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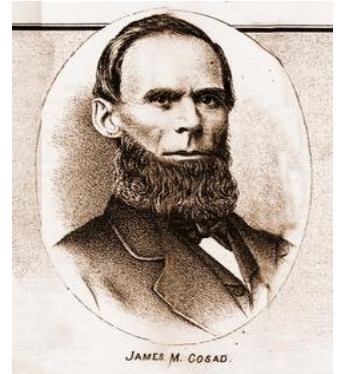
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Soup and Suffrage By Gene Bavis and Rosa Fox



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

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

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 school students in 1933.

Pussy Willows
By Donald Maurer Grade 3, Walworth #9

I like pussy willows,
They have grey fur.
They're much like kittens,
But they don't purr.

Robins
By Catherine Barber, Grade 4, #8

Winter is passing,
And spring is here.
The robins are coming,
To give us their cheer.

"Light the Night" at Ginegaw Park on December 1 By Bob Mogyay



For the last several years the Walworth Recreation Department has sponsored the "Light the Night" celebration at Ginegaw Park in Walworth. This is a great way to kick off the 2018 holiday season. It is a chance to see the trees that local organizations have decorated, enjoy refreshments, visit with Santa Claus, and get into the holiday mood! As before, the Walworth Historical Society will be participating in the decoration of the trees.

So, please bring your family and friends, vote for your favorite decorated tree, have some hot cocoa, and check out this holiday festival which is on December 1 at Ginegaw Park from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

From Your President By Jessie Keymel

The last weekend in September is the final weekend of our summer-scheduled open hours. Our thanks go out to the members who gave up their time to make it possible for planned visits to our museum. It is our member volunteers that make it possible to have a secure, well-maintained building to house our many collections. A lot of time is spent selecting and arranging speakers, advertising our events, setting up and taking down displays and room arrangements, preparing and serving refreshments, vacuuming, and taking out the garbage; these simple tasks are very necessary to keep us a part of our community. There are many more volunteer hours spent doing other tasks that are needed to make our history available to local residents whether through our newsletters, our programs. or a visit to check out our files.

This year during our open hours we extended an invitation to the Walworth High School alumni and we shared items from our extensive collection of Walworth High School memorabilia. The Wayne Central Class of 1968 included a visit to our museum as part of their 50th class reunion. The Walworth students in that class attended the Walworth school during their elementary school years. On September 15, 20 alumni enjoyed seeing the class photos in Dorothy Petty's scrapbook collection. If you have an event and would like to visit the museum with your group, please call for an appointment.

Thank you for your support and dedication to help preserve the history of the hamlets in our town. Many thanks also to the Reliant Community Federal Credit Union for copying the front pages of all our newsletters.

Please Visit Our Website: www.walworthhistoricalsociety.org By Gene Bavis

The Walworth Historical Society's website is updated regularly. On the "home page" you will see a photo of our museum with our address and some other basic information under it. Above the photo is a menu bar. If you click on the various topics (and dropdown menus), you can find a lot of interesting things. One of the most useful tools on the website is the "blog" section to the left. It's divided into 3 subtopics: Programs (upcoming events), Information, and Past Programs. If you click on any of the titles under those topics, you will see details. For example, if you click on "Soup & Suffrage" it will give you details about that program.

Walworth Area Country Doctors: Doctors Crittenden and Gardner By Dorothy French

Editor's Note: *Our series about country doctors continues; this issue features Doctors Crittenden and Gardner.*

Dr. Hulbut Crittenden: The following paragraph was obtained from an undated document in our museum's files. "It has often been said a doctor could drive his horse and carriage from Walworth to West Walworth in ten minutes, a distance of four miles of hilly, rough dirt roads. In the midst of the log cabins of the early settlers we find the first doctor establishing his practice of medicine. Dr. Crittenden arrived in 1805 and, from reports of the fever and ague, along with other illnesses as common, he was kept a busy man, many times answering calls of need and receiving little in the way of payment."



The Gardner home at 3696 Main Street. A wing was added later. There was a chimney at the north end of the house; it is still visible in the attic above the kitchen. The property is now owned by Randy and Kathy Emison. Undated photo courtesy of Stuart Huntley.

Dr. William Wilkinson Gardner: Dr. Gardner was born June 18, 1799, in Cairo, Greene County, New York and died May 8, 1875 in Walworth. On July 20, 1825 he married Tammy Elmina Yeomans, daughter of Gilbert and Sally Yeomans, in Cairo. Gilbert and Sally were also parents of Theron G. Yeomans.

The Gardners lived at 3696 Main Street in the home currently owned by Randy and Kathy Emison and formerly owned by Richard and Alice Schlegel. The Gardner's nine children were born in Walworth: Bryon, Loren, Serena Elmina Gardner, Addison, Gilbert, Leman, Irwin, William and Arabel. Tammy died July 11, 1849, and Dr. Gardner married his second wife, Mary Ann Stout, on September 3, 1851. The doctor and his two wives are buried in Palmyra.

According to Donna Huntley Stalker, members of the Yeomans family were patients of Dr. Gardner. Our museum has a hand-written note containing information from Dr. Gardner's 1824 day book, referencing a visit by Gilbert Yeomans (his father-in-law). A second book mentioned the doctor's patients in Ontario and Walworth.

To be continued: Dr. John McLouth

Winter Hours at the Museum

Although the museum is officially closed for the winter months, visitors are welcome anytime by contacting Jessie Keymel, 315-524-9205, or Gene Bavis, 315-573-2768, for an appointment.

The Year Was 1961 By Dorothy French

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

Oct. 27: Nearly 500 citizens of Walworth enjoyed free pancake and sausage supper, sponsored by the Walworth Republican Committee, at the Walworth fire hall. Home-town talent orchestra consisting of Charles and Vaughn Pembroke, Lawrence and Forest Hill and Burt Whipple, with Stanley VanHoover calling, provided music for dancing.

Oct. 27: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lincoln Fire Department and the Friendship Guild of Lincoln Baptist Church will again sponsor a UNICEF collection this Halloween. The children of Lincoln will be going door-to-door on the various roads assigned to them.

Nov. 17: Owners of century farms were honored at a dinner at the Clyde Grange Hall. Representing Walworth were Mrs. Frank Taber, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Taber, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huntley. Mr. and Mrs. Fay Druschel represented his parents.

A Tour of Main Street: #3700 – Clark and Salyerd - Part 2 By Gordon Youngman and Aaron Fernaays

Editor's Note: Our tour continues, spotlighting the stores and homes located on the east side of Main Street. The building at #3700 was the site of many businesses and eventually became Walworth Hardware. Part 2 features ownership by Charles Clark and Irvin and Anna Salyerds. 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.



Left: Early 1900's: Main Street. Note the gas pump in front of the store to the right and the buggy by the store on the left. In 1972 owners Gordon and Katie Youngman connected these two stores and renamed them Walworth Hardware. WHS file photo

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

On April 21, 1915, the Baker sons sold the business to Charles W. Clark; this also included the home next door. Charles and Mary Clark continued with the business until 1925. However, they were more into the dry goods and groceries as the hardware in the K.O.T.M. building next door was in business at that time.

Sometime in the early 20's the Clarks started to have some financial problems and on April 8, 1925, the property was sold to Irvin and Anna Salyerds. The Salyerds lived in the house north of the store.

Before Irvin came to Walworth he was the first president of the Rochester Motion Picture Exhibitors League. Motion Picture World magazine, dated May 22, 1920, carried an article about him when he was lobbying in Albany for the showing of Sunday movies. It stated that "Little Napoleon" (as he was referred to by his associates) did more than any single person to get the Sunday movie law passed. Irvin died May 18, 1955.

The first I remember of the store was when my mother would send my brother Bill and me to Salyerd's to buy Japanese Tea Girl green tea, as none of the other stores sold that brand. Prior to 1925 an addition had been built on the north side of the building to accommodate the Post Office. After the Salyerds went out of the grocery business, the Post Office was moved to the front of the building. There had been an open stairway a few feet into the store from the front door where one could go to the upper level. I believe it was moved to the back when the Post Office was put up front. On December 4, 1944, Joe Finley purchased the store and the Post Office was moved to Buckley's store to the south.

To Be Continued: Part 3 – Finley's Variety Store

Welcome to the Class of 1968 By Donna Stalker



Memories - the Walworth Historical Society is all about memories! September 15 was a day of memories as the Wayne Central School Class of 1968 was celebrating memories at their 50th class reunion. That Saturday afternoon approximately 17 class members, spouses, and friends gathered at the Walworth Historical Society museum to reminisce about their days at the Walworth Elementary School, browse through scrapbooks and learn more about Walworth. Many thanks to Jessie Keymel and Kathy Aeckerle for hosting. Jessie and Kathy answered questions, shared stories and made all feel welcome. Hopefully the alumna learned some things about Walworth Elementary School and the town as well.

The Reunion Committee gathered materials to create a "Memories USB" of their years at Wayne Central. Many thanks

to Bob Mogray for scanning pictures of the Walworth Elementary classes from the Dorothy Petty scrapbooks. As a thank you to Bob and the Walworth Historical Society, one of the USBs was presented to Jessie Keymel by James Switzer, reunion committee member. The Class of '68 thanks the Walworth Historical Society for the invitation, the hospitality, and for helping relive old memories and making new ones.

Holiday Gift Suggestions By Dorothy French

With the holidays fast approaching it is not too early to think about gift giving. Items available for sale at our museum include booklets about our area, commemorative ornaments and plates, coverlets, and music CDs. Memberships at many levels are listed on page 8 of this newsletter; they are a gift that keeps on giving. Donations may be made for a memorial or for a celebration gift. We are approaching the end of the 2018 tax year, and we know that many people look at their finances to consider year-end donations.

The museum is located at 2257 Academy Street and is open on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays 1 – 4 PM or anytime by appointment. For additional information, contact Jessie Keymel (315-524-9205) or Gene Bavis (315-573-2768). Donations can be mailed to Walworth Historical Society, P.O. Box 142, Walworth, NY 14568. Thanks for your support!

The Walworth Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization chartered by the New York State Board of Regents as an educational institution. Our mission is to purchase, collect, preserve, display, and generally deal with those items and artifacts of historical interest and importance to the history of the Town of Walworth and environs and to generally promote interest in the study of the life, growth, and history of said area.

Walworth Town Hall Displays By Judy McMillan and Bob Mogray

The Walworth Town Hall display for the month of September (shown below) featured a promotion for Walworth Historical Society's annual Open House which was held on October 7. It was a fun time with free ice cream sundaes and featured live music performed by Cathy McGrath who held a singalong of music from the past. The display featured musical instruments and song books.



The November display will focus on the 100th anniversary of World War I. Larry Ruth has graciously loaned WHS his grandfather's WWI memorabilia including uniform, mess kit, etc.

This December the WHS will again put up a display in the case at the Walworth Town Hall. This will feature photos of Walworth area homes that were decorated last year for the holiday season. Check it out and you may see pictures of your home or of your neighbors' houses.

Throughout the year the Walworth Historical Society sponsors 2-3 displays in the Town Hall case and the subjects vary from seasonal items to special subjects. Please stop in and check out our displays. Thanks!

Cathy McGrath at WHS Fall Open House By Gene Bavis

On October 7, the Walworth Historical Society held its annual Fall Open House. Each year we try to do something special to attract a larger than normal crowd. This year we invited Cathy McGrath, a well-known local musician who specializes in doing programs involving music history. (Three photos from this open house are below.)

In addition to Cathy's program entitled "The Heart of American Music" under the big tent loaned to us by the Walworth Lions Club, we had some displays inside the museum and ice cream sundaes. Nearly 50 people attended.

Cathy's appearance was sponsored by the local individuals and businesses listed below:

Gold Sponsors: Walworth Lions Club (free tent rental), Bruce Devlin, Joe and Marcia Englert, and Ed and Donna Stalker.
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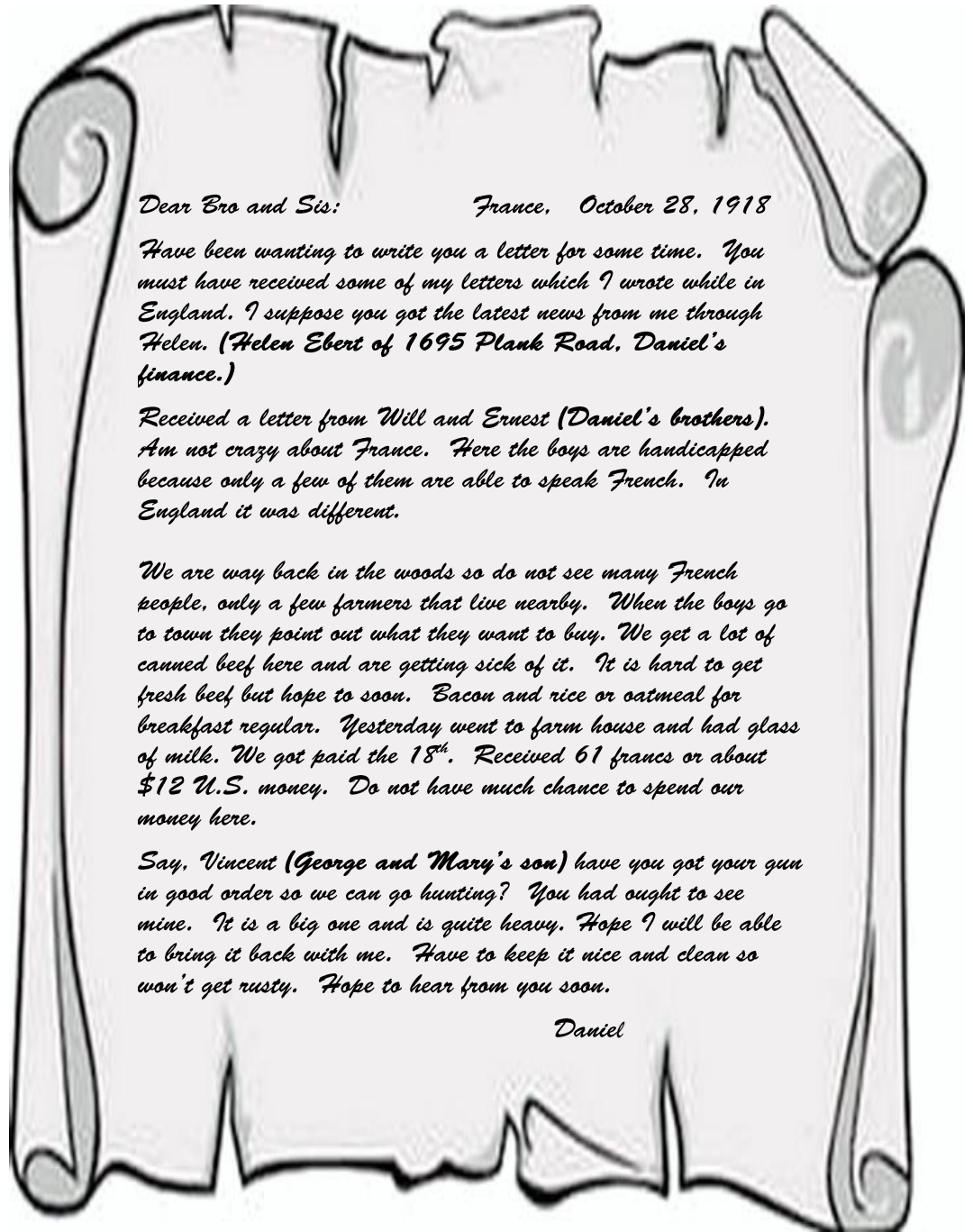
A 1918 Letter from France By Dorothy French

Editor's Note #1: One hundred years ago, World War I (the War to End All Wars) was winding down and officially ended November 11, 1918. Our museum files contain a letter written on American Red Cross stationery by Daniel H. Frederes. It was addressed to Mrs. George Albright, R.F.D., Walworth, NY (**Mrs. Albright is Mary, Daniel's sister**). With help from Michael Frederes, Daniel's grandson, we were able to identify the people mentioned in this letter; their names are inserted in bold print. Excerpts from the letter are printed below.



Daniel Frederes, Camp Dix, 1918

The Bro and Sis in the letter at the right were George and Mary Albright of Lewis Road. Their home has been torn down and the property is the site of Town of Walworth's Dolomite Park.



Dear Bro and Sis: France, October 28, 1918

Have been wanting to write you a letter for some time. You must have received some of my letters which I wrote while in England. I suppose you got the latest news from me through Helen. (**Helen Ebert of 1695 Plank Road, Daniel's finance.**)

Received a letter from Will and Ernest (**Daniel's brothers**). Am not crazy about France. Here the boys are handicapped because only a few of them are able to speak French. In England it was different.

We are way back in the woods so do not see many French people, only a few farmers that live nearby. When the boys go to town they point out what they want to buy. We get a lot of canned beef here and are getting sick of it. It is hard to get fresh beef but hope to soon. Bacon and rice or oatmeal for breakfast regular. Yesterday went to farm house and had glass of milk. We got paid the 18th. Received 61 francs or about \$12 U.S. money. Do not have much chance to spend our money here.

Say, Vincent (**George and Mary's son**) have you got your gun in good order so we can go hunting? You had ought to see mine. It is a big one and is quite heavy. Hope I will be able to bring it back with me. Have to keep it nice and clean so won't get rusty. Hope to hear from you soon.

Daniel

Editor's Note #2: When Daniel returned from the service, he married Helen Ebert. They took over the farm which belonged to her father, Conrad Ebert, at 1695 Plank Road. Daniel and Helen were parents of one son, Stanley, who married Mary and purchased the 58 acre farm at 1639 Plank Road. Stanley and Mary had three children - Ann King, Michael, and Donald. Stanley passed away in 2008 and Michael and his son Daniel continue to work the farm of 250 acres.

The Walworth Historical Society would like to thank the sponsors for our October Open House!

Gold Level Sponsors:

- 1. The Walworth Lions Club**
(provided the tent for this event)



- 2. Bruce Devlin**
- 3. Joe and Marcia Englert**
- 4. Ed and Donna Stalker**

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Bronze Level Sponsors:

- 1. Eastern Shore Associates Insurance**



- 5. Walworth Custom Gun Shop**



- 2. Walworth Wine and Spirits**



- 6. Walworth Family Dentistry**



- 3. Roxy's Salon and Spa**



- 7. Mark's Pizzeria**





Lucinda Collier Shares Family History By Gene Bavis

On September 19, Lucinda Collier, originally from Marion but now residing in Rose, presented a very interesting account of some of her ancestors (Peter & Susan Magilson) coming to Marion from Holland as indentured servants. She brought along several family heirlooms that once belonged to them.

Our Collection Continues to Grow By Jessie Keymel

We continue to gather bits and pieces of local history that will help us answer questions when we are asked to assist people in their search for family histories. Scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, school photos and yearbooks all help us to piece together many family stories.

Our thanks go to John Weaver for sharing his mother's collection of school memorabilia and newspaper clippings of Walworth events. Thanks also to Ruth Reybrouck for sharing another scrapbook to add to our scrapbook collection. Molly and Larry Hill have given to our collection Loreen Jorgensen's book, "The First Hundred Churches of Wayne County, New York." This book will certainly add a big patch to our blanket of research information. Thank you also to Donna Stalker for sharing Yeomans/Huntley family memorabilia and to Anna May Delorroco for the gift of a copy of the print of the Clum home in Walworth from the 1878 Book of Wayne County. Like a patchwork quilt, we can piece all the items together and the result is a growing blanket of information.

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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.

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

November 2018 WHS email bonus photos



The above 4 photos are from the WHS general meeting featuring Lucinda Collier with the presentation of "Indentured Servants in Marion, New York."



The above 3 photos are of Cathy McGrath at the WHS open house

All photos on this page are from the WHS Open House on October 7, 2018

