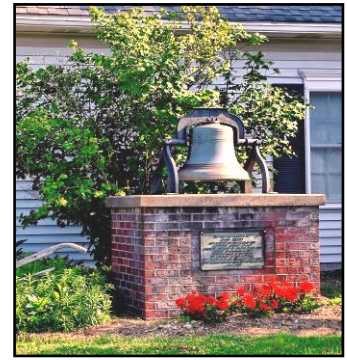




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2022 WHS Annual Meeting at the Lodge By Bob Mogray



Vaughn Pembroke (left)
WHS President Becky Appleman (right)

On May 16 the Walworth Historical Society held our Annual Meeting at the Lodge in Ginegaw Park. A short meeting was the first order of business. The 2022 Festival-in-the-Park was announced to be on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23. The parade will start at 7:00 PM on Friday. This year's theme is MUSIC.

The Hometown Heroes project was discussed. Banners with photos of local veterans will be displayed on utility poles throughout the town. The WHS will help in this project by handling the money.

Summer hours at the museum will be the first and second Wednesdays of June, July, August, and September from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. Appointments are also possible for other times by contacting a board member listed on page 8 of this newsletter.

Officers and Trustees for the next year were elected. President (Becky Appleman), Vice-President (Bob Mogray), and Secretary (Judy McMillan). Trustees re-elected were Gene Bavis and Jessie Keymel. The passing of board member Larry Ruth was noted.

The main attraction of the evening was the presentation of our Community Service Award. This is an award given to a person or small group of people who throughout their lives here in the Walworth area have distinguished themselves by giving of their time and effort by helping others and the community. This year Vaughn Pembroke (left) was selected to have this honor. Vaughn and his family have been life-long residents of Walworth.

Vaughn has been a volunteer member of several local organizations including three fire departments, the ambulance squad, and the Boy Scouts. Vaughn was also a member of the Wayne Central School Board and the Walworth Town Board. He is well known for helping others and volunteering his time to a variety of projects, especially as a counselor for the Rochester Spinal Association.

A short slide presentation was shown featuring a nostalgic look back at some of the events that occurred and other items that were important 50 years ago in 1972.

President's Report By Becky Appleman

Spring Cleanup: We held our annual spring cleanup at the museum in May. Again we were very fortunate to have one Mom, three Boy Scouts (shown below), and Gene and Liz Bavis. Buzz and I were also there to work on the grounds. We were also thankful for the donation of a load of mulch from Dana Luckman again this year. Unfortunately we ran out of mulch while distributing it around our gardens.

At our annual meeting on May 16 it was discussed whether to buy more mulch or just let it go with what we had done. A guest at our meeting, Brett Farman, volunteered to donate another load enabling us to finish our gardens. Thank you to Dana and Brett for the mulch, Roger Keymel for pickup and delivery and for all the weeding and mulching helpers for the day. Judy and Larry McMillan and Buzz and I put down the second load. Our gardens are now back in shape. The two Harden boys will be checking the gardens to try to keep the weeds at bay! The Board has authorized them to work 1-2 hours per month to help keep the gardens looking good. Alex Heinonen has volunteered to mow for us a few times. We appreciate his help as we do Gene's mowing for us. It requires a lot of help to keep our museum grounds looking good.

Summer Open House: Our summer open house hours will be the first and second Wednesdays from 2 to 4 PM in June thru September. If anyone would like to come to the museum at different times, please contact one of our board members and we can arrange your visit.

Home Town Hero's Banners: The first stage of this project has been completed and paid for. Everything is looking good and authorization from the utility company to place more banners has been received. Application forms are now available on the WHS website and at the farmer's market in Ginegaw Park on Tuesdays.

Stop by our museum this summer for a visit. Enjoy the summer!



Our Collection Continues To Grow By Jessie Keymel

On June 11, Bill Price and his family from Savannah, Georgia visited Walworth and our museum. Bill grew up on Boynton Road with his parents, Bethany and Bill Price, and his sister, Betsy. She was unable to visit but donated a friendship quilt that was a departing gift to her mother, Bethany (Bulterman) Price, from her Walworth friends. This lovely hand-crafted quilt is a work of art and a warm reminder of home and friends. This will be a great addition to our collection of friendship quilts.

The museum has many signature quilts. Do you remember a square for the Walworth Sesquicentennial Quilt? That quilt was made for us by the Reverse Curves Quilt Club and is part of our collection. There is a signature quilt from 1907, another from Freewill School, and more. We will try to find a way to display them this summer at the museum for you to enjoy when you visit.

Note: Our museum has a new phone number. It is 315-576-6037. Please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you.

Wanted: Information About These Houses By Mary Jane Devlin

These photos were taken in 1907 by a railroad company for a proposed spur to Walworth. The surveyors who came took pictures in West Walworth, Lincoln, and Walworth of houses, barns, fruit dry houses, cider mills, a roller mill, and cheese factories. They also included churches, the Pacific Hotel, Walworth Academy, stores, Masonic Hall, Macabee Hall and area orchards.

In 1987 Electa Wilson received them from a relative who found them in an attic in Westfield, Massachusetts. Electa donated them to the Walworth Historical Society while Kay Scott was president.

In 1986 someone noted some details about the photos on each of the pictures. Accession numbers have been added.

Now the Curatorial Committee is trying to establish addresses for the houses. There are approximately 26 houses and we have designated street addresses for 15.

If you have any information about either of the two houses pictured, please contact someone on the Curatorial Committee: Jessie Keymel, Dorothy French or Mary Jane Devlin.



Edwin Pope farm house



F. H Tuttle house

In Memoriam: Larry Ruth 1940 – 2022 By Bob Mogyay



Larry Ruth (left) was a long-time member of the Walworth Historical Society and served on our Board for many years. He passed away on May 1 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jacqueline, and four adult children.

Larry was an art teacher for 41 years, having taught for two years at Sodus Central and 39 years at Wayne Central. He served as president for the Wayne Central Teachers Association and Wayne County Teachers Association. In that capacity he was a founding member of what was the WCTA Federal Credit Union, now known as Reliant.

Larry was an Eagle Scout and in his younger years worked at BSA Camp in the Adirondacks. He was an assistant scout master in Webster. He was a historian and collector of World War II weapons and authored seven books on the M1 Carbine rifle.

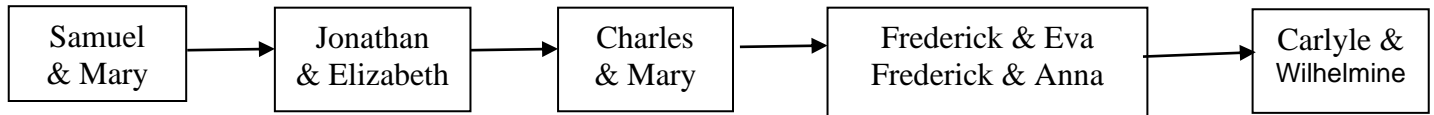
Larry was active in his community, serving 20 plus years on the Walworth Planning Board and Wayne County Planning Board, and eight years as Walworth Town Councilman. He was also on the Board of Directors for Wayne County Action Program.

He was a faithful member of the Walworth and West Walworth Zion United Methodist Churches.

Rev. Carlyle Tuttle Boynton



Editor's Note: Continued from May 2022. In 1806 three generations of Boyntons came from Massachusetts to Walworth, "an almost unbroken wilderness", according to a Boynton family Genealogy.



Carlyle Tuttle Boynton: His parents were Frederick (Fred) and Eva (Tuttle) Boynton. Carlyle was born April 18, 1895 in Walworth. Tuttle - his middle name - acknowledged his mother's maiden name, a well-known Walworth family. Carlyle had two sisters – Bessie (E. R. Burdick) and Lucy (Mrs. Leland Franke). In 1905 ten-year-old Carlyle accompanied a neighbor so he was able to visit his mother who was in a hospital recovering from childbirth. To get to the hospital they walked three miles to Walworth Station on Walworth-Palmyra Road, two miles west up the track to Macedon Station, and then two miles to the hospital. He was able to see Eva one more time before she passed away.



Following his wife's death in 1905 after giving birth to Lucy, Fred asked neighbors Frank and Anna Dumond to move in with them and take care of their three motherless children. After Frank's death November 27, 1936, Anna, a well-known member of the Walworth Methodist Church, married Fred, an auctioneer in the 1920's and 1930's. Anna died in 1958 after giving 50 years of her life to an orphaned neighbor family. Buried in Baker Road Cemetery are Fred and his wives Eva Tuttle and Anna Dumond and his sister and her husband, Lucy Boynton and Leland Franke.

Carlyle attended an old district school, before it "succumbed to the new Walworth Union School." When he was in third grade, the family moved to 3635 Main Street and soon established family pew #52 in the Methodist Church. When he was a sophomore in high school, his father was stricken with a massive bleeding ulcer of the stomach. Carlyle had to quit school and take over management of the farm. Carlyle remembers his father saying how hard it was to make the mortgage payment and interest.

Left: Fred Boynton, undated WHS photo and unidentified child

In 1913 Carlyle enrolled in a ministry studies program at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, a Methodist boarding school west of Rochester. He graduated as salutatorian two years later. In 1923 he received a degree from Alleghany College where he met Wilhelmine Traum, the chapel's organist. They were married June 6, 1925; there were no children from this marriage. .



Carlyle graduated from Boston University School of Theology; his first appointment was in South Middleboro, Mass. Later he served churches in Ohio, Boston and Oregon, in addition to several in New York State including Victor, Batavia, Olean, and Rochester.

His last assignment was in Sun City, AZ in 1964. Carlyle and Wilhelmine moved to Orangewood, AZ, a health care facility, in July 1973. He died February 5, 1987 at age 91 in Phoenix, AZ; his wife died February 23, 1991

Information for this story also came from "The New Song", a booklet (left) written by Rev. Carlyle Boynton, great-great-grandson of Samuel Boynton.

To be continued

WW II Veterans: A Brother and Sister Remembered

By Dorothy French

When Bea Valcore read the front-page story about “Wreaths Across America” in the December 26, 2021 issue of the “Times of Wayne County”, she thought of brother and sister Oakley and Marie Crane, World War II veterans and former Walworth residents. Bea was sad that they were not honored with a wreath because they are not buried in one of our local cemeteries.

Bea’s concern prompted a search for more information about Oakley and Marie and their parents, Harry and Barbara Crane. The family lived at 891 Atlantic Avenue near Lincoln Road from January 14, 1926 until June 8, 1943. Their daughter, Barbara Schultz Hallberg, lives in Charleston, SC, and provided valuable information about her uncle and mother.



Oakley Crane

Oakley was born March 15, 1922 in Webster and baptized on Easter Sunday 1937 in Lincoln Baptist Church. He graduated from Webster High School in 1938 and worked in Rochester as a typesetter prior to his enlisting in the U.S. Army at age 20 on November 1, 1942. Overseas service began November 1943 and he served in the Aleutians, North Africa, Italy and France,

Oakley was a paratrooper in the 1st Regiment, 1st Special Service Force, U.S. Army. He was wounded on the Anzio Beachhead in Normandy May 25, 1944 and later returned to his unit. Oakley’s remains are unknown because this U.S. Army staff sergeant, age 22, was killed September 17, 1944 by a land mine in Normandy. He is memorialized in Rhone American Cemetery, Draguignan, France, and was posthumously awarded the WWII Victory Medal and Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

Oakley Crane – WW II

Marie Crane

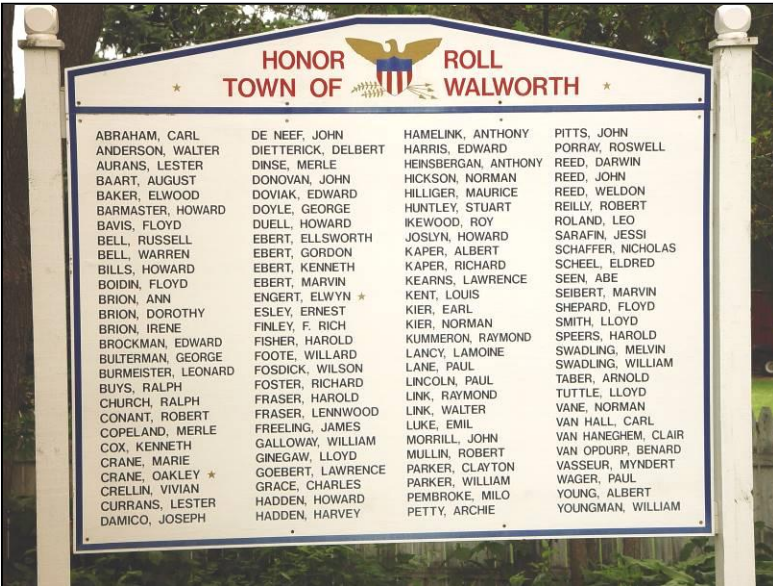
Marie was born November 12, 1917 in Ontario, NY. She graduated from Webster High School and was employed at Garlock Packing Company in Palmyra before she enlisted in the Woman’s Army Corps July 14, 1943. She crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary, which docked outside of London. Marie served on the staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower in military logistics, working at night transcribing teletype messages for tracking of military forces and supplies to prepare morning reports for the General. She was transferred to Paris, arriving five days after it was liberated. She served with the Marine Operations Division until her discharge November 11, 1945, retiring as a Corporal. She was awarded numerous medals, including the Bronze Star and the WW II Victory Medal.

Marie met Howard Charles Schultz in Rochester and moved to Geneseo in 1960. She worked for Genesee Valley National Bank and Trust from 1969 to 1985, which was acquired by Key Bank. After retirement she became a part-time bookkeeper for the Big Tree Inn in Geneseo. Her husband passed away in 1983, In 2002 Marie moved to Charleston, SC to be near daughter Barbara and son-in-law Thomas Hallberg.

Marie Crane: 1945 Paris Headquarters (Continued on next page)



Marie died November 26, 2008 age 91 in Charleston. When her ashes were buried in a memorial garden at Central Presbyterian Church in Geneseo; the local VFW honored her with a 21 gun salute. Marie's resting place is marked with a veteran's grave marker.



In 1944 a grateful community erected an honor roll service board on the Main Street property of Walworth Grange and the names of Oakley and Marie Crane were among the local veterans listed. Many years later Nathaniel Ruth created a similar honor board for his Boy Scout Community Service project; it is displayed near the entrance to the main meeting room at Walworth Town Hall.

The family name was also honored when Crane-Engert American Legion Post #1710 was named in memory of veterans Oakley Crane and Elwyn Engert. The Post was cancelled May 6, 1965.

Walworth's WW II Honor Roll

Additional Information:

Bea Valcore's parents, Ernest and Emma Jordan, lived at 4572 Lincoln Road and that is where Bea was born in 1937. She was told the first house on that site was a stop on the Underground Railroad and there was an area in the basement where the slaves could walk from the house to a nearby barn. The house was destroyed by fire and rebuilt. The home is currently owned by Gary and Stephanie Craft, who operate G and S Orchards from that location.

Barbara Crane took care of Bea when she was a toddler. Ernest managed the F. Snow Wooster fruit farm from 1936 to 1946 (currently G and S Orchards). Bea remembers her father plowing the orchards with a team of horses. She attended Lincoln District #10 School; her teachers were Thelma Carr DeLass and Otila Burrow.

Bea and her husband Ted recently moved from Williamson to Parkwood Heights in Macedon. However, Bea said "My heart is still in Lincoln."

Editor's Note: Information for this story was obtained from museum files, Steve Yuschak (Walworth resident and member of American Legion and Veteran of Foreign Wars), Barbara Schultz Hallberg (Oakley's niece), and Ellen Dietterick (WHS genealogy researcher).

Honoring Our Veterans By Christine Alborn

Walworth HomeTown Heroes banner program, similar to the veteran banner recognition programs in the nearby towns of Ontario, Marion, Williamson, and Lyons, has successfully completed its Phase One process.

The idea for a similar program in our area was born when Bob Anderson viewed an emotionally-moving veteran display along Route 3 during his July 4, 2021 travels while vacationing in the Adirondacks. The display was put on by U-B's Mercantile of Oswegatchie and its six employees. It spanned a distance of 20 miles and featured a specially-placed combat boot, a United States flag, and a commemorative name tag of an honored veteran attached to each display. In February 2022, just eight months later, chairman Bob Anderson's Walworth HomeTown Heroes project came to fruition.

After meeting with Town Supervisor Michael Donalty in early February Bob was encouraged to present his idea to the Town Board. Following Bob's initial presentation, a Walworth HTH committee was formed consisting of Bob and four others. An association with the Walworth Historical Society was made which subsequently lent to approval for use of 14 town-owned lamp posts and poles in various areas of Walworth.

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A few weeks after the initial creation, associations, and town approvals, Walworth was able to set its eyes on the first of many veteran banners. The first phase of Walworth HTH Banner program proudly features C.M. Sergeant **Richard L. Carley Jr.**, United States Air Force, the Cold War Era, Persian Gulf, and GWOT; Technical Sergeant **David Price**, United States Air Force Vietnam; Specialist **Joseph E. Pickett**, United States Army GWOT; Sergeant **William Meiers (shown here)**, United States Marine Corps GWOT; Specialist **Benjamin M. Pickett**, United States Army GWOT; Corporal **Robert G. Turcotte**, United States Army Cold War; ET3 **Ronald Lawrence**, United States Coast Guard Vietnam; First Lieutenant **Mackenzie T. Bigley**, United States Army GWOT; Airman **Justyn R. Franklin**, United States Air Force Active Duty; SP4 **Eugene VanDeWalle**, United States Army Korean War; Lance Corporal **Alexander J.N. Menzies**, United States Marine Corps Vietnam "Killed In Action"; Private **Joe LeMay**, United States Army Korean War; and Tech Grade 5 **Stanley Porterfield** United States Army WWII.



Phase One banners are currently proudly flanking the street sides of Route 441 in the hamlet of Walworth (left), across from the Veterans Memorial Park on Lorraine Drive, at the Walworth Town Hall upper-level parking lot, and the hamlet of Lincoln (intersection of Lincoln/Plank Roads). With the recent approval of 138 utility poles owned by Avangrid, Phase Two will be launching in early July 2022. This will allow the program to blossom and reach further into the community with applications being made available for the following streets: Academy Street, Church Street, Walworth-Palmyra Road, Walworth-Ontario Road, West Walworth Road, Plank Road, and Lincoln Road - successfully spanning across all three hamlets. Banners will be produced by the Lettering Lounge, a Wayne County small business located in Williamson.

Application details will be publicly released early July via the Walworth Historical Society's website, Facebook, other community events and publicly-displayed flyers. If you would like to purchase a banner for a friend or family member(s) who served in the military, we would love to hear from you. Banners will measure 30"x60" and cost \$150.00. Questions about the program can be directed to Bob Anderson, HTH chairman, at 585-737-9577 or Becky Appleman, WHS President/HTH committee member and HTH WHS liaison at 585-703-1559.

Cleaning Gravestones – A Special Program on July 16 By Gene Bavis

A few weeks ago at a Wayne Historians Organization meeting Marion Town Historian Caryn Devlin and I met Dave Bloom, "the Gravestone Guy" (below). He talked to the group about some of the projects he's been doing and the fact that he likes to share information about how to PROPERLY clean gravestones. After the meeting, Caryn asked if the Walworth Historical Society might be willing to co-host a program at the Hall Center Cemetery located on the corner of Hall Center and Goosen Roads. Since this cemetery is just about on the town line, it made sense, so we agreed.

Dave did a program at the Newark-Arcadia Historical Society on June 15. Both Caryn and I were there, as were Roger and Jessie Keymel. He showed us before and after photos. It was AMAZING. And the good news is that safely cleaning stones with his "Do No Harm" technique is not very difficult.



The program will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 16, at the Hall Center Cemetery. This will be a bit different than the program presented at Newark as instead of showing photos he will demonstrate the techniques. He will also talk about how gravestones can be repaired, and you will see that Hall Center has a lot that need repair. While the location of the cemetery is good, walking into to the cemetery can be a challenge. If you attend, please park along Goosen Road.

If you are unable to attend this program, there are a couple of other ones coming up. One is in Macedon on Sunday, July 31, at 2 PM at the Macedon Academy (slide show inside) and another is in the town of Huron at Evergreen Cemetery on August 15 at 10:30 AM (demonstration at the cemetery). For more details on these programs, please contact Gene Bavis at genebavis71@gmail.com or 315-573-2768.

The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee met on June 21 to launch a sponsorship campaign. As we have reported previously, there are several major events and projects planned to celebrate our county's birthday. Some can be funded with money allocated by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, but others cannot. For example, we have purchased signs and banners of various kinds with public money to make people aware of the upcoming celebration. We also published the Activity Book for children which has been given to schools and is available for free in public libraries. However, the 2-year commemorative calendar could not be funded that way as it was an item we are selling. We got a couple of grants and received donations to pay for the printing and, as we sell the calendars, money in the bicentennial fund is replenished to be used for other projects.

The current project that is almost ready to go to the printer is the Wayne County Memories Book. We recently received a grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation to help pay for the printing. People from all over Wayne County and beyond have submitted their personal memories of our county. Amber Linson and her team reviewed and selected around 140 of their stories and are now in the process of editing. While most are not being changed much, they are checking for spelling and factual errors as we want this to be something everyone can be proud of. The finished product will be a hard cover book that will be offered for sale this fall just in time for holiday gift giving. The Bicentennial Committee will also be donating some copies to schools, libraries and historical agencies. In the next WHS newsletter, we will tell you where you can get one and how much they will cost.

The Town Rack Card project is nearly complete. These, too, are funded with public money and are distributed free of charge. We have only two more to finish. Each one gives basic historical information about the town and mentions a couple of historical figures of importance to that town. Next we will focus on topics. Topical rack cards completed to date are: The Fox Sisters, Cobblestone Masonry, and the Peppermint Industry in Lyons.

The nation just celebrated Juneteenth. Did you know that General Gordon Granger who delivered General Order #3 in Texas on June 19, 1865 (the basis for the celebration) was born in Wayne County? A historic marker has been approved for his birthplace in the Hamlet of Joy in the Town of Sodus. One of the Wayne County Bicentennial Minutes was devoted to General Granger. Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoaNpblhRKg>

We continue to urge you to visit our website: www.waynecounty200.com There you can find links to our Facebook page (with daily postings of interesting tidbits) and to our Bicentennial Bytes Newsletter as well as events and more. Feel free to contact us with your questions or suggestions at bicentennial@waynehistorians.org.

2022 WHS Calendar of Events

July 16		Gravestone cleaning Demonstration at Hall Center Rd Cemetery
July 22-23		Festival in the Park
Aug. 8	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees WHS museum
Sept. 19	7:00 PM	General meeting Ruth Williams 19th Century Funerals
Oct. 2	2-4 PM	Honoring the three local fire departments
Oct. 10	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees WHS museum
Nov. 21	1:00 PM	General meeting Caryn Devlin Newark-Marion RR
Dec. 3	6-8 PM	Light the Night
Dec. 12	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees WHS museum

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Email members extra photos

“Then & Now” Pictures from years ago and what they look like today



Walworth Hardware building



The Walworth Historical Society Museum



The Penfield Road / Main Street location. Sinclair gas station and Salvatore's Pizza

The Pacific Hotel over 100 years ago (top) / and now under renovation (bottom)

