

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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From Your President

First and foremost, Worldwide Volunteer Recognition Day was observed and was celebrated recently on April 20. In as much as the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical



Society is an all-volunteer organization, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our many volunteers who work diligently to protect and preserve the history of our community on a regular basis or who often serve on an as needed basis. We are fortunate to live in a community where volunteerism continues to thrive and people join together to make our corner of the world a better place to live without the thought, or expectation, of personal financial gain.

Every aspect of W-PHS is volunteer driven; and while we would love for everyone to become a member, please remember that you do not need to be a member to volunteer, so invite your friends and neighbors to volunteer right along with you! On behalf of W-PHS, I extend a sincere "Thank You" to all for your service. Each of you makes a significance contribution in a variety of different ways, whether as an officer, board member, a committee chair, a member of a committee, or as a donor. There are also a myriad of behind-the-scenes jobs that our volunteers engage in whether setting up tables and chairs; making cookies or coffee; planning programs; maintaining our properties; buying supplies; fundraising; overseeing a special project; cleaning out and organizing files; or tending to our gardens throughout the gardening season. Collectively, our volunteers are critical to our continued vitality and we honor you for your service.

W-PHS was recently the recipient of a Williams G. Pomeroy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$1,000, which enabled me as President, and Cheryl Kline as

Vice President, to attend the annual Museum Association of New York (MANY) Conference in Cooperstown. While we may be a small historical society with exhibits, we have many of the same challenges as a larger museum. It was an exhilarating educational experience to learn from others and to have an opportunity to network with leaders from all facets of historical societies and museums, as well as fundraising professionals. This opportunity was especially timely as we are about to embark on a fundraising campaign for much needed structural remediation to Gates Hall in that it put us in touch with others who could offer sound advice and direction. This information will be helpful as we strive to protect and preserve Gates Hall for the next 200 or more years. With engineering studies complete, we can now move forward with the bid process and fundraising efforts, so stay tuned as we will be reaching out for the support of our members and community. A sincere thank you to the Pomeroy Foundation for this opportunity that promises to enhance our efforts on behalf of W-PHS.

With our 62nd Pultneyville Homecoming Celebration just three months away, Homecoming plans continue to move forward. Vendor and Dealer applications for the Open Air Marketplace continue to roll in, and we recently received notification that our application was approved to be a designated Certified NYS Farm Market for the day, Saturday, July 20. This will allow vendors who are beverage purveyors of NYS produced products to offer on-premise tastings in a contained area, an enhancement that attendees have been requesting for several years. Mark your calendars for July 19, 20 and 21 and plan to attend Homecoming!

Homecoming will feature its 2nd annual Quilt Show also on July 20. This year the Quilt Show will feature special guests, which include Betty Means, who is a renowned quilting pioneer who opened the

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area's first retail quilt shop in Webster in 1970; Marti Tertinek and Alice Bills, who will share historical folklore on the connection of quilts to the Underground Railroad; and Nancy Apeldoorn who is the Leader and Founder of "Lap Robes" for Veterans.

Since it's inception, Lap Robes for Veterans has gifted over 9,000 lap robes to Veterans from every military branch. Please help us spread the word that all Veterans attending the Quilt Show at the Pultneyville Reformed Church will be given a Lap Robe in recognition of their service.

While Homecoming favorites will continue to be featured this year, there will be several new highlights. New this year will be horse-drawn wagon rides around the hamlet, which will depart from the W-PHS house where demonstrations by the Wayne Historians Organization will also be presented on the newly created Historic Sites website, a digital project featuring sites throughout the county.

Our members are our future and all are invited to attend a **Members' Open House Reception** on **Thursday, June 13, from 5-7 p.m.** Join us for light refreshments and preview what's new for the season before the house opens to the public on the June 14. As we get closer to the date, an email blast reminder will be sent to our membership list, and we hope to see you there!

We invite and encourage all to attend our monthly programs. Please continue to check our website at www.w-phs and our Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Facebook page for events and programs that you won't want to miss!

We are pleased to announce that the number of our Facebook followers has exceeded 800 and are delighted that so many are enjoying and responding to our historical posts.

April 17 was somewhat of a bittersweet day for our family as we remembered what would have been the 100th birthday of Dad, Chester A. Peters, Town of Williamson Historian for 50 years. It was also cause for reflection on how he lived to celebrate and preserve history and to help others connect the dots of their heritage. That day served as a special reminder of how important it is for us to continue working together to preserve our past for future generations. While certainly not to the extent of his

efforts, it is my honor to continue in his "*For the Love of History*" footsteps as W-PHS President.

As always, thank you for your interest and support. We are a member and volunteer driven organization and look forward to your continued participation.

Regards,

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Nanette P. Hance, President

2019 HOMECOMING RAFFLE 1st PRIZE!

Through the generosity and talents of Roland (Chip) Stevens, noted Pultneyville artist, the First Prize in this year's line-up of five Homecoming Raffle prizes is a watercolor of the Aaron Brewer Blacksmith Shop that once stood at the end of Jay Street on the north side of Lake Road.

This painting was done from a photo taken by May Bragdon in 1900 and is valued at \$2,500. Thank you, Chip, for your very generous donation, which starts our annual raffle off in grand style!

W-PHS will begin selling tickets in mid-May for this year's Homecoming raffle. Check our website at www.w-phs and our Facebook page for forthcoming details as they become available. Tickets will be sold both online and by W-PHS members and will be \$10 per ticket. Come to our Members' Open House Reception on June 13 for a preview of this beautiful painting that could be yours!



Upcoming Programs and Events

May

May 1 at 7:00 p.m.—W-PHS Program
Gates Hall, Pultneyville.

Liz Albright presents—The Albright Family –Early
Pultneyville Settlers

May 9—8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Day of Caring,
the W-PHS properties, see page 6 for details

June

June 5 at 7:00 p.m.—W-PHS Program

Gates Hall, Pultneyville

Teddy Garlock, et al, presents—Shipwrecks and
Treasures, Captain HN Throop, the St. Peter and Beach
Finds

June 13, 5 -7 p.m., Members' Open House Reception,
W-PHS House

July

W-PHS Homecoming—July 19-21

August

August 7 at 6:30 p.m.—W-PHS Annual Picnic
Foreman Park—Annual Picnic/Brief History of
B. Forman Park

September

W-PHS Community Garage Sale—September 21

October

W-PHS Cemetery Tour—October 18 & 19

November

November 6 at 6:30 p.m.—W-PHS Annual Meeting
and Harvest Dinner

Pultneyville Reformed Church

December

December 4 at 7:00 p.m.—W-PHS Program
Gates Hall, Pultneyville

Christmas Potpourri III/Visit from Sinterklaas

December 8—Community Illumination

May 1 Program

Often when we think of early Pultneyville settlers, Throop, Selby, Cuyler and Cornwall come to mind. Did you know, however, that Jan Albrechts came here with his family from Zeeland Netherlands in 1816? Liz Albright, Town of Ontario Historian, will speak about him and some of his descendants, on May 1, 7 p.m. at Gates Hall.

Liz's talk will be based on Albrechts' journal, of which the first page is shown below, including the translation. The public is invited to come and hear the story of this little known area settler. Please bring old diaries for a show and tell time following the speaker.



Page from journal

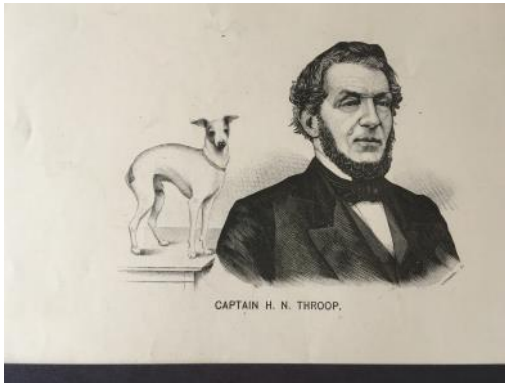
"A short account beginning in the year of our Lord 1811 concerning my doings. Jan Albrechts, Aarnout's son, born at oosterzouburg on the first day of December in the year 1790."



Abraham, son of Jan

June Program

The June 5 W-PHS program will take place at Gates Hall at 7 p.m. Entitled "Shipwrecks and Treasures," it will consist of three parts.



First, the audience will be treated to a "live" interview with Horatio Throop shortly after he survived the sinking of his small schooner, Sophia. Throop, played by a Williamson High School student, will be interviewed by Williamson High School social studies teacher, Patrick Verbridge.

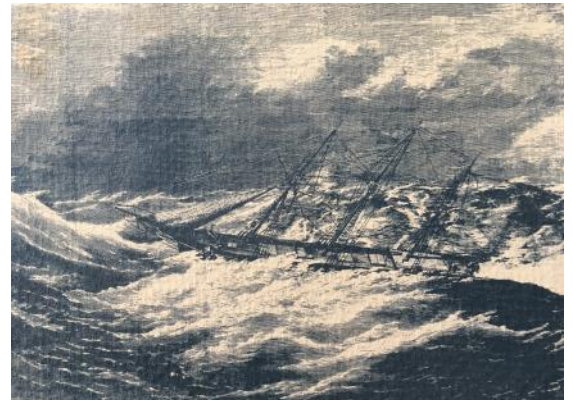
The second portion will feature Teddy Garlock, who will focus on the St. Peter, sharing photos and video from the wreck. Garlock has made many dives on the St. Peter and recently digitized a collection of photograph slides from the original exploration in 1971.

Teddy, a technical diver for fifteen years, resides in Rochester and has family in Pultneyville. Artifacts from the St. Peter will also be on display.

The evening will conclude with a show and tell time devoted to "treasures" from all kinds of bodies of water. These "treasures" will be brought by those attending the program.

As always, this program is open to the public.

Dottie Howland
Program Chair



Drawing of the St. Peter Sinking

Recap of March Program

March 13 found the home of Lorraine and Tom Dawes bursting at the seams! Over fifty people came to find out the Williamson and Pultneyville Connection of Eloise Wilkin, Golden Book illustrator. From presenters Kim Iraci, Williamson Public library director; Kathy D'Amanda, former long-time resident of Pultneyville; and Dottie Howland, W-PHS program chair, the audience learned that Eloise Wilkin rented the house (now owned by the Dawes), from that long time Pultneyville resident, Sylvia Bornarth, who modeled for Eloise. Kathy D'Amanda also modeled, although Kathy did this as a child in Irondequoit.

Eloise's area connection continued as she worked in a "migrant store" in Williamson (precursor to the Come-Unity Center). It seems that the local connection of Eloise Wilkin is still evolving. A good college friend, author Joan Esley, grew up in neighboring Walworth. Esley wrote *The Visit*, illustrated by Wilkin. Who knows-maybe the Walworth Historical Society will extend this interesting local connection of Golden Book illustrator, Eloise Wilkin!



Dottie Howland, Kim Iraci and Kathy D'Amanda

Recap of April Program

The April 3 W-PHS program took a completely different turn, but one that was just as heavily attended. Held at the East Williamson Fire Company home, which was also the former Williamson School District No. 14, Gary Dick, East Williamson Fire Company historian and firefighter, presented the history of the almost 100 year old organization. Especially impressive was the fire company's rescue from its basement of the "Honor Roll," a large display of the names of all the WWII inductees who left for war from East Williamson. The WWII Honor Roll was displayed in the meeting room along with two early pieces of firefighting equipment.

Gary explained that prior to the fire company's purchase of the building, it was one of the Williamson district schools. Unexpectedly, an attendee brought the old school sign for all to see. Adding to the interest in the school were four former students and a number of early photographs. The program piqued the interest of those there, and it is hoped there will be further programs on the wider Williamson community.



Former East Williamson District School # 14 students Chet Ameele, Bev Verbridge and Delores DuBois (Gary Dick in background)



East Williamson Fire Department firefighter and historian Gary Dick



East Williamson Fire Company

It's All About Our Students!

On **Tuesday, June 11**, the Historic Hamlet of Pultneyville will be bustling with youthful activity as W-PHS once again hosts the **4th Grade Walking Tour**. In collaboration with the Williamson Central School District, and a host of enthusiastic volunteers, students will experience what life was like in days of long ago as they learn about the history of the area from a variety of characters portraying early residents of the hamlet. Our students are our future, and we are delighted that they will be our guests for the day. To add to the memory-making, Pultneyville residents are welcome to dress in attire from earlier days to greet the kids as they pass by!

Thank You!!!

Thank you to all who made our March and April programs a success.

March—The Eloise Wilkin Program

Tom and Lorraine Dawes for opening their home for the program.

Barbara Crawford—displaying her doll

Jane Milem—videotaping

Kim Iraci—presenter

Dottie Howland—presenter

Kathy D'Amanda—presenter

April—East Williamson Fire Company Program

Gary Dick and the East Williamson Fire Co.

Springtime on the Grounds

Spring bulbs are up and will be blooming soon. Snowdrops are blooming as I write this in mid-April. The buds on the magnolia are showing signs of life and our perennials – daylilies, hostas, astilbe and more – should be up by the time this newsletter is out. Spring is a wonderful time to stroll through our gardens.

Since pick up was cancelled last fall, the grounds crew will be raking and picking up a winter's worth of sticks before mowing starts. Then we will begin the weekly weeding, deadheading and occasional planting that makes up our late spring and summer work days.

If you would like to help out on a one time basis, how about joining us on **May 9 for Day of Caring**. We will be working with a crew from Xerox from **8:30a.m. until about 2p.m.** Extra hands are welcome for any part of the day. We have jobs to do both inside the W-PHS house and outside on the grounds. There will be coffee and treats in the morning and lunch at midday to keep everyone's energy up. No one ever goes hungry and the day seems to fly by. By afternoon, the properties look ready for the stream of visitors that will be visiting this year.

As always, the gardening group meets on Monday mornings from 9-10a.m. Anyone is welcome to join us. We only work in good weather and bring our own tools, though there are some spares around if you forget. Gardening gloves are always useful. Come once or come often; you will be very welcome!!

Lynda Parmelee, Groundsmanager

Day of Caring Is Fun!



MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee has been hard at work since we began our membership drive last fall. We have made contacts with area businesses; sent letters to former W-PHS members; sent letters to new Williamson residents; and sent letters to area volunteers who have helped with W-PHS programs, Homecoming, garage sale, and Cemetery Tours. Of special note are the many contacts we have made to the people you have suggested to us who have an interest in the historical society but for some reason or other have not yet joined. The contacts we make on your behalf really do work!

So far, our 2019 membership has grown by 23 new members! That's 14 new individual memberships and 9 new business memberships.

Please welcome our newest members since our last newsletter to you:



Welcome New Members!

Jay and Caroline Cooney
 William and Irene Poray
 Burt Payne
 Phillip and Wilhelmina Dean
 Williamson Estates LLC
 Burnap's Farm Market and Garden Café
 Photographic Services

The only way we can keep the momentum going is with your help. Please continue talking to people about membership. If you want us to do a follow up contact with anyone, please send us their name and address. We would be happy to send an informational letter about the Society with an application. Keep up the great work everybody!

Jim & Kathy McCaig
 Membership Co-chairs

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W-PHS Archives . . . A Community Resource

Through the efforts of an active Collections Management Committee, W-PHS is fortunate to house a well organized and vast collection of archive materials so that we can help others in historical pursuits. Others, from near and far, call the Society in search of photos, family trees, business and civic organization histories, news clippings, geneology, historical documents and journals.

As an official repository of historical materials, we welcome inquiries about our area and also give thoughtful consideration to accepting items and documents that will help us better tell the story of our community. Should you be spring cleaning, please consider donating historical records which include, but are not limited to, family, school, business and church photos and records, journals, ledgers, autograph, guest and scrapbooks, and written or oral histories, to the society before discarding them.

Our job, as a historical society, is to protect and preserve our history in its many forms. W-PHS archives are donor-driven and our collection reflects what community residents are willing to share.

Together, we can tell a better story! Please call 315.589.9892 if you would like to add to our archival collection. Thank you for your interest and kind consideration.



. . . and It Traveled Now to the W-PHS!

In 1857, John Estey owned a melodeon company in **Brattleboro, VT**, and had recently expanded his manufacturing pursuit with a partner, H. P. Green. Because of the establishment of the railroad, these wonderful instruments could be shipped all around the country, and one of them joined the Frank and Augusta Gaylord family in **Sodus**.

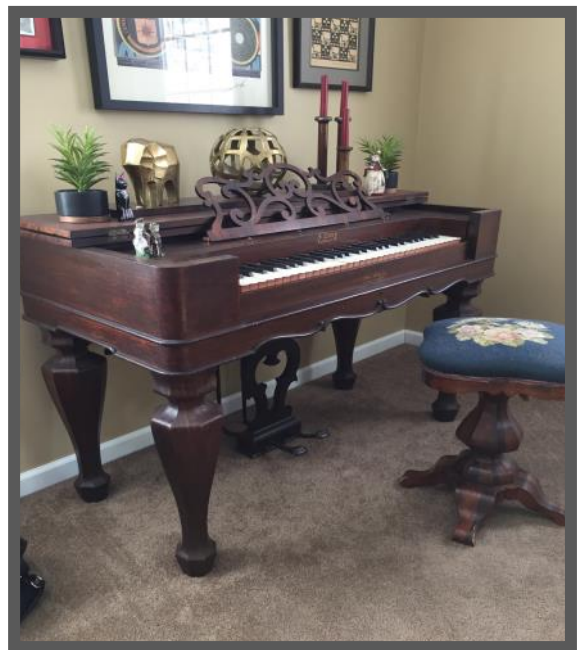
There on Smith Street, the Gaylord family included daughter Elizabeth (who married Irving C. Beal and became the mother of our own "Mary Liz" Beal Jennerich of Gates Hall renown) and their son Dwight.

They enjoyed with friends and relatives the music of this piano-style melodeon for many years until it was time to settle the family estate in 1952, and their niece transported the 1857 J. Estey piece to her home in **Ohio**.

After many tunes and about fifty years, that estate passed this magnificent instrument to Frank and Augusta Gaylord's great-granddaughter, Barbara Jennerich Bush and her husband, Rayburn. Rayburn was particularly enamored with it! It was loaded up for safe travel to their home in **Williamson**, just down the road from its original Wayne County presence. Barbara and Rayburn's children, Zach and Michelle, and eventually even their grandchildren, struck up some notes for fun through the years, as well.

Six generations of the same family enjoyed and preserved this now 162 year-old melodeon, which has been generously donated to our care in the **Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society house in Pultneyville**. It still works!

We are grateful to Barbara Bush and her families of the 1800s, 1900s, and now 2000s, for their care and magnanimous gift of this lovely addition of grace and music for our parlor setting.



Come Tell Our Story!

Warm and sunny weather soon will be here and visitors will flock to Pultneyville. It will be time to open our W-PHS House for another busy season. We will be ready to welcome all who come every Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon from June 14 through October 14 from 1:00 until 4:00p.m.

On each of those days we need volunteers who will greet our visitors and help them understand what makes Pultneyville an interesting community. You may meet fascinating people exploring the area where their great-grandparents once lived or your visitors may be completely unfamiliar with the Lake Ontario shore. To welcome them to our historical society you do not need detailed knowledge of Williamson history or other special information, just an interest in the area. We will be happy to help you if you have questions about the exhibits or the procedures. There also are materials available if you would like to read and prepare ahead of time or you may spend part of your afternoon reviewing the brochures and exhibits at the House.

Summer often seems to have all too few days, but as we try to schedule volunteers, it sometimes seems there are a great many afternoons to fill between June and Columbus Day. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please consider your schedule and call to select the afternoons you would like to spend at the W-PHS House.

Sue-Jane K. Evans
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W-PHS at Annual Health, Wellness & Learning Fair

Once again this year the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society participated in Williamson Central's 4th annual Health, Wellness and Learning Fair on Saturday, April 6.

Joining many other civic and community organizations, Sue-Jane Evans and Perry Howland put together an exhibit on "Staying Well in Williamson." Included in the display was information on the Diamond Rock Mineral Well that was located on South Avenue in Williamson, advertisements from

The Williamson Sentinel for biking and roller skating as health and wellness activities and how the influenza epidemic of 1918/19 both affected Williamson residents and could be prevented.



Sue-Jane Evans at Learning Fair-2019

You Are Invited!

Our 2019 **Members' Open House Reception** will be held **Thursday, June 13th from 5 to 7pm**. Please join us for light refreshments and to preview what's new for the 2019 season prior to opening the House to the public. Our members are our most important asset, and we look forward to having you join us at the W-PHS house at 4130 Mill Street in Historic Pultneyville. And, weather permitting, you might even want to join in a little old-fashioned fun with a game or two of Croquet on our beautiful park-like grounds or watch the boats set sail from the Yacht Club!



This story was made possible through the courtesy of William (Bill) Poray of Fairport, NY, who is a new member, along with his wife, Irene, of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society. With grateful appreciation, we acknowledge Bill for sharing this story, which now resides in the W-PHS Archives Collection, and for his interest in preserving the history of our area where many of his family members resided for many years on Bear Swamp Road in Williamson. Welcome to W-PHS Bill and Irene, and again, **Thank You!**

Entertainment at the Beach; The History of Holland's Cove

By Robert King

Entertainment is one of the greatest influences on our nation as well as our species. People work their whole lives in hopes of getting ahead so they can enjoy this existence called life. Entertainment is just used as a break for people who are in an endless circle of work. Entertainment in this area has changed drastically since the early nineteen hundreds. At that time, people enjoyed more traditional pastimes and were closer to their families. In this corner of the world, entertainment included things like swimming, picnicking, playing sports, and dancing.

Holland's Cove is a group of about 50 cottages on the shore of Lake Ontario in eastern Williamson. The name comes from the original owners of the land, the Hollands. The land where the cottages are now found was a farm run by Levi Holland. In approximately 1918, his beautiful sand beach was opened up to the public and he sold ice cream from a tent in the summer. A few years later, when the tent was no longer enough to serve the demands, a small hut was built to sell ice cream, soda and candy. At this time, people were encouraged to build cottages near the beach and were leased a piece of land if they intended to build a cottage.

During the twenties, the area snowballed into a resort for area citizens. The beach was rivaled in popularity only by the beach at Sodus Point. The new growth was aided by the Cove's semi-pro baseball team, the Saranacks, and later by the building of the new pavilion, a large hall that housed the ice cream store and was the site of dances and performance by the best local bands. "The Cove" as it was known continued to be a major recreation spot for the area until just before World War II. The baseball games and dances continued at the Cove into the fifties and the ice cream shop stayed open until the early sixties. During the last forty years, many of the cottages exteriors have begun to show their age, the pavilion has closed and the ball diamond is only a fraction of what it was. After the St. Lawrence seaway was opened, the water level of Lake Ontario has been raised about five feet leaving the sand beach under water. The area became less and less of a recreation center for the area and is currently only known by the few people that [*sic*] remember it from when it was still a popular vacation location.



A cottager with her loved baseball field—1930

There was time in the first half of this century when Holland's Cove was a local hub of entertainment. It combined all the typical entertainment of the era in one place. All of the people who spent time there during this time have fond memories and speak of the place as if it doesn't exist any more.

Holland's Cove is located about three miles to the east of Pultneyville in the northeast corner of Williamson, New York. The beautiful sandy beach that once was there was created because the cove is on the lee shore of Fairbanks point, which sticks out over 200 yards into Lake Ontario.

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The land was originally owned by Levi and Julia Holland who farmed the land for cherries, peaches, apples and berries. The farm consisted of a large farm house, barn, chicken coop and dry house, which dated back to 1850 before the land was purchased by the Hollands.

Levi Holland died in 1915 and left the farm to his five children. This was the beginning of the advancement of Holland's Cove. In the next two decades, two brothers would change the appearance and function of their father's farm into a vacation spot for the Wayne County area.

Two of Levi's sons, Jesse and Lorenzo, bought out the other three siblings. These two had more of an entrepreneurial taste and began to expand the role of the farm. A dirt road ran past the house and opened the beach to the public. The two brothers began selling ice cream on the beach from a tent in 1918. In 1920, the two built an ice house in which they stored ice that was cut from the cove in the winter. Although they may not have known it at the time, these two brothers were laying the foundation for a local institution.

Within a few years, the tent on the beach that used to sell ice cream had been abandoned for a small building which sold soda and candy along with the ice cream. The whole country seemed to be in a period of growth and well being at this time, and "The Cove" was no different. It wasn't long before this new building was turned into a bath hall and a large pavilion was built to hold the ice cream shop. The pavilion, as it was known, was built in 1925 to hold the ice cream shop and to serve as the center piece of the growing recreation area. It was a large rectangular building and was built with a dance floor and a great view of the beach. By the time the pavilion was built, Jesse and Lorenzo had new plans for their father's farm. People were given a lease for a piece of land in the cherry orchard if they agreed to build a cottage on it. The beach was now cleaned from any seaweed that might wash up by workers. The land was leased quickly and new cottages were shooting up like weeds in the ballfield. During this time of change for the farm, the peach trees were cut down and in place stood a new baseball diamond, complete with backstop, scoreboard and grandstand. These games were very important to the people of the cove and of the town. Crowds of over 500 were common for Sunday afternoon games.



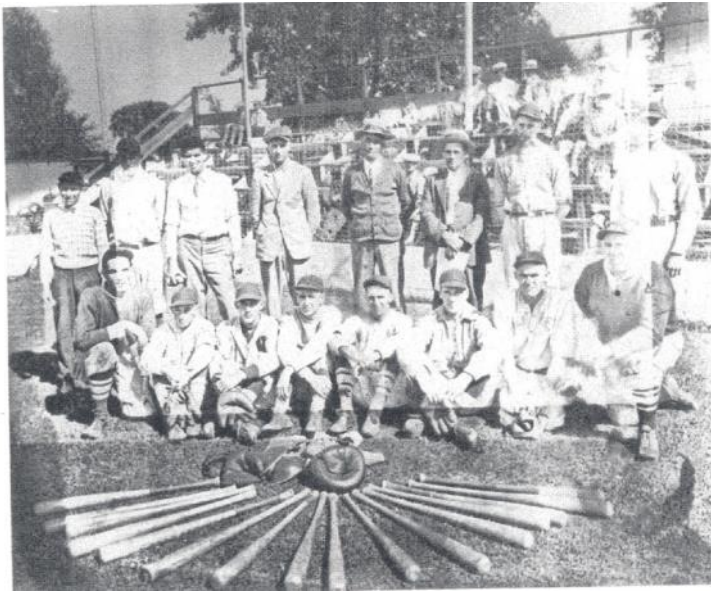
Relaxing at the Cove
with a view of the beach and boats—1930

By the late 1920s, the transformation of the farm was complete. Now instead of berry bushes and fruit trees to accompany the beautiful beach, there was a pavilion, a ball diamond and dozens of cottages. Even the icehouse had been turned into a cottage. This was the true beginning of Holland's Cove.

The dances at the pavilion were the in thing for teenagers of the day. Dances were held on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday nights, cars would line the dirt road all the way to Lake Road. People came from all over the area to dance at the pavilion. Some of the locals who played regularly were Bart Clevenger, an area fiddle player who also owned a jewelry store in the village of Ontario to supplement his income. Charlie Pembroke, an electrician from Walworth played many instruments but was best known for his accordion. John Demink and his orchestra from Ontario appeared often. Jessie Van Houter of Williamson played the piano at the pavilion. The most notable musical group that played at these dances was an all black orchestra from Bath, New York, that made the long drive to play on the shore of Lake Ontario.

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**Pultneyville Reformed Church Sunday School
Baseball Team—Late 1920s
At Holland's Cove Ball Diamond**

Back row L to R: Abram VanHorn, James DeVisser,
Ralph Brownell, Raymond Kussie, John Contant,
Jessie Mullie, Wayne Brownell, Ellis Contant
Front Row: Stanley DuBurck, Clifford Farnsworth,
James Dunning, Peter Poray, Peter Van Horn,
Claude Veltman, Walter Plummer, John Bush

Baseball is called our national pastime and never was this more true than during the 1930s. Babe Ruth was taking the country by storm and all other sports that now compete with baseball's spotlight were still in their infancy. This was no different in

upstate New York. At this time there was the Sunday School League, the Wayne County League, the Finger Lakes League and the Rochester Area Semi-Pro League, all of which had games played at "The Cove's" ball diamond. The Sunday School League began playing almost as soon as the diamond was complete. Each church from Williamson and Sodus had a team, they played Saturdays until 1940.

The Saranacks were the first traveling baseball team to call the Holland's Cove Field home. They were a semi-pro team that played in a few area leagues. The term semi-pro is used to show that no price was charged for admission, but after each game; a collection was drawn up and given to the players to cover the teams' cost. Milton Jewett managed the team and some of the other players included Hank, Red and John McKague, Eddie Betekoski, and Shorty Shermer. These six along with two others also built one of the cottages and is still in the family of Milton Jewett.

By the fifties, the baseball diamond was empty except for the games of the cottage owners. Furthermore, Jess the man who ran the pavilion was slowing down. The glory days of the Cove were in the past. The pavilion closed its doors permanently by the early sixties. The land remained owned by the Hollands, but with fewer people using the area, they did not have the money to make necessary improvements to keep it as one of the hot spots for the new generations.

In present day, Holland's Cove has become a place where people from the area go to enjoy the lake and the fun that comes along with it. They are content to spend time in the modest cottages that are now roughly seventy years old. They look forward to seeing their friends and neighbors each summer and playing a few hands of cards or going fishing.

Holland's Cove has had an effect on the history and flavor of Wayne County, it was part of the development during the first half of the nineteen hundreds and gave people from up to one hundred miles away a view of the lifestyle of Wayne County. It also gave local musicians and arena to express themselves and improve their skills. "The Cove" developed the areas youth and most of all was a fun place for all of the hard workers of the area to take a well deserved break and get a nice breath of fresh air each summer.

No date was noted as to when the piece was written by Robert King. The complete document, including footnoted sources and additional photos, is available in the Archives at the W-PHS House.

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.

Formed in 1964 and chartered in 1971, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society has as its mission 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.

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
October 28
November 25

WILLIAMSON-PULTNEYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On the web: www.w-phs.org
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January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

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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.

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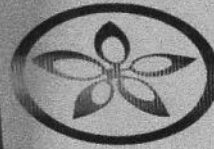
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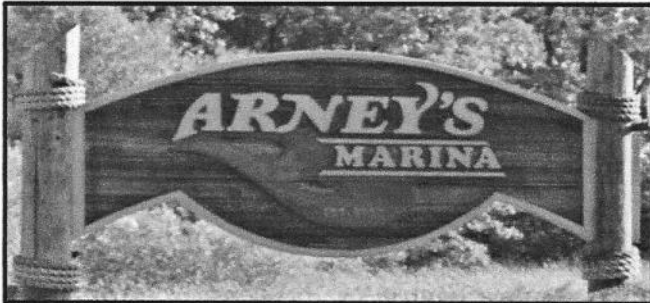


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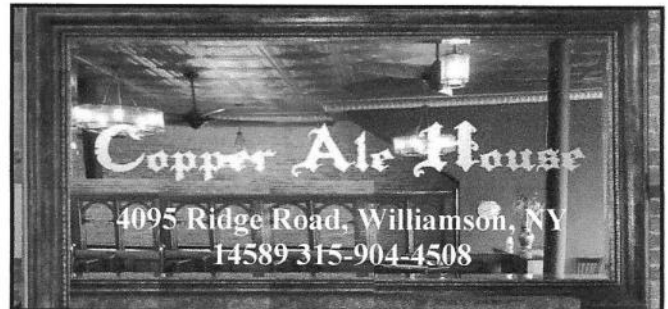
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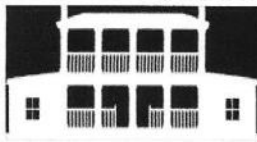


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