

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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From Your President

As we find ourselves going into the season of Thanksgiving, we pause to give thanks for the beauty and bounty that surrounds us. While counting our many blessings, we quickly realize that we are blessed beyond measure. Our W-PHS members are one of those blessings, and we are thankful for the collective work being done as a historical society to support its mission.



It is hard to believe that our annual meeting is just one week away! In retrospect, we have much to be thankful for and much to be proud of. We enjoyed an invigorating partnership between the school district and the Society and an extended visitor season that saw an increase in the number of guests from both near and far. We benefitted from an expanded program schedule this year, adding September and October programs, both of which were beyond amazing, informative and well received.

Special thanks goes to David Malgee who traveled from Gettysburg to present our September program, which was a well-organized program about the Civil War and its many connections to Williamson. Our October program found many of our members front and center on the stage of Gates Hall presenting a play about the Hall and its 194 year old history. The script was written by none other than our own Irene Bierer, who went above and beyond to share the history about how the community has come together time and time again to support the work that needed to be done at the Hall throughout its past to ensure it remained the “Grand Old Dame” of Pultneyville.

It has been a very busy fall for W-PHS! In mid-September, W-PHS celebrated its 30th annual Community Garage and Pie Sale. Thanks to both

veteran and new volunteers who baked pies and worked this event to ensure its success. In October, W-PHS participated in the NY Path Through History Columbus Day weekend event at two of its venues, which were met with enthusiasm and success. Many families enjoyed pressing cider the old fashioned way with Dottie and Perry Howland at the W-PHS House, while others visited and toured Gates Hall with Dan Montondo. It was great to see so many new faces and young families attending these events, which introduced the kids and reminded the young at heart of an earlier way of life in the hamlet. As the day ended, so did our season of public visitation at the W-PHS House, which had been extended this year to include Columbus Day.

September ended on a high note with the first in a series of concerts to benefit the Gates Hall Fund. The ROC City Ringers, a popular Rochester hand bell ensemble, filled the hall with their gift of music which delighted an engaged audience. To hear the sound of bells resonating throughout the Hall was amazing! It is with gratitude that on behalf of W-PHS, I extend our sincere thanks to the ROC City Ringers for their support and mesmerizing performance.

October found W-PHS meeting with a team of dynamic Williamson Central School District educators to explore expanding our educational partnership in 2019-2020 between the district and the Society to also include grades 5-8 and 9-12. Thank you to Kim Garlock, our Education Partnership Liaison, for joining us to coordinate the expansion of this important partnership on behalf of the Society.

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President's message continued...

Another annual highlight every October is W-PHS Moonlight Cemetery Tour featuring educational portrayals of early area residents whose final resting place is the Lakewiew Cemetery. It was our pleasure to welcome characters from afar this year . . . Peter Browne from Hastings-on-the-Hudson who characterized his father, Richard C. Browne, who was a prominent Pultneyville figure until the time of his death in 1958; and James Brewer who traveled from PA to play the part of his great-great-grandfather, Aaron Brewer, who owned the cobblestone Blacksmith Shop in Pultneyville until the late 1800's. The shop sat on the north side of Lake Road at the foot of Jay Street. These spirits were joined by Toni and Eric Baller who portrayed the lives of Captain H. N. and Mary Throop who lived until the mid 1880's, Peter Evans who portrayed Adrian Contant who passed away in 1919, and Bert Peters who played the role of his father, Chester A. Peters, who would have celebrated his 100th birthday this past April. Attendees were guided through the cemetery by Sue Jane Evans who was able to rouse each of the spirits. Thanks to Kathy Fedick, Committee Chair of this event who is already enthusiastically looking forward to planning next year's tour!

After several years of planning, at the September 23rd Board Meeting, the W-PHS Board of Trustees approved moving forward with the long anticipated plan for the structural remediation and revitalization of Gates Hall. It is our hope that the community will once again come together, as it has many times in the past, to support this plan and fundraising campaign, which will be launched in the next few weeks. All are invited to be a part of the Gates Hall Legacy, which we will collectively build and leave to enrich the lives for future generations of the community . . . and hopefully in time to celebrate the Hall's 200th Birthday in 2025, which promises to be a very special milestone celebration.

All the while we were engaged in planning and presenting additional programs and special events, members continued to carry on daily behind-the-scenes operations and plans for the new year. With this being our last newsletter until January 2020, I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their involvement and support this past year. We have enjoyed some inspiring highlights that have made special memories and connections to the past for many.

While this mentions just a few of the highlights from the last couple of months, it shows that we have had a very busy, engaging and exciting year. I take this opportunity to extend warm wishes on behalf of W-PHS for all the blessings of the season as we pause to give thanks and celebrate the holidays.

Regards,
Nan

Nanette Peters Hance, President
Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

A Home for The Trolley



Winter is coming...

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

The trolley dimensions are:
10 feet high, 17 feet long and 8 feet wide

You can leave a message at 315.589.9892.
Thank you!



Upcoming Programs and Events

November

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

November 22,23,24 & December 1– Gatesingers YouTheater presents *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, see page 4 for details.

December

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

December 8—Tenth Community Illumination, details will be coming.

Save the Date!

JUNE 29, 2020

1st Annual W-PHS GOLF CLASSIC at the premiere Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club to benefit the structural remediation and revitalization of historic Gates Hall.

Stay tuned for further details via the W-PHS Newsletter, Website and Facebook page! Mark your calendars today and plan to volunteer or play June 29th!

November W-PHS Program

November is the season of thanksgiving and that will be the focus of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society's November 6 program. The evening will begin with the annual Harvest Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Pultneyville Reformed Church dining hall. Attendees should bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Beverages will be provided.

The remainder of the evening will consist of the annual meeting, where the Society's 2019 accomplishments will be highlighted and there will be a preview of the Gatesinger's YouTheatre's fall production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.

The public is invited to attend the dinner, the entertainment and a review of W-PHS 2019 accomplishments.

December W-PHS Program

December and the Christmas season is a time of family. That will be no different when the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society presents "Christmas Potpourri III" on December 4, 7 p.m. at Gates Hall, an evening of Christmas music and the spoken word presented by the greater Williamson community family.

The evening will begin with the children filling wooden shoes with hay and carrots in hopes that Sinterklaas will exchange the "goodies" for his horse with candy "goodies" for them. The audience will then enjoy music, various forms of the written word, and memories, all related to Christmas.

Children's books and non-perishable food items will be collected for the Come-Unity Center and refreshments will be served as the public is invited to kick-off the Christmas season.

Dottie Howland
Program Chair



Program—Walworth Historical Society Soup and Spiritualism

On Monday, November 18, at 1 p.m., the Walworth Historical Society will host a program at the Lodge in Ginegaw Park (Penfield-Walworth Road/3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth). It will begin with a FREE lunch consisting of homemade soups, bread and butter, beverages and desserts.

Following lunch, the featured speaker will be Tracy Murphy. Tracy is the caretaker of the Fox Sisters site in Hydesville (near Newark). She also works for Historic Palmyra. She will speak about the Fox Sisters and their family and a little about Spiritualism.

Western New York is unique in many ways, but one of those is something called the “Burned Over District.” This refers to the fact that several religious and other social reform movements developed here. Spiritualism is one of them. The program and lunch are FREE and open to the public.



Thank You!

Heidi Page for her donation to the Society.

Lagoner Farms for providing pie containers for the Society's pie sale.

Peter Parts for the *She's a Grand Old Dame* cast photo.

Eric Troske (Hunger Media) for photos of *She's a Grand Old Dame*.

Perry Howland for garage sale photos.

The Gatesinger Company Ltd. Presents YouTHeater fall production

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Friday and Saturday, November 22 & 23 @
7:30pm

Sunday, November 24 @ 2:30 pm

Friday & Saturday, November 29 & 30 @
7:30 pm

Sunday, December 1 @ 2:30 pm

Buy tickets online - www.gateshall.com
or by calling the Box Office at
(315) 589-3326



The audience enjoyed the ROC City Ringers concert in Gates Hall. The group performed a variety of musical genres.

September Program Recap



The gathering of three former Williamson Central School teachers sounds like a strange beginning to the Civil War program, "Cowards to Heroes, The 111th NY Volunteers from Harper's Ferry to Gettysburg," presented by David Malgee, but that is exactly what happened. The trio, Les Buell, Ira Skinner and Arnie DeMarsh, arrived prior to the September 4 program at Gates Hall to visit with their former student before his presentation.

Using a power-point program and Civil War artifacts, Malgee focused on the soldiers from the Williamson-Pultneyville area. Following Malgee's talk, several members of the standing room only audience shared their Civil War memorabilia to complete the interesting and informative evening.

September 2019-Annual Garage Sale



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October Program Recap—*She's a Grand Old Dame*

Trivia Question : What did the W-PHS Civil War program September 4 have in common with the October 2 program drama, *She's a Grand Old Dame*???

Answer: They were both held at historic Gates Hall to standing room only audiences!



Once again, Irene Bierer used her creative writing talents to present a brief overview of the history of Gates Hall from its beginning, as the Union Church to its present day status as the oldest continually operating community theater in the U.S.

A shouting match between two churches meeting at the same time, women rolling bandages during WWII, young teachers planning how to strengthen the roof and the many drama and musical productions presented on the stage were some of the historical facts woven together by frequent appearances by Father Time and Mother Time. This resulted in the audience coming away with not only a better understanding of Gates Hall history, but a deeper appreciation of its place in the life, both past and future, of our greater community!



Irene Bierer with Mother Time (daughter Alice Dodge)

Signed Print Donated to W-PHS



Visitor Mark Mordue and his mother from Muncie, Indiana, donated a signed print to W-PHS, which was dedicated by 19th-Century American pianist/composer Louis Moreau Gottschalk, to Captain H. N. Throop in 1865. The print is in a 14" x 18" wooden frame with an ornate plaster veneer.

In the lower right hand corner of the print, Gottschalk, who was America's first piano virtuoso and famous throughout the United States, Europe, South America and the Caribbean, wrote in his own hand: "To Captain H. N. Throop with the compliments of Louis Moreau Gottschalk, Ogdensburg 12th July 1856."

What a treasure to be returned to Pultneyville where it is believed to have at one time graced the walls in the Captain's home. It is purported that this print was presented to Captain Throop in Ogdensburg, New York, after a concert.

Mordue was originally from Elmira, NY. His uncle was an antique picker and gave him this print years ago because he is musician. With grateful appreciation, this print was accepted into the W-PHS Archives Collection.

NYS Path through History Weekend

Children at work—having fun! That is what took place Columbus Day, October 14, the last day the W-PHS house was open for the season. Under the guidance of Town Historian Perry Howland, the boys and girls used Howland's cider press and apples from his orchard to press cider, praised as being "better than a well-known local cider mill!" Sue Jane Evans, Dottie Howland and Colin Kozan helped to insure a fun time for the young and young at heart.

Down the street, Andrew Cornwell, aka Don Montondo, entertained around a dozen youth and adults with stories of life in the early 19th century and with the history of the building of the Union Church and how it became Gates Hall.

Both of these W-PHS events were part of the NYS Path through History, which took place all over New York State on Columbus Day weekend.

Photos on the following page...

New York State Path through History

October 14, 2019



Cider Pressing with Perry & Dottie Howland at the W-PHS House

Andrew Cornwell, aka Don Montondo, at Gates Hall

Moonlight Cemetery Tour October 18 & 19, 2019 Lakeview Cemetery, Pultneyville, New York

There is nothing more enjoyable than a beautiful fall Cemetery walk through our Lakeview Cemetery with the background view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding farmlands. This year's tours were well attended. Our Spirit guide Sue-Jane Evans led us to each grave sight, while giving each tour the Pultneyville history of the area.

The first spirit we visited was **Richard C. Browne** born in May of 1907 and passed in February of 1959. He was presented by his son Peter Browne and daughter Nan VanEe. He lived in the hamlet of Pultneyville from the mid 1940's to early 1970's. He was married to Theresa "Tess" Fowler. They raised four children, twins Naomi and Nan and two sons, Richard and Peter. After graduating from high school, Richard couldn't decide whether to become an engineer or an artist, so he decided to go to RIT and divided his curriculum equally between art and engineering. After graduating (with honors), he went to work in the Design Department of the Cunningham Motor Car Company of Rochester and became assistant designer of the Custom Body Division. After working at the Cunningham Motors, he went to work for the Todd Company of Rochester (manufacturers of bank check imprinters). At Todd he was their Art director, General Service Manager, Head of Imprinter Division, then finally General Sales Manager prior to his passing at the age of 52. His manager at the Todd Company was Walter Todd. The Todd family owned a summer home in Pultneyville; and after many visits to the hamlet, Richard decided it would be a great place to live and raise his family.

Richard loved sailing and spent many hours cruising on the 45-foot sailboat (On Air) owned by the Todd family. He moved his family to Pultneyville around 1944 and bought a home that he referred to as "the Lake Cottage." Richard bought a 14-foot English Dinghy sailboat that had 18 broken ribs and smashed planking. He completely rebuilt/repared it and started to race it at Pultneyville Yacht Club, where he was a Charter member of the Club and then became the 7th Commodore in 1954. He designed the Browne Cup racing trophy and was the first to win it in a race. During his lifetime, he was involved in many community/charitable activities - Captain and Chairman District of the Rochester Community Chest, District Chairman of the Rochester Boy Scouts, President of the Triangle Club, President of RIT Alumni Association for seven years, Pultneyville Lodge, and the Pultneyville Players, where he created set design and scenery for many productions. He lived his life to the fullest. Had a wonderful life with his family and friends, with many cherished memories of living in Pultneyville.



Next our Spirit guide found her way over to the Throop monument. **Horatio N. Throop** born November 10, 1807, and passed on August 6, 1884, and his wife **Mary Ledyard** May 7, 1814 - February 29, 1888. They were presented by Eric and Toni Baller who live in the Throop house and are restoring it. Horatio Nelson Throop was one of the most influential people in Pultneyville's history. He built his first ship as a teenager. Throop was captain of numerous schooners and steamships. He was an inventor.

Moonlight Cemetery Tour

He created the designs for several wind-powered screw propeller systems. He was the President of the Ontario Steamship Company and owned a steam-powered sawmill on Ship Builder's Slip near the harbor. During the years before the Civil war, he helped transport escaping slaves to freedom in Canada.



From the Throop grave site we stopped to visit Adrian Contant. **Adrian Contant** was born in January of 1843 in the province of Zeeland in eastern Holland and he passed on September 10, 1919. Civil War Soldier, Gettysburg Veteran, and Andersonville Survivor, he was presented by Peter Evans. We heard about his military career, he was among the 111th New York Volunteers from Harper's Ferry to Gettysburg. He was wounded while at Gettysburg. Then we learned about his postwar life here in Pultneyville. After the war, Adrian returned to Wayne County, where in November 1866 he married a Dutch girl, Susannah Duburck of Pultneyville. Susannah's claim to fame is that she had worked as a housekeeper for Captain Horatio Nelson Throop, Pultneyville's most famous resident.

The Contants made their home along the lake, east of Pultneyville, where Adrian took up fruit farming, but not for long. In May 1868, Adrian sold his 24-acre farm to William Mumford for \$1500. On October 1868 Adrian was granted exclusive rights to sell "Morton's Patent Fruit Gatherers" in the town of Sodus. This was a mechanical fruit picker designed to harvest primarily apples without bruising the fruit. Adrian must have been successful in this sales venture because by 1870 the Contants owned two farms, one valued at \$1800 and one at \$1200. While Susannah busied herself by "keeping house" (according to the 1870 census), Adrian employed his younger brother (Abram) for \$18 per month, the average wage for a "seasonal farm laborer."

By the 1890s Adrian's farm had grown to include 92 acres. In his later years, he was rarely known to talk about his experiences during the Civil War. His Gettysburg wound(s) was said to have bothered him until the end of his days. Perhaps that is why he always had a heart for the men serving in our armies. In fact, it was written that during World War I (and I quote) "*no man felt so badly for them [the soldiers] and those they left behind than did this soldier of many battles.*"

Adrian always retained his great faith and served as a deacon and elder in the Dutch Reformed Churches in both Pultneyville and Williamson. He also served for many years as Chaplain of the John Hance G.A.R. Post in Pultneyville. There is a road just East of Foreman park on the lake side of the road called Contant Shores.

From the Contant grave site we stopped to visit the Civil War Monument, where our Spirit guide spoke of our local war heroes, including the soldier Daniel Grandin that Adrian Contant just told us about. From the Civil War Monument, we moved on to meet our next spirit who was born in 1919. Here we ran into Chester Peters. **Chester A Peters** was born on April 17, 1919, and passed away March 16, 2016, at the age of 96. His life was presented by his son Bert Peters. Preceded in death by his parents John Jr. and Elizabeth Broers Peters and his wife of 71 years Pearl Orbaker Peters.



Moonlight Cemetery Tour



He was a lifetime member of Pultneyville Reformed Church, longtime member of the Pultneyville Masonic Lodge No. 159 and a charter member of the Pultneyville Historical Society. He was a devoted father of twelve and a loving “Grandpa Chet “to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His life was filled with a love of history, and he retired in 2014 as Town of Williamson Historian after 50 years of service. He was widely and affectionately known to many as the Maker of Tall Clocks and Teller of Tall tales. This year, Mr. Peters would have turned 100 years old.

From Mr. Peters grave sight we walked down the road and was greeted by Aaron Brewer. **Aaron Brewer** was born on January 4, 1831, and passed on March 13, 1899. Aaron Brewer was presented by his great-great grandson, Rick Brewer, who came up to do the presentative of his grandfather from Pennsylvania. Aaron was married to Sarah Brewer. He was the sixth child of John J. Brewer and Elizabeth Water Brewer. Aaron Brewer was Blacksmith from 1850 to 1890, with his shop being a two-story cobblestone building on the north side of Lake road across from Jay Street.



Tour visitors were invited for donuts, cookies and cider at Gates Hall where our greeters - Jackie Walker, Lenore Youngman and Marge Chatt welcomed them on Friday night. Gail McCarthy, Dottie Howland, and Alice and Cliff Dodge greeted visitors on Saturday night. Thank you to Betty Morley for all the hard work she did to set up Gates Hall in order to welcome the visitors each night. Thank you to everyone who baked cookies - Kay Peck, Nan Hance, Kathy McCaig and Lynda Parmelee. Thank you to Chris Hance (grandson of Chester Peters) for the donation of apples from his local farm and to Dottie Howland for the homemade cider.

I appreciate all the help I was given by everyone to make this a successful event. Thank you to Sue-Jane Evans for guiding the tours; the Lakeview Cemetery Association for allowing us to do this event every year; and Jay Peters for opening up the building so that we had a dry area to check-in. Thank you to tour check-in volunteers Kathy McCaig on Friday night, Jackie Walker and Lenore Youngman on Saturday night; and to Larry Fedick and Jim McCaig for parking cars both evenings for all tours. Special thanks to Erin Bryant for letting us borrow her Chip Steven’s Aaron Brewer Blacksmith painting she won in this years Homecoming raffle displayed at Gates Hall.

We had beautiful weather both evenings with great turn out for each tour. Thank you to our knowledgeable tour guide Sue-Jane Evans for guiding us and to all the presenters: Peter Browne, Nan VanEe, Eric and Toni Baller, Peter Evans, Bert Peters and Rick Brewer. Thank you to David Malgee who shared his notes on Adrian Contant, who was his wife’s great-great-grandfather.

Please let me know if you would be interested in in being part of this informative event next year. Please email or call me. Kathyfedick@gmail.com/585-261-3883

Kathy Fedick, W-PHS Cemetery Tour Chair

From the Archives...

We welcome **Dan Montondo**, who has joined the Collections team. He brings expertise in computer use and passionate interest in local history. Many generations of Williamson community members enrich his family background, and Dan's frequent participation in local events acknowledges his ability to share enthusiasm for the past.

Shirley DeBack, through the courtesy of Dottie Howland, offered us a navy-blue coverlet with "L 1838 N" woven into one corner. The letters indicate initials of the weaver, and the four numbers are the year of weaving. It was used by the Todd family and given to Shirley's grandmother.

President Nan Hance was contacted by the following donors:

David DeZutter donated two books of maps for our use—a 1902 Plat Book, Monroe County and a 1904 Wayne County Atlas.

Dee Hoffman brought to us a group of early 1900's Logs (yearbooks) from the Williamson High School to add to our current collection, as well as several booklets, including an advertisement booklet from local stores and a 1968-69 booklet of Wayne County School teachers and other personnel.

Mark Mordue, of Muncie, Indiana, brought for our use a framed print of L. M. Gottshalk, America's first piano virtuoso. It is personally autographed and inscribed, "To Captain H. N. Throop with the compliments of Louis Moreau Gottshalk, Ogdensburg, 12th July 1856."

We have proof in documents that H. N. Throop frequented Ogdensburg and will be proud to display the evidence that he was acknowledged by L. M. Gottshalk.

If you have an item of interest to consider sharing with us or other information regarding the heritage of the Town of Williamson, you are invited to contact us through Nan Hance, President of Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, 315-589-9892 or president@w-phs.org.

*Irene Bierer
Archives*

Winding Down for 2019

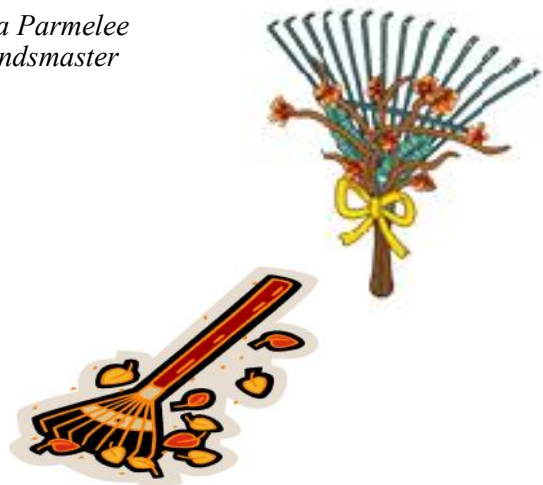
Another growing season is coming to an end at the W-PHS properties. All of the properties came through the unusually cold and wet spring in fine fettle, and in fact our perennials seemed better than ever. The English oak in the park continues to grow rapidly and should be a fine specimen tree. The locust tree in the park is slowly adding size and is also doing well. As the aging maples in the park are removed, they will be replaced by diverse types of trees so that some unforeseen disease or insect won't affect the whole grove. The fir tree planted on the east side of Gates Hall is doing well and will be decorated for the holidays before we know it.

We separated the rhododendrons in front of the W-PHS house and now all six of them have their own space to continue to grow and bloom in the future.

All that is left for 2019 is our Leaf Raking extravaganza! When most of the leaves are down on the three properties, the call (e-mail) will go out to rally the troops for a couple of hours of clean up followed by treats at the house. Come one, come all and bring your rakes, tarps, gloves and ambition! Hope to see you all in a few weeks to polish off the 2019 season and leave the properties ready for whatever winter may bring.

Lynda Parmelee and the Fabulous Gardeners thank you for all your help!

*Lynda Parmelee
Groundsmanager*



Membership News

2019 has been a great year. We welcomed 27 new memberships (16 individual memberships and 11 business memberships). We finish the year with a total of 152 memberships (112 individual memberships and 40 business memberships).

**Welcome to our newest
members
Tom and Marie Crane**

In October, you received a letter from us requesting your renewals for 2020. Although it seems early to be asking for renewals, we all know how quickly time flies as we approach the holidays. Your renewal now gives you just one more item to check off your “to-do-list.” Renewing online at www.w-phs.org is fast and easy. If you prefer to renew by mail, a form is included at the end of this newsletter or can be downloaded from the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society website.

We will be holding three drawings from our membership renewals between October and December. Our October winner will be announced shortly. If you didn't get a chance to renew in October, another drawing will be held at the end of November and again at the end of December. All drawings are gift certificates from our W-PHS Business Members. The earlier you renew, the more opportunities you have to win!

As always, if there is anything we can do for you or you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Jim & Kathy McCaig
315-904-4220
kmccaig@gmail.com

Please note: Both Membership and Business Membership forms are in the newsletter.



Cousin Time at W-PHS

For the love of family history, Brewer family cousins joined Rick Brewer in Pultneyville as he portrayed his great-great-grandfather, Aaron Brewer, in the Moonlight Cemetery Tour in October.

While visiting the area, they stopped at the W-PHS house and had their photo taken in front of the exhibit that features their relatives and the Cobblestone Blacksmith Shop once owned by Aaron Brewer. They were also had the pleasure of touring several Pultneyville properties once owned by relatives that are now owned by Tom and Kate Hildebrandt, Randy and Kay Peck, and John Trickey.



Pictured left to right are cousins

Steve Brewer from NC; Thomas (Randy) Brewer from Long Island, NY; Debbie Brewer Drzal from Bellport, NY; Rick Brewer from PA; and Donald Brewer from Bayport, NY.

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

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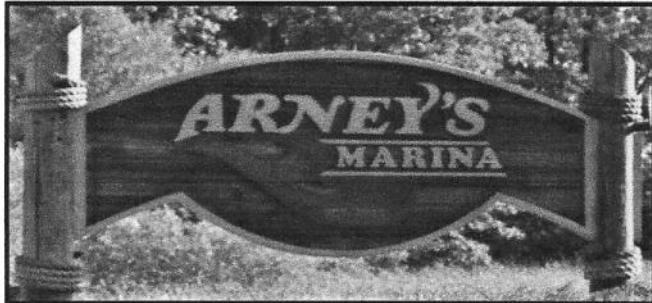
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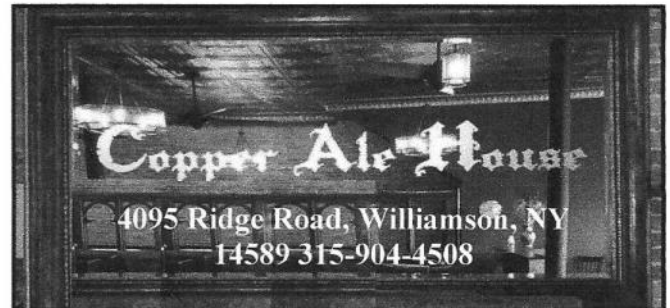
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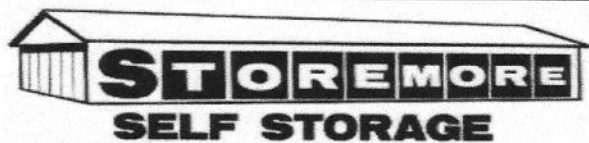
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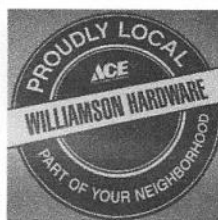
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