

Walworth Historical Society Newsletter

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**Rich Hoven presents a program "1800's Hand-Hewn Barn Construction"
At the Walworth Town Hall on Monday, March 18 at 7:30 PM**

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March 18 Program – Hand-Hewn Barn Building By Gene Bavis

The March program will feature Rich Hoven from Clyde. Rich has been interested in old barns all of his life. As a child he loved his grandfather's old barn. As he got older, he began to ask questions about how the barns were built. Then he began collecting the old tools that were used to build barns and other timber-frame structures. Rich continued to ask questions, study the construction techniques, read books and learn all he could about the process.

A few years ago Rich began to share what he'd learned using a show and tell technique. He doesn't travel light. He will bring along a collection of tools and pieces of barn timbers to illustrate his talk. Because Rich's talk has been very well received in other places, and because we plan to do more promotion than just within our organization, we will hold this meeting at the Walworth Town Hall to ensure there will be enough room for everyone.

Please invite a friend and join us at **7:30 PM on Monday, March 18, at the Walworth Town Hall**, 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth. As usual, refreshments will be served. You are welcome to come a few minutes early to see some of the tools and other items that will be on display.

Wanted: Used Cartridges

Do you have used toner and ink cartridges? Here's a recycling and fundraising idea that benefits the Walworth Historical Society.

Donate the cartridges (any brand) to us and we will take them to a Staples store for a \$2.00 rebate per cartridge. Cartridges can be ink jet or laser and from a printer, fax machine or copier. The Rewards check we receive from Staples will be used to purchase office supplies for our museum. Cartridges may be dropped off at the museum on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month between 1 and 4 PM or at one of our meetings. Contact Dorothy French at 315-986-1098 for additional information.

Tiger Cubs Visit the Museum

By Gene Bavis



Six Tiger Cubs from Pack 167, their adult partners and a few siblings visited the Walworth Museum on January 19. Liz and Gene Bavis gave them a tour and showed them several items from our collections.

Prior to departure, each Scout was given a small American Flag and a Walworth Historical Society Activity Book created by the Larry & Jacque Ruth and Gene & Liz Bavis. The book contains pictures to color, a maze, and word searches

WCNYGS – What’s That?

By Gene Bavis

The Wayne County New York Genealogical Society was founded October 23, 2012 and is off and running. I was not actively involved in its founding, but it's my impression that WHO (the Wayne Historians Organization) played a significant role in helping it get off to a good start.

The meetings are usually held monthly on the 4th Tuesday evening and are open to the public; check their website (<http://www.wcnygs.com>) for date/time/location. As with most organizations, membership is encouraged. The cost is only \$10 per year.

Other sites of interest for genealogists:

- Historical Newspapers of the Rochester NY Region: www.rrlcnewspapers.org
- New York State's Reference and Research Library Councils (NY3Rs): www.newyorkheritage.org

President’s Message

By Jessie Keymel

Our commitment to preserve the history of the Walworth area is a year-round activity. The last program we presented in 2012 was on November 19; our doors were not closed for the winter at that time. Since then we set up a display for a children's program at the Walworth-Seely Public Library on the American Girl book series and World War II. Mary Jane and I brought a December program about our quilts to The Gardens on Canandaigua Road. It is always a good experience to share with others. Five WHS members went to the Webster Museum to view the 1812 Quilt Display that is traveling the Seaway Trail, and spent some time meeting with the Webster town and village historian. There is always a representative from WHS at the monthly meetings of WHO (Wayne Historians Organization); we will be hosting their meeting in June.

We had a total of 619 names in our visitor's book in 2012. 511 of those names reflect the times our members go to the museum to work on files, do research, or come for different events. 108 names are those of visitors attending programs or researching family ties in Walworth. Many of those doing genealogy research are from out of state, and have called for an appointment; someone is always available to help. As you can see from the amount of activity we are an active historical society. We are always looking for programs of interest to our members; if you have any program suggestions please contact a board member.

Historical Programs in Wayne County

By Gene Bavis

There's something for everyone here in Wayne County, as evidenced by the county's web site. County Historian Peter Evans has listed a multitude of events that are scheduled throughout the year in various locations. We encourage WHS members to check it out. In addition to the Events page, the web site lists a potpourri of helpful information. To learn about other historical programs in Wayne County, visit: <http://www.co.wayne.ny.us/Departments/historian/CalendarEvents.htm>

The Roads of Lincoln: Part 10 By Mary Jane Devlin

Join us as we travel throughout the Lincoln area on the many roads leading to and from the hamlet. This project was originally started by Ethel Henning. In 1973, house numbers were changed county-wide; the new numbers and Ethel's information were combined in 2009. The * indicates the name of residents as of 1973.

This is the final installment of this series. If you can provide more information, please contact me at 315-986-1512. I hope you have enjoyed reading about The Roads of Lincoln. Thank you to everyone who gave me updates.

Old #	New #	Plank Road East of Lincoln Road (continued from Nov. 2012)
3276	935	Fred & Jane Dinse. Jeanette married Russell Brush. Dairy farm. Delivered milk 3 times a week. * Francesco & Jean Manuse
3308	999	Rogers Farm. "Stafford Funny Farm". Jerome & Cora, Ken Sharrow, and many others. Big house. Alexanders. Panneitz, father Jim, Dick. George & _____ Bancroft. Evelyn Schoenwald; Sid across from Tiffany Road. * Sharrow residence.
3360	1107	* Richard Panneitz
33??	1117	* Robert & Alma Panneitz
3396	1175	* James Panneitz
3420	1185	John Bartlett
3439	1256	* George & Marjorie Buhler
3445	1268	* Harvey & Marion Curran
3449	1276	* Dane & Donna Brown
3452	1283	* Frank & Lillian Henning. Lil made great butter, 3 pound crocks. Ethel Henning: "I remember as a child Saturday was baking day. Mom's fresh bread and Lil's butter – a little sprinkle of sugar – yum." In the early 1950's a tragic fire at the Folwell home, Plank Road, opposite Tiffany Road, owned by Sid & Evelyn Schoenwald. It was Evelyn Bancroft's family home originally. One of the children was playing with matches. The family lost everything. The Lincoln Fire Department put on an extensive drive for clothing, furniture, food and six months' free rent at a house north of Lincoln.
3467	1314	* George & Elizabeth Steffler
3480	1339	* John & Eleanor Lancy, Lamoyne, Harold, Evelyn
3491	1360	George & Mary Brown. Road supervisor many years. * Peck residence.
3623	1624	Pete & _____ Porray. * Albert & Nina Pasquale
3632	1639	Stanley & Mary Frederes. * James Chamberlain

Old #	New #	Swadling Road
79	5187	* Joseph & Josephine Caceci
99	5239	* James & Arlene Aman
142	5312	Richard & _____ Dennis. Helene & brother Harold Fraser. * Maurice & Alma Stringer
153	5335	* Richard & Anna Piskor
162		* Mary Kowalchuk
198	5424	* Delbert Helfer
211	5447	* Kenneth Hunt

Old #	New #	Tiffany Road from Plank Road Going South
	5027	
74	4880	* James Bauerschmidt
	4862	Old house way back in
88	4852	* John & Betty Ann Bauerschmidt
105	4817	
110	4802	No info available
	4736	House burned, silo still there. Opposite Burrow Road

Old #	New #	Whitney Road
409		Ora & Ethel Gaston
451	968	Weber Brothers, Emil & Rosemary. George Weber, brother, no info
	1031	Frank & Elizabeth DeLou. Brothers Abraham & Isaac, 2 kids.
	1091	Carrol & Shirley Sumner, David
531	1124	Frank & _____ Crawford. Philip Prinson
	1148	Henry & Emma Barrow, George, Ruth, Edna. George & Otilda Burrow, Virginia, Evelyn, Linda. Robert & _____ Place.
553	1168	Lewis & _____ Grushow

Town Hall Display Case By Judy McMillan



Back by popular demand, the Walworth Historical Society is combining both Valentine love and marriage for yet another display in the glass case at the Walworth Town Hall. Please stop and enjoy the wedding photos of local Walworth residents including Pat and Cathy Stark, Gene and Pam Bavis, Lyle and Jean Bassage, Bob and Kathy Mogray, Michael and Bobbi Jo Mogray, Gene and Liz Bavis, Marvin and Jean Scott, and Robert and Kim Voorhees. To date we have displayed over 40 weddings and hope to have another presentation in the month of June. If you would like to loan us your wedding photo, we would be glad to scan and return it promptly so that our archives will be more complete. Please contact Judy McMillan 524-4219 or Dorothy French 986-1098 for more information.

May 20 Meeting: Peppermint Industry

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a story about our proposed field trip to the Palmyra/Newark/Lyons area in June. Gene Bavis has outlined the various locations we will be visiting – and one of those is the Hotchkiss Building in Lyons. Its history is steeped in the peppermint industry that made Lyons world famous.

You will have an opportunity to learn first hand about this industry at the Monday, May 20, meeting of the Walworth Historical Society, beginning at 6:15 PM at the Lodge at Ginegaw Park. Our speaker will be Pat Alena and her 30 minute slide show will feature the peppermint industry and the Hotchkiss Building. Pat, a former social studies teacher at Wayne Central School, lives in Lyons and is president of the Lyons Heritage Society. We hope to see you on May 20.

More Genealogy Internet Help By Peggy Harvey

If you would like to have a list of free genealogy Internet website links to use in your research, the Walworth Historical Society has a user-friendly handout for your use. You can obtain an electronic copy of it from pegharvey@aol.com. This list was presented at the September 19, 2011 WHS meeting. The list includes website links and some step-by-step instructions of how to use the sites, if you want that guidance. I am also available to answer questions about how to use the list.



1989 Republican Caucus By Dorothy French

This photo was taken during the summer of 1989 at a Republican caucus. Left to right: Carlyle Darron, Frank Maciuska, Ronald Brown, Marcia Englert, Dan Keyes, and Peg Churchill. Photo from WHS archives.

Our Collection Continues to Grow

By Jessie Keymel

There is a constant flow of photos, newspaper articles and other items on our desk in the museum's office. So we continue to grow, acquisition and file our new items. We have just received three photos of the observation tower on Walworth-Ontario Road (north of Bob Halm's home) from the John Traas family. We have talked about the World War II observation network that was manned by private citizens 24 hours a day. As we understand it, there were two other towers in Walworth: one behind the Lincoln Baptist Church and one on the hill on Kuttruff Road. The volunteer observer's duty was to report, using the phone provided, when planes flew overhead and to identify them. We have several items, given over the years, referring to this activity. These are the first photos we have received; one has a young Gordy Youngman in it.

Community Service Award

By Jessie Keymel

How well do you know your neighbor? Once again this year we are looking for a deserving neighbor who is active in our community and willingly gives time to help others to make our community we all live in a safer, more pleasant place to live. There are many people in our neighborhoods who serve quietly and with no expectations of special recognition. We would like to honor this special neighbor with our Community Service Award at our annual meeting in May and ask for your suggestions by April 14. You can contact any of our officers or board members with your suggestion; their names and phone numbers are in this newsletter. We welcome your input in this annual event.

Scrapbook Memories: 1992

By Joyce Finney

We are indebted to Walworth native and long-time school teacher Dorothy Petty, who compiled more than 30 scrapbooks through the years. We are honored to be the custodian of these scrapbooks. Below are highlights from 1992.

January 3 - Almanac celebrates 200 years. The Old Farmers Almanac, the oldest continuously published magazine in the United States, marks its 200th anniversary.

January - Walworth gets \$500,000 to build housing units. The money was part of a state Affordable Housing Corp. grant.

January - P & C and CVS to move to new Macedon Plaza. The project will create several hundred construction jobs.

March - P & C is celebrating 50 years in the retail food business.

February 2 - Nettie Almekinder turns 102. Nettie resides at Towpath Manor in Palmyra.

February – Miss America pageant crooner Bert Parks dies at age 77. Parks serenaded the newly-crowned beauty queen each year until he was fired in 1980.

March 13 - Winter storm cripples area.

July - Walworth Food Pantry holds open house. Located at the Walworth Second Baptist Church, you will have an opportunity to tour the pantry and to see the facility, ask questions and meet members of the Board of Directors.

In Memoriam: Jane Havranek

By Mary Jane Devlin

The Walworth Historical Society lost a dedicated member, Jane Havranek, on December 30, 2012. She and her husband have been active members since they joined in 2005. She leaves her husband, John, children and other family members. She and her husband have beautiful gardens, and they opened them for our garden tour last year.

We extend our sympathy to John and their family and friends.

Join Us for a "Field Trip" By Gene Bavis

Most Americans have not visited interesting sites in their own backyards. I bet that is true of our members and friends, SO I am working on a "field trip" to Palmyra, Newark, and Lyons. We will visit the following:

First Stop: Aqueduct Park in Palmyra. There we would look at the remains of the aqueduct, the Aldrich Change Bridge, and the modern lock on the Erie Canal.

Second Stop: The Alling Coverlet Museum. It features the largest collection of American hand-woven coverlets in the United States. All styles of hand woven coverlets from 1820 to 1880 are represented in an extraordinary collection, which takes over six years to rotate through public display. The collection also includes a Quilt Room, looms, spinning wheels, and other assorted weaver's tools.

Third Stop: The Hoffman Clock Museum and the Newark Arcadia Historical Society Museum. (two museums across the street from one another). The Hoffman Clock Museum invites you to step into a "time machine" and to learn about the history of timekeeping! This unique collection of timepieces includes over 300 clocks, watches and tools. Exhibits introduce the visitor to the development of timekeeping technology and provide a wide variety of clock styles. A special emphasis on the history of New York State clockmakers makes this museum a truly exceptional place to visit. The Newark-Arcadia Historical Society has excellent collections of artifacts related to Newark and the surrounding area.

Fourth Stop: Lock #54 on the Enlarged Erie Canal located at Lock Berlin. See the remains of the old locks. Here we will also take time out for lunch.

Fifth Stop: The H.G. Hotchkiss Building. Here peppermint oil was extracted and bottled to be sent around the world.

Sixth Stop: The Wayne County Historian's Office. County Historian Peter Evans will introduce us to the vast genealogical and local history resources available to the public for their research. This is also the Wayne County Tourism Office.

Seventh Stop: The Wayne County Museum. Formerly the Sheriff's residence and Jail, the museum contains extensive collections of Wayne County artifacts.

We are currently hoping for either Tuesday, June 11, or Thursday, June 13, depending on the availability of docents at some of the various stops. To keep the cost to a minimum, we will meet at the Walworth Historical Society at 8 AM and form car pools. We are asking everyone to bring a bag lunch and beverage; bottled water will be provided. Our plan is to be back to Walworth no later than 5 PM.

Some of the places we visit will have a small admission charge while others only ask that we consider leaving a donation. To make bookkeeping easier, we will be asking each attendee to pay \$15.00 to cover these expenses. The money will be collected at check-in the morning of the trip and it needs to be in cash. We will have more details in our May newsletter when the date and event are finalized.

Reservations will be needed and we will limit participation to no more than 30. Those who register will be given a packet of information about each site we plan to visit and complete directions in advance. If this pilot project works out, future trips of a similar nature will be planned. There is much to see in our area.

If you are interested in participating, please give your name(s), phone and email address to Gene Bavis (gbavis@rochester.rr.com or 315-573-2768 – cell phone).

2013 Museum Spring Clean-Up By Bob Mogray

Every year we ask for help from our members to participate in a spring clean-up at the museum. In order to maintain the building and the grounds, we ask for volunteers to meet at the museum and share in the work. The clean-up involves such tasks as raking the lawn, picking up branches, painting, landscaping, cleaning inside of the museum, washing windows, and many other odd jobs. The more people to help with the work the quicker and easier it will be for everyone and also helps to keep the museum in tip-top shape. We have a great reputation for having an excellent museum that is set on beautiful grounds and we would certainly like to maintain that reputation.

So, with all this said, we are asking for volunteers from our membership, their friends, and families to volunteer to meet at the WHS Museum at 2257 Academy Street to help with the annual clean-up. This year there will be two clean-up days. April 27 and May 4, both from 9:00 am until noon, are the days and times we have chosen. Both days are Saturdays and we need your help. Even if you can stay for an hour, please help us with this effort. For any questions, please call WHS president Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205. Hope to see you there!

November Meeting: War of 1812

By Mary Jane Devlin



Rev. Jake Dennie, pastor of Faith Methodist Church of Wolcott and member of Wolcott Historical Society's Board of Directors, spoke at our November meeting about the War of 1812. The British were competing for control of the Great Lakes and especially along Lake Ontario, where battles were fought from Fort Niagara to Sacketts Harbor, including Pultneyville, Sodus Point and Oswego.

The war started June 18, 1812 and ended in December 1814; however the British continued to fight by attempting to seize New Orleans. The Americans, led by Andrew Jackson, successfully repelled the British. Jackson soon became President. There were 291 British fatalities and 13 American fatalities. 1262 British and 39 Americans were injured. The British took 19 American prisoners and the Americans captured 48 British.

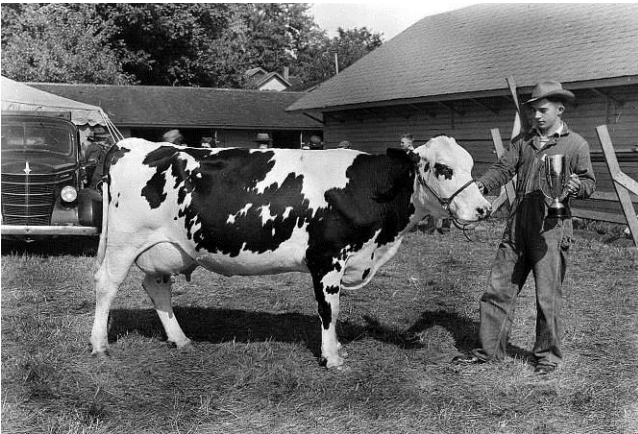
In a J. D. Kipp diary at our museum, 15 men from Walworth were listed as having fought in the war. This war enabled the U. S. A. the freedom to move west.

Carlyle Darron's Award

By Bob Mogray

Carlyle Darron, WHS member, former Walworth Town Supervisor for eight years, retired Walworth dairy farmer, and long-time member of the Wayne County Holstein Club, was recently honored by receiving an award for showing Holstein cows at the Wayne County Fair for 75 consecutive years.

When he was ten years old, he started showing Holsteins at the Wayne County Fair. This is a very impressive run. It takes hard work and extreme dedication to accomplish a feat such as this. To put it into perspective, about the time Carlyle started showing Holsteins, Orson Wells had his famous radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds," a gallon of gas cost about 10 cents, the first issue of Superman magazine was published, and Babe Ruth had been retired from baseball for less than a year.



Carlyle has received numerous awards from other fairs and organizations. In 1992 he retired from milking cows but still raised steers. For the last 65 years he has also bred Sheltie dogs. Carlyle and his wife Doris have three children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

It is obvious Carlyle has had a very busy life with his family and farming career. Our congratulations to him for winning this award and our thanks for his years of dedication to dairy farming and public service here in Walworth. In 2011 the Walworth Historical Society presented him with our Community Service Award for his dedication to this community and its people.

Photo: a young Carlyle Darron circa 1940.

April 14 – Walworth Memories

By Dorothy French

Where did it go? Wasn't that building there a couple of years ago? How many times have we asked those questions as we drive by a vacant lot and only the memories remain of a landmark?

What happened to the pea vinery, the gas station at the four corners in the hamlet, the Bills block in West Walworth, the store at the intersection of Lincoln and Plank Roads, or the buildings at Walworth Station? These and many other structures are now history.....let's not forget them.

Come to the next Walworth Memories get together on Sunday, April 14, from 2 – 3:30 PM at the **museum**. This will be an opportunity to share your memories about these former locations or learn about other landmarks in our area. This will be the 19th Memories program co-sponsored by the Walworth-Seely Public Library and the Walworth Historical Society. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Walworth-Seely Public Library.

Walworth Historical Society 2013 Events Calendar

Date	Time	Subject	Location
Mon., Mar. 18	7:30 PM	General Meeting. Program: Rich Hoven "Building Barns"	Town Hall Meeting Room
Sun., Apr. 14	2-3:30 PM	Walworth Memories: Subject - "Disappearing Area Landmarks"	Museum
Sat., Apr. 27	9-noon	Spring clean up	Museum
Sat., May 4	9-noon	Spring clean up	Museum
Mon., May 20	6:15 PM	Annual meeting, pot luck supper, election of officers, and community service award. Program: Peppermint Industry.	Lodge at Ginégaw Park
June 11 or 13	8-5	Field trip to Palmyra/Newark/Lyons	TBA
Tues., July 23	6:30 PM	Decorate float for Festival parade	TBA
Fri., July 26	7:00 PM	Festival in the Park parade. Booth at the park	Line up at 6 PM
Sat., July 27	3-8 PM	Festival in the Park: booth	Ginégaw Park
Mon., Sept. 16	7:30 PM	General Meeting: program TBA	Museum
Sun., Oct. 6	2-4 PM	Open House: subject TBA	Museum
Sun., Oct. 20	2-3:30 PM	Walworth Memories: subject TBA	Museum
Mon., Nov. 18	1:00 PM	General Meeting: Bill Lesniak: "Historic Markers and Sites in Wayne County"	Museum

Board of Trustees Meetings: Mondays, 7:00 PM at the Museum: Feb. 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, and November 4.

Open House Hours: The museum is open June, July, August, and September on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 PM. Contact Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205, Judy McMillan at 315-524-4219 or Nancy Bel at 315-986-2765 for an appointment for other times.

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Mission Statement: The Walworth Historical Society is a volunteer organization established in 1975. Our chartered purpose is to collect, preserve, and display items and artifacts of historical interest and importance to the Town of Walworth and its environs. We are a not-for-profit organization with 501(C)(3) status and donations are tax deductible.

March 2013 WHS E-mail Newsletter Bonus Photos

2013 Winter Walworth area photos



Walworth area barns

