

Marshall Historical Society

Looking to the past to inspire our future

Newsletter

August-September 2009

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Next Meeting
7.30 pm on
Thursday
September 17
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.

Well, how's your summer coming? We are caught up with the haying at present, so looking good. Thanks to being able to chop some hay for the Ag Bag it doesn't have to be completely dry as baled hay.

The Trustees met on August 6, 2009 and have the budget set up and the nominations for officers for 2009-2010 year as election of officers will be September 17th at our next meeting. Remember dues may be paid to the Treasurer, Carol Gilley at P.O. Box 232, Deansboro, NY 13328 at \$10 per individual or \$15 per couple. Steve and Carol McIntosh will present the program for September "Bicycle Ride Across America" that night, which we all should enjoy!

Carol Gilley and I met with David Staley, the archeologist who has been working at the site of the old Cheese Factory near the Oriskany Creek on Route 315 for the last couple of weeks. They have found a few artifacts, which David will tell us about at the October 15, 2009 meeting.

The "Town of Marshall Barns and Farms" book has been printed by the Hamilton College Print Shop. Hallelujah! I started this project in May of 2008 and finally concluded the job. There will be an Open House to acquire books on Saturday, August 29, 2009, at the Town Hall in Deansboro. The trustees have set the price at \$25 for a book of 177 pages. Philippa Brown's artistry is on the front cover. The back cover is dedicated to the memory of W. Ralph Murray by his family with two of his paintings. Yvonne Durant Brady helped with State Rte. 12, Lewis Road and Canning Factory Road.

There will also be a book signing at Waterville Village Park on September 19th for the Cruise In to Waterville at Edith Reile's booth. She has been helping this summer at the Farmer's Market selling books and Hop House notepaper for the Marshall Historical Society. We thank her and John for all their efforts.

October 3, 2009 will be Oneida History Day. It has been decided to have all the Historical Societies to gather in Whitestown Town Hall and Whitesboro Village Green to celebrate the 225th anniversary of Hugh White's arrival at the mouth of the Sadaghqueda (Sauquoit) Creek in 1784. The Whitesboro Historical Society has invited all Oneida County Historical Societies to bring a few artifacts, pictures, books for sale, etc. to display. The trustees agreed that we should participate and use this opportunity to sell our Barns book. The event will be from 12noon to 3p.m. on October 3rd. That is the day of the Deansboro Congregational UCC Apple Fest, but it is hoped that some of our historical society members might represent us at the Whitesboro event. Any volunteers?

Are there any volunteers for refreshments for September 17th? Please notify me at 853-6887. Hope to see you then. Come and bring a friend.

Dorothy McConnell, President

Cheese Factories

Collected by Dorothy McConnell

Here are some notices from Waterville Times, Clinton Courier, and Oriskany Valley Gazette which tell the story of cheese factories.

In 1869, Marshall Cheese Manufacturing Co. Summit Rd. just this side of the railroad tracts was in business. This was on lot #92 of the Brothertown Patent, Silas Clarks, president, Daniel Davis, secretary, & Thomas Roberts, treasurer.

Deansville, Mar.8, 1877 – Delos Seeley leased his cheese factory to a party from Earlville, by the name of Myers. Mr. Myers advertises to furnish a market of all milk produced in this vicinity for the coming season.

Deansville, October 24, 1890 – Deansville Cheese Factory opened.

July, 1891 – The cheese factory of F. H. Advection located on the Waterville Road on the outskirts of Deansboro was destroyed by fire at an early hour Monday Morning. There were from 12,000 to 13,000 pounds of cheese consumed. The loss of the building is about \$1,500 and on the cheese about the same.

Deansboro, Dec. 1, 1898 - The Deansboro Cheese Factory closed yesterday. This is the

latest in the season the factory has ever run.

Peck's Corners, Mar 30, 1899 – J.H. Gazlay commenced making cheese at the Peck's Corners Cheese Factory last Friday. He will probably open the Deansboro Factory later. The prospect is all right for cheese factories the coming season.

Deansboro, April 6, 1899 – J.H. Gazlay has leased the Deansboro Cheese Factory and will receive milk next Monday.

Deansboro Cheese Factory, across from Stolarczyk's house on State Route 315, was built in 1883. It made only 2 sizes, 30# and 60# , packed in round boxes the Cooper Shop on State Route 12B made for them. This factory operated using surplus milk from the Condensory.

This cheese factory was on State Route 315, just before the creek and near the corner of California Road. It burned in the early 1920's and the ruins were still there in 1925-26.

Oct 26, 1944 – at 5:15p.m. the Fire Department was called to the Stanley Hinman tenant farm on California Road when fire destroyed an abandoned cheese factory.

Visit to Site of Cheese Factory

Deansboro – August 6, 2009

On August 6th Marshall Town Historian, Dorothy McConnell. and Marshall Historical Society Secretary, Carol Gilley, met with New York State Archeologist, David Staley, on the site of an archeological dig in Deansboro.

The site, on Route 315 near the Oriskany

Creek, was once occupied by the Deansboro Creamery Co., which operated a cheese factory. The creamery may date from 1883 until the first decade of the 20th century and represents one of the first milk processing facilities in the area. The building was used in the 20th century as a gate manufactory and as a warehouse before it sat partially burned for much of the 1920s.

David Staley reported the discovery of numerous artifacts. He said that the outlines of the building's foundation had been uncovered..

The excavation is being undertaken by the New York State Museum-Cultural Resource Survey Program.

The CRSP provides research and assessment of archaeological and architectural resources for state and federal agencies to enable them to fulfill their historic preservation mandates. *Mr. Staley will present the findings of the research team at the October meeting of the Marshall Historical Society.*



Presentation and signing of 'Town of Marshall Barns and Farms'

On Saturday, August 28, 2009 came the fruition of much labor by Dorothy McConnell. She had worked hard to collect and edit the information and photographs for **Town of Marshall Barns and Farms**. The book was presented to the public. Approximately 75 people passed through the doors of the Marshall Town Hall. Fifty three copies of the book were purchased and then signed by Dorothy and Yvonne Brady. People greeted their neighbors and shared stories about some of the fifty eight farms that are described in the book.



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Photographs and information about fifty eight farms in the Town of Marshall.

Purchase a copy at Joan's Country Cafe, John's Superette, The Waterville Times or the Waterville Farmer's Market.

The cost is \$25.00

