

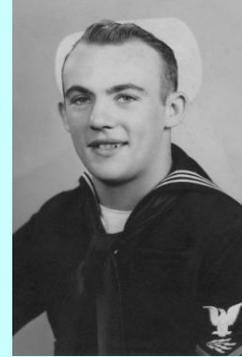
## Walworth Historical Society Newsletter

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Can you guess who these people are and what they have in common? Please read the article below!



### [Neighbors Helping Neighbors: 2016 Community Service Award Recipients](#) By Jessie Keymel

Neighbors helping neighbors - it has always been the way life works. This year we have chosen two such couples to honor with our Community Service Award. Both couples, shown above at early times in their lives, are very involved with their churches and the Walworth Fire Department. They will be honored at the [Annual Meeting: Monday, May 16, 6:15 PM at Ginegaw Lodge \(Town Hall Complex\)](#).

Our first couple is [Claire and Joyce VanHaneghem](#) who spent their lives in Walworth. Sadly, Claire passed away on December 21, 2014, 24 days before their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They married when he returned from the U.S. Navy after World War II. They were married in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church and raised their children in Walworth, enjoying their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, some of whom live in our village. As a young couple Claire and Joyce gave many hours of service to the Walworth Fire Department. Claire was 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief from 1956-1971. He helped maintain the early fire trucks and did whatever needed to be done. Joyce is a life-time member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Walworth Fire Department and served as treasurer, vice-president and president during her years of service. Joyce has been a trustee of the Walworth Historical Society, treasurer for the Walworth Council of Churches for many years, and the guiding force in the Walworth High School Alumni Association. She is still a member of the Board at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church and has served the church in many capacities throughout her life. Claire also served the church wherever there was a need, whether electrical, carpentry, mowing, shoveling or bidding to get a special cheese cake at the Annual Harvest Auction. Good neighbors, always there to help. Thank you Joyce and Claire.

[Ray \(Buzz\) and Becky Appleman](#) are the second couple to receive the Community Service Award. They too help their neighbors through the Walworth Fire Department. Buzz has been a fireman for 37 years and a member of the ambulance service since its inception. He was an Emergency Medical Technician for several years and is currently on the Board. Buzz is a member of the Trustees of the Walworth Methodist Church and takes the maintenance of the 144-year-old building very seriously. Becky became a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Walworth Fire Department in 1990 and has held several offices on the Board. Becky has served on the Boards of the Walworth Food Pantry, Walworth-Seely Public Library, and the Walworth Historical Society. You may see Becky weeding the gardens at the Historical Society's museum, the Methodist Church or the Town Hall. Buzz and Becky will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in January 2017; they were married at the Walworth Methodist Church. They raised their family in Walworth and now are active at the Freewill School where their grandchildren attend. Both are ready to help their neighbors-whatever the need. Thank you Buzz and Becky.

[The Community Service Awards will be presented at our annual meeting which is open to the public. The attendees should bring their place settings and a dish to pass with serving utensil. The Historical Society will provide the ham, rolls, and beverages.](#)

Quilts Galore at the WHS Meeting By Bob Mogray

At the Walworth Historical Society meeting held on March 21 the theme was "The Story Behind the Quilts." This turned out to be one of the best attended and most interesting of recent programs we have sponsored! There were quilts on tables, racks, and walls. Included were quilts that were part of the museum's collection as well as others from organizations and individuals. The interesting part of the program is that not only were these quilts on display but many of the stories and history behind them were also presented. All of these quilts have a unique history and the following photos and information are only scratching the surface of what was told at this meeting.



The quilt on the left was on loan to the WHS from the Walworth Methodist Church. Commissioned 23 years ago by Pastor Ann O'Connor, it was made by several families.



Left is a 1909 Friendship quilt with 34 names. It was from Lester Carter of Hall Center Road to the Porray family.



Above, Gene Bavis and Roger Keymel hold a Crazy Quilt made by Emily Knapp, Emily Huntley's great-grandmother.



The above quilt was on loan from the First Baptist Church in West Walworth. It has pastel blocks from members of the congregation.



The above quilt was brought by Marlene Slocum and was made in 1909. It was sewn by Bessie Stow, her grandmother. Note the lace at the bottom of the quilt.



To the left is a quilt made for Sonny French (on the right in the photo) by Nellie Taillie.



On the left is another Nellie Taillie quilt called a YoYo quilt make of 1000 pieces of fabric.



Shown left is Kim Valone from the group **Quilts for Kids**. The members have sewn over 1000 quilts for Rotoplast International which performs surgery on children in third world countries and sends them home with a quilt.



The quilt shown above was made by Pam Bavis for her mother-in-law Etta Bavis. The quilt now belongs to Etta's granddaughter, Angela Breci



Above is a quilt donated by Molly Hill. It was made by her niece for a school project. It has computer-generated photos of her five brothers who served in World War II.



The quilt above was made by Jeannie Taillie. It has a red, black, and white theme and shows the Stack and Whack method (layering pieces of fabric and then cutting them.)



Jeanne Flye brought the above baby quilt. It was gift from a pen pal.



Above, Becky Appleman shows a quilt made by her great-grandmother from scrap materials.



Jane Rinsum brought the above quilt made by her 80-year-old mother. It was made with scraps collected from friends.

Thanks to all those who brought quilts, related stories of quilts, or helped in any way with the planning and set up for this colorful, interesting, and well-attended meeting. We appreciate your support!

## [“A Quarter a Quart” - Whiskey Stills in Walworth](#) By Dorothy French



*Editor's Note: This information was obtained from a report written by William Peter Tetlow of Walworth in April 1971; a copy was recently given to the WHS museum by Mrs. Larry (Molly) Hill.*

Alcoholic beverages were made in Walworth under illegal pretenses for many years, especially after the establishment of National Prohibition in 1920. After its 1933 repeal, illegal whiskey-making operations still came into existence because of the demand for inexpensive, untaxed alcohol. Four Walworth locations are listed below.

**[Albright Road \(west side near Plank Road\):](#)** The still owned by John VanHove was in existence around 1923 and was so small it was heated by setting it on the top of the kitchen stove. Mrs. VanHove operated the still every Monday morning after doing her weekly wash; the air in the general locality would be filled with the aroma of the boiling molasses mash. “A quarter a quart,”

she would reply to anyone wishing to purchase some of her homebrew. John was finally caught with a jug of his “hootch” for evidence. However, while traveling with the arresting officer to Lyons, John grabbed the jug and threw it out the car’s window, destroying the only evidence against him.

**[Atlantic Ave \(north side near Ontario Center Road intersection\):](#)** The farm was owned by Arthur Sheahen but the barn in which the 500-gallon-capacity still was operating was allegedly being rented to a few Rochesterians. The barn caught fire and, when the firemen arrived with their truck, Arthur told them to leave because there was nothing they could do. He said he had no knowledge of the still although a neighbor had seen truckloads of sugar being delivered to the farm. All that was left were tin containers and the remains of the still, which federal agents smashed with axes.

**[Walworth-Ontario Road:](#)** About 1955 a whiskey-making operation was uncovered at a farm approximately two miles north of Walworth. The still was located in the barn and adjoining silo. It was one of the largest in the area and also one of the most complicated. The still was operated at night to avoid detection; truckloads of sugar, disguised as feed for the horses, were delivered during daylight hours. Wires going under the driveway to the house were part of an alarm system to alert the operator of any potential danger. Another part of the elaborate operation was a pipeline which also ran under the driveway to the kitchen sink, where an occasional drink could be drawn off.

The large amount of supplies that the 5,000-gallon-capacity still required was probably the clue which started the investigation. The farm, located on top of a hill, was visible from different locations. Federal agents would park on Ontario Center Road and on Smith Hill Road to observe the barn through high-powered binoculars. Federal agents asked Loyde Bassage, a neighbor who lived near the operation, permission to park their cars in his yard the night of the investigation, which was the first he learned of the still.

Two stills (5,000- and 200-gallon capacity) were discovered, in addition to 110 gallons of alcohol, 10 empty vats, and a large number of 5-gallon tin containers. Arrested were Lawrence Lucisani and Charles Inzina, both of Rochester. Frank J. Tripi, reported to be the owner of the property, was in California at the time of the raid. However, he was not involved with the operation as he had sold the farm to Lucisani before leaving. Destruction of the still left piles of crushed copper and stainless steel.

**[Walworth-Ontario Road:](#)** On March 4, 1961, a still was found at the home of Frank VanMaldeghem about a mile south of the Lucisani still. The still was well concealed in a small room under a concrete ramp which led to the cow barn. Also found were ten 55-gallon barrels of mash and several gallon jugs of clear alcohol. Whiskey was spilled and equipment destroyed. The court trial left Frank with a one-year jail sentence which was suspended, a \$100 fine, and a term of probation. Frank’s neighbor, Justice of the Peace Harold Reynolds, knew nothing of the operation until state troopers came to him to obtain a search warrant.

## [Membership Dues Are Due](#) By Mary Jane Devlin

The Walworth Historical Society operates on a May 1 to April 30 fiscal year. Your membership dues are due May 1 unless you are a Life Member or have paid in advance. There is a red dot on your address label if you owe dues as of May 1. Members who receive their newsletter by email will receive a notice by email. If you have questions about when your membership expires, please contact the treasurer at 315-986-1512 or check your membership card.

There are several categories of membership in WHS: Student \$5, Individual \$10, Joint or Family \$15, Supporting \$25, Corporate or Business \$30, Sponsor \$50, Patron \$100, Life \$150, Benefactor \$150. By choosing to join at a higher level of membership, you will enable us to continue to expand our program presentations and add to our collection of historical items, as well as restore and preserve the items that are already in our collection. If you are a Life Member, you are encouraged to make a donation, if you wish, so we can remain an active organization in town. Your membership dues and donations are tax deductible, if you use the long form.

Please pay dues at the annual meeting in May or send your check to the Walworth Historical Society at the address listed on the front of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at a meeting or at the museum in the near future. Thank you for your continued support.

## An A+ for Local Emergency Preparedness By Dorothy French



As they shared their stories, the dedication of local emergency personnel through the years was evident and appreciated. Fire department, auxiliary, and ambulance volunteers recalled the early days in our community before sophisticated communication and equipment were available. Of course, there were humorous stories told also!

Robert Plant (left) said the Walworth Fire Department was organized in 1929. He displayed a map from that year, which showed the fire district covered only one-half mile in all directions from the four corners. The borders were extended several times during the ensuing years; as other departments came into existence in the 1940's some of Walworth's district was reconfigured into their territories.

Gordon Youngman joined the department in 1950 and volunteered on both the fire truck and the ambulance. He and Charles Pembroke handled many of the ambulance calls because they worked locally and were readily available.

In the formative years, Gordon said several businesses and residences could be called when there was an emergency and then the location of the call was written on a blackboard at the fire house.. The first "siren" was a bell located on top of the first firehouse (later the loan closet) at 2216 Penfield-Walworth Road. The small building housed a chemical truck, which is now displayed at the fire hall on Church Street.

Buzz and Becky Appleman recalled the extensive amount of training now required by the firefighters. Mary Abrarms remembered the hours she spent as an Emergency Medical Technician, and mentioned that some of the area's first ambulances were also hearses owned by undertakers. According to Bob, Walworth's first ambulance (a used Pontiac) was purchased in 1949 for \$300, compared to more than \$100,000 for a new 2016 model. We are grateful to the men and women who unselfishly volunteer their time to protect us.

## A Tour of Main Street: #3707 By Dorothy French

*Editor's Note: This is the 3rd in a series of stories spotlighting the businesses and homes on Main Street. The tour begins on the west side of the four corners and travels south.*



The tan-colored building at 3707 Main Street has a varied history of uses dating back approximately 180 years. According to legal records, family history, and folklore, the house was possibly used as a general store or trading post during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and later as a sport shop. Local residents know it as the home of Harold and Virginia Ginegaw and their eight children for 68 years.

Two of their children, Greg and Nancy, recently provided us with a wealth of information about their parents and the family home. Harold Ginegaw was a life-long resident of Walworth and was born here May 17, 1924. Virginia Clark Ginegaw was born August 22, 1916 and raised in Rochester. Her grandparents lived in Macedon and she would ride the trolley to frequently visit them; during the winter months she skated on Craggs Mill pond.

According to Dick Roland, the house was built in 1835 by Theron G. Yeomans. Virginia told her children Theron built the house so his family would have a place to live while their home, Evergreen Place, was being constructed on High Street. When Harold and Virginia purchased the house in 1946 Nancy said the first floor consisted of a large room at the front (east) with a small room to the north side. Several small rooms completed the first floor. There was a steel spiral staircase to the second floor toward the back of the house. The cellar beams were split timbers. Virginia told her daughter Carol the front door was so big to accommodate a casket.

Greg remembers the cramped living conditions for his parents and their family. Six of the children are now scattered around the country: Seanna (South Dakota), Greg (Ontario, NY), Nancy (Gorham, NY), Carol (Walworth/Florida), Virginia (North Carolina), and Amy (Williamson, NY). Daonna and Clarence have passed away. Greg and Nancy said the October 1946 house fire caused the house to be unlivable for several months. Sam McKee saw the fire and notified Virginia, who was hanging up laundry in the back yard. The firemen were quick to respond, saved the main structure, and were able to carry out most of the furniture. While repairs were being done, the family stayed with Clarence Ginegaw, their paternal

grandfather, at his farm on the northwest corner of Routes 441 and 350. Later, when Harold was remodeling the house, the hand-hewed beams in the dining room were exposed, showing the char marks from the fire.



Nancy said three dormers were added to the house in the 1950's. Greg remembers a coal stove in the old kitchen, along with a copper tub that was used for bathing before the installation of a bathroom. Prior to 1952 the family used the three holer in the back yard. That "facility" later became the hen house for the chickens Harold bought at Easter time from Abe Almekinder's feed store to raise for food. The chickens were killed, cleaned, and then taken to the cold storage building in Fairport until needed for a meal. Harold always had a huge garden in the back yard, which would get smaller as the kids grew up and left home. There was a swimming pool in the back yard also. When Greg was three years old he was allowed to visit the businesses on the west side of Main Street: the feed store, the post office, Howard Triou's grocery store, and Gordon Youngman's store. When he was five years old Greg was permitted to cross the street and visit the east-side stores.

According to Nancy, there were many kids to play with, not only in her family but also in the neighborhood. In the summer time they played hide and seek outside until the street lights came on. Grandpa Clarence Ginegaw's farm was a great place to visit; one or more of the children would tag along with Harold on his almost nightly visits to see his father. Nancy said a two-story barn at the west end of the property was torn down in the late 1940's or early 1950's. Her father operated Harold's Sport Shop from 1960 – 1974 on a part-time basis while working full-time. The first shop was located in the family's living room – until it became overwhelming and Virginia protested; it was then moved to the garage. At the April 2006 Walworth Memories program, Harold said at one time he decided to sell ice skates for \$2. Business was so good he then also sold skis and golf clubs and sharpened ice skates on a machine. He said he bought 300 pairs of canvas golfing shoes at a close out for \$2 a pair and sold them for \$5 each; one Saturday he did \$1,000 worth of business. An auction was held when the store closed.

Harold died Feb. 21, 2007 and Virginia remained in their home until her death May 8, 2013. The following Information was obtained from the abstract:

- 1863 – 1865:** Property owners are J. D. Bennett and his wife.  
**Feb. 27, 1875:** Hugh and Hannah Jane Atkinson, Jr., to William A. Baker.  
**July 6, 1926:** Catherine T. Baker, widow of William A. Baker (died July 6, 1921), warranty deed to Mary E. Sheil of Rochester; on Jan. 17, 1931 she signed the warranty deed to Raymond F. Sheil.  
**Jan. 10, 1934:** Warranty deed to Douglas and Celia VanderBurgh and Antoinette Thomas.  
**Feb. 28, 1934:** Mortgage to Jennie Faas.  
**Dec. 30, 1937:** Property sold for taxes by Wayne County Treasurer.  
**Dec. 19, 1938:** Jennie Fass quit claim deed to Anthony and Louie Scheele, who never lived in the house. Per the deed: "and being the residence formerly owned by Douglas L. VanderBurgh, Celia VanderBurgh, and Antoinette V. Thomas, which said premises are founded on the north by the lands on which is located the Grange Hall; on the east by the highway; on the south by lands now or formerly of Peter VanHee; and on the west by lands now or formerly of Will Crane."  
**Mar. 30, 1946:** Harold and Virginia purchased the property from the Scheeles.  
**Nov. 2014:** House sold to 3707 LLC as part of the Clarence Ginegaw Estate; Clarence was Harold and Virginia's son and had owned the house since 2001.

**Next building to be featured: 3701 Main Street.**

If you have information about this home, contact Dorothy French at 315-986-1098. We are always looking to update our museum files about people and places in the Walworth area.

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

Often, when the filing committee comes into the museum on the first and second Wednesdays of the month, there are donated items left on the desk that need to be accessioned. Often Gene Bavis is responsible for these gifts. This past month he delivered the assessment rolls for the years 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1919, and 1920 from the Walworth Town Clerk. These old records have been digitalized and the originals will be stored here at the museum with the other town records we received last year.

Memories: An Interview with George Bassage By Dawn Russell



George Bassage (**left photo**) a life-long resident of Walworth, was born on May 11, 1935, to Leona and Loyde Bassage. He has two siblings - Bob and Claire. George and his siblings grew up on his parents' farm located at 4441 Walworth-Ontario Road. George remembers his dad being a hard-working farmer. George's grandfather, Velorous Bassage, bought the farm in 1911; Loyde acquired the farm in 1949. Leona was quite the farm girl. She would help on the farm and also was an excellent cook. Every Saturday she would bake molasses and white cookies, along with homemade bread. There would always be enough for whoever may come to visit. When they had visitors for a meal, George's mom used to say "FHB" (family hold back, visitors come first.)

He remembers sliding down Rowell's hill in the winter, located on the roadway close to his house. George and the other kids would slide down the steep hill without a fear of cars, because back then there didn't seem to be much traffic. While growing up George and his family attended the Walworth Baptist Church. He remembers a time when his brothers were sitting in the back pew during church service and were causing trouble. Later after church their dad gave his

brothers a licking out at the barn, while George stood in the doorway laughing. Their dad saw him laughing and then it was George's turn, so down to the barn he went, and let's say he never did that again!

George helped his dad with the farm a lot while growing up. George and his friends, Karel Ambroz, Ray Herold, Howard Clark and Barry Blake, would go to Bernie Porray's farm to play basketball and all the boys would go out to eat at Bill Gray's afterward. While George was growing up he had a pet Peking duck, which he named Pinky. This duck would follow him everywhere. One time his grandmother asked George to fetch a dozen eggs from the hen house. Well, George could only find 8 eggs, so he snatched 4 from a hen still setting. His grandmother figured this out real quick when George returned with the dozen eggs; he couldn't fool her.

He had a very happy childhood. He remembers everyone got along and knew their neighbor, and people had respect for one another. Neighbors would help others farm. After church every Sunday his family would visit with neighbors or they would come to his parents' house. George attended school at the Walworth High School until eighth grade, the last graduating class. He remembers walking 2 miles to school every day until 5<sup>th</sup> grade, when buses became available. George went onward to finish his last four years of school at the Ontario High School, graduating in 1953. In high school two agriculture classes were needed due to the many farm boys attending.



George met Gwyn, the love of his life, in 1957. His friend, Willard Rowell, set up a blind date with Gwyn for George. When they arrived at her house, before meeting Gwyn, George happened upon a picture of Gwyn and told Willard "This is the girl I am going to marry." Gwyn and George dated for 8 months and were married on August 1, 1957, at the Baptist Church in Fairport. They have been married 58 years. After marrying they lived in George's parents' house for 1 1/2 years. Then they moved to West Walworth, and George worked for Bob Downs doing custom combining, specializing in spinach, peas, and sweet corn for processing plants Birds Eye and Edgett & Burnham. He also farmed 200 acres.

Ray Yucker was Walworth Highway Superintendent and George worked for him, having replaced Ray Welker when Ray went into the service. In the winter George would plow snow. When the workers had down time from plowing, Charlie Hack would come to the shop and the guys would play euchre.

In 1964 George's dad asked him to buy the family farm. George had the choice of being Highway Superintendent or running the farm. He chose the farm. At this time it was a dairy farm. George milked cows for sixty years. He also worked 4,000 bales of hay per year. When he started working the farm it was with no fancy equipment, just hard labor.

When George's father became older, every morning like clockwork he would be there to help George farm and again every night. Loyde had a real passion for farming, and George caught the passion.

George and Gwyn have four children - Heidi, Terry, Colin, and Aaron. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In 1999, when their children became grown, Gwyn became pastor at the West Walworth Baptist Church; meanwhile George was her right-hand man. They decided to sell the cows in 1999 and do crop farming, custom combining grain and corn.

George worked for K & D Disposal and Country Max for six years each, meanwhile still farming. They sold the farm in 2008 and moved to Manchester. George and Gwyn were married again on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Gwyn wearing the dress of her dreams. In George's retirement he enjoys doing puzzles, playing euchre at the Walworth and West Walworth firehouses, and still helping farm for people. When asked what George's favorite memory of Walworth was, he replied "I had the best childhood ever growing up in Walworth."

**Open House and Docent Training By Jessie Keymel**

Each summer our museum is open to the public every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00 from June 1 until September 28, a total of 34 days. We depend on members of our historical society to help us have our museum and our history available to the public. Judy McMillan will be coordinating this effort again this year; you may call her at 315-524-4219 to volunteer.

**On Wednesday, June 1**, we will conduct a training session at 1:00 PM for anyone who would like to learn how to find information and important facts about our many collections. This information should help you to answer questions and make your time at the museum more enjoyable. Thank you for your time during this season.

**2016 Events Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon., May 16	6:15 PM	Annual meeting: Pot luck supper, election of officers, community service award, program – Walworth photos	Lodge at Ginegaw Park
Mon., Sept. 19	7:30 PM	General Meeting: Program: Sue Leurgans - "Historic Cooking"	Museum
Sun., Oct. 2	2 – 4 PM	Open House	Museum
Sun., Oct. 16	2 – 3:30 PM	Walworth Memories. Theme: Bring an item and tell its story	Museum
Mon., Nov. 21	1:00 PM	General Meeting: Program: Michael Keene - "The Psychic Highway: How the Erie Canal Changed America."	Museum

**Board of Trustees:** Meetings held June 13, Aug. 8, and Nov. 14 beginning at 2:00 PM at the museum.

**Open House Hours:** Museum open June, July, August, and September on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons 2 - 4 PM. Contact Judy McMillan at 315-524-4219 or Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205 for appointment for other times.

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P.O. Box 142, Walworth, NY 14568. *Thank you for your support.*

**May 2016 WHS E-mail Newsletter Bonus Photos**

**(All photos on this page are from the "Quilts" meeting on March 21, 2016.)**





The photo at the top left shows the George and Gwyn Bassage farm on 4441 Walworth-Ontario Road. This photo was taken many years ago and shows the barn.



Middle left photo was taken in 2007, when George and Gwyn Bassage renewed their wedding vows, in the year of their 50th anniversary. Their children from left to right: Colin, Aaron, Heidi, and Terry.



The Ginegaw house shown in a 1981 photo. 3707 Main Street in Walworth



In case anyone forgets the way to the WHS museum.