

January 30, 2010

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To the Town of Summerhill Residents and Neighbors:



**Millard Fillmore  
Presidential \$1 Coin  
13th President,  
1850 - 1853**

The U.S. Mint is honoring our native son, Millard Fillmore, the thirteenth President with a one dollar coin. A representative from Washington D.C. will be bringing some coins with him to the Moravia Bank when a ceremony at the school will be conducted. I have been told that a number of dignitaries have been invited to the February 18<sup>th</sup> event starting at 9:30 a.m.

We have a room at the Town Hall that could be made into a History/Fillmore place to display photos, memorabilia, maps, etc. This could be done for a very reasonable amount of money with the opportunity to add more historical items at a later date.

When I became Historian in 2002, I was immediately drawn to the poor condition of the small Fillmore Park at the birth site. I presented our Town Board with ideas for improvement and was happy that they gave me the "go ahead" to pursue my venture to first get electrical power to the site from across the road. From that, many improvements have been made with the cooperation of businesses, organizations, townspeople, and many volunteers. We have had raffles, bake sales, craft fairs all to benefit the improvement of this historic place. I am thankful to all who have aided in this adventure. Our latest addition this past summer was the beautiful pavilion donated by Nucor Steel of Auburn and two concrete picnic tables made by inmates at the Moravia Facility. We were also able to get road signs for directions to the birth site that were made by inmates at the Eastern Correctional Facility. We had a well attended dedicational ceremonial day last June and are planning to have a yearly event of interest to all, we hope. I have plans for future improvements that we may be entitled to through grants.

I do not have regular hours at the Town Hall. However, I only live a stones throw and am happy to oblige any request and welcome visitors.

Perhaps in the future, we can interview local elderly townspeople to get some of their memories documented.

Respectfully,

Town of Summerhill Historian