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2011 Festival in the Park Parade

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## President's Message

By Jessie Keymel

Our museum has been a busy place this summer.

The filing committee asked Donna Huntley Stalker to help us with some photo identification. Donna spent a Sunday and Wednesday afternoon going through a large box of photos of the Yeomans family and other memorabilia. Donna has done a lot of genealogical research of her ancestors and she was a great help identifying people from the turn of the century. Some of the contents of the box were given to us by her grandmother, Mrs. Clifford (Emily) Huntley, who was a charter member of our Society and very instrumental in the forming of the Walworth Historical Society and the building of our museum. Other information in the box was collected through the years by curator Kay Scott.

Visitors to the museum are often surprised that we have so much information. Lori Bel Soble, Vicky Barone Graham and Mary Risley Roberts organized a Walworth Elementary School alumni picnic at the home of Leighton and Nancy Bel, with a visit to the museum as part of the activities. Nancy gave them a tour of the museum, and reported everyone had a good time looking at school photos and reading some of Mrs. Petty's scrapbooks. Many said they would be back to visit us with their children - maybe this will become an annual visitation.

Julie Paulock and her sister, Adrienne Perrin, came looking for information for the 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion from Wayne Central School, Class of '71. WHS genealogy volunteer Kathy Aeckerle followed up on Shirley Teske Doyle's call from Florida, looking for pictures for her 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

It takes many volunteer hours to answer the inquiries and questions of our visitors and our many email searchers. Thank you for sharing your time with us. Did you sit at the museum during our open times this year? If not, please consider doing so in the future. In the meantime, you can bake cookies for our fall events and enjoy our planned programs. If you know of a speaker you would like to hear, please give us your ideas.

## A Trip to "The Gardens"

by Bob Mogray



WHS President Jessie Keymel recently received a request from Walworth Town Clerk Susie Jacobs. Susie had asked if the Walworth Historical Society could put on a short program at "The Gardens", a senior living community on Canandaigua Road near The Station. This is a beautiful new building with a modern meeting room. Jessie told her we would love to do a program and sent an email around for volunteers and ideas.

On August 1, Dorothy French and I were at that facility at about 9:00 A.M. to do a show using our laptop computer and digital video projector. We were well received and many of the residents there attended the show which lasted about an hour. This show displayed photos of the buildings, homes, and scenic areas around Walworth past and present. A

few of the people of the town were also pictured in the show. Many of the attendees were familiar with the people and places in the program and really seemed to appreciate our efforts.

After the show, many had questions and we were asked to do another program later in the year to which we readily agreed. If anyone knows of other groups in the area who might like a show of this sort, it is an easy thing to set up and present. It's a great way to utilize our equipment and to share some of our photos and materials with the community.

## November 21 \*\*\*Noon\*\*\* Meeting

By Dorothy French

Due to several requests, we decided to schedule one of our four general meetings during the daytime instead of an evening program. Our Monday, November 21, meeting will be held at noon at the museum. "Dotty and Friends" will do a sing-along so bring your singing voices with you. Bread, home-made soup, and dessert will be provided by WHS members.

## **Class of 1944 Photo** By Jessie Keymel

One of the crowd pleasers at our museum is the wall of class photos from Walworth High School. We recently received a framed original picture of the Class of 1944, thanks to Mrs. Aggie Schultz of Webster, the widow of class member Richard Schultz. We're still looking for a picture of the Class of 1939; because we have a Class of 1938 photo, we are hoping for a photo of the class was taken in 1939 and also in 1940. If you can help us, call me at 315-524-9205.

## **Our Collection Continues to Grow** By Jessie Keymel

Our collection of military memorabilia has grown considerably, thanks to brothers Bill and Gordon Youngman.

Following Bill's recent passing, Arlene donated many of her husband's treasured items that Bill saved from his military years, documenting his service to our country. Included are his draft card, pins and awards from his uniform, Japanese propaganda leaflets, letters he mailed home, and his discharge letters from U.S. Army General Omar Bradley and President Harry S. Truman. Newspaper articles announcing the end of the war will be added to the World War II items we have collected over the years.

Gordon served during the Korean Conflict and has donated his Eisenhower jacket to add to our collection of military uniforms. The Youngman family has been very supportive of our efforts to gather information about Walworth's history and our involvement in world affairs.

## **Walworth Hamlet Assn. Sept. 17 Event** By Gene Bavis, WHA Vice-President

The Walworth Hamlet Association is holding a Community-Wide Garage Sale, Trunk Sale and Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 17.

**Noon until 6:00 PM:** The WHA will have a food concession going on behind the Baptist Church. Hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza will be available. Tentative plans for musical entertainment behind the Baptist Church are also being made.

**10:00 – 4:00 PM:** The Trunk Sale will be held in the Methodist Church parking lot; the Farmers' Market will be on the grounds of the Walworth Historical Society. Both the Trunk Sale and Farmers' Market are FREE, but registration is required. Visit the WHA website for more information: [www.walworthhamletassociation.org](http://www.walworthhamletassociation.org).

As you may know, the Walworth Historical Society is one of the organizational members of the WHA, as are the Methodist and Baptist Churches and the Walworth-Seely Public Library. We have several business members in addition to individual and family members. The WHA hopes that more people will join to support the mission of making Walworth a great place to live.

## **Aerial View of Walworth**



This aerial view picture was one of several postcards recently received from Janice Wignall Mitchell of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The photo is looking west from High Street; Walworth High School is in the center of the photo. The picture was taken between 1956 (when the south wing was added to the school) and 1988 (when groundbreaking for our museum building took place on the empty lot to the right of the school).

**Genealogy Program Planned for Sept. 19** By Dorothy French

Genealogy research has become a wide-spread hobby – thanks to the many web sites devoted to the subject. WHS member Peggy Harvey recently put together a handout explaining internet genealogy resources and will present this information on Monday, September 19, at 7:30 PM at the museum. This will be an informal sharing of how to approach researching genealogy data on the Internet.

Peggy's project is the result of her participation in the genealogy program at Walworth-Seely Public Library and a request from Walworth Historical Society for a list of user-friendly web sites for genealogists. She will also be presenting this program at noon at the library on Wednesday, September 21; contact the library at 315-986-1511 for additional information. The sites include information about birth and death dates of people who collected Social Security after 1935, family trees, immigration, census and military data and much more. This reference document also lists other sources, including libraries and county historians.

On display will be family genealogies that have been donated to the WHS, including an extensive research of the Jacobs family recently completed by Peggy. As a result of this project, she discovered that information can give a clue to other data, for example census information could list a person's immigration date, and then follow through to discover what ship and port they arrived in, and then the ship manifest with the immigrant's name listed.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM, followed by the genealogy presentation. Refreshments will be served. The museum is located at 2257 Academy Street. Contact president Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205 for additional information.

**Oct. 16 – Meet More “Characters”** By Dorothy French

The success of April's Walworth Memories program resulted in several requests to continue the topic of “Characters We Have Known.” Many stories were shared by those who attended the program and remembered men and women who lived in Walworth prior to their deaths.

Come join us at our museum on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM. The program will include pictures of many of the individuals we will be remembering. Refreshments will be available. This will be the 16<sup>th</sup> program co-sponsored by the Walworth Historical Society and the Walworth-Seely Public Library.

The museum is located at 2257 Academy Street. Contact Jessie Keymel, WHS President, 315-524-9205 or Mary Zingerella, Library Director, at 315-986-1511 for more information.

**School Daze: West Walworth School: District #3** By Dorothy French



District #3 was located at 3952 West Walworth Road, between the two churches. The two room school building was sold for \$200 in 1951 and is now a private residence. Show in this 1947 photo, courtesy of Beverly Johncox, are:

*Front row, front to back:* Erwin Binder, Ray Welker, Marjorie Crane, Lynette Binder, Nancy Anthony, Beverly Johncox, and Donna Bills.

*2<sup>nd</sup> row:* Fred VanDusen (facing camera, head down), Arlene Barmaster, Wray Ryan, unidentified, Phyllis Masclay, Richard Whittleton, and Ruth DeVelder.

*3<sup>rd</sup> row:* Harriet Kaper, Geraldine Anderson, Gladys Lucas, James Shultz, and Jerry Hill

*4<sup>th</sup> row:* Patricia Granger, Mary Hill, Edward Willis, and Irma Barmaster.

## **Electronic Mailing Available**

By Dorothy French

If you have an e-mail address, consider receiving our newsletter electronically. This would help us reduce the cost of paper, labels, envelopes, and postage needed to mail our newsletter six times a year. As a bonus, the electronic mailing includes two pages of photos each issue. To give it a try, send your e-mail address to Bob Mogray at [rmogray@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rmogray@rochester.rr.com).

## **Oct. 2 Open House – Fall on the Farm**

By Dorothy French

It soon will be fall, when farm life becomes hectic because winter is fast approaching. Come visit our museum on Sunday, October 2, from 2 – 5 PM and help us pay tribute to the farm industry that has been so important to Walworth. This area's muck farms, fertile fields, and temperatures controlled by nearby Lake Ontario continue to be instrumental in helping farms prosper. Many of these farms have been family-owned for generations.

Irene Bierer, former elementary school teacher, has been invited for a return visit to present a program of games of yesterday, where participants use their imagination and resources. Irene presented a similar program at our September 2010 meeting that was enthusiastically received. In addition, antique tractors and farm-related equipment will be displayed on the museum grounds. A guided walking tour of the hamlet is being offered for those who want to learn more about our area. Roger and Jessie Keymel of Stoney Elm Alpacas will have several of their herd on display. And, of course, there will be cider and donuts – all part of celebrating fall.

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## **Scrapbook Memories: 1992**

By Joyce Finney

These news items were published 19 years ago and noted in a scrapbook compiled by Walworth native and school teacher Dorothy Petty. More than 25 of her scrapbooks were donated to the museum following her passing.

**January 3** - Almanac celebrates 200 years.

**January 13** - Cory English returned to Wayne Central School this month to share with students and faculty his road to Broadway.

**March 11** - "and it kept snowing".....By the end of the weekend the Rochester area had over 20 inches of snow on the ground.

**March** - P & C celebrates 50th anniversary in the retail food business.

**March** - Telephone Company switches Walworth numbers from 597 to 986.

**April** - Housing program offers needy families, seniors a home, sweet home. Rent at First Academy Apartments range from \$290 to \$370. First Academy Apartments at 3655 Academy Street has 26 apartments subsidized by C.A.S.H. program.

**September 29** - Emily T. Huntley dies at age 98. She was the widow of Clifford M. Huntley.

## **Turning Back the Clock**

By Dorothy French



This photo was probably taken during a training session - date unknown - at the firemen's building at 2056 Penfield-Walworth Road (now occupied by American Pool Supply).

Shown are Charlie Griswold, Larry Goebert, Abe Almekinder, Harold Ginegaw, Larry Stubbings, Pete Cauwels, and Larry Comber (barely visible). The "patient" is Howard Fredenburg.

## The Roads of Lincoln: Part 5 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. If you can provide more information, please contact me at 315-986-1512.

<u>Old #</u>	<u>New #</u>	<u>Albright Road from Plank Road</u>
49	5125	* Andrew & Wilhamina Doles
50	5128	John & Mary VanHove; Eva, Estelle (Kerner); Marie (Fosdick) Jacob; August, John & _____ Ebert; William Harlan, Gordon, Kenneth, Elsworth; Winifred (Buys) Vivian, Evelyn, Molly, Geraldine *Harry & Barbara Bareham
51	5137	* William & Mary Kier – Julie, Tom
60	5148	Frank & _____ Damico – Michael, Vincent, Peter, Betty. * Joe & Josephine Colbert
72	5176	* Irving Van Slyke, Sr
98	5220	Carl & Grace Cook – 4 kids; * George & Grace Murrell
110	5244	* Alexander & Betty Murrell
145	5319	* Lawrence & Malore Hill
156	5340	* Angelo & Margaret Barisone
159	5345	* Ellsworth & Nita Ebert – John, Randy, Cheryl
172	5346	* Todd Willard
191	5391	* Paul & Donna Blake
203	5425	* James & Susan Gianforte

<u>Old #</u>	<u>New #</u>	<u>Atlantic Avenue from Lincoln Road, going east past water tank</u>
4620	891	Harry & Barbara Crane – Oakley, Marie – son, Oakley was a sergeant in the Army and was killed in the Normandy Invasion. *Robert & Mary Earlandt
4624	905	* Robert & Patricia Salair
	921	Herb Smith tenant house
4635	922	Leander Baker, early, Werner & _____ Esley. *Robert & Katherine Cooman
4684	1019	John & _____ Fulcrod – Ray – concrete block house. *Brevort & Electa Wilson. Pat & Kathy Stark
4691	1032	* John & Kathryn Scott
4703	1056	* George and Ruth Wiegand
	1130	Charles & _____ Freer, Harold
4743	1136	John & Marie Jaeger

<u>Old #</u>	<u>New #</u>	<u>Intersection at Tiffany and Canandaigua Roads</u>
4800	1200	* Dolomite
4811	1264	* Claeys residence
4832	1311	* Johnson residence
4845	1336	_____ & Elsie Keyes – Daniel. Murray & Ada Brion – Ann, Irene, Marie Murray & Elsie Brion – Elsie. House burned by Dolomite

<u>Old #</u>	<u>New #</u>	<u>Burrow Road going east from Lincoln Road to Tiffany Road</u>
867		Peter & _____ Bushwood – Fred, Frank, Ted, Jim, Winifred, Elizabeth Sidney & Evelyn Schoenwald – Kip, Laura
69	868	* Victor & Roberta Sampson
75	876	* Sydney & Evelyn Schoenwald
105	930	Edward & _____ Redder. George & Ida Read – Blanche. *Robert & Barbara Bassage, Beverly, Becky, Bethany, Robert Jr.
	940	Lester B & Emily Newell – Betty, Marjorie (married Ed Hawks), Rivera
113	948	* Earl & Helen Davis
135	988	* Leo & _____ Nycz
176	1009	Frank & Mate Engert, Elvin, Gertrude (Harry Jennings)
207	1032	* Ernest & Evelyn Luke – adopted Robert & Audrey Byron (her sister's children)
236	1091	* Carroll & Shirley Sumner – David
263	1148	Henry Burrow and son, George, operated a large dairy farm – registered Holstein – Fresian (Bob Place); other children: Ruth & Edna George & Otila Burrow, Virginia, Evelyn, Linda. *Robert & _____ Place

## **2011 Walworth Festival in the Park** By Bob Mogray and Jessie Keymel

On Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, the Walworth Lions Club hosted the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Festival in the Park at Ginegaw Park. Part of the festivities included a parade route that began on Main Street, turned left onto Penfield-Walworth Road, and continued past the judging platform and into Ginegaw Park.

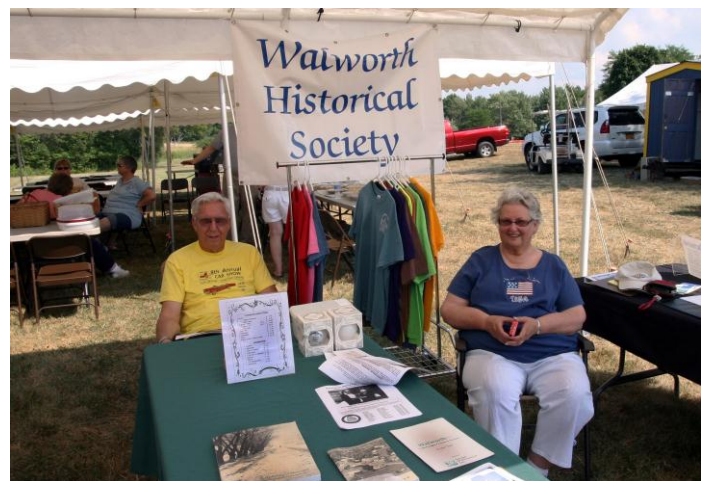
Local organizations participated in the parade that had a theme this year of “God Bless America.” Did you see us in the parade and at the Festival in the Park? We were there, thanks to Larry Ruth for designing the float with markers honoring all of our 50 United States. Thanks also to everyone who came to the barn to help transform the Keymel’s hay wagon into a roll call of the States on a platform of red, white, and blue. There was a huge United States flag draped over the back of our float. The Cub Scouts won the trophy for best float with a giant eagle they constructed on their float. We’re grateful to the members who set up our booth and those who took their turn manning our exhibit. We are an important part of the town.

Some of the other groups represented by floats and displays in the parade were Walworth Fire Department, Walworth-Seely Public Library, West Walworth Fire Department, Cub Scout Pack 113, Walworth Methodist Church, and Brownie Troop 986. At the park were food concessions, bingo, a State Police demonstration, and an outdoor movie; a 5-K walk was held on Saturday morning. This festival took place in the middle of the hot spell of weather we had in July. Quite a few townspeople braved the sweltering weather to attend the parade and the rest of the festival.

WHS had a booth that we always share with the Friends of the Walworth-Seely Public Library. There were quite a few visitors to our booth to look over displays and photos, ask questions, and see our line of shirts, tote bags, and hats. Thanks to all members who took time to set up these displays and to sit at the booth for two of the hottest days this summer.



**Kitty Meir and Bob Thon in the Seely Library tent**



**Sonny and Dorothy French in the WHS tent**

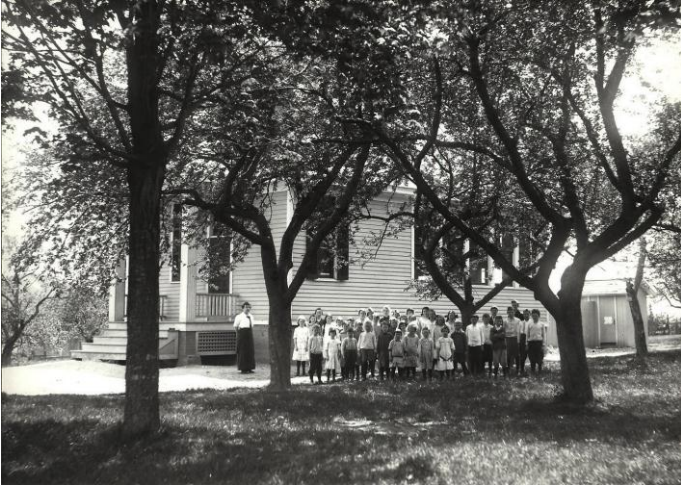
## **Hosta Garden Project** By Gene Bavis

As some of you know, we have some gardens and plantings around the museum. Our property also has a large copper beach, a black walnut tree, an ornamental cherry, some maples and other assorted trees. As a result of the trees, we have quite a bit of shade. It occurred to me that there is one type of plant that thrives in shade and semi-shade. That is hosta. I also learned that there are at least 200 different varieties of hosta.

So, since I mow the lawn in the summer, I was thinking it would be nice to have less grass and more gardens, and hosta would be perfect! The other great thing about hosta is that it spreads and needs to be thinned out from time to time. If we could develop an attractive hosta garden with dozens of varieties, it would add to the appeal of our site. A side benefit would be a potential fundraiser when it’s time to thin out the hosta. The proposal was presented to the WHS Board at our last meeting and was thought to be a good idea.

Can you help? We are looking to get as many different varieties of hosta as possible. Do you have some hosta plants you would be willing to donate? If so, please contact Judy McMillan, Becky Appleman or me. Contact information is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

## Can You Help Us?



We found this wonderful picture at our museum of a school house, but identifying its location has been a problem. Written on the back of the photo is "North Lincoln, District #7." There is a resemblance to District #10 on Lincoln Road, but the window configuration is different.

It is possible a school was located on the east side of Schoolhouse Road, between Plank and Burrows Roads. A local resident remembers a schoolhouse in ruin during the mid 1930's when she climbed on a wall, which is all that remained of the building.

We have a certificate signed by trustee William M. Parker, authorizing Carrie Blythe to be a duly licensed teacher at District #7 for 16 weeks, beginning Dec. 3, 1888, at a salary of \$6.00 weekly.

Contact Dorothy French at 315-986-1098 if you have any information about this school.

## News Flash by Gene Bavis

The Walworth Historical Society received notice on August 30th that our grant application to the Greater Hudson Heritage Network to restore the second Holstein painting by Clara Billings Yeomans has been approved. More details next time.

## **Walworth Historical Society 2011 Events Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon., Sept. 19	7:30 PM	General Meeting: Introduction to Genealogy by Peggy Harvey	Museum
Sun., Oct. 2	2-5 PM	Open House. Theme: Fall on the Farm. Old-time games, tractor display, walking tour of the hamlet, much more!	Museum
Sun., Oct. 16	2-3:30 PM	Walworth Memories: "Characters We Have Known" – Part 2	Museum
Mon., Nov. 21	<b>Noon</b>	General Meeting. Soup and a Show. Dotty and Friends Sing- A- Long. Home-made soup provided by WHS members.	Museum

**Board of Trustee Meetings:** Mondays: 7:00 PM at the Museum. November 7.

**Open House Hours:** The museum is located at 2257 Academy Street and is open June, July, August, and September on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 PM. Contact Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205 or Nancy Bel at 315-986-4781 for an appointment for other times.



September 2011 WHS Newsletter Bonus e-mail Photos



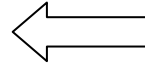
**Top left, Top right, and middle left:** Behind the scenes photos of WHS members preparing the 2011 WHS float for the Festival in the Park Parade that was held on July 22.

**Bottom:** The WHS Festival in the Park parade float as it is driven off into the sunset by Roger Keymel.

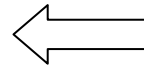




**WHS board member and Walworth Town Historian Gene Bavis riding his tractor in the 2011 Walworth Festival in the Park Parade.**



**WHS member Liz Bavis rides her tractor in the 2011 Walworth Festival in the Park Parade.**



**WHS member Mike McEwen riding his tractor in the 2011 Walworth Festival in the Park Parade.**

