

# Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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## *From Your President*

Greetings . . .

With the familiar sights and sounds of school buses and apple trucks about to fill the fall air, we are reminded of our deep roots in the community and that history does repeat itself. From our humble beginnings of one room school houses and early settlers clearing the land, to modern school buildings and a productive agricultural community with orchards dotting the landscape, we continue to value both education and agriculture as a way of life in our close-knit community.

Steeped in tradition, we recently celebrated our 62nd annual Pultneyville Homecoming in July, which began as a celebration recognizing the Founders of Pultneyville in 1957. While the sizzling hot weather may not have been the best this year, everyone made the best of it!

On behalf of W-PHS, I extend a sincere *Thank You* to all involved in Homecoming . . . our music and 5K sponsors; our 45+ vendors; those who worked on the 5K and our race participants; those who presented our 2nd annual Quilt Show and those who shared their talent and beautiful quilts; those who presented walking tours and our 2nd annual Scavenger Hunt; our parade organizers and parade launchers, and to those who marched in the parade despite the extreme temperatures; the Wayne Historians Organization and the Rug Hookers of the Finger Lakes; and to the Gatesingers for their traditional annual Gilbert and Sullivan production; and to all who participated in and attended our community Church Service and Sunday afternoon concert; to those who supported the annual auction, brought their vintage automobiles, provided parking, manned barricades to ensure safety or manned the W-PHS Gift Shop. It takes a village, and we express



our appreciation to all who supported Homecoming in some way, whether working quietly behind the scenes on publicity, planning, supporting technology or in other operational roles to make sure all ran smoothly.

As we settle into the fall season, we hope that you will join us for our monthly programs, our 30th annual Community Garage and Pie Sale, a very special benefit Concert at Gates Hall and the annual Moonlight Cemetery Tour.

On **September 4** all are invited to attend our program on the Civil War and on **October 2** our monthly program will be an original play about Gates Hall written by Irene Bierer. Both programs will be presented at 7p.m. at Historic Gates Hall and you won't want to miss either!

On **Saturday, September 21** we will celebrate our **30th Annual Community-wide Garage Sale** and W-PHS will host it's annual **Pie Sale** at 4130 Mill Street. We can always use pie bakers for this fundraiser! (*See page 6.*)

Our members are busy at work preparing to characterize several early historical figures who were once prominent early residents of the area, whose final resting place is now the Lakeview Cemetery. These friendly spirits promise to mesmerize those who attend the **Moonlight Cemetery Tour** the weekend of **October 18 and 19** at **Lakeview Cemetery**.

The celestial sound of bells will fill the air in Pultneyville on **Sunday, September 29** at **4p.m.** when the **RocCity Ringers** present the first-in-a-series of benefit concerts to support the structural remediation of historic Gates Hall, which remains the oldest active small community theatre in the

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United States in continuous operation. For tickets, please visit [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org) or call 315.589.9892 and leave a message. *(Details on page 6.)*

As summer comes to a close, we have much to celebrate! In early August, members and friends enjoyed the company of each other at our annual W-PHS picnic held in the Pavilion of the Pultneyville Reformed Church. Attendees were greeted by Andrew Cornwall, played by Dan Montondo, who took us back in time, giving a glimpse into life in the hamlet and the history of Gates Hall. He also led the group in singing a selection of favorite old tunes. After dinner, everyone followed Andrew over to Gates Hall for a tour of the building and for an eye-opening update presented by Dave Frolich on the status of the structural remediation the Hall will be undergoing.

Visitor attendance has been up this summer at the W-PHS house with visitors from both near and far. It will remain open on weekends thru Columbus Day. Hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m.; and on our last day for the season, Monday, October 14 from 1-4p.m., all are invited to stop by and press some cider the old-fashioned way with Dottie and Perry Howland, Williamson Town Historian.

As President, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the many meaningful gifts we have received over the past few months from various donors. As you will see later in this newsletter, W-PHS has been blessed to acquire a variety of items for which we are most grateful that will help to better document the history of our area.

*Thank You* to our members, and friends, for making all things possible . . . for sharing information, historical photos and artifacts, and for encouraging others to get hooked on history. Preserving our past is a shared responsibility and thank you for sharing treasures for inclusion in our Archives Collection, which will someday help to tell our story to future generations.

Happy Fall to all . . . we hope to see many of you at our September and October programs and special events.

Regards,

*Nan*

Nanette Peters Hance, President



## **W-PHS Picnic and Gates Hall Tour**

The pleasant summer evening of August 7 was perfect for our Annual Picnic held in the Reformed Church Pavilion. As usual the variety of yummy food was much enjoyed. Dan Montondo provided a bit of song and a bit of history, while portraying Andrew Cornwall. That historical context served as a perfect introduction to our Gates Hall "Tour" led by Dave Frohlich.

At the Hall, Dave took us into the basement and pointed out supporting beams replaced and added, and floor repairs completed about five years ago during Phase I of repairs to Gates Hall. This step arrested the "sinking" of the building and stabilized the floor above.

We then climbed the stairs into the hall where Dave outlined Phase II of structural needs. W-PHS recently commissioned and received an architectural evaluation of the ceiling and supporting roof structures completed by Passero Associates. The architectural drawings were on display for questions and discussion.

Dave pointed out the sagging ceiling, which is a result of the failing roof structures. Because of the height and age of the building, remediation will be complex. Additionally, the shingle roof is reaching the end of its life, and will also need removal and replacement.

Dave also discussed briefly consideration of other needs, such as air-conditioning, handicapped access, lighting and correcting the Mezzanine supports. All of these are being considered now, so that when the Hall needs to be closed to allow the primary repairs to proceed, best use is made of that "down time" and future disruptions to use of the Hall can be minimized.

Gates Hall is our most historically significant building. It was built by the community and has repeatedly been re-purposed and repaired through community effort. You will be hearing more about what the Hall needs and our efforts to acquire adequate funds. We anticipate it will take multiple sources of funding, and significantly, demonstration by the community of pride in the Hall, through contributions to "match" any Grants obtained.

*Cheryl Kline, Vice President*

## Upcoming Programs and Events

**September**

September 4, 7 p.m.—"Cowards to Heroes: The 111th 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 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 14, 1-4 p.m. Cider pressing, W-PHS House and Dan Montondo at Gates Hall, see page 5 for details

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 Christmas Potpourri III/Visit from Sinterklaas, Gates Hall

December 8—Community Illumination

### September Program



*Lakeview Cemetery Civil War Monument*

The Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is pleased to announce an additional program to the 2019 line-up. It will take place on Wednesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. in historic Gates Hall when David Malgee will present a program entitled "Cowards to Heroes: The 111th 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 postwar 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 served 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.

*Dottie Howland, Program Chair*

**\*\*Needed\*\*** Someone to video the September 4 Civil War program at Gates Hall at 7 p.m. Please call Dottie Howland at 315-589-8012 or e-mail at [peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com](mailto:peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com).



## Upcoming Programs and Events

### *October Program*

If you missed the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society's original drama, "The Heart of the Bennetts" in May 2018, you have a second chance to see another original play. If you did see it, you know you are in for a treat as "She's a Grand Old Dame" will be presented on Wednesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in Gates Hall. Written, produced and directed by Irene Bierer, the series of vignettes will provide the viewer with a factual AND creative brief timeline of the history of Gates Hall. The cast will include some cast members from the Bennett drama and some new faces.

As always the public is invited to this special program about a historic building that began as the Union Church, a non-denominational church, the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the nation!



Gates Hall

*Dottie Howland, Program Chair*

### Recap of August Picnic

The Annual W-PHS Picnic was in luck in several ways on August 3. Mother Nature provided dry weather as the attendees enjoyed a sumptuous meal in the Pultneyville Reformed Church pavilion. The event's luck continued as Andrew Cornwall, aka Dan Montondo, led the group in the singing of early American songs. Later, as Cornwall, he described his connection to early Pultneyville and Gates Hall. The society's good fortune continued with a tour of Gates Hall by Dave Frohlich. Much was learned about this historic building and its present day needs. The evening ended with everyone feeling that the people of the town of Williamson are truly lucky to have Gates Hall in their town!



## W-PHS Participates in NYS "Path Through History" Columbus Day Events

W-PHS is pleased to announce its participation in the Fall 2019 NYS "Path Through History" Weekend hosting events on Columbus Day, Monday, October 14 in Pultneyville at two of its venues.

Dottie Howland, W-PHS Program Chair, and Perry Howland, Williamson Town Historian, invite kids of all ages, including the young-at-heart, to press cider with them the old-fashioned way at the W-PHS house located at 4130 Mill Street in Pultneyville from 1-4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public and will showcase an earlier way of life and the agricultural heritage of our community.



Learn about the art of cider making and taste the fruits of your labor.

"Path Through History" weekends are a showcase of New York State's rich and fascinating history and will feature hundreds of events happening at historic and cultural destinations throughout the state. You don't have to be a historian to appreciate New York's rich heritage. New York's new "Path Through History" helps you discover, experience and appreciate the state's amazing past.

Pultneyville is steeped in history and W-PHS is delighted to participate in the NYS "Path to History" events and to host memorable experiences that await visitors.

Also, on Monday, October 14, Dan Montondo will welcome visitors to Gates Hall, the oldest active small community theatre in the United States in continuous operation. Built in 1825, this architecturally significant structure continues to stand proud and tall as a pillar in the historic hamlet of Pultneyville. Gates Hall resides on the National Register of Historic Places and throughout its 194 years has served the community well as a sacred place, community meeting place, community theatre . . . and more. All are invited to visit and get a behind-the-scenes look at this historic venue, learn about its history, and get a taste of an upcoming show. Gates Hall is located at 4120 Lake Road, Pultneyville. Feel free to visit at your convenience throughout the afternoon. This come-and-go event is also free and open to the public and will provide a glimpse into the important role that the Hall continues to play in the community as a cultural center.



Be inspired as you learn about the history of Gates Hall from presenter, Dan Montondo.





## 30th Annual Garage Sale

**Vendors in Centennial Park**—Contact Linda Perkins if interested in a space for garage sale, 315-589-3421 or e-mail [perkinsL@rochester.rr.com](mailto:perkinsL@rochester.rr.com) (Registration forms are on the W-PHS website for Centennial Park vendors and Home Sales supporters).

**Home Sales**—Look for the **Pink Signs** (W-PHS Supporters)

## Pies at the W-PHS House

### *Pearl's Pie Stand*

The pie sale will be held at the W-PHS House. The hours for the pie sale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be selling pies by the slice or you can purchase a whole pie.



**Won't you consider making a pie to support W-PHS?** Pies can be dropped off at the W-PHS House on Friday afternoon from 1:00-8:00 p.m. (9/20) and Saturday (9/21) in the morning. All proceeds go to the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society. If you would like to bake a pie, call/text Debbie Parts at 585-329-8442 or email [DParts@peterparts.com](mailto:DParts@peterparts.com). Thank you!



## Roc City Ringers Concert at Gates Hall

The Roc City Ringers will perform a benefit concert in Gates Hall, Pultneyville, NY on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at 4 p.m.

ROC City Ringers are a popular Rochester community handbell ensemble, formed in 2013, and directed by Jacqueline Anderson and Christina Lenti. The bell 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 hand chimes.

Join the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS) for this first-in-a-series of benefit concerts to support the preservation and structural remediation of Historic Gates Hall, the oldest active little community theatre venue in the United States in continuous operation. Built in 1825, Gates Hall is an architecturally significant property listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a pillar in the community. You won't want to miss this concert featuring the art of handbell ringing and the celestial sound of bells resonating throughout the 194-year-old building.

Ticket prices: adults \$18, W-PHS members \$16. Visit [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org) (click on Roc City Ringers Benefit Concert) or call 315.589.9892 and leave a message. Doors open at 3:30 pm; seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

## ANNUAL CEMETERY TOUR

Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19

This year's W-PHS Cemetery Tour is **October 18 and 19 at Lakeview Cemetery Pultneyville**. Tours are at **7p.m.** and **8p.m.** each evening. Please let me know if you are available to welcome guest/collect money at the tours on either evening. We also need people to direct parking both evenings.

The tours are led by a local historian who introduces the actors in period costumes portraying citizens from the past.

After the tour, enjoy refreshments at Gates Hall. Bring a flashlight and umbrella if raining.

Tickets available at the tour:

- ◆ Under 5 years old free
- ◆ 6 to 18 years old \$1
- ◆ Over 18 \$5

Thank you to last year's presenters.

Deborah and Paul Arndt presented the lives of John and Charlotte Abel

Roland "Chip" Stevens presented his grandfather Fred Cornwall Sr.

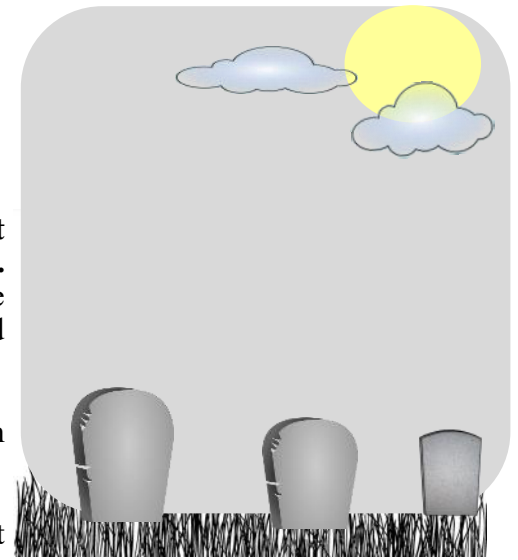
Bill Walvoord presented his grandfather Reverend William C. Walvoord

Peter Evans presented the life of Samuel Valore

And Sue-Jane Evans always does a great job introducing the spirits to the crowd

Come out and enjoy the evening. We have a great line up of spirits to introduce you to.

*Kathy Fedick, Cemetery Tour Chair*



2018 Cemetery Tour Spirits

## “Our Gates Hall”

Here is the second installment of Florence Forbes Cornwall’s summary of Gates Hall history. A good reminder for us all of the role this historic building has played in our community.

*Cherie Kline  
Vice President*

**Our Village Hall**—A Historical Sketch by Florence Forbes Cornwall  
(*The July/August newsletter left off at the pews in Gates Hall*)

According to tradition, a certain staunch old Englishman, who we will call Squire Joseph, had from the beginning owned a pew directly alongside one of the west windows. He could most conveniently cast his eye upon the beauties of nature should the sermon prove dull. But most unfortunately in the replacement of the pews, old Joseph was moved ahead of the window and he could only view a blank wall now with the tail of his eye. So what did he do but saw out his pew and set it all alone back by the stove. To show this tradition has some foundation in fact, it was found in 1893 when the building was remodeled, that one of the pews had been sawed out and was toe-nailed back into place.

We find in the minutes about this time the following: “Moved and seconded that the clerk be authorized to insert a By-Law in this Book to the effect that the chewing of tobacco and the cutting and defacing the slips in this House be dispensed with.”

An interesting report occurs in 1861: The sexton reported that he had opened the house about 125 times for the Methodists and Presbyterians, for which he had received about \$13.75 and the subscription of about \$13 more. Also he received from all other meetings, including Episcopalians, Universalists, anti-slavery, temperance and Spiritualists, etc., \$17, making 37.5 cents for each lecture. We infer it is 37.5 cents, not an exorbitant wage.

We also find that a charge of \$1.00 is to be made for the use of the Union House for all lectures and views where there is a fee taken at the door, in addition to the sexton’s charge for lights and fuel and cleaning.

During the next few years trouble seemed to be brewing for our United Church Society. Changes in the Constitution were considered. Discussion must have waxed hot for one clerk records that the “annual meetings” adjourned without prayer. The climax came when two of the religious societies determined to hold their respective Sunday schools at the same hour on Sunday afternoon, and we have the unique spectacle of one meeting in the main part of the church, the other in the gallery. The gallery Sunday School with the aid of a cornet out-sang their rivals. Six young ladies of this Sunday School and belonging to prominent families of the village were thereupon arrested for disturbing a religious service. No warrant could be obtained in the home town so the trial was held in the neighboring town of Ontario. One of the ladies arrested related to me the other day how the “six prisoners” packed their belongings in one trunk and drove in a carry-all to Ontario. They were accompanied by the entire population of Pultneyville. The trial lasted three days and they were acquitted. This was June 17, 1859.

So high did feeling run that an effigy was made of the minister who caused the arrest. It was ridden on a rail through the town, shot from the muzzle of a cannon and burned. The older residents who remember these times, and even took part in them, believe the dissension was not really on account of individuals but because the United Society was made up of organizations, and any society so made up will fail when any one of the organizations becomes stronger than the others.

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## “Our Gates Hall”

### **Our Village Hall**—A Historical Sketch by Florence Forbes Cornwall (Continued)

Along about 1867 several meetings were called to talk over repairs which were very much needed. But the clerk reports meetings without a quorum and “no interest in repairs.” By 1867 it was decided that it would be impossible to raise the money needed. Finally in 1875, the last regular church service was held. About that time the Methodists build their church and the other church societies had become extinct. The building was fast falling into a ruinous condition.

But as in 1825 so in 1893 the community spirit again waxed strong. The citizens still felt much affection for the old building which had served the community so long and so well and they felt it was a shame to allow it to go to pieces. It was no longer needed for religious services as two churches had been built. It was proposed, therefore, that it be made into a village hall, and, under this changed aspect, go on with its work of friendship and service to the community, where it had been located in faith and loyalty 68 years before.

To think was to act. The Union Hall Association was formed and to this new body the Union Church Association deeded all its rights in land and building. \$2,300 was raised, the building was remodeled and the basement added.

All persons who subscribed to the rebuilding became members of the Union Hall Association and there were a large number. According to the constitution the Association can fill vacancies in the membership so it is a self-perpetuating body.

In forming a new constitution the members tried to profit by experience of the past and provide for all contingencies that might arise in the future. So no society or association of any kind is recognized as a member but the Union Hall Association is made up of individuals and all matters are decided by a majority Vote. There are eight trustees who hold the property in trust for their successors in office.

The Union Hall is to be used for all religious, political and other purposes not of an immoral nature, that the trustees of said hall deem proper.

During the war it was opened for the French Relief and the Red Cross work. And the old building, could it speak, might have told us of other war days, when the young men of Williamson met in the church before marching off to help preserve the Union. The spirits of patriotism made itself felt and the spirit of brotherhood and neighborliness was around us like a protecting garment. So will we again, when there is an occasion, work together as we did under the Red Cross, and may the old Union Hall be a witness and helper on many community occasions yet to come.

*Florence Forbes Cornwall*

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## We Thank Daniel Kuhl!

Have you noticed the beautiful new benches on the WPHS lawn? Daniel Kuhl built these carefully designed and crafted pieces for the historical society as partial completion of the requirements for his Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout rank. Daniel, son of Mike and Michelle Kuhl is a member of Boy Scout Troop #90 and will be a sophomore at Williamson Senior High School this coming year.

We are very glad to have the new benches and thank him for his efforts.

Stop at the WPHS and enjoy his excellent work.

*Sue-Jane Evans*

## Homecoming Scavenger Hunt

On Homecoming Saturday hunters spread through the hamlet searching for the site of a sawmill, a house once owned by a glass blower, a former ice house and other landmarks of the community. They were following clues from spot to spot as part of the second Homecoming Scavenger Hunt. Fun and a bit of local history were the goals of all involved.

The Scavenger Hunt was successful because enthusiastic volunteers contributed their Saturday morning sharing clues and guiding the hunters. A rousing THANK YOU to:

Bill Walvoord  
 Tiffany Nuessle  
 Dottie and Perry Howland  
 Amy McConville  
 Carol and Bob Hopkins  
 The Dougherty Family  
 Lynda Parmelee  
 Ginny DeVoogt  
 Gay Grinnell  
 Peter Evans



## Colorful New Tee's in W-PHS Gift Shop

'Tis the season to start thinking about gift giving! Stop by the W-PHS gift shop and check out the new colorful collection of embroidered T-shirts available in a variety of Youth and Adult sizes . . . a perfect gift for self, and others!

Gift Shop hours are 1-4p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and will also be open on Columbus Day, Monday, October 14, from 1-4p.m. when it closes for the season.



## An Afternoon at the House

Visitors from nearby towns, from states far away and from countries across oceans have enjoyed our W-PHS exhibits this summer. Our good volunteers have made their visits possible.

We still have weeks to welcome more friends and visitors, but we need additional volunteers to spend a Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon opening the W-PHS House and welcoming whoever may come. We plan to be open through Columbus Day weekend. Please consider your schedule and choose a day to volunteer.

Contact:  
 Sue-Jane K. Evans  
 585-415-4952  
 sjkevans@mail.com

## From the Archives...

In the last several months, Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society has been the recipient of many meaningful gifts, through the facilitation of President Nan Hance. Thank you to:

**Greg Davis** offered us a bound copy of *The Evergreens Guest Book*, circa 1940's through mid-1950's. This lodging was located at 4343 Lake Road, Ernest and Hera Davis, Proprietors, were grandparents of the donor.

**Martha Cornwall McCain**, Fred Cornwall's daughter, brought a file of papers regarding Centennial Park and Gates Hall, a marvelous collection of writings from Florence Cornwall (from which we made copies and returned the binder album), a *Book of Records of The Union Society of Pultneyville, 1851, the Constitution and By-laws of the Union Society, Pultneyville, 1825*, and the *Centennial Park Record Book, 1880 – 1945* from the Cornwall family collection.

**Reginald Ameele** has provided us with a wonderfully complete set of *Minutes from 1843-1847, East Williamson New York District School Meetings*.

**Beverly Verbridge** has given to our Archives Department pictures of the Class of 1917 Williamson High School reunion picture from 1959, as well as photos of the Ladies Mission Band from the East Williamson Reformed Church, circa 1917, and those of both the Women's and Men's Sunday School classes for that church.

**Bill and Brenda Walvoord** have shared a 1969 purchase offer and Indenture for their property, a tape location map, land contract, 6 mortgages, 13 warranty deeds, an 1842 indenture copy, and a box of memorabilia from former owners.

**William H. Poray** gifted W-PHS with a unique Digital Collection of over 700 Images and Research on a USB stick chock full of information on local family histories and various locations. Among the highlights in this vast collection are images regarding the Broekhuizen, Poray, Keck, Eaton and Garfield families, Hollands Cove, agricultural photos of the area, B. Forman Park, the Cuyler School . . . and more.

**Ms. Beth Sahrle** sent research papers accrued by Mrs. Frank R. Shumway, Jr. from her lengthy investigation of the U.S.S. Ontario ship model given to the Rochester Yacht Club and later donated to the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society.

The collection of papers includes a conclusion offered by the Department of the Navy as to whether or not it represents a ship that sailed Lake Ontario.

**James and Eileen Fairbanks** have donated part of a beam from the Williamson Quaker Meeting House which stood on Pearsall Road. It had been in the possession of Eleanor Fairbanks and is a wonderfully tangible part of local history. It surely relates, as well, to our Griffith Cooper display inasmuch as his family were members.

We feel fortunate to be able to preserve these materials for reference by future inquirers, as our W-PHS holdings are being increasingly used by researchers.

If you have an interest in sharing articles of information regarding the heritage of the Town of Williamson or the people therein, you are invited to contact us through Nan Hance, President of Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, 315-589-9892 or [nanhance@gmail.com](mailto:nanhance@gmail.com).

*Irene Bierer, Archives*

## 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!



## Winding Down in the Gardens

It's almost September as I write this article – the growing season always seems to fly by. The gardens are still showing lots of color as the phlox, roses and hostas are blooming. It won't be long and the leaves will begin to change to add to the show.

The gardening group continues to weed and deadhead. We have plans to rearrange the rhododendrons along the front of the house this fall as the weather cools down and transplanting of shrubs becomes easier. There are three groups of rhodys along the front now with two in each group. They have grown well and will be separated to extend the bloom across more of the front for next spring.

As always, the last task for the year will be leaf raking on the properties once most of the leaves are down. Last year we never got to raking due to poor weather—hoping this year will be better. When the leaves are down and the weather works out, an email will go out and we'll meet for a couple of hours and get the grounds cleaned up for winter. There will be treats and drinks provided for all who attend. Bring your rakes, tarps and ambition and we'll neaten up in a flash!

Thanks to all the folks who pitched in this year to keep Pultneyville looking spiffy!

*Lynda Parmelee*  
Groundsmaster

### Membership

Welcome to our newest members!

Ginny Fowler  
Carol and Lee Anglin  
Andrew and Ashtyn Mohanlall  
Reaper Customs

A W-PHS Board meeting has been added to the schedule—September 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the W-PHS House.

## Thank you for your support for Homecoming 2019

Jim Hartsen/Williamson Hardware  
Keith Herman/Tom Wahl's  
Linus & Diane Osborn—wagon rides

### Music

Devin Schembri/Houseworx, LLC  
Perry & Dottie Howland/South Raked Garden  
Robert & Jackie Fox/Fox Fruit Farm  
Randy Peck/Storemore Self Storage  
Doug VanAcker/Doug's Car Wash  
Pro Konstantinou/Konstantinou's Restaurant  
Pro Konstantinou/Konstantinou's Liquor

### 5K Race

Pam Heald/Reliant Credit Union  
Luke Cino/Cornerstone Realty  
James Verbridge/K.M. Davies  
Tim Cappon/Ely & Leene  
Kate Hildebrandt/Leo J. Roth Corporation

### 2019 Homecoming Raffle Donors

Roland (Chip) Stevens  
RU4Scuba  
Pultneyville Mariners Club  
Burnap's Bed and Breakfast  
Williamson Flying Club

Jim Paprocki—database -Wayne County Historians

## Thank you for the beautiful benches!

Daniel Kuhl—building benches for the W-PHS House  
Williamson Building Supply—Lumber for benches





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

*Homecoming 2019*



*Photos courtesy of Peter Parts*





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



### Quilt Show Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Carol Blackall: Spring Bouquet



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alison Lovallo: Cathedral Window



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alison Lovallo: Mariner's Compass



*The mission of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is to nurture and share the history of the township of Williamson through preserving and protecting select historic structures, landmarks, objects and written materials that reflect the unique heritage of this community.*

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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.

The W-PHS Board meetings/program/event cancellation policy: From time to time there may be a need to cancel a program, event or meeting because of weather.

Cancellation Criteria: Schools are closed and/or after school events are cancelled due to weather (Williamson/Wayne County). W-PHS Programs/Events will be cancelled by the Program Chair.

Communication: The Program Chair will notify the President/Vice President and Communications Chair. The Communications Chair will disseminate the information to the website and social media coordinators. The Program Chair will notify the presenters of the event. The Program Chair will reschedule the program (if possible) and the Communications Chair will disseminate the rescheduled time and date when it is available. The President/Vice President will ensure the procedure is followed.

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

January 28  
 February 25  
 April 22  
 May 20  
 June 24  
 July 22  
 August 26  
 September 23  
 October 28  
 November 25

## WILLIAMSON-PULTNEYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

*Nurturing, sharing, preserving and protecting the history of the Township of Williamson*

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

*Please complete this membership form and return it with your dues to the address listed below.*

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*Membership dues cover the period from January 1st to December 31st each year. For new members signing up after September 30th dues are applied for the remainder of the current year and the following year.*

**Additional Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the membership dues and/or donation as shown above.  
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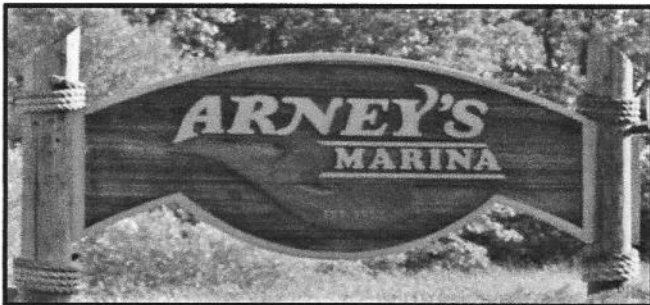
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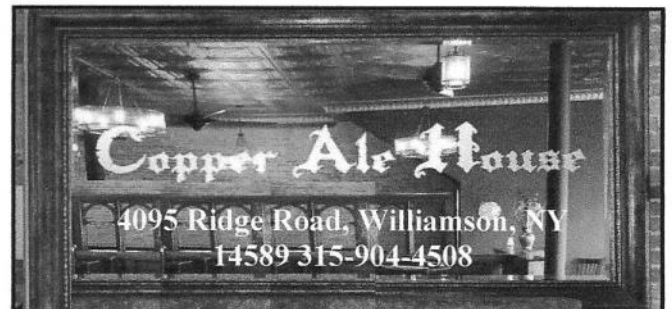
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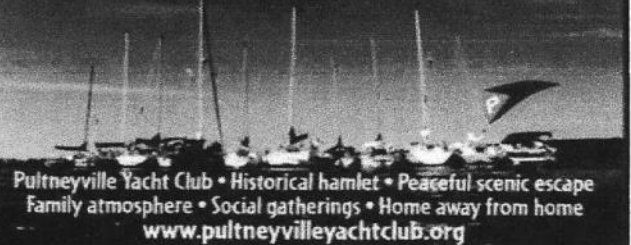
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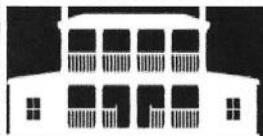
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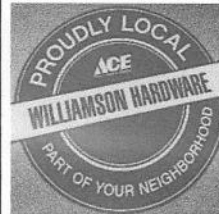
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