

# Gilman Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Smith Meeting House Project

GILMANTON — The town clerk and tax collector is getting involved in an effort to restore the Smith Meeting House. Dedicated to this project is Betty Smithers, originally from Lexington, the birthplace of the town's heritage," said Betty Smithers. "The history is inbred in our town," she said, "And the Smith Meeting House is a very important part of our history." "It is our responsibility to see that this really important part of our history is not lost," she said. "After all," she said, "I don't do it, who else will? Why I bought a

brick," Smithers continued, "I consider it a privilege and I ask every resident of Gilman to do the same." "We need to help them, help us," she said, "And for a small contribution of \$35 you can have your name attached to this project forever." "The idea of the Brick Sale is a novel one," she said, "It allows anyone, rich or poor, to take part in this effort to preserve an important landmark in our town."

Smithers says the Smith Meeting House is a great place to hold events and once the work is finished more activities can be held. "You never know how important things are until you don't have them any more," Smithers commented.

Smithers feels it is important

to save and protect the Smith Meeting House not only for history sake, but for some practical reasons also. "This building (The Academy) is booked just about every night. Try scheduling an event and you'll see."

Smithers encourages all families in Gilman to get behind this effort and buy a brick or if possible to make a contribution.

"I know there are many ways to help these people at the Smith Meeting House accomplish this task. And I'm confident that the good people of Gilman and the surrounding communities will respond to this need in a very generous fashion," said Smithers.



Betty Smithers, town clerk and tax collector for Gilman, bought a brick to help support the Smith Meeting House Heritage Fund. (Courtesy Photo)