

Walworth Historical Society Newsletter

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April 6: Learn and Share About the Past

March 21 Program Walworth History in Pictures

Kay Scott, our Curator will present a slide show of Walworth's history at this meeting. She has entitled it "A Historical Picture Tour of the Township."

The March 21 meeting will be held at the Walworth Historical Society Museum beginning at 7:30 PM. We hope that all members will invite a guest to join us.

Since members of the Walworth Historical Society tend to have a "sweet tooth" you can count on the fact that refreshments will be served! Don't miss out!

Our Calendar Project

The Walworth Historical Society has produced a 2005 Calendar. Thanks to the leadership of Dorothy French, this project is has exceeded our original expectations! **This is a great keepsake!** Not only does it have interesting pictures, but the "tidbits" of history will be worth reading each year. The Board has decided that we will undertake a Calendar project for 2006 also. The 2005 Calendar is available at Walworth Hardware and at the Walworth Town Clerk's Office. While we are into the year, you will still want one, so don't wait any longer! Thanks to those who purchased one or more and to our advertisers who helped underwrite the cost of producing it.

The Website is coming!

Our address will be:

Dues are Due on May 1

The Walworth Historical Society operates on a May 1- April 30 fiscal year. Your dues are therefore due on 5/1/05 (unless you are a Life Member).

Dues categories are as follows:

Individual \$6, Joint or Family \$10, Student \$3, Corporate/Business \$25, Life \$100, Supporter \$25-39, Sponsor \$40-99, Patron \$100-149, Benefactor \$150 or more

Please pay at the meeting or send your check to the Walworth Historical Society at PO Box 142, Walworth, NY 14568.

Can you afford to be a Supporter, Sponsor, Patron or Benefactor? Please consider it.

Put these Dates

On Your Calendar Now!

Sunday, April 3, 2005, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Walworth Memories co-sponsored with the Walworth-Seeley Public Library at the WHS Building on Academy St. Theme: **Sports**

Come share your memories about our Sports History. This is the 50th Anniversary of Walworth Recreation.

Monday, May 16, 2005, 6:00 PM

Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner, Election of Officers, Community Service Award AND a Program by Debora Germain, Walworth Parks and Recreation Director about **"50 Years of Walworth Recreation."**

Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, 7:30 PM

Program at WHS to be announced

Gift Ideas from the

Walworth Historical Society

Looking for gifts that have a hometown theme? The Walworth Historical Society offers several ideas.

Calendar: 2005 calendar with photos of people and places from the Walworth area and a tidbit of history for each day, \$6.50 including sales tax.

Christmas Ornaments: There are a few remaining limited edition ornaments from 2000 (25th Anniversary/ Academy Bell) and 2002 (Firefighter Recognition). Available at \$7.50 each, including sales tax.

Coverlet: available in cranberry or Williamsburg blue, and includes scenes from the Walworth, West Walworth, and Lincoln areas. Cost is \$46, including sales tax.

Books: Walworth As I Remember It, by Charlie Pembroke, \$5.50; Walworth – From Douglas Corners to Gananda, by John Traas, \$4.50; and the latest book produced by the Wayne County Historical Society, A Gathering of Memories, \$25.

Gift certificates: available for new or renewal membership in the WHS.

To purchase any of these items, contact Mary Jane Devlin (315-986-1512), Jessie Keymel (315-524-9205), or Dorothy French (315-986-1098).

From Jessie Keymel

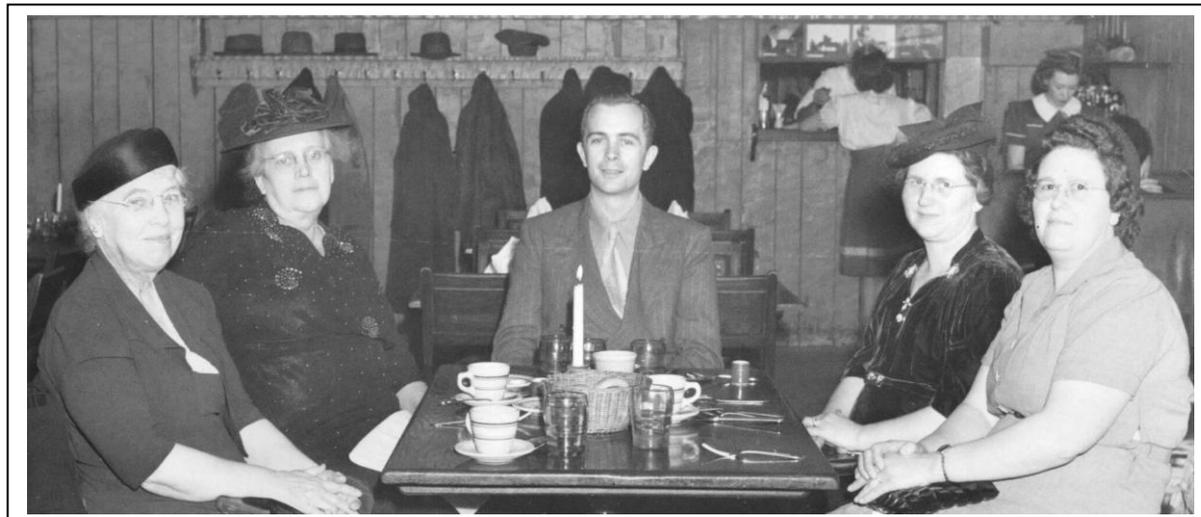
According to my **Walworth Historical Society 2005 calendar**, on March 25, 1833 the 2nd Baptist Church was established. So the question that comes to mind is where was the 1st Baptist Church? The 1st Baptist Church is in West Walworth. It was established in 1815 when the hamlet was known as Birch Bridge. In 1833 a meeting was held to organize and incorporate the 2nd Baptist Church. They worshipped in the Methodist Episcopal Church until their building was completed. Vaniah Yeomans loaned the money for the cost of the building (\$2,611), a small fortune in 1833. There is more detailed information about these and other Churches in our township in the historian's files, and in the Museum collections. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a journey through time in our collections of prints and articles.

I just read a 1934 obituary for Mrs. Allison Franks. One of the interesting things about it is that NOWHERE in the obit is her first name! Ladies, you have come a long way in 70 years! It had this to say about her: "Her character was one of singular sweetness and purity and by her sincere Christian life, she exerted an influence for good upon all who came into contact with her." This came from Mrs. Frank (Ella) Tuttle's Scrapbook.

A note from Gene Bavis

The picture below is: (from left to right)

Bessie Seeley, Mrs. Finley, Joe Finley, Leona Bassage





Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



Picture #6



Picture #7



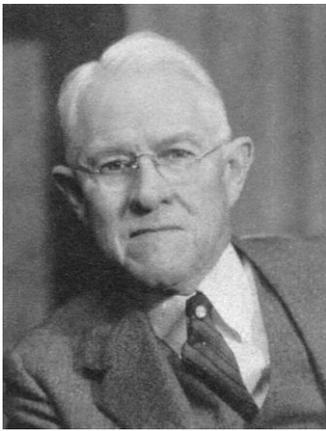
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Picture #9



Picture #10



Picture #11



Picture #12



Picture #13

Picture #14

Picture #15

Picture #16



Those Pictures

I hope that you enjoyed viewing the photos on the previous 2 pages. How many were you able to identify? I'm sure that some of you will easily be able to get a dozen or so, but I only knew 4 of them from personal memory. One of them was my first grade teacher! I think most of you will know her. So...are you wondering why I chose to put in 2 pages of people pictures? There is a "method to my madness!" **I am looking for wider participation in our News. I would like you to tell me stories or facts about these people.** A few of them should be widely known and others, maybe not. In the next Newsletter, I will publish what I receive from YOU (perhaps with some editing)! Be sure to keep this issue of the News so that you can refer back to the picture.

The answers to the picture quiz are found in the next column...I hope you didn't peek! I'd like to tell you a little about #4 because I happen to live in his house. Hopefully, more information will be given to me for the next issue of the News.

#4 is Frank Henry Tuttle. He was born in Walworth on January 19, 1866 and died in St. Petersburg, FL on April 14, 1934 as he and his family were packing to come back to Walworth. His obituary says "Financier Claimed by Death in South." He and his brother, DeWitt were the ones who bought the bonds (about \$80,000) to finance the construction of Walworth High School in 1930. I assume that one room in my house must have been his office. The walls in that room are wainscoted and you can see the outline of where the old wall telephone used to hang (the finish there is lighter). Frank and his wife, Ella, had 2 children: Charles and Gladys Tuttle (Mrs. Franklin Lawrence).

Charles Tuttle and his wife



These ladies are listed as Methodist "Church Veterans." They are (from left to right) Mrs. Grace Pratt, Mrs. Ella Horton, Mrs. Cora Bavis, Mrs. Clara Yuker, Mrs. Louisa Dayton, and Mrs. Susie Almekinder.



Eva & Larry Goebert with their 3 kids...(left to right) Carol, Don & Joyce. They lived in the house just east of the Post Office...that was BEFORE the Post Office building was there.

Answers to the Picture Quiz

#1 Dorothy Yuker Petty #2 Helen Darron Schultz #3 Lorraine & Joe Finley #4 Frank Henry Tuttle #5 Lucien T. Yeomans, 1920 #6 Charles Buckley #7 Elton & Anna May #8 Henry Bean #9 Jay S. Seeley #10 Dr. Morris #11 Rev. Chamberlain #12 Dr. E. E. Esley #13 Rev. Walker #14 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Peacock #15 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tuttle #16 Edith & Jack Keymel