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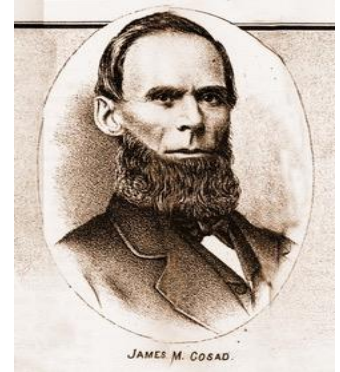
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WHS Website: www.walworthhistoricalsociety.org

Soup and Suffrage By Gene Bavis and Rosa Fox



Editor's note: *If you are wondering what the above three photos have to do with the Walworth Historical Society, please read this article!*

On Monday, November 19, the Walworth Historical Society will have soup and then a program on the Women's Suffrage Movement. Please join us for a FREE lunch consisting of soup, bread, crackers, beverages and brownie sundaes at 1 PM at the WHS museum, 2257 Academy Street, Walworth, with a program on Women's Suffrage presented by Rosa Fox immediately following the meal.

Upon retirement in 2014 from 30 years of teaching instrumental music at North Rose-Wolcott Middle School, Rosa Fox decided to explore the post of historian for the town of Huron. This appointment fills Rosa's days with local history research, writing, and keeping track of the Town of Huron's three historic buildings and their contents – just to name a few of her roles as a municipal historian. She has played a very active role in the Wayne Historians Organization and attends many of the workshops and programs on local history that are available to historians. Over the past couple of years she has worked closely with Dr. Judith Wellman and others to dig out local history related to the Women's Suffrage Movement. Her program is described below, but there are likely to be other related topics discussed as well.

"Huron Suffragent - James Madison Cosad"

In 1856 James Madison Cosad moved to Huron, Wayne County from Junius, Seneca County - home to many Quakers and leaders in the suffrage and abolition movements. By 1877, Cosad was an avid promoter of the social and political movements of the time - spiritualism, abolition, and women's suffrage. Cosad's connections to these campaigns becomes clearer through the study of two important reform leaders of the time. Giles Badger Stebbins created a powerful lecture circuit from Detroit, Michigan to the eastern coastal states. His wife, Catherine Fish Stebbins, a Quaker from Farmington, participated in the Women's Rights Conference in Seneca Falls and was a signer of the Declaration of Sentiments in 1848. Cosad's relationship with the Stebbins family provides a colorful window to the political reform efforts in northeastern Wayne County.

2018 Calendar of Events

- Nov. 19 1:00 PM General meeting: "Women's Suffrage"
- Dec. 1 6:00 PM "Light the Night" Ginegaw Park
- Dec. 10 2:00 PM Board of Trustees

2019 Calendar of Events

- Feb. 11 2:00 PM Board of Trustees
- March 18 7:30 PM General Meeting "Virtual Walking Tour"
- April 7 2-3:30 PM Memories Meeting WHS Museum
- April 8 2:00 PM Board of Trustees
- May 20 6:15 PM Annual Meeting Ginegaw Lodge
- June 10 2:00 PM Board of Trustees
- July 26 & 27 Festival in the Park
- Aug. 12 2:00 PM Board of Trustees
- Sept. 16 7:30 PM General Meeting
- Oct. 6 2-4 PM Open House
- Oct. 14 2:00 PM Board of Trustees
- Nov. 18 1:00 PM General Meeting
- Dec. 7 6:00 PM "Light the Night" Ginegaw Park
- Dec. 9 2:00 PM Board of Trustees

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