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President's Message By Jessie Keymel

It is the time of year again that we, your board, appeal to you to come and spend some time at the museum. We need to be open for the residents in our community to come and learn about our rich history.

We are open every Sunday and Wednesday during June, July, August and September from 2 – 4 PM, and we need members to help us keep the museum open. We will be closed the Sundays of the July 4 and September 5 holiday weekends. Please call Jessie or Nancy - phone numbers are listed on the front of this newsletter. Let us know when you can help. It is a fun way to step back in time. We encourage our volunteers to bring their cell phone and a friend to share this opportunity and journey of helping others learn about our past.

Our Collection Continues to Grow By Jessie Keymel

Everybody keeps different items to preserve memories; this is very evident in the variety of objects that come to us as additions to our collections.

Radah Wacenske gave us a gold hat pin, a cuticle pusher and a mother of pearl buckle when she attended a meeting. Judy McMillan brought us a tin measuring cup that was manufactured in Geneva. We received a brass cigarette box, photos and memorabilia from the Esterbelle Southwell and Wilbur Legasse wedding from their niece, Linda Roeland. Helen Triou donated several early yearbooks and school newspapers from Walworth High School. Janice Wignall Mitchell mailed us an old church cookbook. Janice also donated a carousel of 35mm slides of the Walworth area and people taken by the Wignall family in the 1950's; I am sure you will enjoy watching them with us at a later date. We have photos and information on the West Walworth 1st Baptist Church from Molly Hill and a 1980's directory from the 2nd Baptist Church from Peg Mauer.

An old letter of interest found its way back to Walworth. On June 14, 1912, the Principal of Walworth High School, Elvah T. Otis, sent a letter of recommendation to Miss Jessie Holloway. The letter certifies that Miss Holloway was very efficient in carrying out her duties of preceptress, and is recommended as a "teacher of character and ability." This letter was donated by Lori Keenan, who found it in the attic of her home in Rochester's Highland Park area. Many memories expressed in so many ways.

Walworth Hamlet Association By Gene Bavis

The Walworth Hamlet Association was founded in March. The goal is to promote the hamlet area and to create a sense of identity and community. Four officers and six trustees were elected.

A general meeting of the group was recently held followed by a Neighborhood Watch presentation. On June 12, the first social event (a picnic in the park) was held in conjunction with the garage sale weekend in both Gananda and the hamlet. Another garage sale weekend and picnic is being planned for September 17 on the grounds of the Second Baptist Church. A general meeting followed by a program has been scheduled for October 12.

Originally the Walworth Hamlet Association had hoped to have a street dance in August, but - because getting the organization registered with the state and other legal issues took longer than expected - it was decided to put off the street dance until 2012. The Walworth Historical Society was one of the first organizations to join the WHA.

November Meeting Info – Noon Experiment By Dorothy French

Due to several requests, we have decided to schedule one of our four general meetings during the daytime. 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. Please join us for soup, bread and a show.

A Little Info About Us

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. Donations are tax deductible as we have 501(C)(3) status. Our newsletter is published six times a year. The newsletter committee includes Bob Mogray, editor; Gene Bavis, Mary Jane Devlin, Joyce Finney, Dorothy French, and Jessie Keymel.

Gardens of Sunshine and Flowers

By Judy McMillan

And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever come perfect days.... that beautiful sentiment, written by James Russell Lowell, perfectly describes June 18, 2011, when we held our first WHS garden tour.

Nine gardens were the focus of our tour - and they were all lovely and diverse. Many thanks go to all the participants who worked so hard to get ready for the event: Sue and Mike Herrman, Dave and Lynn Reville, Nancy and Leighton Bel, Liz and Gene Bavis, John and Jane Havranek, Roger and Jessie Keymel, Craig and Michele Osterhout, Shirley and Al Osterhout, and Larry and Judy McMillan.

The garden community was well represented with guests who came from near and far with many requests for a "repeat performance." We had some lovely door prizes. We encourage all WHS members to patronize these businesses as they were so very supportive of Walworth Historical Society: Nest Things, Roses in The Hedgerow, Walworth Hardware, Adirondack Mulch & Stone, Harris Garden Center, Mason Farms, Ronald and Margaret Cronk and RC2 Photography, The Lockmeyers, and Keymel's Christmas Trees and Alpacas. Please thank them with your words as well as your dollars! We are critiquing our notes for possible future plans - and we hope you all enjoyed it!



Left: Helen Triou, Winnie Pease, and Mary Earlandt at museum Garden Tour sign-up



Right: Bavis garden photo from June 18 tour

Scrapbook Memories: 1993

By Joyce Finney

These news items were published 18 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 - "A First Lady finally gets role crucial for nation." President Clinton puts his wife in charge of health-care reform. Clinton gives Hillary Rodham Clinton a policy-making role no first lady has ever had.

Januar - Sears, Roebuck and Co., which once sold everything from hay seed to houses by mail order, will discontinue its venerable but money-losing "big book" catalog and end the business that got the company started a century ago.

January - Darryl Triou celebrates 25 years of building custom homes.

February 26 - Seven killed, 500 hurt at World Trade Center; 50,000 are evacuated. An explosion, possibly caused by a bomb, ripped through a hotel parking garage beneath the World Trade Center. It was later determined that a car bomb was detonated below the North Tower by Ramiz Yousef and co-conspirators

March 12 and 13 - Wayne Central High School presents "Brigadoon."

September - Land purchase approved by Wayne voters. On September 22 voters of the Wayne Central School District approved the purchase of land adjacent to the Ontario Center campus from the estate of Edward Galvin. Included in the purchase offer is the donation to the school district of an additional 4-plus acres by Galvin Estates.

September - Home Meal Service celebrates 20 years as Wayne County's Meals on Wheels organization.

September 10 - Ontario Supervisor Robert J. Mogyay, Sr. dies after a year-long battle with lung cancer at the age of 67. He served on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors since 1978 and was majority leader.

A Final Salute to Bill Youngman By Bob Mogray



Bill Youngman

On June 14, 2011, Bill Youngman passed away. Bill was a WHS member and life-long Walworth resident. He has been an active participant in many of our "memories" programs. I have known Bill, his wife Arlene, and his family for many years. At one time, my family lived next door to him. Bill and Arlene babysat my son when he was a small boy. At the time of his passing, Bill had been married to Arlene for 64 years.

Born on February 20, 1926, Bill lived here in Walworth with his family. His father was Ezra, his mother was Ida, and a little known fact is that he had two brothers and five sisters. Bill met his wife Arlene while still in high school. They have a son Richard and three daughters, Lisa, Lori, and Karen. He is also survived by four granddaughters and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was an Army veteran of WWII and served in the Pacific Theater of operation. In 1946 after the war, he came back to Walworth and operated a shoe store in the hamlet. Later he worked at Todd Brothers/Burroughs for almost 40 years, retiring in 1986. Bill was also a member of the Drumlin Square No. 1180 Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Quite the carpenter, he built most of his house on Center Street,

loved to play cards and dominoes, put together puzzles, and send his friends and family emails on his computer. On Saturday, June 18, Bill was laid to rest in the Sherburne Road Cemetery with Military Honors; a Masonic ceremony was also held. Many of his family and friends were there to say good-bye.

May 16 WHS Meeting By Bob Mogray

On Monday, May 16, the Walworth Historical Society held its yearly business meeting at the Lodge at Ginegaw Park. There was excellent attendance of over 60 people and a pot-luck dinner was served. We really appreciate the support of the membership in these meetings and events. After the meal, President Jessie Keymel called the meeting to order. Re-elected were president Jessie Keymel, vice-president Bob Mogray, and secretary Judy McMillan. Trustees Larry Ruth and Dorothy French were elected to new 3-year terms as well. Plans were made for the museum clean-up, the garden tour, Walworth Memories, and the Festival in the Park in July.

One of the highlights of the evening was Carlyle Darron accepting the WHS citizen of the year award from WHS President Jessie Keymel. See the front cover of this issue. Mr. Darron has been a Walworth citizen all of his life as well as a local businessman, owning and operating a dairy farm for many years. Congratulations to Carlyle Darron!

Larry Ruth and Gene Bavis presented a painting of the first herd of Holsteins in Wayne County that has been restored by West Lake Conservators LTD. This painting has been dramatically improved. It has not been framed yet but will soon be ready.

The Lodge is a great place for this function because of its newness, size, and design and is much larger than our museum. There seems to be better attendance every year at this May business meeting.

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 mogray@rochester.rr.com.

“What’s Cooking”

By Mary Jane Devlin

Janice Wignall Mitchell recently donated a cookbook, which was compiled by W. S. C. S. Walworth Methodist Church, to our Museum. We think it was published in the middle to late 1940’s, but we don’t know for sure, or how much it cost. It has some interesting recipes including Switchel (flavored water); squash and peas ring; salmon loaf; butterscotch rolls; orange gingerbread; zip zip cake with gum gum frosting; Russian rocks; snow pudding which uses no snow; and prune conserve.

Many well-known good cooks submitted recipes for this cookbook. They include Helen Sharp, Betty and Daisy Dedie, Ethel Hack, Nellie Wray, Beatrice Cole, Marjorie Clark, Mrs. Daniel Dayton, Grace Pierce, Ella Molner, Cora Bavis, Elsie and Gladys Baker, Dorothy Petty, Eva and Doris Darron, Lucy Fredenburg, Jennie DeFlyer, Bessie Spears, Alice Dayton, Edna Smith, Emily Huntley, Helen Schultz (now Triou), Lucy Franke, Mrs. W. H. F. Newman, Mrs. Clyde Scott, Pearl Billings, Mrs. G. S. Whitmire, Anna Boynton, Edith Keymel, Hazel Bassage, Helen Frowley, Mrs. H. T. Jeffery, Clara Yucker, and Sara Taber.

The advertisers were Hartung Circle Market of Penfield, Anna B. Youngs, Corner Hardware of Marion, The Gift Box, Youngman’s Variety Store, Wick’s Hardware, Shoales Drug Store and Nye Funeral Home of Marion, I. G. A. Store, Marion Hardware, and Stenner Hardware of Penfield.

This cookbook and others may be reviewed at our museum; the museum’s address is listed on the front of this newsletter. We are open Sundays and Wednesdays 2-4 PM June through September.

Walworth High School Alumni Share Memories and More By Jessie Keymel

Did you attend school in Walworth? If so you are welcome to attend the annual Walworth High School Alumni Banquet. This year it was my privilege to join the graduates and friends at this gathering on June 4. The attendance was 52; the class of ‘47 boasted they had 8 out of 15 members present. It was a most enjoyable evening with much laughter and reminiscing. There was a time of sadness when the names of six classmates who passed away this year were read.

We, the Walworth Historical Society, wish to thank the Walworth High School Alumni Association for their constant support through the years. This year we again received treasured pictures from members. Rosemary Ikewood allowed us to copy a photo from the West Walworth School when Miss Beatle was the teacher. Gerry Abraham brought a copy of a photo of the First Baptist Church in West Walworth, taken before the fire. We now have a photo of the graduating class of 1938, thanks to Helen Billings Balman, and a photo of the school band numbering 46 members with Mrs. Forbes as the instructor.

The school newspapers that accompanied these gifts included this class song written by Marie Frowley. *Memories of days gone by, Years of toil and carefree joy, Happiness of boys and girls, Learning lessons, hoarding pear, Pearls of knowledge, gems so fine, Memories sacred, yours and mine.*

Thank you for sharing your treasures with us - we will take good care of them.

God Bless America

By Bob Mogray

This year’s Walworth Festival in the Park is on Friday, July 22, and Saturday, July 23. The theme for this year is "God Bless America." The parade will be on Friday and will start at 7:00 pm. The line-up begins on Main Street and heads west at the signal light, ending at Ginegaw Park. The Walworth Historical Society will again enter a float in the parade and will have a booth at the park on Friday and Saturday.

We will be selling or taking orders of shirts, caps, and tote bags at our booth. The embroidered emblem has the words “Walworth, NY, founded 1829” surrounding a picture of the Academy School. Please call WHS president Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work on our float. We will assemble at the Keymel house at 4836 Walworth-Ontario Road on Tuesday night, July 19, at 6:00 to put the float together. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tent at the park on Friday the 22nd at noon.

We are also looking for volunteers to spend an hour or two at the WHS table in the tent at the Festival. We will need to cover from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Friday night and also from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Saturday. This event is rapidly approaching and if you would like to help in decorating the float at Keymels house and or setting up or sitting at the tent in the park, please call any officer or board member. The more help we have, the easier it will be. We hope to see you there.

School Daze/Mildahn School: 1932 By Dorothy French

The schoolhouse located at the corner of County Line and Mildahn Roads was District #12 and was built in 1875. It originally was part of the Walworth district school system but joined with Penfield Central School District during the 1949 centralization. Current owners Mike and Sue Herrman purchased the property 26 years ago and are only the second family to live there. The Herrmans have spent many hours landscaping their 1 1/3 acres into theme gardens, which were stop #1 on our June 18 garden tour.

The left photo below was donated by Howard Triou, who is one of the students pictured. Other students are: *First row, left to right by blackboard:* Betty Stalker, Howard Triou, Merle Copeland, Gladys Smith, Lucy Furman, and Marjorie VanHall. *Middle row:* Peter DeRooy, Harlan Doebereiner, Maude Vane, Edna Vane, Gladys VanHall, and Anna Wosonki. *Right:* Elizabeth Brushhouser, Janet Osborn, Harvey Ressue, James Elias, and William Wosonki.



Inside Mildahn School #12 in 1932



Mildahn School #12 today

It's Spring Clean-Up Time at the Museum By Dorothy French



On two Saturdays in May (the 7th and 14th), members of the Walworth Historical Society met at the museum to undertake the annual clean-up chore required to make our museum and grounds a showpiece. As “homeowners” of our museum property, we know the constant upkeep requires a lot of work and many volunteers. Members scrubbed, vacuumed, cleaned windows, weeded, mowed, trimmed trees and bushes – whatever needed to be done. They were pleasantly surprised to discover the mulch had been delivered and spread by two young people before they arrived.

Clean-Up Crew: left to right – Mike McEwen, Larry Ruth, Sonny French, Becky Appleman, Judy McMillan, Gene Bavis, and Larry McMillan. Liz Bavis stopped mowing long enough to have her photo taken with the clean-up crew.

The Roads of Lincoln: Part 4 By Mary Jane Devlin

Join us as we continue our 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 names of residents as of 1973.

If you can provide more information, please contact me at 315-986-1512.

Old #	New #	<u>Lewis Road from Plank Road Going South</u>
		* Eugene and Mary Sydor
37	4957	Jessie and _____ Sarafine; * Richard and Karen Blum
60	4908	* Ludolph and Mildren Duyssen; Elsie Birdsall; Leon and Monica Gabel
79	4871	* R. Johnson
97	4835	* Vincent and Jeannette Albright
110	4822	Jay and _____ Lewis, Richard, Edwin, Donald; * Roy and Ethel Howie
111	4817	* Gosman
132	4778	* Stanley and Louise Weller
133	4775	* Gerard and Mary Huberth
138	4768	* Candi Tantalo
137	4767	Walter and Betty Shepherd
147	4749	*Richard and Shirley Lewis
149	4749	* David and Shirley Schultz; Stan and Marlene Niles in Frederes' old house
209	4625	Steve and Ruth Swadling, Eleanor, Bernice, June, Beulah, Melvin and William; * Bruce and Sally Thomas
	4612	Harvey and _____ Mathewson
261	4521	* Charles and Helanta Lee
271	4501	* Robert and Helen Hart
282	4480	David and _____ Rutan; * Gerald Lamb

Old #	New #	<u>Lincoln Road beginning at Kuttruff Road</u>
426	4184	* William and Loretta Groell
420	4196	* Louis and Carol Pellegrino
396	4240	* James and Margaret Oneacre
376	4276	* Edward and Marjorie Kolls
361	4309	* Lois Ryan; Charles and Edith Cook, daughter Florence and Leonard Johncox, Beverly
350	4336	* James and Rosemary Paige; Crane, children Ronald, Shirley, and Marjorie
333	4365	* Jerimiah and Carol McCarthy
321	4395	* Paul and Elaine Pytel
318	4396	* George and Pearl Bauer
313	4409	* Charles and Agnes Schultz, Linda
312	4410	* Minnie Schrader
304	4424	* George Bauer
301	4433	* Roy Welker
		NOTE: the houses #4184 through #4433 were formerly on Lincoln Road South; this is now West Walworth Road.

Old #	New #	<u>Lincoln Road - Going North from Atlantic Avenue</u>
	4451	Lincoln Road - Going North from Atlantic Avenue
	4457	Fred and Bessie Berbig, Clarice, Eleanor, Bessie, Fred Jr.. Gus Williams was stabbed and killed by a man who broke into their home to rob them. Mrs. Williams saw the robber but she died before the trial. Gus Williams was Maurice Hillegeer's stepfather.
269	4497	* John Collins, resident
253	4527	* James and Donna Principe
249	4537	* Robert and Cynthia Maness
245	4547	* Ronald and Sandra Naumchick
241	4557	* Richard and Sharon Battaglia
	4570	Wooster Farm. Herbert and Mabel Smith, Joyce and Marlene. Charles "Chuck" and Margaret Hershey (to be continued.....)

Paintings by Yeomans – A Status Report

By Gene Bavis

In February, we reported to you that we had received a couple of grants to help us stabilize and restore the two Clara Billings Yeomans paintings we own. These paintings were donated to the WHS many years ago by Emily Tuttle Huntley. Since they were in poor condition, we never displayed them. Last fall, we decided it was time to do something with them, and we set the wheels in motion to bring about restoration. The more we learned, the more enthusiastic we became.

The first painting has been restored, but not framed yet. The art conservator we worked with indicated that our paintings are excellent examples of 19th century folk art. Furthermore, they are important because the herd of Holstein cattle that Theron G. Yeomans brought here in 1879 was a significant importation in dairy history. Mr. Yeomans was the first President of the Holstein Friesian Association. If you attended our May meeting you got to see the painting.



Last month, I applied for another grant to restore the second painting. This painting is of Aggie, one of the prize-winning cows in the herd. We will know if we get the grant by September. The two paintings, once framed and hung, will be part of an important exhibit at our museum.

(Left) Larry Ruth and (right) Gene Bavis with the restored Holstein painting.

**Walworth Historical Society
2011 Events Calendar**

Date	Time	Subject	Location
Tues., July 19	6:00 PM	Decorate museum float for Festival parade	Keymel's
Fri., July 22	7:00 PM 6 'til dark	Festival in the Park Parade: line up @ 6:30 Booth at the park	Line up on Main St. Ginegaw Park
Sat., July 23	3 'til dark	Festival in the Park: booth	Ginegaw Park
Mon., Sept. 19	7:30 PM	General Meeting: Program to be announced	Museum
Sun., Oct. 2	2-5 PM	Open House. Theme: Fall on the Farm	Museum
Sun., Oct. 16	2-3:30 PM	Walworth Memories: "Characters We Have Known" – Part 2	Museum
Mon., Nov. 21	Noon	General Meeting. Soup and a Show (see story elsewhere in this newsletter)	Museum

Board of Trustee Meetings: Mondays: 7:00 PM at the Museum. August 15 and 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.

July 2011 WHS Newsletter Bonus e-mail Photos

All of the photos on the next 4 pages are from the Walworth Garden Tour on June 18, 2011







