



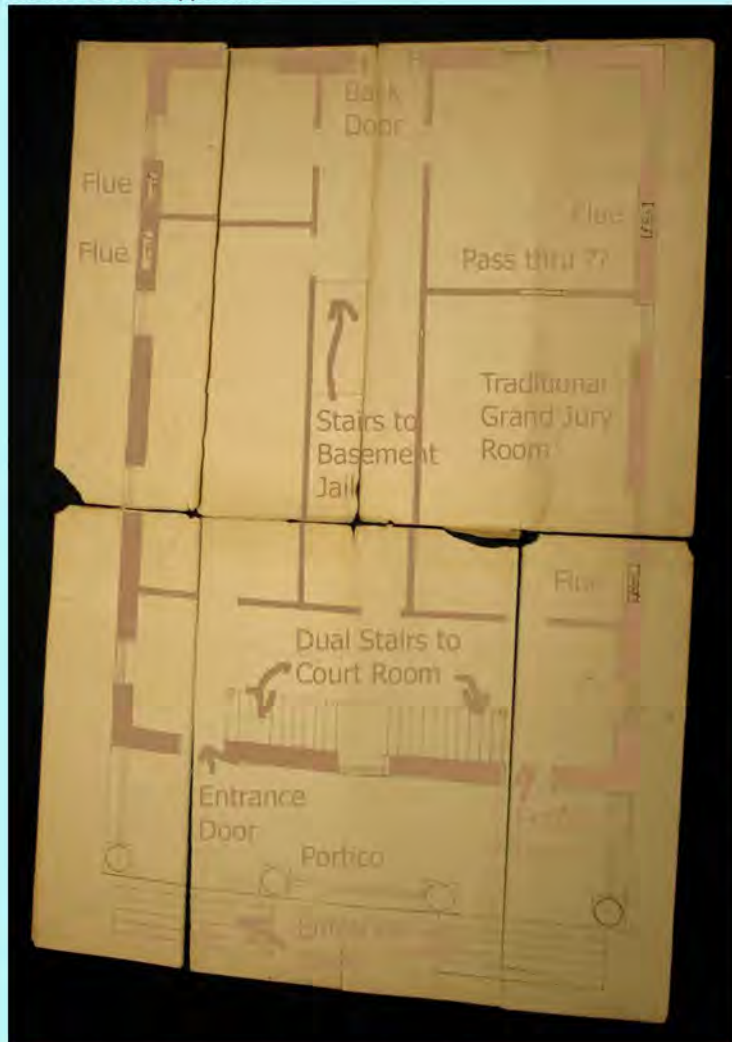
THE BEAR HUG

An informal briefing of all the HAPPENINGS with the Friends of the Three Bears and the Court House Complex.

HAPPENINGS-31

1844 Court House Documents

The analysis of the recently discovered documents continues as more features become apparent:



Concert in the Court Room

“Nothin’ Yet” will be “Somethin’ Soon” !!!

At the first ever Concert in the Court Room, this group of South Seneca students delivered a throbbing beat of audio intensity to a packed audience of mostly fellow classmates sprinkled with supportive relatives. After a tour of the Court House that ended with a, “cool place” under statement, this five-person group carried a ton of equipment up two floors to the court room. Excited by the historic opportunity, they rehearsed up to performance hour and developed a dramatic entrance. Student Rock is not for everyone, but it was for this audience of 75. There was no “Order in the Court” that night as the youth pulsed in the seats, the aisles, and the jury box. In the low light atmosphere, the energy of the performance was inspiring and the audience loved it.



The event was billed as an experiment to see if the very old could involve the energy of youth—it did. The group did all the promotion and ticket sales through the school community and local news coverage. The young artists were Peter Messmer, David Messmer, Dan Alsheimer, Nathan Crawford, and Tom Updike.

The program was a modest restoration fund raiser for the Three Bears, Most importantly, the youth of our community have just discovered a historic gem that is willing to include them in the fabric of historic reuse.

February in the Court Room

February 8 and 9 : South Seneca School District will hold a mock trial to teach Jury selection as a part of our civic responsibility of Jury service—a Community Service Project.

February 16: The Friends will host a Seneca County Arts Council program for local artists to show and explain their work- a Community Service Project.

February 18: A Concert in the Court Room by classical guitarist, Scott B. Adams and friends-- a restoration fund-raiser.

A Pleasant Surprise

This Email went to the Trustees recently:

Tonight, Phyllis and I attended the annual Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Awards dinner. Once again, we met Senator Nozzolio- he immediately asked how our project was coming and whether we heard anything on the Member Item we jointly submitted. Of course, I had to tell him that we have no response from the Senate Finance Committee. Once again, in private, he told me he would help this year.

Then, in his address to the 250 business, educational, government attendees, he singled out our work and asked the private sector to help the project. His glowing comments about our South Seneca program resulted in one \$500 private donation and one \$500 business contribution. Equally important, the Seneca County Manager and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors heard his level of committed public support. The speech was unsolicited and inspiring--I wish you could have been there.

The Senator was paying a fitting tribute to all the work that you do for our community. I add my congratulations, Dan