

# Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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## *From Your President*



Along with the arrival of summer and 4th of July, our historical society has much to celebrate! As W-PHS finds itself halfway through 2019, in addition to daily behind-the-scene operations, we have many accomplishments to be proud of to date, which include, but are not limited to:

- W-PHS monthly programs continue to gain momentum with 105 in attendance at our June program. Well-done, Dottie Howland, W-PHS Program Chair!
- The recently held 4th Grade Walking Tour was the largest initiative to date sponsored by W-PHS in 2019. The society was honored to once again host four classes of eager-to-learn students for this tour which had become tradition. Throughout the decades of its earlier existence, it had been influenced by the late Chester A. Peters, former Town of Williamson Historian. This educational partnership between W-PHS and the Williamson Central School District (WCS) was designed to extend student learning well beyond the classroom and foster an appreciation for the importance of local history. Accolades and thank you to W-PHS members and Co-Chairs, Craig and Susan DeNagel, for a job well-done to ensure its success. Many thanks also to their committee made up of over forty W-PHS members and community volunteers who welcomed students, played characters, offered hands-on experiences or were tour guides. Both W-PHS and WCS look forward to continuing this mutually beneficial collaboration and to also extending opportunities to include other grade levels in the near future.
- The W-PHS Trolley has been refurbished and is once again ready to roll, and just in time for the

Homecoming Parade on Saturday, July 20 at 2p.m.

- W-PHS hosted over forty Members and Friends on June 13th at its annual Open House Reception, the eve before opening to the public for the season. All enjoyed an evening of great conversation and a preview of 2019 exhibits.
- With engineering drawings in hand, W-PHS continues to move forward with soon-to-be announced fundraising plans for the extensive structural remediation of Gates Hall needed in order to preserve it for future generations, so that it can continue to serve the community the next 200 years, as it has for the last 194. While there will be multiple fundraising efforts, grants will play an important role. W-PHS has completed the Pre-Registration process which has been submitted for approval to the Grants Gateway. This was an important step because all 501(c)(3) organizations must be pre-qualified to compete for state grant funding and approved to do business with New York State.
- In accordance with W-PHS By-Laws, as adopted November 2018, an Audit Committee of three has been appointed to review financial transactions and policies of the Society, report results to the Board and make recommendations for corrective action, if required.
- A grant application was submitted for the stabilization and conservation of an oil painting done by Kenneth Orbaker, a Williamson soldier who lost his life in WW1. This painting was donated to the society by Fred Compertore of Webster who felt that it was worthy of preservation and that it should be placed with the historical society in the area from which it originated.

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- Plans have been finalized for the W-PHS sponsored 62nd annual Pultneyville Homecoming Celebration scheduled for July 19-21. To date, the number of Open Air Marketplace vendors has doubled from 2018, enhancing the shopping experience for visitors. In addition, this year we have a Farm Market designation which allows for the tasting of NYS produced products, and we are delighted that in addition to others, our three local beverage purveyors will be present ... Apple Country Spirits, Embark Craft Ciderworks and Young Sommer Winery. In addition, we are pleased to announce that there are period appropriate demonstrations planned at the W-PHS house on Saturday, July 20.

It is our hope to see you, your friends, family and neighbors at Pultneyville Homecoming July 19-21. This is a community celebration presented by over 100 community volunteers for your enjoyment. Please note, as per the full page event schedule in this newsletter, that the Parade is again at 2p.m. on Saturday, July 20, when music by the Marion Red Caps, Tow Path Volunteers Fife and Drum, Rochester Scottish Pipes and Drums, and Prime Time Brass will fill the lakeside air. These are some pretty big names for such a small community, so do invite guests over for the day to share in the enjoyment.

Needless to say, we are delighted to have already accomplished so much in just the first half of 2019. Each of the above accomplishments require planning and participation.

In closing, on behalf of W-PHS, I express sincere appreciation to our Officers, Board Chairs and their committees, as well as to our many volunteers and members for your continued support and involvement.

Together, we can do it . . . and get others "Hooked on History."

Regards,

*Nan*

Nanette Peters Hance, President

## Get "Hooked on History" at Pultneyville Homecoming

The Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS) is pleased to announce it will host two history-related demo's as part of the 62nd annual Pultneyville Homecoming Celebration on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

While hooked on history, the Rug Hookers of the Finger Lakes will demonstrate the traditional craft of rug making using new and recycled woolens and linen with burlap backing. Established twenty years ago, this group of like-minded individuals joined together to further the knowledge and promotion of rug hooking and delights in demonstrating and sharing the art and their craft.

Also offering a demo will be the Wayne Historian's Organization (WHO) that will demonstrate their recently launched Historic Sites website. To date, this online initiative features over 1,000 sites throughout Wayne County that have been entered into a searchable data base which includes information and photos of historically significant properties and landmarks situated in each Wayne County town. The goal of this project is to create a greater awareness for the unique cultural heritage of Wayne County which will be celebrating its Bicentennial in 2023.

Along with the Rug Hookers and the WHO organization, W-PHS hopes that its many visitors will also become "Hooked on History" at Pultneyville Homecoming on July 20 from 9a.m.-4p.m. on the lawn of the W-PHS home at 4130 Mill Street, Pultneyville, or as they view the exhibits on display in its home.

As one can see from our full page 2019 event schedule, Saturday, July 20, promises to be filled with a variety of opportunities to get "Hooked on History." Whether the Second Quilt Show, which will feature new and heirloom quilts and talks on their connection to our past; the family-friendly History Scavenger Hunt; the Walking Tour of Pultneyville; the chance to hand select an antique or two; or taste products at the Open Air Marketplace produced by several of our area farms, which are an integral part of our rich agricultural history, there will be many opportunities to connect with our past.

## Upcoming Programs and Events

### *July*

July 19-21—W-PHS Homecoming

July 19-23—Gatesinger Company, Ltd., Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Yeomen of the Guard*. Go to [www.gateshall.com](http://www.gateshall.com) for information.

### *August*

August 7, 6:30 p.m.—W-PHS Annual Picnic  
Pultneyville Reformed Church pavilion.

### *September*

September 4, 7 p.m.—"Cowards to Heroes: The 11th New York Volunteers from Harper's Ferry to Gettysburg" at Gates Hall, presented by David Malgee

September 21—W-PHS Community Garage Sale & Pie Sale

### *September*

September 29, 4 p.m.—Roc City Ringers, Gates Hall, benefit concert

### *October*

October 2, 7:00 p.m.—W-PHS an original drama, Gates Hall

October 18-19—W-PHS Cemetery Tour

### *November*

November 6, 6:30 p.m.—W-PHS Annual Meeting and Harvest Dinner  
Pultneyville Reformed Church

### *December*

December 4, 7:00 p.m.—W-PHS Program  
Gates Hall, Pultneyville  
Christmas Potpourri III/Visit from Sinterklaas

December 8—Community Illumination

## *August*

The W-PHS traditional picnic will be held August 7, 6:30 p.m., at Pultneyville Reformed Church pavilion. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own place settings. Beverages will be provided.

Musical entertainment and a tour of Gates Hall with an emphasis on its needs, led by Dave Frohlich, will round out the event. As always the public is invited to this evening of good food, fellowship and interesting information.

*Dottie Howland*  
*Program Chair*

Information on other upcoming programs and events are listed within the newsletter.

### HOMEcomings LINKS

**5K:** To pre-register visit  
<http://bit.ly/Pultneyville5k>

**Raffle:** To enter Raffle or to make a donation, please visit  
<https://go.rallyup.com/w-phs>

# PULTNEYVILLE HOMECOMING

62nd Annual Homecoming Celebration Highlights Sponsored by Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

[www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org)

## FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019

- Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society House** 1-4pm | 4130 Mill St.  
*Visit Gift Shop, Discover the Captain Throop and St. Peter Exhibits . . . and more!*
- 5K Captain's & Sailor's Run & Walk\*** Registration starts 5pm | Walkers start 6:15pm | Runners start 6:30pm  
*Pre-register online at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org) Race starts/ends at B. Forman Park at 4507 Lake Rd*
- Community "BonD" Fire** 8pm Pultneyville Mariners Club on Crescent Beach  
*A community event hosted by the Pultneyville Mariners Club for race participants, race sponsors & community residents*
- The Yeomen of the Guard\*** 8pm at Historic Gates Hall | 4107 Lake Rd  
*A Gilbert & Sullivan Production by the Gatesinger Company Ltd.; For tickets visit [gateshall.com](http://gateshall.com)*

## SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019

- Open Air Market & Antique Show** 9am-4pm Centennial Park; Corner of Hamilton St/Lake Rd and Pultneyville Deli  
*Featuring Antiques, Vintage, Vintage-Inspired, Repurposed, Hand-Crafted Goods, Found Objects; taste NYS products and beverages*
- Quilt Show** 9am – 4pm Pultneyville Reformed Church | 7784 Hamilton St  
*Discover the art and pleasure of quilting; hear speakers; meet the founder of Lap Robes for Veterans  
 Veterans who visit Quilt Show will receive a complimentary Lap Robe*
- Antique Automobile Show** 9am Reformed Church Parking lot between W-PHS and The Deli
- Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society House - Gift Shop & Exhibits** 9am – 4 pm | 4130 Mill Street  
*Kid's Knot Board, Popcorn For Sale, Rug Hookers of the Finger Lakes & Historic Sites of Wayne County Demos*
- Grill Demonstrations and Food Samples** 9am-4pm sponsored by Williamson Hardware; East Side of Gates Hall
- Photo Op for kids with Antique Pultneyville Fire Truck** 9am-1pm Historical Society House | 4130 Mill St
- Methodist Church Auction** 10am | 7771 Hamilton St
- Horse-drawn Wagon Rides – Catch a ride as wagon comes through the Hamlet** 11am-1 pm and 3-4pm
- History Scavenger Hunt** 10:30am– 12:30pm Starts/ends at Historical Society House | 4130 Mill St  
*A "family friendly" activity; pick-up maps and get stamped at each stop; return to Historical Society House to get prizes*
- Photo Op for kids with Princess and Queen Royalty** 12-1 and 3-4pm Historical Society House | 4130 Mill St
- Pultneyville Walking Tour** 1pm Departs W-PHS Booth in Centennial Park at Mill St/Lake Rd
- Flag Raising Ceremony Boy Scout Troop 90** 1:30pm Pultneyville Deli Flag Pole intersection of Mill St/Lake Rd

## H O M E C O M I N G P A R A D E 2PM

- Ice Cream Social\* (\$1.00 per scoop)** 3-5pm Pultneyville Mariners Club, Crescent Beach
- Live Music on The Pultneyville Deli Patio featuring Mark Herman** 3-6pm The Pultneyville Deli | 4120 Mill St
- The Yeomen of the Guard\* (For Tickets visit [www.gateshall.com](http://www.gateshall.com))** 8pm Historic Gates Hall | 4107 Lake Rd
- Pultneyville Yacht Club Harbor Illumination Celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** At Dusk | Hamilton St Ext

## SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

- Community Church Service** 9am Pultneyville Reformed Church Pavilion | 7784 Hamilton St
- Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society House** 1-4pm | 4130 Mill St  
*Visit Gift Shop, Discover the Captain Throop and St. Peter Exhibits . . . and more!*
- Community Band Concert "BARN FLOOR GROOVERS"** 1:30pm Centennial Park; corner of Hamilton St/Lake Rd
- The Yeomen of the Guard\* (For tickets visits [www.gateshall.com](http://www.gateshall.com))** 3pm Historic Gates Hall | 4107 Lake Rd

Event Listing as of June 24, 2019 | May be subject to change

Parade: East on Lake, South on Hamilton, North on Jay, West on Washington to Mill, West on Lake  
 ROAD CLOSURE: Lake Rd, Jay, Mill, Washington and Hamilton Streets CLOSED FOR PARADE 1:30 - 3 pm

\*Registration or Tickets Required; All other events free & open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

## Additional Programs—September & October

### *September*

As program chair it is my pleasure to announce two additional programs to the 2019 lineup. The first of these is Wednesday, September 4, 7 p.m. at Gates Hall, when David Malgee will present a program entitled "Cowards to Heroes: The 11th New York Volunteers from Harper's Ferry to Gettysburg." Malgee, a member of the Gettysburg Foundation Board, will focus on the period between August 1862, when the regiment was formed, to July 1863, when they suffered among the highest casualty rates at Gettysburg where several Williamson men were killed.

Malgee will also talk about the military career and post war life of Adrian Contant (his wife's great, great grandfather), a soldier in Co. D who was wounded at Gettysburg. Contant married a Williamson girl and settled in Williamson, where he farmed along the lake. He is buried today in Lakeview Cemetery.

David Malgee grew up in Williamson and earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the State University of New York at Oswego and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Richmond. Malgee served as chief Operating Officer of VSP Technologies, Inc. for more than three decades. Currently, he serves on VSP's board and retains significant ownership in the company. He is also the president of the Colonial Heights (Virginia) Historical Society. Author of two books and written works, including Virginia State historical and Civil War Trails markers texts and historical pamphlets, he remains active in studying the Battle of Gettysburg, collecting artifacts and speaking on Civil War topics.

Program attendees are encouraged to bring Civil War memorabilia (does not need to be local). This program is open to all and should be of special interest to Civil War buffs.



*Lakeview Cemetery Civil War Monument*

### *October*

The second addition to the year's programs will also be at Gates Hall. On October 2 at 7 p.m. another original drama by W-PHS member Irene Bierer will be staged. Highlights of Gates Hall's history will be the subject of this much anticipated production. More to follow at a later date.

*Dottie Howland  
Program Chair*

## Enter the Pultneyville Homecoming Raffle Today!

Together, we will soon celebrate our 62nd Annual Pultneyville Homecoming on July 19, 20 and 21. This event is sponsored by the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society with the support of an enthusiastic group of community volunteers.

Please note that our annual historical society raffle, which helps to defray costs associated with presenting our Pultneyville Homecoming Celebration, can be accessed by clicking on the below link which will take you directly to the raffle and the lineup of 2019 prizes and donors:

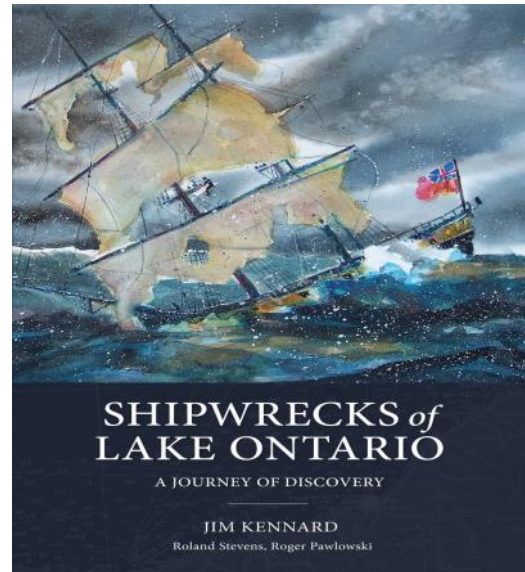
<https://go.rallyup.com/w-phs>

While this year's raffle is online only, please note that if you need assistance, we are happy to help you with your entries. For assistance, please leave a message at 315.589.9892, and we will return your call.

### Article from NY Times, 1957

**TOWN BIRTHDAY**  
Described as "probably one of the biggest festivals in one of the smallest towns anywhere in the United States this summer" is the sesquicentennial of Pultneyville, population about 500. The festival, held from next Thursday through Sunday (Aug. 11), is expected to draw thousands of outsiders from such cities as Rochester, twenty-two miles west, and Syracuse, sixty miles east, as well as from many other near-by localities. They will be coming to see the women on the streets in old-fashioned clothes, the men with beards grown for the occasion, parades, pageants, dances, an art show and church services. Pultneyville has some distinctions in this era of community celebrations: It is a "dry" town (no liquors sold), no one in the town has ever been sent to jail (though it is said that some citizens were rum runners during prohibition) and it is one of the most painted and photo-

graphed villages in the country. The town is situated on State Route 18 along Lake Ontario between Rochester and Sodus Point. *N.Y. Times 8/4/57*



### Book Signing at W-PHS

On Friday, July 5, from 1-4p.m., the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS) will host a book signing by Roland (Chip) Stevens, of Pultneyville, whose illustrations are found in the newly released book titled *Shipwrecks of Lake Ontario: A Journey of Discovery*.

The National Museum of the Great Lakes recently published this book which contains stories of long lost shipwrecks and the journeys of the underwater explorers who found them. It was written by Jim Kennard and contains underwater imagery by Roger Pawlowski and paintings by Roland Stevens, a local Pultneyville artist whose works in watercolors can also be found at Artisans' Loft at The Landing at Pultneyville.

For decades, teams of shipwreck enthusiasts have been searching to unlock the secrets of the past. This book contains the stories of these long lost shipwrecks and the journeys of the underwater explorers who found them.

All proceeds from the sale of this 208 page paperback, which retails for \$21.95, will go to the National Museum of the Great Lakes to support its continuing work. Checks for the purchase of the books can made payable to the National Museum of the Great Lakes, or cash will be accepted at the book signing.

The book signing will be at the W-PHS House located at 4130 Mill Street, Pultneyville.

## MINNEHAHA

*Submitted by Craig DeNagel*



In 1897, the Kenyon family of Williamson decided that they wanted to invest in something they could enjoy for many years. Merit Kenyon, a farm equipment salesman from Pultneyville had seen an advertisement for the Truscott Motor Launch, and on a business trip visited the Truscott Boat Manufacturing Co. in Saint Joseph, Michigan. After comparing the cost of \$550.00 for a finished boat or \$250.00 for a kit, Merit decided he would purchase the boat in kit form. The kit was shipped via railroad from Michigan to Williamson, New York. They built the 21 foot Truscott launch in their barn on Kenyon Road in Williamson, finishing the project in 1901 and named the boat

“Minnehaha.” From 1901 to 1928, Merit Kenyon used the Truscott as a tour boat charging ten cents for touring the Lake Ontario Shoreline from Pultneyville. The vessel could hold up to 10 passenger so a tidy profit was to be made. Gasoline engines were a novelty at the turn of the century so the Minnehaha was a popular attraction around Pultneyville. There were no gas stations at that time, so the gas was shipped to Williamson from Pennsylvania by railroad in a wooden crate containing four one gallon containers; then sent back in the same crate to be refilled. Mr. Kenyon died in 1928; and at that time, the Minnehaha went into storage for 20 years.

In 1948, the Kenyon family purchased a summer camp on Middle Saranac Lake in upstate New York. The Minnehaha was taken out of storage and returned to service as the camp launch for the next 27 years, transporting camp visitors around the lake. The next owner of the Minnehaha was Dale Tassell, a cousin to the Kenyon family, and was a young child when he took his first ride in the Minnehaha on Saranac Lake. Dale eventually purchased the boat from Merit Kenyon’s great grandson Dwayne in 1977 and moved it to Mount Dora Florida. While there are several turn-of-the-century Truscott Motor Launches still surviving today, the Minnehaha is believed to be the only one which is totally original. The original faded red banner with the white letters that spell Minnehaha was found under the seat in the storage compartment, a new one has since been made. The 7 hp single cylinder two-stroke engine is a French design that was a mechanical marvel in its day. Today it still runs turning out steady 300 rpm’s without the benefit of a spark plug or a carburetor and it propels the boat about 10 mile per hour. The boat still has the original boat cushions, propeller, steering wheel, ignition coil, and gas tank.

In 2002, Dale brought the Minnehaha from Florida to Pultneyville for an official home visit. The boat was on display for the Pultneyville Homecoming on July 20, 2002, at the Pultneyville Historical Society on Mill Street. The following day, Dale actually took the boat out on Lake Ontario and gave several people rides. Since 2002, the Minnehaha was back in storage in Florida with Dale promising that someday it would return to Pultneyville. This day came sooner than most people expected, as Dale suddenly passed away in May of 2015 (1946-2015). In his will he bequeathed the Minnehaha to the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society. Unfortunately, the Historical Society does not have the facilities to display such an item, so an agreement was made with the Finger Lakes Boating Museum in Hammondsport, New York, to loan the boat to them for display until the such time that the Society has a location to store the Minnehaha and display it in Pultneyville.

Our thanks to Dale Tassell for his gift to the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society.

***Please take a trip to Hammondsport and view this impressive boat which was a bit of Pultneyville’s past or stop at W-PHS and see the display.***

## ROC City Ringers to Perform in Gates Hall

W-PHS is pleased to announce that the ROC City Ringers will kick-off the first in a series of benefit concerts at Historic Gates Hall, the oldest little theatre in the United States in continuous operation.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 29 at 4p.m.**, when the Ringers will make a guest appearance at the Hall, which has been the center of community activity in Historic Pultneyville since it was built 1825.

ROC City Ringers are a community handbell ensemble, formed in 2013, directed by Jacqueline Anderson and Christina Lenti. The choir performs a wide range of classical, contemporary, and sacred music, and has presented concerts at the Rochester Fringe Festival, many local libraries and other community venues. The ROC City Ringers play on five octaves of Schulmerich handbells and Malmark handchimes and look forward to filling the hall with music.

This concert is the first in a series of benefit concerts that will help to fund the necessary structural remediation of Historic Gates Hall in the near future to ensure that it remains a community asset for generations to come. The hall remains a prominent structure in the hamlet of Pultneyville and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Again, mark your calendars for September 29! Details will follow in the September/October W-PHS newsletter.

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### PAY HEED!

Among recent acquisitions from Phil and Willie Dean, is an old Williamson High School booklet from *108 years ago*, The Informer, Vol. II, published for Class Day, by the Class of 1911, in which there is this squared off space of advice - still apropos in 2019!

#### PUT THEM OFF

Some things are very much better put off until tomorrow. Among them are the reprimand you mean to deliver, the defiance you mean to express, the resignation you mean to hand in to an unappreciative employer, the mean act you had in mind to repay that grudge you owe. Put off doing these and you'll probably discover that you don't have to do them.

We appreciate the contributions of community members, and certainly thank Phil and Willie Dean for sharing their gifts with us.

*Irene Bierer*  
*Collections/Archives*



## “Our Gates Hall”

Over the next few months we will all learn more about just what structural repairs our Gates Hall will need and how we will get there. Whether it served as a church shared by several denominations, a meeting place, lecture hall or theatre, it was built, used and maintained by the surrounding community. Florence Forbes Cornwall wrote the summary below in 1930; here is the first installment, exactly as she wrote it.

*Cheryl Kline, Vice President*

### Our Village Hall A Historical Sketch

It is now more than a century since a few pioneer families settled near the lake shore and founded the village of Pultneyville. By the year 1825 the settlement was sufficiently large to consider the building of a church. A meeting was held at the school-house, January 18th, 1825. Constitution and by-laws were adopted of which the following is the preamble: “Whereas the inhabitants of Pultneyville and its vicinity are desirous of forming a society to promote good order and religion and for the purpose of building a house to meet in to worship Almighty God and to be called the Union Church of Pultneyville and to belong to the United Society.”

It was decided to locate the building on land which was given by J. W. Halett. He gave also land for a public park, which was deeded to the people of Pultneyville and was place in control of three trustees and their successors in office. This trust has been faithfully kept to the present time.

The Union Church of the United Society of Pultneyville had six trustees, two of whom could be nominated by the Methodists, two by the Presbyterians and two by those who belong to neither of said church societies. This third class who were neither Methodists or Presbyterians caused the various clerks much anxiety as to what they should be called. In one report they are designated as the “goats,” in another as the “worlds’ people” although among them there were many perfectly good Episcopalians and Baptists. Thus has the world changed in a century.

The first officers to be elected were as follows; - Trustees, Abram Pepper, Daniel Grandin, J.B. Selby,

Samuel Ledyard, T.B. Royce, Russell Whipple. Treasurer, Andrew Cornwall; Clerk, George D. Phelps; Collector, Roswell Nichols.

The building committee consisted of the first trustees.

The constitution was duly signed and the organization perfected. All honor to this little band of pioneers, whose faith in the future and loyalty to their home and to their neighbors thus took material form.

We find the subscription list for the building headed by Russell Whipple, whose donation was to be paid in “lumber and labor, cash and one barrel of cider.” Roswell Nichols promised to pay his subscription “in boots and shoes;” Joseph Granger “in lumber, labor or grain;” Russell Cowles in “rifle, lumber and labor;” John Cottrall in “labor;” William Holling in “labor, grain or materials;” William Waters in 100 bushels of corn, one barrel of prime pork and cash;” John P. West in 3000 feet hemlock boards;” J.W. Hallett in “land and lumber;” Abram Pepper in “12 days’ labor horses, 2 wagons, 6 days’ work 2 oxen;” Manson Sherman in “cut stone;” These are only a few. In the original subscription list we find in all about 76 names.

The Union Church was completed in 1826 and was at that time the finest building in the entire county. At a meeting held April 3rd, 1826, Andrew Cornwall was elected “the keeper of the key.” When the building was finished there was left in the treasury the sum of \$3.06.

Evidently affairs progressed very smoothly in the pioneer settlement for about twenty-five years. We read that in 1847 the church must be immediately repaired. An agent was appointed to take charge of the work which was completed during the year at an expense of \$396. An interesting episode occurred at this time. The pews or the slips were the absolute property of the pew holders. When first built these had been assigned to the subscribers. He who paid the most had first choice and so on down the line. If a pew was sold to another the transaction must be recorded in the Clerk’s book.

## W-PHS Trolley Is Ready to Roll!

As a recipient of a \$900 Hoffman Foundation Grant, W-PHS will have its Trolley back on the road again, and just in time for the 62nd Pultneyville Homecoming Parade.

After many years of service it was in need of repairs to ensure continued service and safety. Repairs included rebuilding the trailer, replacing stringers and side panels, painting and re-lettering.

W-PHS extends a sincere thanks to Gerry Walsh, owner of Reaper Custom Automotive Repair Shop for taking on this project and for making ahead-of-schedule delivery, well in advance of our community Homecoming Celebration.

The W-PHS Trolley has been part of the lineup in the Williamson Apple Blossom and Homecoming parades for decades. It has been bringing smiles to young and old parade goers for many years, and the society is delighted to know that its Trolley, which represents the once popular Rochester-Sodus Bay Line, remains an important part of the area's transportation history.

Built by the late George Shoals of Williamson, the Trolley now has a few more years of service left thanks to the Hoffman Foundation and the generosity of the Reaper Custom Automotive Repair Shop, a local full service body shop located on Shepherd Road in Williamson that donated services, above and beyond the grant, to get the job done.



## News from the Grounds

The good news about this weird wet and wild spring is that all of the spring flowers lasted a lot longer than normal. Everything is lush and green and the trees are all leafed out, including the two new ones in the park: the English Oak and the honey locust. They are well established now and help diversify the kinds of trees we have in the park. As time goes on and we need to replace more of the old maples, we will continue to plant a variety of trees. That way we will have a rainbow of color in the fall and won't have to worry about losing all of the trees to insect damage or disease.

Right now in the gardens, we have hostas, foxglove, irises, peonies and are expecting roses at any time. The gardening group continues to cut off spent flowers and keep the weeds at bay. As always, if the weather is good on a Monday morning, you will see us at work somewhere on the grounds from 9-10a.m. Bring your gardening gloves and clippers and join us. Another pair of hands is always welcome!

*Lynda Parmelee, Groundsmaster*

### Be a Part of It! Wayne County Bicentennial

In 2023, Wayne County, NY, will proudly celebrate its Bicentennial and its unique cultural heritage. Anyone interested volunteering to serve on this county-wide committee under the leadership of Co-Chairs Gene Bavis and Larry Ann Evans, please email:

[bicentennial@waynehistorians.org](mailto:bicentennial@waynehistorians.org)

### A Home for The Trolley

Now that the trolley has been refurbished, it needs a place to be stored during the year.

If anyone has a place to keep the trolley safe from the weather, please let W-PHS know.

You can leave a message at 315.589.9892.  
Thank you!

# What has W-PHS been up to.....

## May—Day of Caring



Thank you to all those who helped make Day of Caring 2019 a success.

The “Xerox” crew, many have come year after year....

Ralph Grotto  
 Kerry Gateson  
 Kurt Brassler  
 Jane Hart  
 Kerby Youngs  
 Rita Johnson

### Community & W-PHS Volunteers

Bob Zeman  
 Lynda Parmelee  
 Sue-Jane Evans  
 Joan Carey  
 Betty Morley  
 Gail McCarthy  
 Charlotte Buehler  
 Kathy McCaig  
 Jim McCaig  
 Perry Howland  
 Nan Hance  
 Dottie Howland  
 Trudy Meyn

Dan Montondo  
 John Garland  
 Bill Walvoord  
 Brenda Walvoord  
 Joe Kozloski  
 Sandy Zeman  
 Eric Sanders  
 Cherie Kline  
 Jackie Walker

## *What has W-PHS been up to.....*

### *June—Fourth Grade Walking Tour*



The fourth grade walking tour was held on June 11, 2019, after many years of Chester Peters doing the tour. “Past to Present” was created using well over forty volunteers. We used photographs from the past and had characters throughout the town portraying the location/person in the photos. It seems that it was a huge success but that could not have happened without the many volunteers!

As chairpersons for the event we would like to thank all of the volunteers, the staff at Williamson Central School and the Williamson Pultneyville Historical Society for their support in recreating this day in the life of Pultneyville!

Chairpersons: Craig and Susan DeNagel

*What has W-PHS been up to.....*

*June—Members’ Reception*



Members enjoyed refreshments and conversation, while getting a preview of the exhibits at the W-PHS House.

**The W-PHS House is Open**

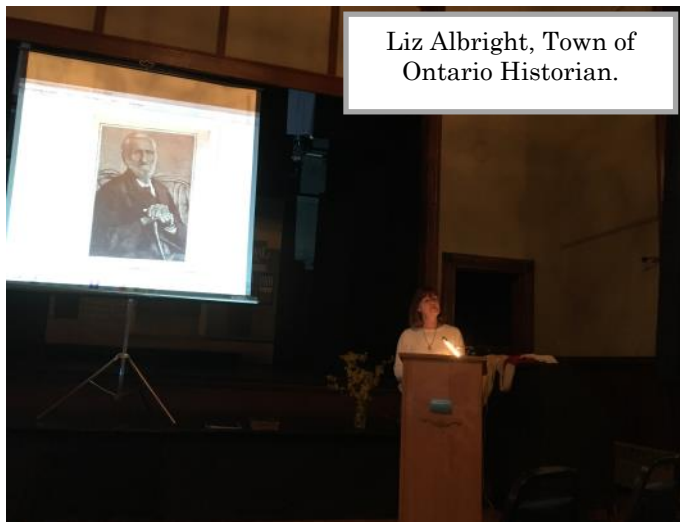
The W-PHS House opened June 14 and will be open through October 14 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons) from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. On each of these days volunteers are needed to greet visitors. Volunteers do not need to have an extensive knowledge of Williamson history. We are happy to help you, and there are materials available if you would like to read and prepare ahead of time.

Please contact Sue-Jane Evans with any questions or if you would like to commit to an afternoon.

*Sue-Jane K. Evans*  
 315-589-8422  
 sjkevans@mail.com

## Recap of May Program

It seems this year that each W-PHS program has attracted a different audience. The May 1 program was no different. Friends of Liz Albright, those interested in the area early Dutch settlers, and in particular the Albright family, and diary enthusiasts were all present at Gates Hall to hear Liz Albright, town of Ontario Historian, present the story of Jan Albright (Albregts) and his son Abraham, as found in the diary kept by Jan. At the conclusion of the program, several members of the audience described diaries they had brought. It was interesting to learn about a lesser known family who settled in Pultneyville and surrounding area.



Liz Albright, Town of Ontario Historian.

## Recap of June Program

"Unbelievable!" "Standing room only!" Those were two phrases used to describe the June 5 W-PHS program, "Shipwrecks and Treasures," held at Gates Hall. Torin Sheahan, WCS High School student, and Patrick Verbridge, WCS social studies teacher, began the program with a "live" interview between Horatio Throop and Walter Cronkite shortly after the 19 year old Throop survived the sinking of his schooner, Sophia.

The audience then took part in a deep sea dive into the St. Peter off the shores of Lake Ontario. Teddy Garlock, a technical diver from Rochester, gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation on the St. Peter, its sinking in 1898, and subsequent recovery in the 1970s. Jim Wieser, head of RU4Scuba, further added

information about the St. Peter.

The program closed with a presentation about "beach finds" by Deborah Arndt and a chance to view the many "beach treasures" that were brought in by attendees.

Refreshments are always served at W-PHS programs, coordinated by Betty Morley, but these were special—Captain Throop's Favorite Chocolate Cookies.



Throop, played by Williamson High School student, Torin Sheahan was "interviewed" by Walter Cronkite portrayed by Williamson High School social studies teacher, Patrick Verbridge.



Teddy Garlock, a technical diver for 15 years, focused on the St. Peter, sharing photos and video from the wreck.

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The Society is located in a landmark dwelling known as the *Auchampaugh* home at 4130 Mill St. This house was built for Harvey Auchampaugh about 1858 by Russell Cole, a local blacksmith and builder. Auchampaugh was a prominent businessman in the hamlet, a harness maker, drugstore proprietor and Postmaster for several years.



Rooms in the home contain exhibits, archived information, a gift shop and business office. The Society House is regularly open the third weekend in June through the first weekend in October, Friday through Sunday, 1-4 p.m., by appointment and throughout Homecoming weekend and during the Annual Community Garage Sale.

### **W-PHS Board Meetings Information and Program/Event Cancellation Policy**

W-PHS Board meetings are scheduled to be held at the W-PHS House at 4130 Mill Street, Pultneyville at 7 p.m. Any W-PHS member in good standing may attend on a non-voting basis and can request to be placed on the agenda for a specific purpose related to the Society.

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#### **W-PHS Board Meetings 2019**

January 28  
 February 25  
 April 22  
 May 20  
 June 24  
 July 22  
 August 26  
 October 28  
 November 25

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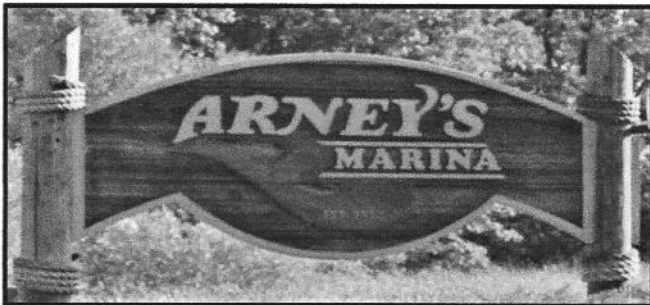
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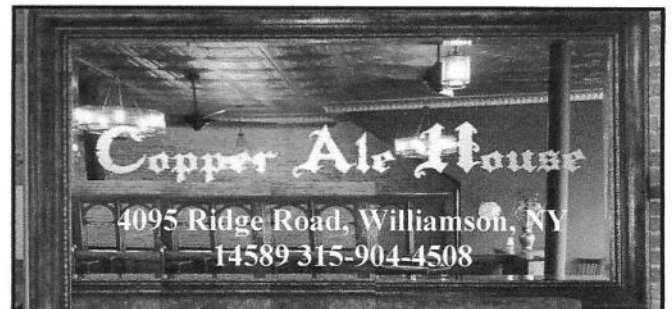
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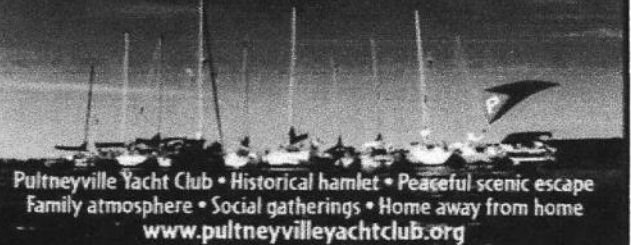
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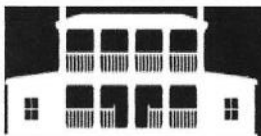
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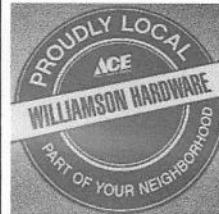
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