



Walworth Historical Society



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Walworth Museum: 2257 Academy Street, P.O. Box 142, Walworth, NY

WHS Website: www.walworthhistoricalsociety.org

2018 Calendar of Events

(All events held at the WHS Museum)

- Sept. 17 7:30 PM General meeting: "Indentured Servants"
- Oct. 7 2 - 4 PM WHS Open House "The Heart of American Music" by Kathy McGrath / Ice Cream Social / Exhibits
- Oct. 8 2:00 PM Board of Trustees
- Nov. 19 1:00 PM General meeting: "Women's Suffrage"
- Dec. 10 2:00 PM Board of Trustees



"Indentured Servants in Marion, NY"

By Lucinda Collier and Gene Bavis

Why would a person leave his family home and move across the ocean to a country with an unfamiliar language and an unknown life? What would cause a person to willingly commit himself to seven years of labor and bondage? And following the servitude, how would a person assimilate into the new culture and achieve fulfillment?

Peter Magilson did those exact things. Around 1850, he left Holland and went to America by indenturing himself to a Marion farmer. In 1854, Susan Malgee did the same. After working off their obligations, they became part of the Marion farming community, raised a family and prospered.

Walworth Museum Summer Open Hours

If you are looking for a family activity this summer, please plan on visiting the WHS museum. Open hours for the summer are:

June, July, August, and September on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 until 4:00 PM.

(The museum is closed on July 1 & 4 and also on September 2 because of holidays).

Volunteers are there on each date to greet you and share information about our collections. Of special interest is our extensive scrapbook collection, school memorabilia, quilts, photographs and our paintings that inspired the mural on the Walworth Post Office.

For other appointments contact:

WHS Pres. Jessie Keymel (315-524-9205) or Town Historian Gene Bavis (315-573-2768).

"Indentured Servants in Marion, NY – Peter and Susan Magilson" is their story. Told by great, great granddaughter Lucinda Hance Collier (photo above by Caryn Devlin, Marion Town Historian), it is an oral history passed down by the generations and accompanied with treasured artifacts. It is a story of hope, trust, courage, commitment and faith.

Come to the Walworth Historical Society, 2257 Academy Street, Walworth on Monday, September 17 at 7:30 PM to hear this story from Cinda. Refreshments will be served. The program is FREE and open to the public. Bring a friend and join us!

(Color printing of this page courtesy of Reliant Community Federal Credit Union)

Editor's Note: *Our tour continues to the north, spotlighting the stores and homes located on the east side of Main Street. The building at #3700 was the site of many businesses owned by Nathan Hacket, John Baker, Joe Finley, Gordon Youngman, and, currently, Dan Hall. Part 1 features ownership by Nathan Hacket and John Baker and Sons. Thank you to Gordon Youngman and his grandson, Aaron Fernaays, for sharing their memories and for the time they spent researching and documenting the information about the stores located at 3698 and 3700 Main Street.*

From 1855 - 1899 John Baker and his wife, Lucy, operated a grocery and general store under the name of J. W. Baker. The main products for resale included dry goods – groceries, wallpaper, hardware, fancy goods, crockery, patent medicines, paints, oil, glass and dye stuffs. This information was taken from a sales slip issued to a Mr. Jones. In a March 8, 1902, letter to Mrs. Jones, Mr. Baker wrote the following: “Dear Madam: Are your hens laying? Are they merely supplying the table or have you eggs to sell? Anybody’s chickens will lay 10 ¢ eggs but we will guarantee that your hens will lay more, when eggs are high, if you come in at once and get a package of Dr. Hess’ Poultry Pan-A-CE-A, and add it to the feed each morning as directed. J. W. Baker’s Sons, General Merchandise, Walworth, NY.”

After the death of John Baker on October 29, 1899, the store remained in Lucy Baker’s control. The business was carried on by the Baker’s two sons, William A. and Charles H., under the name of J. W. Baker’s Sons. Following the August 9, 1912, death of Lucy, the property was deeded to the two sons and a daughter, Laura E. Chase. At the time of the final transfer on October 6, 1914, Lucy signed her share to her brothers. On April 21, 1915, the Baker sons sold the business to Charles W. Clark; this also included the home next door.



Left photo: *Late 1800’s: J. W. Baker Store. Photo courtesy of Gordon Youngman.*

Right photo: *This circa 1902 photo shows the K.O.T.M. building on the right and the J. W. Baker general store on the left. Photo courtesy of Gordon Youngman.*

Many years later Gordon Youngman purchased both properties and they became known as Walworth Hardware.

The following are excerpts from information documented by Gordon in March 2000:

The first records I could find for this property was the transfer of a lot from Nathan Hacket to John W. Baker on October 29, 1855, for \$1,200. The store John built eventually became Walworth Hardware. The purchase price also included the house to the north of the lot.

(To Be Continued: Part 2 – Store owned by Clark and Salyerd)

This Summer's Festival in the Park and Parade

By Bob Mogray

The 2018 Walworth Festival in the Park was on July 27 and 28 at Ginegaw Park. The theme for this year's festival was "Holidays." This was the 28th annual festival and was sponsored by the Walworth Lions Club and the Town of Walworth. As many know, this festival features a parade on Friday night that travels through town and down to Ginegaw Park. Organizations from the area show their support by entering floats that are in the spirit of the yearly theme. So, work on these floats starts early for the organizations who choose to enter. The Walworth Historical Society chose "Flag Day" as the theme for our float. On the Tuesday previous to the parade date, fearless volunteers met at Keymel's barn to assemble the float on one of Roger's and Jessie's wagons. The photos below show the results of the WHS float prep as well as other floats for this year's Festival in the Park parade.

The Walworth Historical Society also sponsored a booth in the park following the parade and again on Saturday. Old and new local photos, WHS information, the new photo quilt, and some old school yearbooks were featured. There was quite a lot of interest in these items as people stopped by. Shown below is this year's WHS information booth.

Featured at this year's Festival in the Park were the following:

A craft show	Activities for kids	5K race
Food concessions	Games	Sheriff's K9 show
Live music	Bingo	An outdoor movie
Fireworks		

During the time that I spent at the park, it sure looked like kids and adults were having a great time. Thanks to the Walworth Lions Club and all of the organizations that participated this year in order to make this event very successful!



Honoring Flag Day By Jessie Keymel

The theme of the 28th annual Festival in the Park parade was "Holidays." We chose Flag Day, June 14, as the special holiday for the historical society's float. The first national observance of Flag Day was in 1877. Although Presidents Wilson in 1916 and Coolidge in 1927 proposed Flag Day, it was not until 1949, under President Truman, that Congress recognized the anniversary of the adoption, on June 14, 1877, by the Continental Congress, of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America. *

Our choice gave us a chance to share the stories of the flags we preserve at the museum. The flag that is always on display in our meeting room was brought to us in 1989 by Dorothy Hack. It is the flag from Walworth Grange #289. The original Grange charter from 1873 hangs on the west wall of the meeting room. Also on the same wall is a tribute to the Grange whose generous monetary gift of their community service project made it possible for the Walworth Historical Society to build our museum.

Our oldest and certainly our biggest flag is 12 ft. by 24 ft. and was displayed across the front of the Pacific Hotel on June 10, 1891. There are 44 stars on this flag. The occasion was to celebrate President Cleveland's visit to our town for the wedding of his nieces, Nellie and Anne Yeomans.

We have the flag that draped the coffin of George Frowley, a WWI Army Veteran, in 1935. This flag was presented to his family in honor of his service, a solemn custom that is still practiced. We have an old small classroom flag with 48 stars and an 8 ft. by 12 ft. flag that was accessioned in 2004; it was left at the town hall. We do not have a history on either of those flags, they were anonymously donated.

Our newest flag hangs in a frame on the wall by the kitchen. On May 10, 2014, it was flown over the U. S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. This flag was presented to us by Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery R. Bavis, who was special Operations Liaison in Kabul at that time.

Our float was wrapped in a red, white and blue bunting with a field of flags provided by the Ontario American Legion. The high-flying Grange flag was paired with a duplicate of the 1877 flag, provided by WHS board member Larry Ruth, who headed our parade float committee this year.

*The historical note was from the publication "The Flag in Daily Life."

Rural Flashes By Mary Jane Devlin

These excerpts are from a booklet that was donated to the Walworth Historical Society by the Macedon Historical Society. The excerpts were written by Walworth elementary students in 1933.

"Spring" by Betty Osterhout (McKee) Grade 6, Walworth #9

The trees are beginning to bud.
The snow is beginning to melt.
The horse's feet thud in the mud.
The lawns are soft as felt.

The flowers are no longer sleeping.
The grass is gay and green.
The brooks are dancing and leaping.
Many signs of spring are seen.

Many blossoms are sweetly scented
With fragrant and mixed perfume.
Gardens will soon be planted.
Easter will be here soon.

"Holland" by Fayette Arnold, Grade 7

I'm going to sail to Holland
And see the windmills go
And watch the boats go skimming along
When'er the wind will blow.

I'm going to sail to Holland
And see the tulips there.
They always, always seem to spread
Such fragrance in the air.

I'd like to see the children there
And watch them romp and play
But still are very different
In every sort of way.

Soup and Suffragettes – Nov. 19 By Gene Bavis

At our November 19 meeting (1:00 PM) we will begin by enjoying a bowl of homemade soup with some bread and butter and desserts. Following lunch, Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian, will do a presentation on Women's Suffrage including some local information. Details will appear in our next newsletter.

If you are willing to volunteer to make soup or dessert or provide bread and butter, please contact Hospitality Chair, Liz Bavis, at 585-802-0380 or liz.bavis48@gmail.com.

The Year Was 1961 By Dorothy French

The following information appeared in the Wayne County Mail and is reprinted with their permission.

May 5: Walworth Choraleers presented "Dawn 'Til Dark in Central Park." The group was formed through the Adult Education program at Wayne Central School. Musical director was Wilbur Reybrouck. Officers were Helen Schultz, president; Mrs. Juanita Ebert, secretary; and John Traas, treasurer.

July 7: Open house was held at Walworth Second Baptist Church, following rededication of a completely redecorated sanctuary. The Board of Trustees, helped by some 55 church members, completed the entire project in six weeks.

October 20: Tension resulting from nuclear testing by Russia and the Berlin crisis resulted in the Ontario Town Board setting up a fall-out information center for local residents. A study will identify suitable structures, according to Supervisor Earl Casey. Some individuals have already begun construction of these shelters at their homes. Fall-out shelters will be discussed at the monthly meeting of Walworth Elementary PTA. A special Civil Defense program, in cooperation with Walworth Chamber of Commerce, will be presented.



Cub Scout Pack 113 By Dorothy French

Members of Cub Scout Pack 113 from West Walworth posed for this photo in the 1950's.

Back row, left to right: Bob Esch, Larry Thedans, Mickey Ryan, John Curtis, and Bill Armstrong. Front row: Gary Curtis and Tom Curtis.

Not pictured was Scout leader Jeanne Curtis.

Walworth Area Country Doctors: West Walworth By Dorothy French

Editor's Note: Through the years the Walworth area has been serviced by numerous medical doctors. This is the first in a series about these physicians who practiced their version of today's urgent care and made houses calls, often on horseback.

This issue features the early doctors of West Walworth. This information was obtained from a historical report written by Mrs. Charles Peters of West Walworth prior to 1934.

Dr. William Hall: One of the first doctors was Dr. Hall, who came to West Walworth in 1852 and lived in the house "now owned by Frank Welker."

Dr. Christ Fuller: Dr. Fuller arrived in West Walworth in 1857. His office was located in the Bills block, situated at the southwest corner of West Walworth and Bills Roads. After remaining ten years, he moved to Fairport.

Dr. J. B. Cowles: Dr. Cowles came next, remained almost five years and then moved to Fairport. For several months the village was without a doctor.

Dr. Robert Morris: In May 1875, Dr. Morris, a young medical doctor just out of college, "looked the ground over and concluded to remain here." According to Mrs. Peters, the doctor's office was located in the house owned by Mrs. Helen Dillon, now owned by Carl Lotze. At the end of the first year, Dr. Morris moved to the first house to the south, where he boarded for four years with Elizabeth Bancroft. In 1860, he married, purchased the house and lived there for ten years. He then sold his place and moved to Lincoln, "where he has continued to live until this day. He kept his office for more than 46 years and throughout this entire time he has only once been away from his office more than 15 days at a time. Dr. Morris is still on the job and holds a high position in the esteem and respect of the community." *Editor's Note: Dr. Morris passed away in 1934. He will be featured in a future newsletter.*

(To be continued: Doctors Crittenden and Gardner of Walworth)



Top left: 1890: Barely visible at the right of the photo is a small white building, This was Walworth's first post office and was located on the east side of Main Street (the current location of New York State Sitepower, formerly Walworth Hardware.) The building was moved prior to 1902 to make room for the K.O.T.M. structure owned by the Knights of the Maccabees.

Top right: Date unknown: The post office became a pool hall and was moved prior to 1902 to the front yard at 2200 Church Street, the second house west of the Walworth Methodist Church. The property is owned by Doug Nichol and Mary Jo Pringle. Previous owners were Art Orton in the '60's and 70's and then earlier, John McLouth. The young boy in the photo is Ashel Buckley.

Photos courtesy of Gordon Youngman

President's Message

By Jessie Keymel

The Walworth High School Alumni were invited to come to the museum on Sunday, July 29, 2018 during our regular Sunday afternoon open time. The Filing Committee had taken the time to display several scrapbooks and information about the school. Thank you, Betty and Gordy Youngman and Molly and Larry Hill for coming that afternoon; it was a good day with a lot of information shared. We will do this again. If you are interested in bringing together people with a special interest such as local churches or organizations, we can arrange a time to share specific historic information from our many collections.

We have school yearbooks from the 40s onward in our collections. We brought an assortment of yearbooks to the Festival in the Park. Many people enjoyed seeing photos from years gone by and sharing them with family and neighbors. Yearbooks are such a treasure of memories that are fun to visit every once in a while; take time to share them with your families.

To the members who make it possible for our historical society to take part in this special weekend in our town, I thank you very much. Summer is such a busy time, I am grateful for all the time and effort that you give. Thanks again.



All photos above were taken at a 2018 Walworth High School Alumni luncheon.



National Night Out 2018 By Bob Mogray

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that brings together area fire and ambulance departments, law enforcement personnel, and other local groups in a positive setting.

Matt Peskin, founder and executive director of National Association of Town Watch, introduced the National Night Out program in 1984. Peskin realized that hundreds of community watch groups existed without a platform or association to connect them together. Neighborhoods across the nation began to host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more. Today, 38 million neighbors in 16 thousand communities across the nation take part in National Night Out.

On July 31 of this year the Walworth National Night Out was held at the Gananda High School. Participation this year included the following:

Walworth Volunteer Fire Department	West Walworth Fire Department
Lincoln Fire Rescue	South Macedon Fire and Rescue, Inc.
Macedon Center Volunteer Fire Department	Walworth Ambulance
Macedon Town Ambulance	Town of Macedon Police Department
Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Lyons, NY	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Wayne County Advanced Life Support Services	Mercy Flight Central
Macedon and Walworth Highway Departments	and many more

The sponsor for this event was Mac's Pizza Shack and owners Steve and Tyler Lynn MacNeal. They donated all of the food and crew to help serve it. The Canal Connection Chamber of Commerce donated all of the water. The Walworth Fire Department helped set up, cooked over 600 hot dogs and hamburgers, and then helped to clean up. There was also a Missing Person identification and notification booth.

Thank you to all those who came out to spend some time with the men and women who help keep our community safe. Now, on your long distance calendars, please mark down the date for next year's 2019 Walworth/Macedon National Night Out. It is scheduled for July 30, 2019.



Walworth Fire Department's new truck



Mercy Flight helicopter



Walworth Ambulance members



West Walworth Fire Department trucks

WHS Fall Open House Featuring Cathy McGrath

By Gene Bavis and Cathy McGrath

On Sunday, October 7, from 2 PM until 4 PM, the Walworth Historical Society's museum will be open with special exhibits and a wonderful program "The Heart of American Music" by Cathy McGrath. Her program begins around 2:30 PM.

Based on research done for music for the Genesee Country Village and Museum with Flint Hill Folk, Cathy McGrath presents a program of nineteenth century heritage music in authentic period dress and with instruments appropriate to the era. The audience is encouraged to participate by singing their hearts out!



Songs are chosen from two books which were collections compiled from thousands of people who sent in their favorite songs of the previous century. From *Heart Songs* (1909): "Each song recalls to the individual reader some tender, sad, joyous or martial association." From *Songs That Never Grow Old* (1903): "A collection of old-time songs that have long been tried and forever loved." Songs of all sorts of categories are presented - love, home, Erie Canal, historic, patriotic, dancing, popular and folk songs - and represent a valuable gauge to the popular taste in music of that time. These melodies are part of our collective past, yet still resonate today.

An experienced folk music performer, Cathy uses an 1870's guitar, limberjack puppets, antique flute, and rolled tin whistle in this historical program and encourages audience participation. The event includes a FREE Ice Cream Social. Please bring a friend, child or grandchild and join us for an interesting and educational afternoon. Kids will love the program (and the ice cream!).

This event is being sponsored by the Walworth Lions Club (who loaned us the use of one of their tents) and other people and organizations who will be listed in our program and on our website.

<u>Officers and Trustees</u>			<u>Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairs</u>			<u>Committees and Chairpersons</u>		
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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; donations are tax deductible.

Level of Membership

___ Student	\$ 5.00
___ Individual	\$ 10.00
___ Family	\$ 15.00
___ Supporter	\$ 25.00
___ Sponsor	\$ 50.00
___ Patron	\$ 100.00
___ Life Member	\$ 150.00
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 ___ I am interested in making a tax deductible donation of \$ _____ in
 memory of _____.
 ___ I am interested in joining and have checked the membership level.

Name(s): _____

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City/Town/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Make your check payable to: Walworth Historical Society, and mail it to P.O. Box 142, Walworth, NY 14568. *Thank you!*

September 2018 email bonus photo pages

All photos on this page are Festival Parade related



Walworth Supervisor Susie Jacobs and Sonny French



The Walworth Lions Club float



Lincoln Fire Department



WHS parade float (flag day theme)



Preparing the WHS float at Keymel's barn



Boy Scout Troop 113 parade float

All photos on this page are from the 2018 Festival in the Park

