narrative will be BRIEF and picture, information, and narrative to fit in the format of a 3X5 card (or format dictated by the committee!!)
- (9) Write an introduction for the booklet.
- (10) Consider producing the booklet ourselves using standard applications such as WORD, I Photo, GRAB, etc. and have it reproduced in limited quantities at first by STAPLES or perhaps some one else who will do it as a charitable contribution.
- (11) Place copies in all local libraries and donate the working papers to Rauner for their archives.
- (12) Market the pamphlet at “Muster Day” in the future and/OR the Hanover Center Fair. Or locally like the Barrett books have been marketed. For discussion. Perhaps GIVE one to each of the homeowners who participate.