

Marshall Historical Society

Looking to the past to inspire our future

Newsletter

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Next Meeting
7.30 pm on
Thursday
February 19
Town Hall,
Deansboro

Join!
Provide your name
and address to the
secretary and pay
the membership fee:
individual: \$ 10.00
family: \$ 15.00

Donate!
Your donations to
the Marshall
Historical Society are
tax deductible.

How is your winter coming along? We have been hibernating for the month of January. We have had enough snow and ice to make it hard traveling. Guess the whole country has had snow and ice where they don't usually have it that bad. My niece in Fairbanks, AK had 35 degrees below zero.

Upcoming Events:

February 19, 2009: We shall have BATTLE OF ORISKANY by Zelma Davies. She has a video to show us about the turning point of the Revolution.

March 19, 2009: will be our COUNTY LEGISLATOR, Edward Stephenson. Come with any questions you may have for him. You can keep current with his articles in the Waterville Times.

April 16, 2009: will be BOTTLE CLUB 101 by Fred Capozella, who is active in the Oneida County Bottle Club. Do you have any interesting old bottles? He may be able to identify them for you.

I continue to update Alton Hinman's obituary books, that he worked on for so long.

In December, the Oneida County Surrogate's Court asked if we would give them a list of persons from Marshall of historical significance. They were microfilming the originals and asked us if we wanted estate records. I sent the list for Marshall which appears on the next page.

Update on Farm & Barn Book for Town of Marshall. I am still researching data on these. Yvonne Brady is helping with farms on State Route 12. Anyone else care to help with the computer work or photographs? I want personal stories, where possible. I will include a copy of one farm with this newsletter to show you how its coming.

Sincerely,

Dorothy McConnell, President

If you need help with the answers to the quiz on page 4 of the newsletter, come to the meeting.

Names of historical relevance to the Town of Marshall

Here is a list of names having historical relevance to the Town of Marshall. We have requested any original files pertaining to these people after they have been microfilmed by Oneida County Surrogate's Court.

DAVID BARTON

B. 13 Aug., 1763 in Grandby, MA d.31 Oct. 1849. first settler

THOMAS P. DEAN

b. 1783 in NYC d. in Marshall June 1842- Brothertown Indian agent for which Deansville is named. Name of Deansville changed to Deansboro in 1894.

GEORGE EASTMAN

b. 12 July 1854 in Marshall d. Rochester 17th March 1932. of Eastman Kodak fame. Left money for Eastman Auditorium WCS in honor of parents.

DR. ASAH EL GRANT

b.17 Aug.1807 missionary d.Mosul, Turkey 24 April 1844.

JUDGE PHILO GRIDLEY

b. 16 Sept 1796. Admitted to bar 1820. Practiced law in Waterville. Known for "The MacLeod Case" Supreme Court Justice.

CLAUDE M HINMAN

b. 13 April 1894. d. 1 Nov. 1962. Hinman Farm Products milk station & Hinman Feed Mill.

QUENTIN McADAM b. 1851 d. 8 Dec. 1918. Head of Utica Knitting Mill.

ADA MARIE LEWIS PECK. 1846-1927 Waterville Cemetery. Wrote "A History of the Hanover Society."

JULIA TALLON

b. Hanover 7 May 1867. d. 10 March 1954. Memorial Plaque dedicated Nov. 26, 1989 at St. Bernard's Church in Waterville. "Memorial Plaque for Our Beloved in honor of Mother Mary (Julia) Teresa Tallon, Faithful Daughter of Our Parish and Foundress of the congregation of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate."

JULIUS WATERMAN

b. 1879. d. 16 May 1962. Trained buffalo and took them to fairs and was on the Art Linkletter TV show. Had them staked on Route 20 for photos.

KATE LOFTUS WELCH

b. 9 Sept. 1862. d.23 Apr. 1938. She wrote "Along Willona Creek" as columnist for "The Waterville Times." Buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Waterville, NY.

In addition to the request we have made for estate records, the Historical Society would greatly appreciate contributions of documents, letters, photographs and other items by and/or about the above people.

Barns and Farms Project by Dorothy McConnell

OBJECTIVE:

to catalog/record all Marshall farms since 1800.

PROCEDURES AND SCOPE:

to gather information about farms

- owners through the years.
- number of acres tillable, wooded, etc.
- crops harvested-number of acres in each by year

- variety and number of animals
- number of family farm workers and hired hands (if any)
- collect old photos of houses, barns, out buildings (silos, chicken coups, hop kiln, ice house, milk house, corn crib, windmill)
- Pictures of
 - workers in the fields or barns.
 - current pictures of farm buildings
 - sketch of buildings and road, etc.

A survey form to collect farm data to include:

- 911 street address
- age and measurements of buildings, houses etc.
- architecture style: gambrel roof etc.

- building materials; clapboard, board and batten, etc.
- embellishments: cupolas, trim
- water supply source: spring, well

Organize project by streets and roads in Town of Marshall

Volunteers for each road, part of a road, or individual farms

OUTCOME-end product:

a booklet of barns and farms in Marshall which would include some farm history, farm statistics, pictures, farm descriptions of individual farms, etc. A history of farms and barns and farming in Marshall Township.

**CRADLE KNOLL EGG FARM, BERRY HILL BOOK SHOP
ILES/SWARTHOUT
2349 State Route 12B
By Doris Swarthout**

This farm is on lot #65 of the Brothertown Tract, on which Daniel Mossuck, a Brothertown Indian once lived in the late 1790's. After the Indians had migrated to Wisconsin, Ann & David Allen were hop raisers there in 1869. Other owners have been Ruth & James Keys; Laura and James H. Skinner; 1890-1919 & Edith & Richard Iles 1919-1962.

While the Skinners lived there the farm was called Cradle Knoll Farm. Laura Skinner kept a flock of chickens and sold eggs to local stores. George H. Skinner married Harriet L. Buckingham April 20, 1940 by Rev. John VanZanten. Harriet was born in Deansboro Jan. 11, 1903, the daughter of Edward and Hannah (Evans) Buckingham. She died Aug. 17, 1971. George died Dec. 9, 1981.

Richard H. Iles married Edith Diehl in 1917 and

operated a dairy farm on the 32 acres for 40 years, retiring in 1963. They raised a son, Ramon R. Iles, and a daughter, Olives (Iles) Hunter, on this farm.

Dirk & Doris Swarthout bought the place in the fall of 1963. Dirk, Doris and son Doug had long collected books, haunting auctions, estate sales & closeouts all around the countryside. They needed to sell some and that is how Berry Hill Book Farm was started. After Doug finished English studies at Utica College, he has transformed the Berry Hill Book Farm into a full time, prospering enterprise. Still quartered in the weathered, gambrel-roofed barn, the Book Farm has increased to a third floor with many, many volumes. People come from far & wide looking for a particular book & can quite often find it in the Berry Hill Book Shop.

A trivia quiz about Oneida County
Courtesy of the Oneida County Historical Society

How much do you know about Oneida County?
Let's find out.

Below are 10 questions which any member of the Oneida County Historical Society should be able to answer - well, at least seven of them. Or six. But no fewer than five.

1. Oneida County was formed in (a)1788, (b)1798, (c)1808
2. The Mohawk River flows east and joins the Hudson River in Albany. The Mohawk rises just north of (a) Chadwicks, (b)Rome (c)Clinton.
3. In the mid-1780's, settlers began to stream into what is now Oneida County. Most of these pioneers came from (a)New England. (b)Pennsylvania. (c)New Jersey
4. The Erie Canal was completed and opened in 1825. The first section to open was the 16 miles between Utica and Rome. That section opened in (a)1811, (b)1819, (c)1823.

5. Utica College and the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences (today the Mohawk Valley Community College) both opened the same year. (a) 1941, (b) 1946, (c) 1953.
- 6 In 1851, the first full-length history of Oneida County was published and called, "Annals and Recollections of Oneida County." It was written by (a)Pomroy Jones. (b) Henry Cookinham. (c) Camden.
- 7 The county has how many villages? (a)28, (b) 19, (c) 11.
8. The parents of U.S. President Grover Cleveland lived,died and were buried in (a)Holland Patent, (b)Verona, (c) Camden.
9. The original Erie Canal was how deep? (a) 4 feet.(b) 9 feet, (c) 12 feet.
- 10 The city of Rome was first known as (a)Skenandoa, (b)Kent, (c)Lynchville.