



# *Walworth Historical Society Newsletter*

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## **Debora Germain Honored with Community Service Award**

By Dorothy French

Debora Germain was posthumously awarded the Community Service Award by the Walworth Historical Society at our annual meeting on May 19. The award was presented to her family by WHS President Jessie Keymel, who noted Deb's long involvement with her church and community and the void that remains since her December 8, 2013 passing. In attendance were members of the Zion United Methodist Church of West Walworth.



**WHS President Jessie Keymel (center) presented the award to Deb's family: Blair Germain (daughter), Tim Germain (husband), Elsie Moll (mother), and Katrina Baemel (sister).**

Pastor Todd Goddard shared Deb's dedication via a PowerPoint presentation that encompassed many activities involving the congregation's youth. Because of her musical talent, Deb frequently played the piano at her church and area schools and for the Neighborhood Acting Company. Her enthusiasm was contagious throughout the area; she was a board member of organizations who helped veterans and people with addictions. During her 17 years as Recreation Director for the Town of Walworth, Deb led the Red Ribbon Committee for both Gananda and Wayne Central School Districts.

The presentation also included a letter written by WHS Trustee Larry Ruth, who emphasized Deb's dedication to her family and community.

Re-elected to office were President Jessie Keymel, Vice-President Bob Mogray, Secretary Judy McMillan, and Trustees Larry Ruth and Dorothy French. Office terms for Treasurer Mary Jane Devlin and Trustees Becky Appleman, Gene Bavis, Nancy Bel, and Marlene Slocum did not expire this year.

The evening concluded with a PowerPoint presentation "Then and Now" by Gene Bavis and Bob Mogray. Photos taken in 1907, when there was a possibility of a railroad coming to Walworth, were shown. The "Then" photos compared the properties to a current photo.

## From Your President By Jessie Keymel

The theme of this year's Festival in the Park is "Taking Pride in Our Mascots, Symbols and Logos." Perhaps this year more than any we particularly want to bring attention to our Mascot and Logo.

Our Walworth shirts have an image of the two academies, and the same image is in the center of our coverlets. The Logo on the front of this newsletter and on our stationery represents the school bell that sits in front of our museum. This bell was in the academy belfry and later in front of the Walworth High School. A display of shirts and other items is in the Town Hall show case during the month of June. You can purchase any of these items and show your pride in your town.

## Info for Genealogists By Peggy Harvey

The Walworth-Seely Public Library now has the following genealogy resources that may be helpful to you.

- **Ancestry.com is now available for use at the library.** You can access the database either on the library's computers, or by first signing into the OWWL Wifinetwork using your laptop or tablet at the library. As you find records on ancestry.com you can email them to yourself and then download them to your computer. Log into the database at the library by opening up Mozilla or Internet Explorer and going to [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com). This library edition of the database includes accessing records from the USA, Australia, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Africa, Asia, North America, Oceania, and South America. Examples of the types of records that can be found in the database are: censuses; births, christenings, marriages and death records; military records such as the World War I draft registration cards; city directories; U.S. citizenship records, ship manifests, passport and travel applications.
- **Monday night sessions** are being provided to the public at the library to give folks an overview of how to use this library edition of ancestry.com. Included are tips on getting better search results. It is presented by Sara Sterling, a new member of the Walworth-Seely Library staff, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
- If you would like to have **individual help with using ancestry.com**, you can make an appointment with Sara Sterling to meet with her at the library and practice using the database. You can contact her by stopping by the library desk, or calling the library at 315-986-1511.
- **Free duplicating of genealogy resources** – Inform the library staff beforehand that you are part of the genealogy group, as the group as a whole is allotted **50 copies per group per week free of charge**.
- **Free Scanning** of documents, photos, genealogy scrapbooks, etc. to create electronic copies. If you would like staff assistance, it would be best to use the machines in the afternoons, but it is possible to do this at any time.
- If you would like to receive **e-mail notifications of the daytime genealogy group meetings**, you can leave your contact information for Peggy Harvey at [genealogywlny@aol.com](mailto:genealogywlny@aol.com). We meet in the community room at the Walworth-Seely library September through June from 12-2 pm. The next scheduled meetings will be on September 17, October 15, November 12, and December 10. A reminder email is sent out a couple of weeks ahead of time with the topic.

## Open House Summer Hours By Jessie Keymel



The museum will once again be open from 2-4 PM on Wednesdays and Sundays during June, July, August, and September with the exception of the July 2, July 6, and August 31 holidays.

Thanks to the members who help us keep our building open for visitors. Bring a friend with you when you come to the museum; you'll find the two hours goes fast while looking at scrapbooks and display items. There is a blue three-ring binder that should help you answer questions. We suggest you bring your cell phone; if you need more information you can reach a board member or the town historian.

The property at the southeast corner of Academy and High Streets has been the site of institutions of learning since 1857, until the April 11, 2014, demolition of Walworth School, District #1.



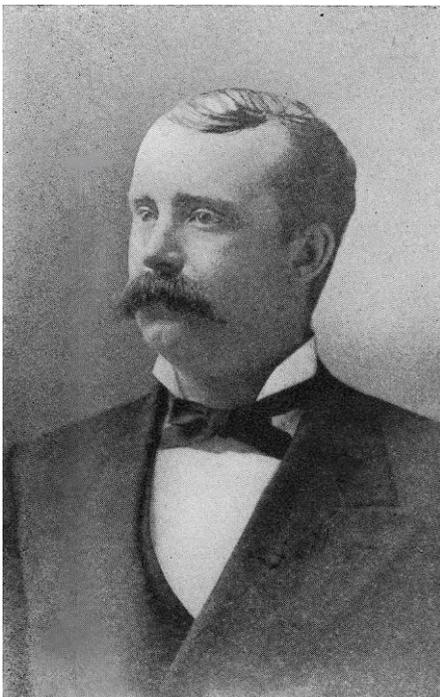
A warranty deed dated March 22, 1842, noted that Vaniah and Alzora Yeomans sold “a piece of land near Walworth Corners” for \$500 to trustees of Walworth Academy. The Theron G. Yeomans family was well-known in our area, as was Theron’s son, Vaniah. The sale of this property resulted in the construction, through the years, of three schools on the site.

An historic marker (left) notes the Academy was incorporated in 1842; however this date is incorrect based on museum records.

### *The First Academy*

On May 12, 1841, an act to incorporate the Walworth Academy was passed by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature of New York State. One year later, a school was constructed of cobblestone at a cost of \$4,000 on Academy Street. Most of this money was paid for through the sale of stock in the Walworth Academy; each share of stock cost \$10.00 and entitled the holder to one vote in the corporation. The building was divided into two departments with a qualified teacher in each area, accommodating a total of 100 students. Professor E. B. Wadsworth was in charge.

The Academy was similar to a high school; entry requirement was a preliminary certificate, which was equivalent to an eighth grade education. Many of the Academy students boarded at the school or with families in town. A practice of basket-boarding was a common procedure and enabled many students to live cheaper than the \$2 a week for room and board. Students who lived nearby walked, rode horseback, or drove a carriage – depending on the time of year and distance. Many students walked 5 or 6 miles one way to attend school.

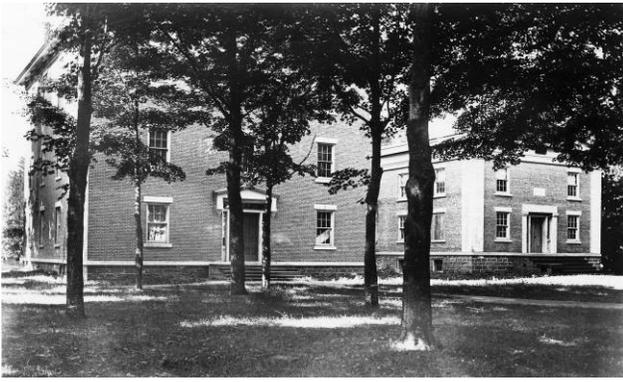


A board of trustees, composed of nine members, managed the property and concerns of the corporation. Tuition payments were used to defray the expenses of the institution, most of which involved payment of salaries. The Principal of the Academy received a yearly salary of about \$800, while teachers were paid about \$400 a year. The Preceptress (the female instructor) received only half the amount paid to the Principal. The tuition also paid for fuel and light bills, which averaged around \$49.22 a year.

The institution’s best-remembered principal was J. Carlton Norris, who taught there from 1874 to 1885. He so endeared himself to his students that a Norris Students’ Association was started in 1922. It was agreed the Norris students would annually hold a reunion to reminisce about their days spent in the pursuit of education at Walworth Academy under the “dynamic personality of J. Carlton Norris.” The last reunion was held in 1948 as the remaining students were getting older each year.

(left) J. Carlton Norris, Principal 1874 – 1885

In July 1972 Charles Tuttle and Robert Wignall, president and treasurer respectively of the Norris Organization, presented a check for \$2,697.82 to the Walworth-Seely Public Library. This amount was to be used to reduce the indebtedness for the library’s addition and was given in memory of sponsors and students of Walworth Academy 1840-1903.



**Facing north towards Academy Street**  
**left bldg.- The second Academy, built in 1857**  
**right bldg.- The first Academy, build in 1842**



**Facing south towards Center Street**  
**Children at play behind the second Academy**

### *The Second Academy*

In 1856, a committee was elected by the trustees to consider the subject of enlarging the Academy. It was agreed that an additional academic building should be added the coming year. In 1857 a three-story brick structure was erected to the east of the first Academy. The new "Walworth Academy and Wayne County Female Academy" cost about \$8,000. The principal was C. H. Dann. The older building was then used as a boarding home and residence for the principal. The classical course offered at the Academy prepared the student for any college in the United States.

In 1877 the original Academy was sold to the Patrons of Husbandry (commonly called Walworth Grange #289) and used by them as a Grange Hall. The second floor was remodeled into meeting rooms and a few years later the first floor was made into a dining room and kitchen. The grounds of the old Academy, combined with those of the new Academy, were ample for outdoor exercise of students and were well shaded with maple, elm, and locust trees. The cost of the apparatus to equip this school totaled \$800. The academic department was certified by the University of the State of New York as the Walworth Union Free School in 1903. Three years later the school received certification as a Senior School. In 1912 it received certification as a high school. The first graduating class in June 1912 consisted of Clifford M. Huntley and Helen M. Sawyer. The Class of 1913 consisted of Ruth A. Alles, Stanley Petty, Ethel J. Russell, Gladys M. Tuttle, and Robert W. Wignall.

A 1911-1912 announcement brochure from the Walworth Union School listed several reasons "Why Come to Walworth?" 1.) *It is worth living in Walworth which is "beautiful, quaint, and prosperous with elevated situation.* 2.) *We have two churches and NO SALOONS. The young people will not learn bad habits at Walworth.* 3.) *A graduate of Walworth can prepare for college in one year at any approved high school.*

Our museum files contain letters from former students, who wrote of their school days at WHS. In a letter dated 1991, Marjorie Esley reminisces about school life "during the 2<sup>nd</sup> decade of the 1900's" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Academy building. She said she told people she was valedictorian of her high school graduation class. After a suitable pause, "I would add that we were a class of three!" One of the three, Alvira Meyers (later Mrs. Robert Harris), drove from West Walworth in a pony cart and parked her horse in the sheds that stood behind the Methodist Church. In winter she boarded in the village. Other students came as far as Hall Center, often treading through heavy snow in the dark of winter and carrying their own lunches.

### *Razing the Schools*

The Academy continued with little change until 1929, when voters in District No. 1 approved a bond issue of \$80,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school building. On March 1, 1930, demolition of both buildings began to make way for the Walworth School building. During the time the old buildings were torn down and the new one built, school was held in the Grange Hall on Main Street (the former Pacific Hotel and recently the location of American Pools). The Walworth School opened on September 8, 1930, with an enrollment of 182 students. For 50 years it served this area well until it was closed in 1980. The April 2014 demolition of the structure was noted in our May newsletter

*Editor's Note:* *Information for this story was obtained from museum archives, including:*

- *"History of Schools in Walworth" by Principal Roger S. Pembroke, February 16, 1977*
- *"Memoirs of Walworth Academy" by Howard D. Joslyn, Jr., August 18, 1962*
- *"Walworth...from Douglas Corners to Gananda" by Town Historian John Traas. John was town historian January 1, 1989 – December 31, 2003*
- *1991 letter by former student Marjorie Esley*

**Jay Seely and President Fillmore** By Robert L. Wignall

*Editor's Note: Bob is a former Walworth resident who now lives in Colorado Springs, CO. He penned the following on September 25, 2005.*

As a young kid in Walworth, I was always fascinated by Jay Seely, who was almost like a "Renaissance man" – knowledgeable about all kinds of interesting things. Whenever my Dad (Robert W. Wignall) or Grandfather (George W. Wignall) went to Mr. Seely's shop, as they often did, to have him make something needed on the farm I usually found an excuse to go along.

One time I told Mr. Seely I was interested in things about U. S. Presidents and he said, "I can tell you a story." He said as a young man (it would have been between 1853 and 1874) he took a trip on the New York Central Railroad. The train was very crowded and he made his way through car after car, with no luck in finding a seat. Finally he came upon an old gentleman occupying a full seat by himself.

Mr. Seely politely asked if he might sit down next to him, whereupon the man replied, "You certainly may not!" Much chagrined, Mr. Seely went to the conductor and explained his situation, saying "That gentleman will not let me sit beside him." The conductor responded, "Don't trouble him – that man is ex-President Fillmore." So I guess Mr. Seely stood for the remainder of his trip, while President Fillmore enjoyed his expansive seat!

I've always thought that was an interesting sidelight about Western New York's only President. I just wanted to have it permanently recorded somewhere in your historical archives, as I know there were once Fillmores living in Walworth who were distantly related to him (and maybe there are still some there).

**Harold Freer's Furnace** By Vaughn Pembroke



**Charlie Pembroke**

The story starts years before as Charlie Pembroke, a furnace man, had to work with tin. This left my Dad very hard of hearing. It's about 3:30 AM when the phone rang and that meant anything from ambulance, fire in town, or trouble call. Dad answers phone with no hearing aids and a voice says "This is Harold Freer. My furnace is out. Can you come? With the normal response, Dad said he would be right there.

I hear the footsteps in the hall which was followed by a "let's go." You see, from the age of 10 to adult I was the gofer. Dad would say I need this or that, and I would go for it. It always puzzled me how his knees were hurting and I was the gofer. I learned at an early age to never question your Dad.

After the second trip to the truck, Dad had the burner out of the furnace and heard a creak on the steps. There was Harold Freer with a shotgun. He sees it's Dad and says "What the hell are you doing, Charlie?" Dad replies: "Fixing your furnace. You called, right?" "Wasn't me," says Harold. Lucky to be alive, Dad put in a new nozzle at no charge.

This left him with the next problem. Who the heck called? How upset are they going to be? We went home. Around 5 to 5:30 AM the phone rings. "This is Harold Freer," says the caller. Dad says "Wait, wait!" Now, with hearing aids in place, Dad hears it is Harold Suhr and he's not a happy customer. His furnace

was repaired and everyone had a chuckle at the problem. From that day on Harold Suhr would yell at the top of his lungs: "You got your hearing aids in?"

For those who do not know it, Walworth was small enough to where you knew almost all the people in town. That saved my Dad's life, maybe mine.

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

During the cooler months, members of the filing committee have been spending their time on Wednesdays in our museum's upstairs. Now all the diaries are in one area, as are the school books, children's toys and books, and other items that pertain to certain events or activities. The new shelves make these items easier to find and gives them a designated space. There is a table for sorting and room to investigate the contents of the many boxes left to be organized; it will be a long process.

The biggest addition to our collection this past season has been scrapbooks of photos from the Walworth Recreation Department. It is a complete collection of photos of all the youth teams involved in our many sports activities. Unfortunately, there are no names to go with the photos; we are appealing to you for this information. The books will be at our booth at Ginewaw Park during the Festival and there will be note paper to identify your children and grandchildren. Thank you for your help.

### **Boy Scouts Do a Good Deed for WHS**

By Becky Appleman

It was a beautiful bright warm Saturday morning on May 10 when Boy Scout Troop 113 from Walworth arrived on the Walworth Museum grounds to undertake our spring clean up. At least 13 scouts, their leaders, several parents and some WHS members came to work, and work they did. We moved a couple of plantings, weeded, trimmed and put down mulch.

Thanks to Roger Keymel, our mulch was delivered and all the brush and clippings were hauled away. Larry McMillan did the edging around all our plantings while Judy McMillan, Becky and Buzz Appleman and their grandchildren, Hunter and Brooke Hurley, also weeded and wheeled mulch. Scout leader Kevin Barci can be very proud of the job the scouts did that day. Everyone was warm and tired when the work was completed but the museum got a fresh, manicured look for spring.

Scouts attending this project were Brad Rush, Jacob Serotta, Adam and John Murtha, Harry Becker, Josh and Jacob Beha, Fred Becker, Cameron Rutkowski, Jason Barci, Daniel Graf, Josh Triou and Connor Kerr. A special thanks to scouts, leaders, parents and WHS members and families for all their help getting our museum grounds cleaned up and back in great shape.



### **Walworth High School Alumni Association**

By Mary Jane Devlin

The Walworth High School Alumni Association held their annual banquet at the Log Cabin Restaurant on June 7, 2014. There were 30 members and guests present. The officers were Marilyn Lynn Williams, President; Homer and Barbara Hennessey Sass, Vice-Presidents. Jessie Menzies Keymel acted as secretary/treasurer in the absence of Joyce Goebert VanHaneghem. Jessie Keymel gave the invocation.

Following dinner, Arlene Duell Suwijn, Class of 1941, gave an interesting talk about the Walworth High School, which has recently been torn down. Mary Jane Cauwels Devlin invited everyone to attend a Walworth Memories program at the museum on October 19 at 2:00 p.m. where we will share memories of the Walworth High School.

Sadly, we lost 7 members since the last meeting. They are: Al Kaper, Rosemary Fraser Ikewood, Jay Taber, Jerry Abraham, Laverne Morrison, Norma Willis Bushwood, and Viola Sass Lawrence. They will be missed by family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Newly elected officers for 2014-2015 are: Carlyle Darron, President; Mary Jane Devlin, Vice-President; and Jessie Keymel, Secretary/Treasurer. After the meeting, conversation and camaraderie were enjoyed by everyone.

## **Fifteen Miles on the Erie Canal Trip**

By Gene Bavis

On June 7, Liz and I led a bus tour along the Erie Canal for 17 participants plus our bus driver. We started at the Dry Dock and Lock in Lyons where we had a tour. We then saw the remains of the Lyons Aqueduct and visited the Hotchkiss Museum where "Peppermint Patty" Alena, President of the Lyons Heritage Society, gave us a great tour. While there, participants got to see two murals. We then drove past Enlarged Erie Locks 56 (Lyons) and 59 (Newark). Next we stopped to see the large canal mural under the East Avenue Bridge in Newark. Our trip from Newark to Palmyra went past remains of the old canal as well as the "Port" of Port Gibson.

When we reached Palmyra, we were served a delicious lunch by Historic Palmyra members. After lunch we saw some of the coverlets in the Alling Coverlet Museum, a quick tour of the Print Shop and a full tour of the Phelps General Store. There was a mural in the parking lot to see as well. Next we visited Aqueduct Park where the old aqueduct and the Aldrich Change Bridge were seen. From there we moved on to Lock 60 where we got out to see a well-preserved example of Enlarged Erie lock.

Next, we visited the original site of the Aldrich Change Bridge where it was easier for us to understand how it worked. Finally, we stopped at Lock 30 of the modern canal. There we could see a section of the Enlarge Erie that still has water in it, a mural and the lock. As luck would have it, several boats were going through the lock at the time we were there, so everyone got to see how a lock works. All in all, I think it was a very good trip and we believe we had satisfied participants.

## **Mural Mania**

By Gene Bavis

I've done several presentations about murals to various groups, and the murals seem to fascinate people. Liz and I visited two significant mural cities (Lakeland, GA and Lake Placid, FL) in February, so photos taken there have been included in my slide shows. Locally, I've been working on four major projects for this summer. I don't have a lot of details to share at the moment, but the projects include:

- A mural celebrating the wedding of Anna and Nellie Yeomans when "Uncle Grover" Cleveland" while between his two presidential terms, came to Walworth to participate in the ceremony.
- Another mural will be the reproduction of our Walworth Historical Society coverlet for the north wall at the Town Hall. This is being undertaken by a Wayne High School student as a Girl Scout Gold Award project.
- The Walworth Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Lions Club and Mural Mania, is conducting "Mural Camp" in July. The goal is to create a mural depicting the Festival in the Park to mount on the south wall of the Lions Club building in the park.
- Lastly, Cameron Jones' mural in Marion is moving along nicely. As you many know he is Ed and Donna Stalker's grandson. We've hired an artist and have a design concept. The mural will depict the Newark-Marion Railroad.

The Walworth Historical Society will be funding the Yeomans Wedding mural as well as the materials for the Town Hall Mural. We will be reaching out to the community for sponsorships. I hope you will consider donating. The Marion Volunteer Ambulance Corps is handling the funding for Cameron's mural and I'm sure Cameron will appreciate your donations, too. Feel free to contact me at 315-573-2768 or [gbavis@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gbavis@rochester.rr.com) if you are interested in supporting these projects.

Lastly, Mural Mania plans to do a presentation at the Global Mural Conference in Sherbrooke, Quebec in August. Our plan is to offer to host the conference in 2016 in Geneva, NY. If accepted, we should get several hundred visitors to our area to see our beautiful murals. We've met some interesting people in our mural journey.

## **We Take Pride in our Town**

By Jessie Keymel

When you pass by the museum take time to check out the Hosta garden. Our plantings around the museum are quite colorful. The red peony was spectacular this year; it is the Grover Cleveland variety - another important symbol reflecting Walworth's famous visitor. Our grounds committee is Judy McMillan and Becky Appleman with spring help from boys from Scout Troop 113 and their leaders and parents. Becky and Judy are enthusiastic gardeners and have extended their volunteer efforts throughout the community. Judy maintains the main flower bed at the town hall and Becky is cleaning up the garden at the front of the Walworth Post Office; taking pride in our town is important to these women. Lastly, a huge thank you to Gene Bavis for plowing the snow and mowing the grass at the museum.

## Display Case: Take Pride in Your Town

By Judy McMillan



The display case theme for the month of June at the Walworth Town Hall is "Take Pride in Your Town"...a colorful array of t-shirts, golf shirts, tote bags, and baseball caps embroidered with "Town of Walworth Founded 1829" by All Stitched Up, a local business. Booklets written by John Traas and Charlie Pembroke about local history are on display. Also featured is a china plate depicting Walworth Academy. All of these items are for sale (a price list is posted) at the Town Clerk's Office--and benefit your Walworth Historical Society. If your choice of color or size isn't there, we can easily order them for you! Please stop and take a moment to look (and shop).

## 2014 Events Calendar

| Date           | Time        | Subject   | Location         |
|----------------|-------------|---|------------------|
| Tues., July 22 | 6:30 PM     | Decorate parade float   | Keymel's         |
| Fri., July 25  | 7:00 PM     | Festival in the Park Parade and Booth                                   | Line-up Main St. |
| Sat., July 26  | 3:30 PM     | Festival in the Park booth  | Ginegaw Park     |
| Mon., Sept. 15 | 7:30 PM     | General Meeting: Program - Edith Farrington: "Life on a Farm 1870-1890" | Museum           |
| Sun., Oct. 5   | 2 - 4 PM    | Open House: Autumn  | Museum           |
| Sun., Oct. 19  | 2 - 3:30 PM | Walworth Memories: Walworth School                                      | Museum           |
| Mon., Nov. 17  | 1:00 PM     | General Meeting: Dennis Bielewicz - "Heroes in the Attic"               | Museum           |

**Board of Trustees Meetings:** Mondays, 7:00 PM at the Museum: Aug. 18 and Nov. 3.

**Open House Hours:** The museum is open June, July, August, and September on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 PM. **Closed: Wednesday July 2, Sunday July 6, and Sunday September 7.** Contact Judy McMillan at 315-524-4219 or Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205 for an appointment for other times.

### Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs

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### Membership Information

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| 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 2014 WHS E-mail Newsletter Bonus Photos:**

All photos on this page except for the top two are of the museum clean-up with the Boy Scouts



**Painting of the Pacific Hotel in Walworth**



**Our museum on Academy Street looking spiffy**



All photos on this page are from the WHS annual meeting, honoring Deb Germain with the Community Service Award, posthumously.

