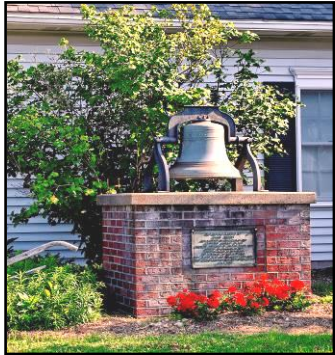




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Walworth Festival-in-the-Park and Parade By Bob Mogyay

On July 22 and 23 the Walworth Lions Club and the Town of Walworth hosted the thirty-second Festival-in-the-Park. There were food concessions, games, vendors, crafts, bingo, and a bounce house for the kids. The Wayne County Sheriff's Department had a K-9 demonstration and the Lions Club sponsored the movie "Encanto." There were also a puppet show and water ball tournament.

The weekend events started with the Friday evening parade. The Walworth Historical Society participated as usual. The theme for this year's parade was "Music" and our float was assembled to depict this theme. Some of the local bands were displayed on the float with photos enlarged by the Lettering Lounge in Williamson to 24" x 36" size. Also on board the float was the 2022 WHS Community Service Award winner and Historical Society member Vaughn Pembroke and his accordion (shown above). On the float also were a keyboard, a bass drum from the Walworth Coronet Band in the early 1900's, part of an old Victrola, and a glockenspiel.

The float was towed by Roger Keymel and his tractor and won the trophy for "Most Original Float" (shown above) as well as another trophy for "Best Tractor" in the parade. On Saturday the WHS shared a booth with the Wayne County Bicentennial Committee and had many visitors. To end the festival there were fireworks on Saturday night.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the float and with the booth. The WHS is happy to participate each year in the festival parade and festivities.

Walworth Farmers' Market: Back in Full Swing By Bob Mogray



Recently the Walworth Farmers' Market has opened for the season. It is located in Ginégaw Park on Walworth-Penfield Road from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Tuesdays. Senior citizens (ages 50 and over) get to shop early starting at 2:30 PM.

The market will close on October 11 for the season. This is the tenth year of the Farmers' Market serving customers with crafts, fresh-grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, food trucks, and a whole lot more. If you get the chance, please stop in and have a look!

Cleaning Gravestones By Gene Bavis

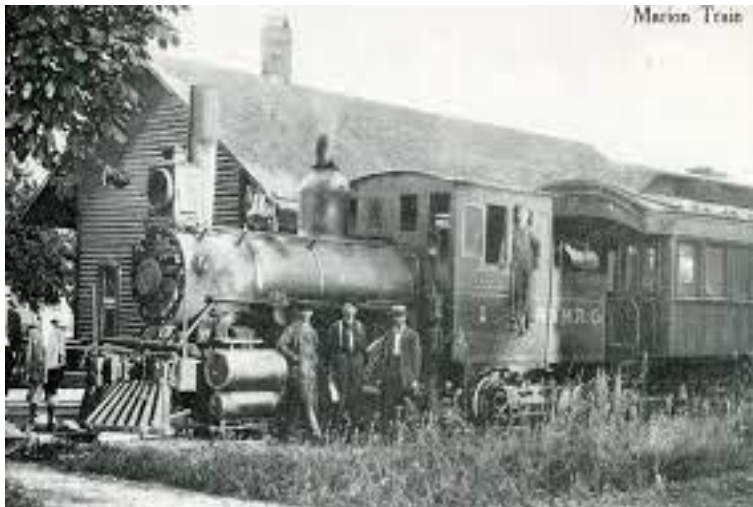
On Saturday, July 16, the Walworth Historical Society in cooperation with the Marion Historic Association hosted a gravestone cleaning demonstration at Hall Center Cemetery conducted by Dave Bloom, commonly called "the Gravestone Guy."

Dave has studied this topic and attended numerous seminars to learn the "Do No Harm" techniques. Sadly, some people have used wire brushes, power washers or caustic chemicals that do more harm than good, so Dave does these programs to help people learn the CORRECT way to clean stones. It is fairly simple to clean most stones. Using a product called "D-2" and some minor cleaning with water, soft brushes and plastic scrapers, it is possible to make many stones look almost new.

Dave provided us with a great handout with tips. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Gene Bavis (genebavis71@gmail.com or call 315-573-2768).



Soup and Trains By Gene Bavis



On Monday, November 21 the Walworth Historical Society will host a program about the Newark-Marion Railroad. The presenter will be Marion Town Historian Caryn Devlin. Prior to the 1:00 PM program there will be a FREE luncheon consisting of homemade soups, crackers, bread, and dessert.

Lunch will be served at Noon and the meeting location is the Lodge at Ginégaw Park, Walworth-Penfield Road, Walworth. For more information, please call 315-573-2768.

In Memoriam - The Darrons – Brother and Sister By Dorothy French

Throughout their 90+ years of life, Carlyle Darron and Helen Darron Schultz shared a special bond as brother and sister. This closeness was even more evident when they passed away in their respective nursing homes several hours apart on July 12, 2022. Their love of the Walworth community and their life-long dedication to the Walworth United Methodist Church was apparent when families and friends came together at the two memorial services that were held at their church the week of July 17.

Carlyle was a dairy farmer and showed his award-winning cattle at the Wayne County Fair for 75 years. He served as Walworth Town Supervisor from 1976 to 1980 and again from 1986 to 1990. Carlyle was a charter member of the West Walworth Fire Department and a member of the Wayne County Holstein Association. He was predeceased by Doris, his wife of 69 years, and survived by their children: Jacqueline (Roger) Hansen, Linda (Tom) Yale, Richard (Karen) Darron and many relatives.

Helen was church organist and choir director for 44 years. Her love of music continued when she was a resident at the Wayne County Nursing Home and encouraged residents to sing in the choir. The school yearbook was dedicated to Helen when she was working as a secretary at Wayne Central High School. She was predeceased by her husbands Harold Schultz and Howard Triou, and daughter-in-law Randy Schultz. She is survived by her children Wayne (Sue Welcher) Schultz, Diane (Daniel) Koretz, Kevin (Loretta) Schultz and many relatives.

Carlyle (1927) and Helen (1929) were born in Walworth to Leigh and Eva Darron. Carlyle and Helen were members of the Walworth Historical Society and were a fountain of knowledge about our community. Earlier this year they shared their memories of growing up here in a story to be published this year in conjunction with Wayne County's 2023 Bicentennial.

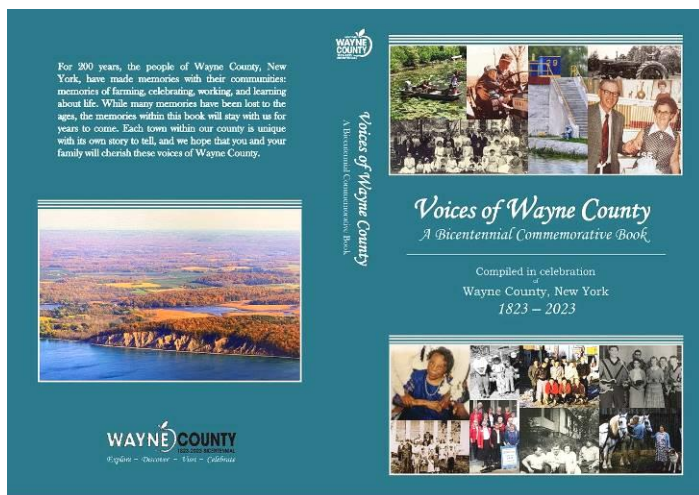


Carlyle (left) and Helen (right): 1931



Helen and Carlyle: 2018 at Helen's 90th birthday celebration

Wayne County Bicentennial Memories Book Soon Available By Bob Mogray

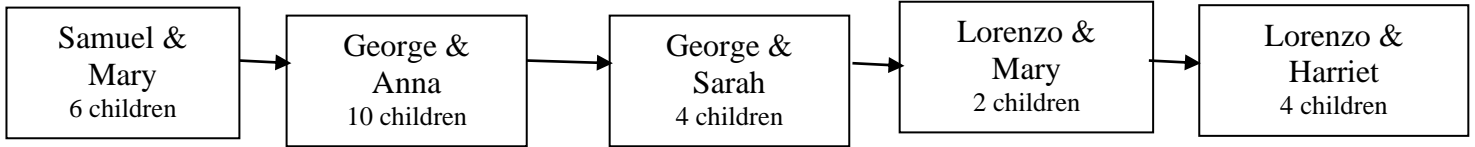


In the next few weeks the Wayne County Bicentennial Committee will be selling a 6" x 9" hard-cover book that contains about 140 submissions that people of the county have provided for publication.

This book is over 450 pages of stories and anecdotes from each town. The cost will be \$27.00 which includes tax and they are expected to be very popular. When these books are available, we will send out an email reminder.

George and His Family

Editor's Note: Continued from July 2022. In 1806 three generations of Boyntons came from Massachusetts to Walworth, "an almost unbroken wilderness", according to a booklet written by Rev. Carlyle Boynton.



Genealogy History:

Samuel and Mary (Robinson) Boynton: Samuel's parents were Caleb and Rachel; Samuel was honored as a patriot for his civil service in the Revolutionary War. Samuel and Mary were parents of 6 children, including Jonathan (see previous newsletter) and George. Samuel was born July 14, 1751 in Milford, Massachusetts. While living in Stockbridge, Samuel enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War's Minute Men on May 5, 1775 and served three months. He died November 12, 1793 and is buried in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Mary was born approximately 1759. Following Samuel's death, Mary married a man named Haxton. Mary spent her last days with her son, George. She died in 1841 and is buried in Freewill Cemetery in Walworth.

George Boynton: Son of Samuel and Mary (Haxton) Boynton and born in 1793 in Massachusetts. George was a private during the War of 1812; he enlisted July 1812 and served until June 1813. George came to Walworth with his parents when he was 18 years old. The family's farm was located in Walworth on the east side of Boynton Road, half way between Walworth-Marion and Smith Hill Roads. In 1814 George married Anna Twitchell of Walworth and they had 10 children.

Following Anna's 1834 death in Walworth, George married Sarah Hibner and they had 4 children. Sarah was born about 1812 in Penfield and died in 1857. George was a farmer and a Justice of the Peace for many years. He practiced law in Justice Court. George died of cholera in Walworth in 1854.

Lorenzo Robinson Boynton: Oldest son of George and Anna. He was born May 12, 1815 in Walworth and died August 16, 1890 when he was hit by a train in Webster. He was a country school teacher and had to board in each home of the district for a part of the school year because room and board were considered part of the teacher's salary.

In 1837 he married his first wife, Mary Hopkins, a direct descendant of Stephen Hopkins who came to America on the Mayflower. She was the daughter of Freeman Hopkins, the first settler in Ontario. Lorenzo and Mary had a son, Dr. Frank Boynton, an oculist in New York City, and a daughter, Mary who died October 7, 1854.



In 1848 the family moved to Ontario where Lorenzo purchased 240 acres of land at 259 Lake Road. In 1862 he built a brick residence, a showplace for those days. Lorenzo was a well-informed man, a Republican, and a judge for many years. He had a special courtroom built with a raised floor in his home.

On April 5, 1855 the widowed Lorenzo married Harriet Northrup of Onondaga County, who was born July 29 1830 in Tully Valley, NY, and died June 22, 1908 in Ontario. Lorenzo and Harriet were parents of four children who achieved professional success: Rev. Charles H., George E. (teacher), Willis (medical doctor), and L. R. (medical doctor).

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Top: The Lorenzo Boynton home, 259 Lake Road, Ontario. Undated photo courtesy of Ontario Historical Society and Town Historian Liz Albright.

Their half-brother, Frank, helped to pay for their education. The youngest son, L.R., graduated from Brockport College and returned home to operate the farm after his father's death in 1890. Lorenzo, his two wives, and daughter Mary are buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Ontario.



Left to right: George, Willis, L.R. and Rev. Charles Boynton. WHS file photo.

Sources: 1.) Grace Smith (Boynton descendent); 2.) "The New Song" by Rev. Carlyle Boynton; 3.) Liz Albright, Ontario Town Historian; 4.) *The Wayne County Mail* July 18, 1958 by Town Historian Augusta Trimble; 5.) *Landmarks of Wayne County* by George W. Cowle; and 6.) *History of Wayne County*.

President's Report By Becky Appleman

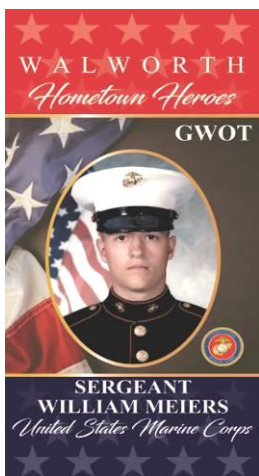
All of us are in the midst of summer activities but not all of us are enjoying this hot humid weather. Our gardens at the museum seem to like this weather because they look very good, along with the weeds! I've done some weeding and, with the two boys we've hired to help us, we seem to be able to maintain our beautiful garden.

We have just participated in another successful Festival-in-the-Park and our float earned a trophy for most original. Vaughn Pembroke, our Citizen of the Year, sat atop the float playing his father Charlie's accordion; it was indeed both interesting and unique for this year's music theme. Roger Keymel pulled our float with one of many tractors from his collection and he also won a trophy for best tractor.

As summer creeps toward the end there is still business that needs attention. First we would like to welcome Alex Heinonen to our Board of Directors. Alex has agreed to complete the term of the late Larry Ruth. Hopefully he will consider joining us on a permanent basis. Thank you Alex! Larry was with us for many years and was a crucial part of planning our festival float. He was always there to help prepare the float for the parade.

Our Hometown Heroes banner program has just submitted orders for Phase II entries. All is going well and we will continue taking orders as we move forward.

Hope to see many of you at our fall open house that we are co-sponsoring with the Lincoln Fire Department on October 2 at their fire house (see the story on page 8 in this issue). Enjoy the remaining summer.



Hometown Heroes Banner Program By Becky Appleman

The Hometown Heroes Committee has recently submitted orders for Phase 2 of our banner program. We have 14 new banners that will be going up in the township of Walworth. We are taking orders for our next phase. Please keep in mind this would make a great Christmas or anniversary gift or a memorial for a friend or loved one. The banners will be displayed for two years and after this period they will be returned to the purchaser.

Phases 1 and 2 have a total of 28 hero banners purchased. They look beautiful and we are honored to support our local heroes in this manner. If you don't know a loved one for a banner you may also make a donation in any amount that may help someone who is not financially able to purchase a banner. Let's pitch in, show our pride and decorate our towns with these Hometown Heroes banners! More information is available at the Farmers' Market on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 6 PM or on our website.

Fried Cake Band

By Dorothy French



Editor's Note: This begins a new series that showcases the many bands who have entertained us through the years. Thanks to our museum's records we are able to tell you about the people who shared their love of music with others.

The Fried Cake Band got its name because the members were paid in fried cakes for their performance. All members of this musical quintet were affiliated with the Walworth United Methodist Church. Left to right are:

Jay Seely played the violin. Jay was a man of many talents and a self-made musician. He owned the tinsmith shop at 2256 Walworth-Marion Road which later became the Walworth-Seely Public Library and now is the location of Roxy's Salon. He invented the gas generator, enabling a home to have gas lights, and made his own washing machine. He dug wells by hand and tuned and repaired pianos.

Robert W. Wignall played the saxophone. A nephew of George Wignall, he managed his uncle's farm at 2119 Walworth-Penfield Road. He was in charge of spraying the apple and cherry orchards and tending the large flock of white leghorn chickens.

George Frowley was the band's director. George served as supervisor of the Town of Walworth from 1922 – 1929. He was a past master of Walworth Masonic Lodge #254 and a 50-year member of Walworth Grange #289.

Charles Lawrence played the trumpet. Charles served on Walworth High School's Board of Education for nine years. During his tenure it became apparent of a need for a larger high school, culminating in ground breaking ceremonies in 1930.

Dr. Ernest E. Esley played the trombone. He served his community in many ways as doctor, dentist, and optometrist. When a fire occurred, a phone call was made to Dr. Esley's home which was located at the corner of Walworth-Penfield Road and Church Street. Then Dr. Esley would go to the nearby fire house and ring the bell which had a very sharp tone.

Civil War Era Mourning and Funeral Practices

By Gene Bavis



On Monday, September 19, at 7 PM at the Lodge in Ginegaw Park, Ruth Williams of Henrietta will speak to our historical society on this very interesting (and perhaps morbid) topic.

Ruth and her late husband Don were Civil War re-enactors since the mid 1970's with the 140th NY Volunteer Infantry. Don portrayed an undertaker and Ruth was a grieving widow. Having researched this topic extensively, both Don and Ruth were well respected by historians and other re-enactors. Ruth will touch on the mid-1800's topics of mourning, death, widows, widowers, cemeteries, and embalming.

Please join us and bring a friend to enjoy this bit of unusual history. After taking two years off because of COVID, we will return to having refreshments following the program.

Where Are 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 orchards.

In 1986 someone noted some details about the photos on each of the pictures. Accession numbers have been added. 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. Now the Curatorial Committee is trying to establish current addresses for the houses. There are approximately 26 houses and we have designated addresses for 15 of them.

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. Unfortunately, no one contacted us with information about the houses in the last issue of our newsletter. Here are pictures of two more houses that we could not find.



(left): Jake Valore
Walworth farmhouse

(right); W. H. Henning
Walworth farmhouse



Wayne County Bicentennial Updates By Gene Bavis

As time goes by and we get closer to 2023, things seem to get busier. Our Bicentennial Team is doing a FANTASTIC job. We now have a rack card outlining most of the 2023 events that will occur. The BIG events are the April 11, 2023 ceremony/reception that will be on our actual anniversary. Next we'll have the Bicentennial Gala...a fancy dinner dance at Carey Lake on May 13. In August, we will be at the Wayne County Fair in MANY ways:

August 14 – The Torch Relay begins at the Fair

August 18 – The Torch Relay ends at the Fair after 200+ runners have covered 200 miles through EVERY town in Wayne County.

August 19 – Family Fun Day with ALL KINDS of historic activities for kids of ALL AGES.

AND we'll have our Bicentennial Display at the Fair ALL WEEK.

In the Fall we'll have a reception for donors, sponsors and volunteers.

To date we have accomplished a LOT:

- A Rack Card about each town outlining founding dates and other significant facts
- Three topical cards about Spiritualism, Peppermint production and Cobblestone Masonry
- The Activity Book for Elementary Students
- Our Commemorative Calendar filled with over 800 facts and 300+ photos
- Programs for MANY different groups
- A promotional table at the 2022 Wayne County Fair...we won second prize!
- Our Bicentennial Float in several parades and on display at many events
- Our Memories Book is at the printer to be released in October and contains 140 submissions. This amazing book will be a great holiday gift. A book release event will occur sometime in October. Books will cost \$27 which includes tax and will be available in many places. Check the Bicentennial Website to find out where to get one.
- The Bicentennial Photo Quilt is almost done. Stand by for more news.

(If you would like to help us, please send an email to bicentennial@waynehistorians.org)

October 2 Open House Celebration By Becky Appleman



Lincoln Fire Department circa 1950

Our annual open house this year will be co-hosted with the Lincoln Fire Department which is celebrating its 75th anniversary of service to our community. The event will be held on Sunday, October 2, from 2 – 4 PM at the Lincoln fire hall, located at the corner of Plank and Lincoln Roads.

“Celebrating Our Local Emergency Services” will include Lincoln, West Walworth and Walworth Fire Departments as well as Western Wayne Ambulance Services, Inc. They will be in attendance with displays and photos. Members will be available to answer questions and highlight their organizations. The Walworth Historical Society will also have information and displays to add to the celebration.

Cake and ice cream will be served to celebrate Lincoln Fire Department’s 75th year anniversary. Join us to celebrate with Lincoln and learn more about your local emergency services.

Hope to see you there!

Our Collection Continues To Grow By Jessie Keymel

Our collections slowly grow. We have received a large free-standing drying rack which can be used in many ways to display quilts, banners, and other items from our cedar closet. Also donated was a Boy Scout uniform with many patches and awards, recording the accomplishments of a member of Troop 113. A donor gave us photos of a class at West Walworth’s two-room school in the 1940s, including names of those in the picture.

When I considered the historical items that are being donated lately, I realize we are living in history. The closing of Freewill School, the removal of Walworth High School, the repurposing of the Grange Hall, farmland being changed into housing developments, and the disappearance of the small grocery stores in our hamlets: this is history.

We have been extending our files to document our changing communities.

<u>2022 WHS Calendar of Events</u>		
Sept. 19	7:00 PM	General meeting Ruth Williams 19th Century Funerals Ginegaw Park Lodge
Oct. 2	2-4 PM	Honoring Walworth area EMS Personnel. Lincoln Fire Hall
Oct. 10	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees WHS museum
Nov. 21	12:00 PM	General meeting / Soup 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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