

# Marshall Historical Society

*Looking to the past to inspire our future*

Newsletter

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**Next Meeting**  
**7.30 pm on**  
**Thursday April 15**  
**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.

Joan McNamara certainly gave us a very informative account of the various Hinman brothers and sisters who once lived in our area, in Madison, and along Route 12B – along with photos and history. Our thanks to her for a fine program and thanks to Gary and Mary Ann Ford for refreshments.

April 15, 2010's program will be "Paintings Through the Years" by Polly Blunk, a local artist from Holman City Road, Clayville.

Landmark Art Studio is the name she goes by. She has sketched many buildings in the past. Here is one made into note paper, I think you'll recognize. It is entitled "Hop House, Deansboro"



Here are three possibilities for signs for the Deansville Cheese Factory suggested by archaeologist, David Staley:

Deansville Cheese Factory  
Operated ca. 1886-1902  
Burned and rebuilt 1891  
Dairy Industry predecessor to the evaporated milk plant

Deansville/Deansboro Cheese Factory  
Operated ca. 1886-1902  
Burned and rebuilt 1891  
Dairy Industry predecessor to the evaporated milk plant

Deansville Cheese, Butter, and Condensed Milk Factory  
Operated ca. 1886-1902  
Burned and rebuilt 1891  
Precedes the Mohawk Condensed Milk Plant in the local dairy industry

We shall vote in April which one to use. We shall also vote on which post and hanger to use for cemetery signs. Please make up your mind.

Hope to see you there.

Our regular May Banquet will be held on May 20, 2010 at 6p.m. at Joan's Country Café. More details will follow.

**Dorothy McConnell, President**

**Deansboro's Musical Museum Restaurant**  
**Opened - July 5, 1955**  
**By Dorothy McConnell**

Today's Joan's Country Café has quite a history and has had many renters since that day and named Dinner Bell Restaurant, Kountry Kitchen, and Apple Betty's Diner before Joan McNamara took over in

1994. She bought it along with the acreage and Musical Museum in 1998. Here are some of the people who have run the restaurant:

July 5, 1955 - George Rittenburger - 5 months.

Fall 1955 to 1958 - Hardie Sanders with Doris Hinman, Sue Kennard, and Johanne Jipson.

Spring 1958 to 1961 - Demaris and Bill Deking.

April 1961 - Aunt Ellen (relative of Deking) died before opening.

May 1961 to 1962 - Johanne Jipson.

1962 - Man from Waterville with a trailer out back.

1962 - Man from Vernon, who had a horse at Vernon.

1962 - A former bar owner who paid for one month's rent for three months' use.

1963 - Louis Rich - three months.

1963 - Eleanor Backus from Oriskany Falls.

1963 - Ivan and Mary from Oriskany Falls.

1964 - People who lived on Dugway Road.

1966 - Jake Dow, whose wife wanted bigger things.

1967 - Burned, rebuilt by late fall.

1967 - Leona Ludweg and family.

1968 - Don Holmes and Betty who used Joyce Leaf and Marg. Kennard to cook.

1971 - Joyce Leaf - her husband died in 1974

1972 - Edna Paul who left to get married.

1974 - Joyce Leaf, who could not find someone to clean.

1981 - Marilyn Gaumer and then her son-in-law Marvin VanSlyke.

1982 - Slim and Bev Bickford with a sublease from VanSlyke

1984 - Edna Paul Bikowski and Beverly Kennard.

1989 - Linda Stephens

1990 - Charlie Mason to February 1991.

1991 - Al Avery - Memorial Day to October 1991.

1992, August 17 – to Wes Wendt.

1994 - to Jennifer Russell, and then to Joan McNamara.

1998 - Joan McNamara bought at auction along with acreage and Musical Museum.

## Marshall Community Tour October 17, 2009

By Dorothy McConnell

The community tour was held Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 9a.m. and 1p.m. We started out at the Town Hall with coffee and home made cookies. This was co-chaired by John Brouillette and Amy Buchholz. Those attending were: Caroline Williams, David Georgius, Joel and Jane Schwartz., Patrick Brennan, Susan McConnell, Nelson Blau and Dorothy McConnell as well as two others from the Cooperative Extension in a.m.

The p.m. session had Pat Louise, John Ingraham, Elizabeth Hughes, Fran and Gwen Lallier, John and Gen Cornelius, Eleanor Dawes, and Fern Biederman.

We started in front of the Town Hall and rode by school bus to State Route 315 to California Road. We stopped at the top of the hill where many fine new homes have been built on the Janus farm. We traveled up Gridley-Paige Road to Shanley and down to Wayne Landis Farm (used to be Bob Eisenhut) Wayne told us about living there for 5 years and the plight of dairy farming. They do sell strawberries and vegetables at a road-side stand.

From there we went down Shanley, turning left on State Route 315 and right on Burnham Road. (This is a narrow country road.) We stopped at the Marshall Towpath, which is used extensively by walkers, runners and snowmobiles in winter. There was a beaver den on the left side of the road going towards VanHyning Road. We turned left on State Route 12B and left again on VanHyning Road, past Agri- business of Williams Fence to Route 315.

Our next stop was a newly built large house on

Zweifel Road of Sheila Buschor, husband and 4 children. We came past Hanover Green, which once had a two-story school house, and Hanover Society Church and store which served as Marshall's first Post Office. We turned left on Hanover Road and on to Waterville, then turned left on West Bacon Street and traveled to Gale Feed Mill. One person stated, "Good to still have a place for the farming community to do business." From there we turned around down Stafford to Main Street and down State Route 315 and stopped at the Village of Waterville Sewage Plant. Louis Langone has had several awards over the years for his maintenance of the plant. We turned around and drove through downtown Waterville to Tower Street on our way to Hanson Quarry, which has been a main employer over the years. We turned left on Green Vedder Road and over to West Hill Road. The panorama looking down into Deansboro and across the farmland was just beautiful. We drove past the Water Tank for Deansboro and stopped just below the Post Office. Many got out and walked back to the Town Hall, where we all enjoyed local grown beef in chili thanks to Troy and Corine Bishopp.

While enjoying the cider, milk and other goodies, we discussed our trip. Many didn't know that upper California Road is in the Clinton School District. Our township is mostly rural with Tassel Hill being the highest point in Oneida County. Some encouraged more small businesses to build here. Caroline Williams of the Cooperative Extension is working with the Town of Marshall to come up with a Comprehensive Plan.

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### Blizzard of March 12, 1888

By Ted Townsend

The blizzard of 1888 wasn't too bad, according to the diary of Grandfather Camp, loaned to your columnist by Howard Eastman, and written on the spot. Howard's grandfather wrote in his diary each day for many years, giving the events, including the weather, where the members of the family traveled for their shopping, and such incidentals as the number of loads of ice hauled for the home farm and the neighbors, and the price of hops. In regard to the big storm that came in March 1888, Grandfather Camp wrote, "Last night was as bad as I ever knew. Snowed all of the time yesterday, and has kept up all the time today. Five below zero this morning. Not a team in sight. It would not be possible to go on any roads around here. Snow 5 ½ feet deep."

### Cutting Ice

Camp wrote about cutting ice on the pond in the Winter time. "Two hundred cakes, weighing 200 pounds each, were pulled on top of the ice," he said. "Over night the ice sank with the big load and there they were frozen in a foot of water. It was a big job to pry 'em loose and get them loaded."

The next day, the entry was, "Broke out the roads. Went to Oriskany Falls. Walked all the way. School closed."

And the next entry: "Roads open today."

A broom peddler stayed all night as the wind was blowing strong from the south. The peddler had a team he put in the barn.. The Camps bought 4 brooms and a push broom. "We didn't go to church today," wrote Grandfather Camp. "The roads were blocked with snow. One man started out and his cutter tipped over, so he returned home."

"Monday we broke out the roads. The children were late for school.

The roads were so bad. All of the men on the hill turned out to plow and shovel. The roads running east and west filled in over night."

One day there were "Too many teams" and they couldn't pack the sawdust properly in the ice house. If there wasn't enough sawdust on the sides and top, the ice didn't keep properly. Lime was hauled from a nearby kiln with the temperature at two above zero. Perhaps it was the kiln on the farm now owned by Alfred Eisele, pictured in this column not so long ago.