



Walworth Historical Society Newsletter

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Mural Mania Comes to Walworth! By Gene Bavis

In the last issue of the WHS newsletter, I introduced you to “Mural Mania” in Wayne County, the preservation of history through community art. I mentioned that Walworth is one of 6 towns in Wayne County that doesn’t have any murals. That’s going to change SOON! Since I got involved in Mural Mania, I’ve been pretty busy not only promoting murals in other places around the county, but I have also obtained permission from Dan Roberts and Mark Crane to have a 25’ long mural painted on the west side of the Walworth Post Office. I’ve engaged a Cazenovia College art professor (and professional mural painter) to paint it for us. Since we’d like to show off our Holstein paintings, we decided to reproduce them as the theme of this mural. As you can see from the photograph above, photo-shopped by Bob Mogray, we’ve also put Theron G. Yeomans on the mural, as he was the man responsible for importing this herd to Walworth.

The cost of this project will be around \$4,500 including the recognition and description plaques. Along with the permission to put the mural on the wall of the building, Mark’s Pizzeria pledged the first \$500 to pay for the project. The remainder will be raised from supporters like YOU and the rest of our community who will sponsor a square foot (or more) of the mural. One square foot sponsorships are \$25, and a square yard (9 square feet) is \$200. Of course, a donation in any amount is appreciated. Sponsors who give \$25 or more will be listed on the recognition plaque. Donation forms are available at the Walworth Post Office, Town Clerk’s Office, or by contacting me: gbavis@rochester.rr.com or 315-573-2768. As of June 17, 100 square feet have been sponsored (½ way there!), leaving 100 square feet available. Will **YOU** be a **SPONSOR?**

Walworth Historical Society Has Annual Meeting

Accompanying Photo: Gene Bavis presents the Community Service Award to Dorothy French at May 20 annual WHS meeting.

Members of the Walworth Historical Society held their annual meeting and pot luck supper on May 20 at the Lodge at Ginegaw Park. Re-elected to lead the organization for another year were Jessie Keymel, president; Robert Mogray, vice-president; and Judy McMillan, secretary. Trustees Becky Appleman and Gene Bavis were approved to serve for another three years. Other members of the Board include Treasurer Mary Jane Devlin and Trustees Nancy Bel, Dorothy French, Larry Ruth, and Marlene Slocum.



This year's Community Service Award was given to Dorothy French for her volunteer work with the Walworth-Seely Public Library, Friends of the Walworth-Seely Public Library, and the Walworth Historical Society. In presenting the award, Gene Bavis noted Dorothy served as library trustee from 2000 to 2009, helped to organize the Friends in 2003, and is a trustee of WHS and a member of the newsletter and filing committees at the museum. Dorothy and husband, Sonny, moved to Walworth in 1991.

The meeting concluded with a program about the Hotchkiss peppermint oil business. Patricia Alena, President of the Lyons Heritage Society, noted that the Hotchkiss Essential Oil Company of Lyons was the largest in the world. The H. G. Hotchkiss Company was sold in 1982 to an Indiana company, which continued to operate in Lyons until 1990 when they moved back to Indiana. It was said travelers on the Erie Canal could always tell when they were nearing Lyons as they could smell the peppermint.

The Fourth of July Surprise

By Dorothy French

Editor's Note: We recently found in our museum files a copy of a story told by Mrs. Howard (Hazel) Bassage.

"One Fourth of July Hazel had all of her cousins over to celebrate. She had been saving her money to buy some pops. Pops are little pieces of paper rolled up with some substance that explodes when struck. So that day all of the cousins had some and they were all throwing them at the driveway. Her father (Jake Pembroke) was at the store. The pops that weren't thrown hard enough didn't pop. So when her father came home, the wagon wheels ran over the pops and the horses went flying into the barn. All of the kids ran in the back yard. They didn't want to get caught."

Walworth Soldiers Aid Society

By Dorothy French

Editor's Note: An April 1977 WHS newsletter contained this story; it is an excerpt from the Military History of Wayne County. The article tells about the work of Walworth Ladies providing supplies during Civil War days.

"During the first year of the war, very much assistance was given to the soldiers by the women of Walworth and as the conflict intensified the "Walworth Soldiers Aid Society" was formed. Organization took place August 13, 1862, with Mrs. A. Hicks, President; Mrs. L. Hanna, Vice-President; Mrs. T. G. Yeomans, Treasurer; and Mrs. F. Sanford, Secretary. The members of this society, actuated by a desire to help sustain the government in its struggle with open rebellion, and seeing the magnitude of the work and its great necessity, with anxious hearts and willing hands, labored faithfully to alleviate as far as possible the inevitable suffering of the sick and wounded soldiers.

In this work the society had the cooperation of the community as mutual interest in the cause bound all hearts together. Many barrels and boxes of clothing, bedding, and hospital supplies were forwarded through the agency of the U.S. Sanitary Commission."

Rich Hoven Sept. 29 in Penfield

By Peg Harvey

If you missed seeing our March 18 program by Rich Hoven on Barn Building, it will be presented on July 17 at Heritage Square in Ontario and again at the Penfield Library on September 29 at 2:30 PM...save the date.

Celebrating the Fourth of July

By Dorothy French

Editor's Note: The following was written by a member of the Phillips Family (date unknown) and was included in a History of the Town of Walworth.

Fourth of July was the biggest event of the year and we looked forward to it with much eagerness. The day's events began with a parade led by Marshall Eliab Yeomans dressed in his military uniform with a red sash, riding a pure white pony whose saddle blanket was sky blue trimmed with gold. The parade was followed by a big dinner planned by the ladies of the church.

In the afternoon games and races were the program and a band concert ended the festivities. Of course much visiting was done as everyone came from far and near to the celebration. Later years it became known as Old Home Day as settlers who had moved away returned to pay a visit with friends.

Thirteen Years Later

By Dorothy French

Editor's Note: The May 1990 WHS newsletter contained the story printed below. Our museum is located on property across from Evergreen Place, the Theron G. Yeomans home located at 3680 High Street. In 1985 Clifford (a Yeomans descendant) and Emily Huntley donated the park area to the Walworth Historical Society for a museum.

A New Tree Grows in Yeomans' Park



“On Arbor Day, Friday, April 27, 1990, Den 3 of Cub Scout Pack 113, under the leadership of Vaughn Pembroke, presented to the Historical Society a Kwanzan flowering cherry tree which they planted in the yard in front of the museum.

The boys earned the money to pay for the tree by collecting and selling recyclables, such as newspapers, glass, etc. The boys are to be commended for their efforts and this beautiful gesture. The Society offers them our sincere thanks.”

Staples' Rewards

By Dorothy French

We are participating in Staples' Rewards program. You can help us by donating your used toner and ink cartridges. The Rewards check we receive will enable us to purchase office supplies for the museum. Bring your donations to any event at the museum.

Thank You, Museum Sitters

By Jessie Keymel

By now you have received a letter confirming your chosen time to sit at the museum and instructions containing helpful hints. Thank you for taking the time to help us complete our goal of making Walworth history available for everyone. Enjoy your time at the museum; check out some of our family histories, read the Hoffman papers written by students over the years, and look for your picture in our collection of school yearbooks.

If you are not on the schedule, the museum is open every Wednesday and Sunday from 2 until 4 PM during the months of June, July, August and September. If you would like to bring visiting family at a more convenient time, please call Judy McMillan at 315-524-4219 or Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205.

New Life Bible Church Continues to Grow

Editor's Note: In May 2013 Nancy A. Harvey, secretary at New Life Bible Church, documented this history of the church's presence in the Walworth area.

New Life Bible Church (seen below), became an official church in June of 1975. Our first Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Birky (Mary Jane Birky), served from 1975-1984. The original members consisted of 11 people who the Lord had given a vision to start New Life Bible Church as a non-denominational fellowship. Membership has grown throughout the years and is currently at 67 with a Sunday morning attendance of 92 (which includes children-adults). We offer Sunday School for Nursery – Adults every Sunday at 9:15 AM. At 6 PM the Olympians meet for the children's program and adults attend a L.I.F.E. ministry. Every Wednesday at 7 PM we offer a Sweet Hour of Prayer. Some of our other ministries include Youth Group ages 12-18, Luminaries ages 18-28, Women's Bible Studies, Moms and Me, in-home evening Bible Studies, Alliance Women, Missions Outreach, Walworth Crop Walk, Christmas Nativity at Ginegaw Park, and Walworth Festival in the Park and Parade. One of our goals is to reach out to the Walworth community and partner with them.



In 1989 the Lord led us to join with the Christian & Missionary Alliance denomination. Our current Pastor is Rev. Thomas G. Howell (Cheri Howell); he was called to New Life in July of 1997. Pastoral history: Rev. Kenneth Birky: 1975-1984; Rev. Barry L. Moyer: 1985-1989; Rev. Robert L. Lucas: 1987-1989 Associate Pastor and 1989-1997 Senior Pastor; and Rev. Thomas G. Howell: 1997- current.

The Lord blessed us with over 50 acres of property at 560 Atlantic Avenue. Some of the church projects over the years include complete carpet replacement, kitchen remodeled and updated, and bathrooms renovated and made handicap accessible. During February 2000 the Lord again blessed us with our completed parsonage, replacement of roof and all doors, parking lot black topped, and air conditioning installed in church and parsonage.

Look for Us at the Festival in the Park

Our museum's presence in the Walworth area is not just a building on the corner of Academy and High Streets. We like it when people come to our museum on genealogy quests or to learn about this area we call home. We take our mission seriously to preserve the past for the present and future....and this year's Festival in the Park parade theme of Historic Walworth gives us an opportunity to showcase our museum. The parade will begin at 7 PM on Friday, July 26. Parade viewers won't have a problem identifying our float because we will be bringing our museum to life by displaying items from our collection.

Visit our booth at Ginegaw Park on Friday the 26th beginning at 5:30 PM or on Saturday the 27th from 1 – 8 PM. We'll have our Walworth-related clothing, coverlet, and books for sale. There will be numerous notebooks of photos for your enjoyment.

Our Collection Continues to Grow

By Jessie Keymel

Our museum files contain very good information about our area churches. We recently added a history of the New Life Bible Baptist Church, thanks to the efforts of Joyce Finney and church secretary Nancy Harvey. Rev. Thomas G. Howell has been pastor since July 1997. The church is located on Atlantic Avenue; it is a Walworth church, although its mailing address is Macedon.

Edie Pasquini has donated several of her original building miniatures to our museum and they are currently displayed in our large glass case. Many of the structures are landmarks from our town and we have been able to match them with old photos to show changes through the years. Also in the collection are newer buildings, including area fire departments. Thank you, Edie, for helping us document our history in your own unique way.

“Bavis Adventures” in Wayne County By Gene Bavis

Trip #1 was a SUCCESS! On June 11, sixteen people set out from Walworth to visit some Wayne County museums and historic sites. Our first stop was at the Aqueduct and Aldrich Change Bridge located at Aqueduct Park on the Macedon-Palmyra Town Line.

Next, we visited the Alling Coverlet Museum where Historic Palmyra’s Executive Director, Bonnie Hayes, gave us an excellent presentation about the coverlets. From there we drove past Admiral Sampson’s birthplace and an historic marker on Rt. 31 that describes the history of this area.

The third major stop on the tour was in Newark where we toured two museums that are across the street from each other, the Hoffman Clock Museum inside the Newark Public Library and the Newark-Arcadia Historical Society Museum. Tours were conducted by Eric Hooker, Curator of the Clock Museum, and by John Zornow and Chris Davis of the N-AHS. Everyone seemed impressed with the enthusiasm and knowledge of the presenters.

From there, we drove past the mural found under the East Street Bridge and then on toward Lyons. Across from the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office, we turned onto Dry Dock Road and past an Enlarged Erie Canal lock and brick house facing it (the locktender’s home). Then we saw the “new” lock and drydock. The next stop was at Abbey Park where we ate our picnic lunches. We had planned to eat in the central park in Lyons and take a look at the murals in downtown Lyons, but the drizzle caused a change of plans.

Next, we visited the Hotchkiss/Lyons Heritage Society Museum where “Peppermint Patty” Alena gave us the tour. The history of this company and building is pretty amazing. It had a much larger impact on Wayne County than most people realize. It’s truly a gem for Wayne County history.

After looking at the peppermint mural on the Hotchkiss building and one behind it, we moved on to the Wayne County Historian’s Office. There, Peter Evans gave us an overview of the various records, documents and books available to the public who might be doing local history research or genealogy.

Our last stop was at the Museum of Wayne County History where LarryAnn Evans and her assistant, Karen Schwab, gave us an enthusiastic tour. They had both spent the entire day hosting elementary school students prior to our arrival. Despite being exhausted from a long day of tours, it was evident how much they love local history and we all appreciated their great presentation.

The goal of this trip was to give us a look at some places that some of us have never visited. I had been to all of the places previously, BUT I had not had a “formal” tour of some, so I learned a lot, too. I hope that participants will return to the ones they like best to take more time to explore. I also hope they will take some friends with them. The next Bavis Adventure will be sponsored by the Walworth Recreation Department on July 24. Please see a separate story about that or read the Walworth Town Topics. I hope you will join Liz and me.



Aqueduct Park: Stop one on the Bavis Tour 1



The Hoffman Clock Museum: Stop #3 on the tour

A New Summer Fruit: Juneberries

By Bob Mogray

Stephanie and Gary Craft, Walworth Historical Society members, are owners of G & S Orchards on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Lincoln Road in Walworth. This summer they will be featuring the sale of a fruit that is not new to the world but certainly new to this area. We are talking about Saskatoons or Juneberries as they are commonly called. Everyone knows of the nutritional benefits of blueberries but these Juneberries are even better. They may resemble blueberries but they are larger, have less moisture, and have an apple-cherry taste with tiny seeds that impart a slight almond flavor. Juneberries have more fiber, calcium, antioxidants, and protein than blueberries and are a good source of iron as well. They are used for pies and jams, or can be frozen for later consumption. The Juneberries can also be dehydrated and added to oatmeal, granola, and cookies.



Historically, Juneberries have been more popular in Canada, but now the Crafts are one of four test farms in the Finger Lakes area of New York State that hope to change that fact. Gary and Stephanie have set aside one-half acre for the first test growth of the Juneberries. It takes about four years to start yielding their best harvest and they last for many years. There are plans to increase the size of the Juneberry crop in the near future if this first planting goes well. By the end of June the Crafts expect the Juneberries will be ready to pick. This year they will be offered as a pick-your-own product only. The Juneberries are expected to last for a few weeks and hopefully will be a hit with the consumers of this area.

G & S Orchards website at www.gandsorchards.com.

Boy Scouts and Community Service

By Dorothy French



Boy Scouts of Troop 113, parents and their Scoutmaster, Kevin Barci, arrived at our museum early Saturday morning, May 4, with rakes, shovels, and energy. The volunteers enthusiastically tackled the trailer full of mulch, spreading it on the museum's flower gardens while other workers pulled weeds, picked up debris left from winter, and raked the lawn. Larry McMillan, WHS member who oversaw the project, was delighted with the results (editor's comment: "We've never seen Larry smile so much!").

Later that day the Scouts met at Ginegaw Park for an overnight campout. Scoutmaster Barci assured us the Scouts would be willing to come back again next year for the spring clean up. When you are in the area, check out our manicured museum grounds – and come inside for a visit.

WHS Hosts WHO Members

By Jessie Keymel

We, the Walworth Historical Society, hosted the Wayne Historians Organization at our museum the afternoon of June 12. As you have heard before, this is a meeting of historians and representatives from Wayne County's historical societies. The discussion during a bag lunch, with dessert provided by the host, covered many subjects; I have included two examples here.

- 1.) An invitation was distributed for the Wolcott Historical Society's 100th birthday celebration for the Venus statue on July 13.
- 2.) When you are looking for deed information on your genealogy searches, Wayne County Historian Peter Evans told us no legal documents were required before 1823, and the County Clerk's office was in Canandaigua at that time.

WHO is a great way to keep informed on what events and celebrations are happening in Wayne County.

WHS website: walworthhistoricalsociety.org

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Another “Bavis Adventure” in Wayne County

By Gene Bavis

The premise behind the Bavis Adventures in Wayne County “schemes” is that many people have never visited museums that are “in their own backyard.” As an active participant in the Wayne Historians Organization (WHO), I realized that Wayne County historical societies have so much to offer, but they really don’t get many visitors, so I set out to change that at least a little. My first attempt was the trip on June 11 to Palmyra, Newark and Lyons.

The next adventure will be a trip to Heritage Square in Ontario, the Sodus Point Lighthouse Museum, and historic Pultneyville on Wednesday, July 24. It will be sponsored by the Walworth Recreation Department and the \$20 fee will cover transportation and guided tours. A stop at Orbaker’s in Williamson will be made for lunch (at your expense). For more details, check out the summer issue of Town Topics, the Walworth Recreation Department website, or contact Gene Bavis at gbavis@rochester.rr.com or 315-573-2768.

I’d like to continue to lead trips in Wayne County and the surrounding area. I’d love to hear from you. What kind of trip would YOU like? Obviously, I want to make them affordable. So among the questions, would you prefer to drive yourself or pay for bus transportation? Also, would you like to eat out or bring a lunch? How long a trip are you “up for,” a 4 hour trip, 6 hour trip, or? Should the trip be during the week or on a weekend? Is there a maximum cost that you’d be comfortable with?

Showcasing the Brides and Grooms

By Judy McMillan

During the month of June, the glass display case at the Walworth Town Hall featured the photographs of many Walworth couples - and some families were represented by as many as five generations! Brides and grooms were:

- Raymond and Wilberta Arnold Yuker, wed March 26, 1932
- Karl and Kathleen Yuker Aeckerle, wed August 8, 1964
- John and Winifred Knight Pease, wed June 29, 1953
- Norm and Rita Heinrich Druschel, wed June 10, 1978
- Fay and Mary Louise Brusso Druschel, wed in 1944
- Edward and Edna Heinrich Walker, wed July 5, 2008
- Andrew and Kimberly Druschel Aurileo, wed May 30, 2004
- Peter and Esther Bendschneider Cauwels, wed April 30, 1932
- Augustus and Caroline Ginegaw Bendschneider, wed Feb. 21, 1906
- Arnold and Mary Jane Cauwels Devlin, wed May 7, 1955
- Bruce and Jean Richards Devlin, wed September 14, 1985
- Mark and Caryn Campbell Devlin, wed May 14, 1977
- Paul and Susan Adriaansen Devlin, wed September 16, 1978
- Edward and Jennifer Devlin Almekinder, wed October 10, 2006
- Justin and Rachel Boerman Devlin, wed July 10, 2010
- Joe and Marcia Teague Englert, wed November 11, 1960
- Alec and Patricia Englert Julien, wed July 8, 1995
- Patrick and Susan Englert Piccolomini, wed November 26, 2005
- Walter and Norma Valentine Thedens, wed March 27, 1934 & attendants, Louis and Edith Valentine Frey
- Frank and Suzanne Slocum Perkins, wed in 2006
- Ben and Randy Carlin Slocum, married in 2001
- Herbert and Mabel Schlegel Smith, married in 1938



Walworth Historical Society usually prepares a February wedding display and sometimes one in June. If you would like to include your photo **and especially ancestors from Walworth**, please contact Judy McMillan 524-4219 or Dorothy French 986-1098. We scan original photos and display only copies. Future displays are dependent on your contacting us. To date, we have featured sixty-six Walworth couples! Thank you in advance for your interest.

Museum Visitors

Brad and Deb Strang of Mill Road, Macedon, visited our museum last month in search of information about Cragg’s Roller Mill on Walworth-Palmyra Road. The Strangs purchased the vacant mill in 2004, and it has since been used for storage purposes. We were able to give them information about the mill’s history and photos showing the mill in its heyday. It’s gratifying when we can share our knowledge about people and places in our area – this is the purpose of the Walworth Historical Society.

Membership Dues

By Mary Jane Devlin

Our May newsletter was emailed to most of our members. Some were returned. In the "Dues Are Due" article, I said those who received their newsletter by email would receive a separate email reminding them that their dues were due. Some of those reminders were also returned. The members whose emails were returned will receive their July newsletter by regular mail. There is a red dot reminder on the newsletter of those who still owe dues for 2013-2014.

Thank you for your continued support of the Walworth Historical Society.

Walworth Historical Society 2013 Events Calendar

Date	Time	Subject	Location
Tues., July 23	6:30 PM	Decorate float for Festival parade	Keymel's
Fri., July 26	7:00 PM 5:30 PM	Festival in the Park parade Booth at the park	Line up at 6 PM
Sat., July 27	1-8 PM	Festival in the Park: booth	Ginegaw Park
Mon., Sept. 16	7:30 PM	General Meeting: program TBA	Museum
Sun., Oct. 6	3-5 PM	Mural Dedication and Open House/refreshments	Post Office Wall Museum
Sun., Oct. 20	2-3:30 PM	Walworth Memories: Summertime Fun	Town Hall
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: 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 Judy McMillan at 315-524-4219 or Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205 for an appointment for other times.

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Membership Information

Student	\$ 5.00
Individual	\$ 10.00
Family	\$ 15.00
Supporting	\$ 25.00
Corp. or Business	\$ 30.00
Sponsor	\$ 50.00
Patron	\$ 100.00
Life Member	\$ 150.00
Benefactor	\$ 150.00

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.

July 2013 WHS E-mail Newsletter Bonus Photos

All photos on this page are of the Boy Scouts at the museum clean-up on May 4



All photos on this page are of the Bavis Adventure 1: Wayne County Tour

