

Marshall Historical Society

Looking to the past to inspire our future

Newsletter

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Next Meeting
7:00pm on
Thursday March 19
Town Hall,
Deansboro

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and address to the
secretary and pay
the membership fee:
individual: \$ 10.00
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Historical Society are
tax deductible.

Well, have you had enough winter yet? This morning it was 3 degrees above zero. However, the sunshine makes it look warmer than that. March came in like a lamb, so we can expect some more wind and snow. We shall be happy to see the robins!

Liberty March, The Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777 was a detailed account in the video Archie and Zelma Davies loaned us for the February meeting. There were ten members who braved the cold that night. Carol Gilley had made delicious cookies from the mix Carol McLaren has developed and is marketing through Morrisville.

David P. Staley, Archaeologist-Project Manager is doing a DOT Cultural Resource Survey Program for the New York State Museum regarding areas around the bridge on State Route 315. He is interested in the old cheese factory and I have an appointment to meet him at 11a.m. on March 4th to show him the Marshall Historical Society's information about that area plus where Migrant Camp/Memorial Park is located.

The Charter Renewal application is almost complete. I want to encourage all to attend the March 19th meeting – especially the Trustees – whose signatures are necessary for the President and Secretary/Treasurer to complete the application.

Legislator Edward Stephenson will be our speaker for the March 19th meeting. He will address our concerns and questions about Oneida County government. The following topics were suggested at our February meeting: Taxes: sales tax, cigarette & gasoline taxes; Salaries of the legislators; Off-track betting revenues; What do you do as a legislator? The range of topics you deal with? How? Background reading/ research? Useful resources? How is the work of the legislators today different from a legislator 100 years ago?

The Marshall Barn & Farm Book is progressing. I have had offers of help from various people for which I am grateful. Lately, I have talked with Earle Ford, who, in 2008, sold his cows and most of his land. He is very knowledgeable about the Daytonville area farms. John Brouillette is helping with Hanover farms. This is an interesting project.

Come and meet your County Legislator, Edward Stephenson, at the meeting of the Marshall Historical Society at 7:30p.m. on March 19, 2009, at the Marshall Town Hall, Deansboro, N.Y. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Dorothy McConnell, President

GOLD COIN FARM: IRELAND, PECK, & STEDMAN

1693 BOGAN ROAD

By Ray Ireland, Katie Peck & Joan Stedman

The farm got its name because it was paid for all in gold coins.

Earliest record of lot 162 of the Brothertown Patent was Nathaniel Graves & Sarah his wife of Paris, Oneida County, NY on April 19, 1803 to White Osborn & Olive of Sangerfield, NY of Chenango, NY. Osborn to Crawford Hazzard 1806, to Osborn & Millet 1809, Jesse Brown to Zadock Cutler, 1811, Curtis, Gridley, Teft, 1828. Wood, Teft, Hitchkiss, Dickinson in 1813, Barton 1832, Cutler, 1847, 1852, 1834.

This farm was owned by Andrew H. Cutler & sold to Isaac Shawler April 22, 1852. According to 1858 map the farm was owned by Othniel S. Williams.

In 1869 in "Oneida Co. Gazeteer & Business Directory," the owner was Patrick Downey as a hop raiser & farmer. The Atlas of 1874 George Putnam-Hugh Green – Then to Andrew Glenn Dec. 6, 1875.

The Atlas of 1907 & American Agriculturist of Oneida Co. have Mary Ellen (Glenn) Crowe & John Crowe also there in 1917.

The house was built in 1873. The original 60'

barn was used for cows, horses, hops & hay. There was a hop kiln & carriage shed, which provided sleeping quarters for male hop pickers called the "Jew" building. Milk was sold to Hinman Farm Products in Deansboro & crops to GLF in Waterville. There were 75 acres tillable & 39 acres forested.

Ray Ireland, Katie Peck, & Joan Stedman's great-grandfather, John Crowe, went to the train station in Waterville to pick up hop pickers from New York City. They were Jewish people, men, women & a few children. They used to eat under the trees by the roadway. Their great-grandmother, her daughter and others used to rise early in the morning and bake a barrel of molasses cookies while great-grandma, Mary Ellen, baked many loaves of bread for the pickers every day. The women & children slept upstairs over the summer kitchen and regular kitchen, while the men were housed in the "Jew Building".

Indians traveled near the farm in those days on the "Oneida Path." One day their grandma Kate gave them some apples. They poured out some of the water from their buckets for the apples and went joyfully on their way.