



## *Walworth Historical Society Newsletter*

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### **Fashion Show at the WHS Museum** By Bob Mogray

On Monday, March 20, at 7:30 PM the Walworth Historical Society will sponsor a fashion show entitled "A Fashion Tour Through History." This will be part of our regular March meeting at the museum on Academy Street. Through the years, we have accumulated many articles of clothing from people who have donated them to the museum. We thought that it would be nice to demonstrate some of these old and out-of-date items of clothing to our membership. Most of these clothes are stored in the museum upstairs and don't often see the light of day. This will change for this meeting as we will show them in a fashion show. Formal dress, wedding attire, and military uniforms are only a few of the categories that we will have on hand. Four of these items are shown in the photo above and there will be many more as we share a few stories about them. This should be a fun meeting as we take a look at some styles of clothes from the past. We hope to see you there and we really appreciate your support for our programs. As always, refreshments will be served after the meeting. Hope to see you there.

### **About Our Newsletter** By Bob Mogray

Just a quick report about our Walworth Historical Society's newsletter. Since this committee has been involved with the creation of these newsletters in early 2006, we have published 59 of them, including this one! We are a few stories short of 900 articles. Stories have been submitted by board members, WHS officers, WHS members, others from the Walworth area, and former residents now living in Colorado and other states. If you have a story about the past that has information about the Walworth area or about your personal experiences, we would like to share this with our members in this newsletter. We are also very interested in old photos of the Walworth area from the past. If you could let us borrow them to scan for our files, we would return them unharmed. Please contact any officer or board member with any stories or photos. Also, thanks to the members of the newsletter committee. They have done a superb job and worked very hard to produce an excellent newsletter full of historical information and stories of the past!

**Light the Night** By Judy McMillan



"Light the Night" is a wonderful Walworth celebration of the holiday season and includes a festival of trees. Our Christmas tree decorated by Becky Appleman, Liz Bavis, and Judy McMillan was decked out in white. There were many beautiful trees and Walworth Historical Society is always a part of this fun event.



**Walworth Township – Its Beginnings** By Dorothy French

*Thanks to the perseverance and knowledge of former town historian John Traas, the history of the Walworth area has been preserved in booklet form. In 1989, John authored "Walworth – From Douglas Corners to Gananda;" the booklet is available for \$4.50 at our museum or at the town clerk's office. Some tidbits of information:*

**Farming in early Walworth:** Fruit farming was quite extensive, resulting in numerous orchards consisting primarily of apples and sour cherries. However, the orchards gradually disappeared, especially after the hard freeze of the winter of 1934 when the temperature dropped to 22 degrees below zero, killing many of the trees.

Dairy farming was well suited for this area. In 1879 Theron G. Yeomans imported the first herd of Holstein cattle, including the Princess of Wayne who became the second cow in the world to produce over 20,000 pounds of milk in a year. Theron became a successful breeder and was elected president of the Holstein Breeders' Association. Theron Yeomans' descendants continued in the dairy business for many years.

General purpose farming was a way of life for many. These small farms covered most of Walworth in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Most of the area residents earned their livelihood from farming. They either owned a farm, worked on a farm, or worked in a farm-related business such as apple dry house, creamery, gristmill, tannery, cannery, feed store, blacksmith shop, or sawmill. (To Be Continued.....)

**We Were on Display** By Judy McMillan

Walworth Historical Society has been responsible for various displays in the glass case in the Walworth Town Hall lobby. In September, we featured photos of Walworth schools from the past. In November and December our theme was "Fine Needlework." On display from our museum's vast collection were beautifully crafted doilies, aprons, pot holders, baby hats, booties, and a lovely baby gown (probably for a christening). We had examples of tatting, crocheting, knitting and sewing along with various implements. During February "Recent Photos of the Walworth Area" filled the display case; the beautiful color prints of our town were taken by our talented Vice-President Bob Mogray.



## An Interview with Grandma Bills By Dorothy French

*Editor's Note: On November 26, 1975, Mrs. Glenn C. (Agatha) Bills was interviewed by her son, Charles Bills. Agatha was 76 years old and resided at the Fairport Baptist Home in Fairport. The cassette tape was recently found in the town historian's files at the museum. It detailed information of Agatha's life in West Walworth with her husband and family. She passed away June 16, 1976.*



**Above left - The Bills Family - back row, left to right: Mrs. Charles L. (Carrie) Bills and her grandchildren: Charles, Donald, Beth, Agatha (Glenn's wife), Howard and Elsie (Charles' wife). Front row: Glenn (Carrie's son) and Richard**

**Left: Glenn C. and Agatha (Freer) Bills**

*(Both photos courtesy of Agatha's granddaughter, Bonnie Bills Bendschneider)*

Agatha was born April 13, 1899, to Frank and Maude (Phillips) Freer in a cobblestone house on Downs Road. She had five brothers (J. D., Floyd, Francis, Russell, and twins Harley and Harlan) and six sisters (Margaret, Helen, Mina, Eva, Florence, and Mabel). When she was five years old she walked to the Freewill School at the corner of Lewis Road and Atlantic Avenue (District #8). When she was 12 years old the family moved to West Walworth and the Freer children attended the West Walworth School (District #3). Her fond memories of the school included the Christmas programs and the Nativity scene at the First Baptist Church of West Walworth. Later she and her brother, J.D., attended the Walworth Academy.

Charles L. and Carrie (Sweet) Bills had two sons, Glenn C. and Claude. In approximately 1900 Charles L. and his son, Glenn C., built a dry house behind the rear of Charles' and Carrie's home. Agatha worked there before and after her marriage to Glenn C. Her job was to operate a gasoline-powered engine that peeled and pared the apples and trimmed them. Agatha said the dry house stopped operating in early 1920's because there was no sale for dried apples. It was in West Walworth in 1919 that Agatha married Glenn C. Bills. Their marriage resulted in 7 children: Harvey, Howard, Marvin, Charles, Donald, Esther and Elizabeth (Beth).

Charles L. operated a grocery store at the end of the Bills Block, a building located at the southwest corner of West Walworth and Bills Roads. After his death and the passing of his brothers, William J. and George, Glenn C. and Agatha managed the store. At one time the Post Office was located in the Bills Block; Agatha was postmistress from 07.01.1929 – 11.30.1929. Glenn C. had a mail route for 13 years, driving between post offices in West Walworth, Lincoln, and Macedon Center and then to the train station, where he picked up the mail for the return trip. Agatha also delivered the mail and remembered driving through snow banks and mud up to the car's axle.

The tape ends abruptly in mid-sentence, leaving the listener to wonder what other memories Agatha shared. Not mentioned was the address of their home at 600 Bills Road or the number of years Glenn C. drove a school bus for Walworth High School.

## From Your President By Jessie Keymel

Now that everyone has their calendars set up for 2017, please reserve a time for volunteering at the Walworth Historical Society's Museum. As you know we are dependent on our members volunteering to keep the museum open to the public every Sunday and Wednesday from 2 until 4 PM for the months of June, July, August and September. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays are covered by the Filing Committee. According to the register you sign every time you visit the museum, there were 594 visitors. Some were families and Scouts who did not sign individually, so I can say with confidence we had over 600 visitors in 2016. I thank you for your time and hope that you spend your time enjoying our collections. Volunteers should contact Judy McMillan at 315-524-4219 with your choices of dates.

**Memories: Helen Darron Schultz Triou**      By Dawn Russell

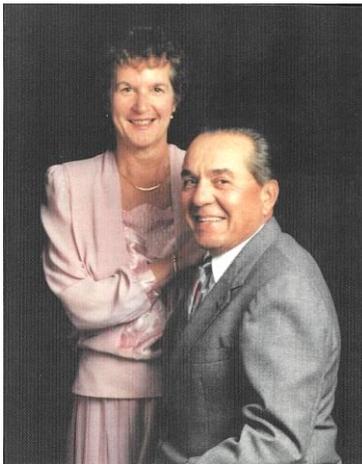
Helen Darron Schultz Triou is 88 years old and was born on December 15, 1928. Her parents were Eva (Osterhout) and Leigh Darron. She has one sibling named Carlyle. Helen's father was a dairy farmer and her mother cared for Newark State School residents in their home.

When Helen was born, they lived on Downs Road in Walworth; later when Helen was about 16 years old the family moved to Walworth-Penfield Road in Walworth. There weren't any neighbors nearby their home so she had no one to play with. Helen enjoyed her dolls and playing in the hay barn with her brother, Carlyle. One time they hitched a dog to an old cart. Helen remembers riding in the cart. Her childhood friend was Gerry Reynolds Lonneville, Judge Reynolds' daughter. Helen helped on the farm to set cabbage and pick sweet corn for market, etc. She learned how to bake from her mom and from being in 4H. Her 4H leaders were Emily Huntley and Bertha Wignall. She learned how to sew and bake while in 4H and entered her work in the Wayne County Fair.

Helen attended Walworth High School from first grade through twelfth grade. Until age 10, there wasn't bus transportation to and from school. Myrtie Kelly, a neighbor, and Helen's mom would transport the children to school. Helen walked the two miles home from school most days. At age 10 transportation was provided by the school - first a large car and then a school bus. Helen started piano lessons in the second grade and clarinet lessons in the third grade. While in high school, she was active in chorus, band, and cheerleading for the basketball team. She also belonged to a group named the Triple Trio. They would perform at various school functions. Helen graduated from Walworth High School in 1946. Her graduating class had ten students - nine girls and one boy.

After graduating, Helen worked as a secretary for the Todd Company in Rochester for three years. She grew up knowing her husband-to-be, Harold Schultz. When they were going to march in the school band at Williamson and she needed a ride, Harold offered to take her and romance began. They dated and were married on her birthday, December 15, 1948. Harold worked for Garlock Company in Palmyra. Later he became Walworth town rural mail carrier. He was well liked for the job he did; however he developed back problems and after eleven years he had to resign. He went to work as a carpenter with his brother, Richard. Helen and Harold lived in an apartment on Canandaigua Road when first married. Thereafter they moved to locations in Walworth: Main Street, Church Street and Walworth-Penfield Road. They built a house on Smith Hill Road in Walworth in 1975 where they lived for many years.

In 1972 they bought a cottage in the Adirondacks and rebuilt it in 1990. Now their daughter Diane and her husband Dan own it. Helen has great memories of visiting the cottage through the years. While living on Church Street Helen met Winnie Pease, her backyard neighbor. They became best friends and traveled together. Many trips were enjoyed by them, especially a very special trip to Hawaii. Sadly, Winnie passed away last year at the age of 95; Helen misses her very much.



**Helen and Harold 1988**



**Helen and Howard 2005.**

Helen and Harold have three children: Wayne, Diane, and Kevin. They have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They were married 58 years. Harold developed dementia and passed away in the year 2005.

Howard Triou, a friend of Helen's, lost his wife two months after Harold passed. Their bond grew and Howard and Helen were married on July 7, 2007. Helen was retired from Wayne Central School where she was a secretary for 18 years and Howard was retired from building many homes in Walworth and surrounding towns. Howard was a good fisherman, hunter and trapper. He would harvest crabs in the summer and sell them to vendors near the Irondequoit Bay Bridge. They also enjoyed being home and family time. Sadly, Howard passed away in 2015.



Helen 1946



Helen 2017

Helen is a life-time member of the Walworth Methodist Church. She served as choir director and organist for 44 years. She still attends church when she is able. Helen now resides at the Wayne County Nursing Home in Lyons. She loves listening to music and still adores dolls. She is the president of the Resident Counsel and she has also formed a choir. Her nieces come to visit her faithfully once a week and she looks forward to their visits. Helen is active at the Home; she plays euchre with residents and friends such as Dorothy and Sonny French. She also enjoys playing chicken foot/dominos. She has a close friend Hazel who she met at the Home. They pal around and are called the trouble makers. Helen misses living in Walworth where she had lived all of her life. She says that is where her heart lies and if able she would still be living here in Walworth.

**Nominations Needed for Community Service Award**

By Jessie Keymel

In the spring of 1990 the Walworth Historical Society instituted what has become the annual Community Service Award to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to the life of the Town of Walworth and its residents. Since then this award has been given to couples and even organizations who have contributed to making Walworth a "Pleasant place to live and a good place to raise a family" (a quote from John Traas in his booklet "Walworth - from Douglas Corners to Gananda".) We again ask for your help with nominations for this year's award. Please send your suggestions to the Walworth Historical Society, P.O. Box 142, Walworth, NY 14568 before April 1. The final decision will be made at our board meeting April 10. Thank you for your suggestions.

**Our Collection Continues to Grow**

By Jessie Keymel

Walworth continues to change, as shown in our donations since the last newsletter. We have added two more class photos to our growing collection. Ruth Kessler Weykman has contributed a photo of the 1943 graduating class of Walworth High School and Joyce Thedens Finney has given us a photo of an elementary class in the West Walworth School #3; neither school exists now. Other items we have received include: the Bown blacksmith sign from the Walworth Historical Society's float in the 1979 Sesquicentennial Parade thanks to the Englerts; information from Senator Nozzolio's retirement and the sign from the Walworth Food Pantry from Becky Appleman; a collection of photos and memorabilia from the Elton May/DeBrine family from Ann White Palmer; and an aerial photo of the Valentine farm/the location of Carey Lake from Joyce Thedens Finney. Thank you all for helping us with our chartered purpose to collect, preserve, and display items of historical importance to the Town of Walworth.

**Stories About the Erie Canal**

By Gene Bavis

Our November meeting featured author Michael Keene from Pittsford, NY. This is the second time that Mike has spoken to our group and each time we had a full house. Mike has written 9 books about various topics (some rather bizarre) and he enjoys sharing those stories with live audiences. His presentation was based on his book, "The Physic Highway: How the Erie Canal Changed America." The following quotes summarize the story:

*"This powerful waterway carried a flotilla of radicals, visionaries, social reformers, and prophets bent on the idea of creating a new society. It was as if a bolt of electricity struck Western New York lighting it up as fertile ground for ideas and lifestyles that had never been expressed or attempted before."*

*"It delivered people to important places for important reasons, like Susan Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott to Seneca Falls for history's first women's convention; to Rochester to meet and support abolitionists Frederick Douglass and Harriett Tubman or to witness the Fox Sisters summon spirits and their eerie knockings. Or maybe people on the temperance bandwagon hurrying to the Burned Over District so Charles Finney could save their souls."*

Mike's presentations are always well prepared and well presented. Over 40 members and guests attended. To learn more about the author and his books, visit his website: <http://www.ad-hoc-productions.com/about.html#>

*Editor's Note: This is the 6th 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 November 2016 issue featured the Baptist Community Center. The story continues with the Masonic Lodge previously located on this site and its history.*

A "History of Walworth Masonic Lodge #254 F&AM 1852-2001" was compiled by Howard Bassage, Past Master and Lodge historian, and completed by others after Howard's death in 1986. His painstaking research of old Lodge minutes illustrates the many years this fraternal organization has served the Walworth area.

A Masonic Lodge existed in Walworth as early as 1819, but eventually disbanded; a fire in 1852 destroyed those records. That year the present Lodge was formed; and members met at the home of Brother Jones Findley. Because of the load of work, meetings were held at six o'clock. Six spittoons were purchased and placed in the home of Brother Findley.

**Feb. 17, 1844:** Building was sold to Benjamin Billings of Palmyra. (This is the first record of this building.) Title to the structure was transferred to a new owner about every two years.

**Jan. 23, 1864:** 127 members were present at a supper paid for by the Lodge at a cost of 38 cents.

**Oct. 1, 1878:** Building was sold to Sam Ingraham. On that same day, he sold the second floor to the Walworth Lodge and the first floor to James Benton. At that time the deed stated the Lodge had perpetual right of way to the rear of the building by way of the lane to the north, where there was a stairway leading to the second floor. There were 465 Lodge members.

**Sept. 1902:** James sold the lower part to John Rosencrans for \$925. James had operated the first floor as a grocery store for 24 years.

**Mar. 30, 1906:** John sold the first floor to the Lodge for \$950; he had used the area as a pool room for four years. For many years the first floor was rented to several tenants. In the mid 1930's a store was operated by the Conant Bros. An undated winter photograph shows a Tinsmith sign hanging over the front door.



*Photo courtesy of Eugene Reynolds family*

*1940's: IGA Store: Gordon Youngman Photo*

**1942 – 1951:** From 1942 to 1951 Howard and Ethel Triou operated an IGA grocery store on the site. The Trious purchased the business from Joe Finley and in 1952 sold it to Don Brockman and Bud Ennis.

**1952:** Walworth Lodge #254 observed its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a banquet held in the Walworth High School auditorium for several hundred people.

**Aug. 2, 1968:** The Lodge and two buildings to the south were razed to make room for the new Lodge. A story about the small store and house will be detailed in our next issue. Money for the Lodge's building material was donated by many of its members, in addition to a small loan from Clifford Huntley. The loan was repaid in 1977 by putting on dinners and running a food booth at the Wayne County Fair in Palmyra.



**Piano being removed from 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room**

*(Photos courtesy of Gordon Youngman)*



**Demolition of Masonic Lodge**

**1968-1969:** Construction of the new Lodge, built by the labor of many members.

**May 29, 1971:** Dedication of the new Temple: Through the years the Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, and Amaranth hosted blood drives for the American Red Cross, put on pancake breakfasts for the benefit of Mercy Flight, and rented the dining room to the Town of Walworth for use by senior citizen groups as a meeting place



**Left: 1991: Hanging the new Lodge sign over front entrance are Ed Lonneville on left side of ladder and Norman Vane on right side. Bottom of ladder is Bill Youngman. (Photo courtesy of Gordon Youngman)**

**Dec. 6, 2001:** Due to declining membership and a need to unite Masons at one location in this area of Wayne County, a consolidation of Palmyra #248, Walworth #254, and Macedon #665 Lodges was approved and the organization became known as Drumlin Square Lodge #1180. Meetings are held at the Palmyra Masonic Hall, which is located in the village on Main Street/Route 31 on the ground floor.

**Aug. 15, 2002:** Walworth Lodge was sold to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church of Walworth for \$26,000. The Walworth Masons decided to donate \$5,000 each to three local organizations: Walworth Historical Society, Walworth-Seely Public Library, and Walworth Cemetery Association. This was their way of returning something to the community that had meant so much to the Masons. The building continues its new life as the Walworth Baptist Community Center.



**Recipients of the Walworth Mason's check are front row, left to right: Gordon Youngman and Jessie Keymel (WHS), Joanna Lynch and Mary Zingerella (WSPL); back row: Bob Houghtaling (WSPL), Dorothy French (WHS and WSPL), Ellen Dietterick (WSPL), and Rick Darron (WCA).**

**Next buildings to be featured:  
The small store and house south of #3697 Main Street**

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

**Women’s Suffrage in Wayne County** By Gene Bavis

As Town Historian and a Trustee of the Walworth Historical Society, I play an active role in the Wayne Historians Organization (WHO) that meets 6 times a year to share information and assist one another in promoting local history. This year is the kick off for the celebration and study of Women’s Suffrage. Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian, is leading a county-wide effort to highlight the Women’s Suffrage movement here in Wayne County. The kick off will be a couple of meetings (May 15 and June 6) in Lyons where Dr. Judith Wellman will help our group learn about the movement and how to research our local suffrage movement roots. **We are looking for a VOLUNTEER interested in the Women’s Suffrage Movement to serve as a liaison between the county group and the Walworth Historical Society.** If you are interested, please contact Gene Bavis for more information. ([gbavis@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gbavis@rochester.rr.com) or 315-573-2768)

**In Memory of Arline W. Taber (December 20, 1926 - January 14, 2017)**

By Gene Bavis and Mary Ellen Taber

For MANY years, Jay and Arline lived on Penfield Road. Jay was an English teacher at Wayne Central High School and many of us were one of his students. We saw Arline around Walworth Elementary School and later at the District Office where she worked. During tax season for a few years, she worked with Charlie and Elsie Bills on taxes. She was a charter member when the Walworth Historical Society was formed in 1975 and missed very few of our meetings and events. Jay and Arline were married in August of 1953 and lived in an apartment on High Street above the Duell’s. Later, they purchased the home on Penfield Road where they raised their daughters, Mary Ellen and Joan. In 2005 they moved to West Webster. After Jay’s death Arline moved to Baywinde. She was also a life-long member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Webster.

To quote Mary Ellen, “She was a magnificent cook, baker, and seamstress and has probably sewed, mended or hemmed something for pretty much everyone in Walworth at some point!” Arline made the curtains for our museum. Bertha Pembroke also said that Arline would often call the Pembrokes about 9 PM in the evening to play Forty-Two (a domino game), and that the games would often last until 1 AM.

Mary Ellen also said, “We had a rule growing up ... we needed to be home from wherever we were playing by the time the noon whistle finished blowing. Staurings, Simpsons, Bels... all had the same rule... if we weren’t there, none of us could leave the yard that afternoon... a fate worse than death! Growing up in Walworth was priceless!” Arline was one of the moms, grandmothers, friends, and neighbors that made it that way! She is survived by her daughters, her granddaughters (Sara and Maggie) and her sister (Marion Campbell).

**Apr. 2 Walworth Memories – Where Did You Shop?** By Dorothy French

Prior to shopping malls, local folks were faced with a logistic question of where to purchase furniture, appliances, automobiles, etc. There were several grocery stores, a hardware store and a gas station in the Walworth area to provide the basics, but where did the residents purchase their big ticket items? Palmyra? Webster? Ontario? Rochester? Come to our Sunday, April 2, Walworth Memories program and tell us where you or your parents shopped. Join us at the museum, 2257 Academy Street, from 2 – 3:30 PM and share your stories. The program and refreshments are free and the public is invited – a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

**2017 Events Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon., Mar. 20	7:30 PM	General Meeting: “A Fashion Tour Through History”	Museum
Sun., April 2	2-3:30 PM	Walworth Memories: “Where Did You Shop?”	Museum
Mon., May 15	6:15 PM	Annual meeting, pot luck supper, election of officers, Community Service Award. Program: TBA	Lodge at Ginegaw Park
Tues., July 18	6:30 PM	Decorate float for Festival in the Park parade	Keymel’s
Fri., July 21	7:00 PM	Festival in the Park parade and booth	Main St/Park
Sat., July 22	3-9 PM	Festival in the Park booth	Ginegaw Park
Mon., Sept. 18	7:30 PM	General meeting: Mike Harland "WW I"	Museum
Sun., Oct. 8	2-4 PM	Open House. Path Through History Weekend	Museum
Mon., Nov. 20	1:00 PM	General meeting: Program TBA	Museum

**Board of Trustee Meetings:** April 10, June 12, Aug. 14, and Nov. 13 at 2:00 PM at the museum.

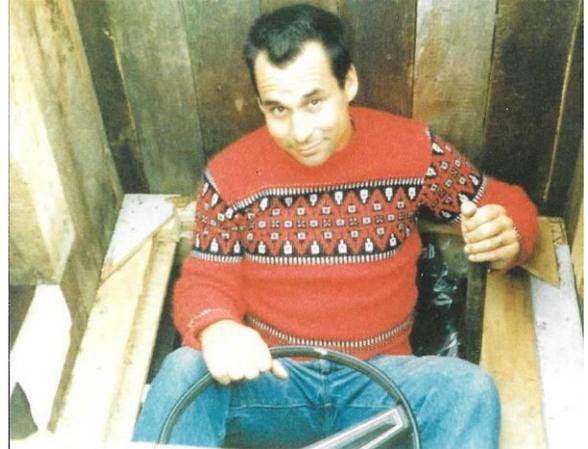
**Open House Hours:** Museum open June, July, August, and September on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons 2 - 4 PM. Contact Judy McMillan at 315-524-4219 or Becky Appleman at 315-524-3289 for appointment for other times.

The 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Town of Walworth was observed in a year-long celebration that brought together residents and organizations at a variety of events. It's a sure bet that residents who lived here in 1829 when Walworth was organized would have a difficult time seeing the progress made in this township in a century and a half.

Our September 1979 newsletter spotlighted the year-long celebration. One of the highlights was a spectacular parade with more than 70 units participating, including floats, marchers, antique cars and equipment, fire departments, bands, clowns and horses.



**WHS float depicting William Bown's blacksmith shop. In 1880 the shop was located behind the house owned by Charlie Pembroke (in 1979) at 2209 Penfield-Walworth**

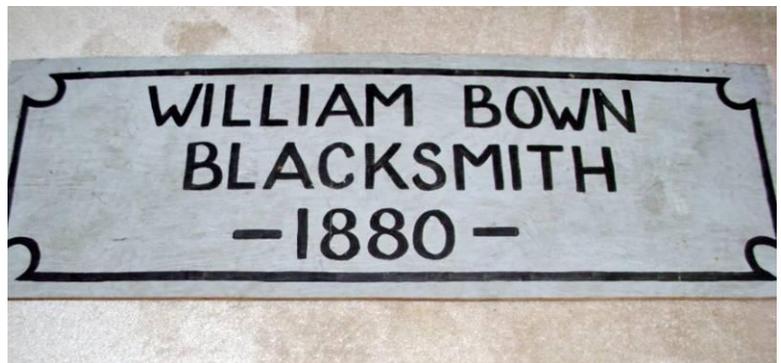


**Joe Englert in float's well**

The Walworth Historical Society's blacksmith float was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for Walworth history. Thanks were extended to Joe and Marcia Englert and the 15 people who helped them put the float together. The float was powered by an engine located in the center of the float and driven by Joe from inside the well. Others on the float were Goldie (the horse owned by Sherry Moss), horse handler Jim Moss, and Bill Wemple. Bob Plant was the horse shoer and Mike Moss cranked the forge blower. The float was driven at several area events, where it received special awards.



**Float riders and helpers: Left to right: Jim, Mike and Sherry Moss; Bob Plant; Joe Englert and Steve Terrant**



**Float sign recently donated to WHS by Joe and Marcia Englert.**

Special recognition was given to Joe Finley, who came from Aiken, South Carolina, with his wife, Lorraine, to be the parade's Honorary Grand Marshall. The Grand Marshall was Jay Taber, who was also chairman of the parade committee. Other committee members were Arline Taber, Lyle and Jean Bassage and Roger Pembroke.

**From a School to Apartments**      By Dorothy French

What a difference seven years make! The photo on the left was taken in 2010 on High Street. It shows the deteriorating condition of the 1956 addition to Walworth High School which was located at the corner of Academy and High Streets for 84 years. The school was closed in 1980 and was transformed into the Academy Street Apartments. It was purchased by Alex Tamoutselis in 2006, following years of extensive vandalism which resulted in the building being condemned and then demolished in April 2014.

The photo on the right was taken February 2017 from the same location. Work is progressing on the Walworth Village Apartment complex; tentative completion of the two-building structure is scheduled for the end of 2017. A third building will be erected in the future. Ironically, students who attended the school could soon be occupying one of the apartments.



**Logistics of Painting the Office**      By Jessie Keymel

How difficult and time consuming is it to paint a small room? Considerably...when you consider an area filled with computers, files, two desks, reference material and a multitude of other items. The Filing Committee recently spent two afternoons removing items that could be pushed, pulled, or carried into the meeting room. The heavy items were left for the painters to remove or reposition. Then Stan and Louise Weller began the tedious work of preparing the room for paint (we believe it had not been re-painted since 1989). Many hours later, it was time to put the room back in order. The photo shows Sonny French and Stan and Louise Weller installing the shelving. We are grateful to them and also to all our volunteers who help us maintain our museum.

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**Level of Membership**

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___ Supporting	\$ 25.00
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**Holstein cow painting before restoration**



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**Evergreen Place before fire**



**Evergreen Place after the 2016 fire**



**WHS museum 1989**



**WHS museum 2016**



**Above:** 1950's Walworth Street Dance banner  
**Below:** Joe and Lorraine Finley



**Above:** Spectators from a 1970's parade  
**Below:** Walworth High School band



**Below:** Installing curbs in Walworth



**Bottom right:** Decorating the Main Street Christmas tree

