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April 6: Learn and Share About the Past

May 16 Program Walworth Recreation 50 Years of History

Deb Germain, Walworth Recreation Director will share information about the 50 years of Walworth's Recreation Programs.

The May 16 meeting will be held at the Walworth Historical Society beginning with our Annual Pot Luck Dinner. The Dinner starts promptly at 6:30 PM, so please try to arrive by 6:15. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Beverages will be provided. There will be a short business meeting starting at 7:15 followed by the Community Service Award presentation to a very deserving person (It's a secret! Come find out for yourself!) Around 7:30 PM, the program will begin. We urge you to invite a friend and come out for a good meal, good fellowship, and an interesting program.

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 the Walworth Town Clerk's Office or by contacting the WHS. 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.

Dues are Due on May 1

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

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!

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

Program at WHS Continuing with our recognition of Walworth Recreation, Oakley Porray will speak on baseball.

New Feature

Beginning with this issue, we will have an "I Remember..." column Thanks to Dick Roland who

The Website is coming!

Curators Corner

By Kay Scott

We at the WHS Museum are so grateful for the donations of Walworth memorabilia that arrives unexpectedly. Bruce and Ann Hall donated a "Mapleshade Dairy" quart milk bottle with two paper seals. A box of miscellaneous items arrived all the ways from Colorado Springs, CO from Janice Wignall Mitchell. These items belonged to either her parents or grandparents. There were advertising tin boxes, baby items, antique toys, and be sure to ask to see the sewing egg when you are visiting the museum. Janice has been very generous in sending us Walworth items. One of my favorites is the tole decorated deed box.

Note: We are always looking for Walworth items. If you have something or know where some available Walworth items are, please contact Kay at 315-524-9528.

Moving into the 21st Century

Your trustees recently voted to get into the 21st century by getting a computer, scanner, printer, and other technology. Bob and Mike Mogray have offered to assist us by building the computer rather than purchasing one. In this way, we will be able to upgrade it more easily as technology continues to advance. Bob has been scanning pictures, converting videos into DVD's, etc. He will be assisting us in getting some of Charlie Pembroke's movies preserved in useable formats. Once we get our computer and scanner, we'd like **YOU** to bring in some of your pictures so that we can copy and preserve them as a part of our historical record of Walworth. The computer will also be used to keep a record of our collections as well as other WHS records. We are looking for computer-literate volunteers to work on various projects such as scanning photos, compiling our genealogy information, transcribing information, etc. Want to help?

Alson Huntley

Jan. 20, 1920 newspaper article from Mrs. Merritt C. VanStrand's scrapbook 1918-21 #17, Marion, NY. This was submitted by Sally McKee Malkowski.

Funeral of Former Marion Resident Who Died Thursday After Long Illness at Age of 80 years.

The remains of Alson Huntley, Sr. of Walworth, who died Thursday morning, January 8, were buried in A.G. Mason lot in Marion Cemetery Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Beacon of the Walworth Methodist Church conducting the service. Mr. Huntley was 80 years old and had been suffering from tubercular trouble for a long time. In former years he was a resident of Marion, being a wealthy owner of farms.

In the early seventies he was married to Martha Mason, only child of A Jackson Mason of Marion, who died 40 years ago. His second wife was May Boynton of Walworth, who survives him. He leaves one son, Alson Huntley, two grandsons Clifford and Wesley Huntley and one great grandchild, all of Walworth.

Editor's Note: Isn't it interesting reading these old obituaries? They don't write them like this anymore. Sally also submitted an obituary for Theron Sanford who died on September 11, 1918 as well as some other interesting information which I will have at the May 16 meeting. Thanks, Sally!

Wish List

Among the items on our wish list is a computer desk for our new computer. We have space limitations, but if you have a desk that you would be willing to donate, please let us know so that we can evaluate whether or not it will work.

I Remember...

By Dick Roland

Editor Note: Dick submitted 3 1/2 pages of memories related to the pictures in the last newsletter. Unfortunately, we don't have space here to share all of what he wrote. I will, however, make copies and have them at the meeting on 5/16. If you are unable to attend the meeting and want a copy, please contact Gene Bavis.

Picture #1 - Dorothy Petty

1941 or '42 my grandfather, Winfield Bavis, was raising carrots on shares with Charlie Tuttle on the first farm north of the Boynton Farm on Boynton Road. I remember my grandmother walking from the carrot field to Petty's to see the "baby girl" (Shirley).

Picture #3 - Lorraine & Joe Finley

I've known Joe all of my life until his death, not so of Lorraine. It seems like it was not long after WWII when Joe had a little store (Main St., Walworth) next to the grocery store (the same store that my grandfather, Winfield Bavis's butcher shop and later Gordy Youngman's first store) that the big kids (high school students) started teasing Joe about his girlfriend, wanting to see a picture, where she was from, who she was. The big surprise came one day when Lorraine appeared in the store working behind the counter selling candy to the school kids. She was a beautiful, tall, slim, dark haired lady with high cheekbones. It's not hard to think that some of her ancestry is Native American.

Picture #7 - Anna and Elton May

he sold one car - which was to himself. The make was the Moon. There was another called the Star.

Picture #12 - Dr. E.E. Esley

Doc was the attending physician when I was born at our family home on Sherburne Road. The folks always said a few minutes more and he would have missed the entire event. Doc Esley gave me all my shots. One time in his office on Penfield Road, I flinched a little when he was about to give me an injection. He shouted, "hold still, if you break this needle I will make you pay for it." In the mid 1940's my Grandpa and I buried Doc Esley in the southeast corner of the Walworth Cemetery.

Picture #15 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tuttle

At the time I was born, my dad, Clarence Roland, was Charlie Tuttle's hired man on his farm on Route 350, Macedon. Our family lived in one-half of the house, my mother's cousin, Milton Fillmore and his wife Gladys lived in the other half. Mrs. Tuttle led a singing group at the Walworth High School. In a picture of the group given to me by Charlie Pembroke are Stanley VanHoover, Joe Finley, Stu Huntley, the Hadden Twins, Charlie Pembroke, Charlie Coomber, Mrs. Tuttle and several others whose names I have forgotten.

Picture #16 - Edith & Jack Keymel

Mrs. Keymel was very likely the attending person at the sandbox in the back of the church during Sunday School when I was a very small child. In the 1950's, after church, Jack Keymel, Jake Pembroke and I would stand on the front steps and talk about horses.

Do you have some memories to share?

Please submit them to Gene Bavis. We will put some or all in the Newsletter, but it will also add to our record of the past.

Welcome New Members

The following have joined the Walworth Historical Society in the past year.

Karl & Kathy Aeckerle

Dennis DeGroot

William & Joyce Finney

(William has since passed away)

J. Perry, Jr. & Dorothy Howland

Robert & Gail Houghtaling

Wesley & Rta Hunter

Stuart Huntley

**Please Renew
Your Membership**

In Memory of Tody

Leona Appleman Frazer
Passed away 5/7/05 at the age of 86

"Tody," as she was known, was a lifelong resident of this area. She was a member of the Eastern Star for over 40 years and a lifetime member of the Walworth United Methodist Church. She was also a WHS member.