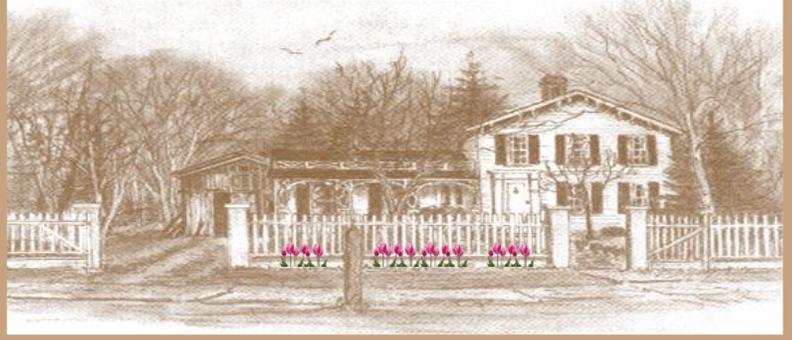


# Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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## *From Your President*

With the advent of spring just a few weeks away and the thought that we will soon spring ahead on March 8, gives reason to pause and think about renewal which comes in many forms at this time of year.



For some spring is a time to restore or replenish, while for others it can be a time to renew interest and to start fresh again. As it relates to the work we do together as a historical society, it is a time to continue our work with a renewed vigor. For some, that can mean a time to renew W-PHS memberships to support the work that W-PHS does so that we can be more active in bringing history to life for others and sustain our properties.

As good stewards of the landmark properties we maintain - the Historical Society House, historic Gates Hall and Centennial Park, months of planning will come alive with the new season. While our house and exhibits close to the public in October, that doesn't mean all work ceases until we reopen for the season in mid-June!

Planning for the upkeep of our properties and gardens continues year round, as does planning for our exhibits, archives, communication, programs and special events to ensure that as spring awakens, W-PHS blossoms as well.

In addition to our regular monthly programs, plans are well underway for our annual events, such as this year's **Pultneyville Lakeside Festival**, our 63rd annual Homecoming celebration on **July 18, 19 and 20**, sponsored by W-PHS, during which time community residents and visitors, from near and far, come together to celebrate our communities rich history and heritage. Planning also continues for

our 31st annual **Garage and Pie Sale** on **September 19**, and the popular **Moonlight Cemetery Tour** on **October 2 and 3**, as well as a host of other activities to support the revitalization of Gates Hall, the oldest active small community theatre in continuous operation in the United States.

As part of our outreach efforts, our education partnership with the Williamson Central School District is springing ahead! In May and June, W-PHS will host the 4th Grade Pultneyville Walking Tour, the 5th grade Lakeview Cemetery Tour, which will build on what 4th graders were introduced to on last years walking tour, as well as activities for 7th graders and high school students.

Today's students are our future and W-PHS is delighted to have the opportunity to introduce them to our area's past so that they might one day have an interest in helping to preserve it for future generations.

A busy season lies ahead! Mark your calendars for several special events for which planning is in progress to benefit the Gates Hall Revitalization Fund. On **Sunday, March 29**, the Pultneyville Deli will host its **1st annual Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off**. W-PHS members are encouraged to enter their favorite pot of Chili or Cornbread, and to attend any or all of this ticketed event that runs from 12 noon to 8p.m. **Monday, June 29**, will mark our first ever annual **W-PHS Golf Tournament** at scenic Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club. On **Sunday, May 31**, W-PHS will present its second in a series of special concerts at 7p.m. at Gates Hall, featuring singer-songwriter **Chris Wilson in Concert with "Sacred Songs,"** an appropriate theme to be held in Gates Hall, since when built in 1825 it was the communities first non-denominational place of worship.

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As you can see, there is something for everyone! Members will receive e-mail blasts with details about each of our events as they become available.

While it seems months away, this year on **September 12**, W-PHS will present a very special **“Pultneyville Porches” Tour of Homes**. This event takes ticket holders inside area homes and is always a popular and well-attended historical society fundraiser. Stay tuned for details!

The Gatesinger Company, Ltd. continues to be artists in residence at Gates Hall. Be sure to check their website at [www.gateshall.com](http://www.gateshall.com) for upcoming performance schedules for both YouTheatre and Gatesinger shows. They love captivating the attention of their audiences and your support helps them to continue bringing exceptional talent to the Gates Hall stage. As a reminder, tickets will go on sale soon for *Into the Woods*, their spring show which starts **April 24**.

With your continued support, W-PHS will have a very successful year. We ask that you also reach out to family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to let them know about our events and activities. While some, due to other worthy commitments, may not choose to become members, they can support our efforts to bring and keep history alive by participating in the experiences we offer.

As an all volunteer organization, W-PHS always welcomes volunteer participation, whether it's volunteering on our grounds committee; writing grants; being a docent or a walking tour guide; portraying a character; serving on the hospitality committee; working in archives; making coffee or baking cookies; recruiting new members; being a greeter; loaning items of historical significance for a special activity; or sharing your knowledge, artifacts or resources . . . all are volunteer acts of kindness that are very much appreciated which support our mission. To volunteer or to inquire about volunteering, please call 315.589.9892 and leave a message.

History is a wonderful thing that helps us make connections and tell our story for generations to come. It is not owned by any one person, or group of people. It is meant to be shared today in hopes that it

will be preserved for tomorrow.

At this time of year many are engaged in spring cleaning. While it is impossible for historical societies to accept all things offered to them, W-PHS continues to follow protocols for accessioning and deaccessioning items as it has for years. Should you have items you may be thinking of discarding which include, but are not limited to, area relevant early family photographs, old post cards, deeds, mortgages, journals, ledgers, stories, scrapbooks, family trees and histories, oral histories, information pertaining to area one room school houses, area relevant artifacts, directories and old maps, you might otherwise think about donating them to W-PHS as our Collections Committee would be pleased to consider them.

Please note that upon acceptance of items through the proper channels via our Collections Committee, donors will receive a Deed of Gift describing and documenting your gift. This document is signed by both the donor and the society and is kept with W-PHS records. To discuss the possibilities, please call 315.589.9892 and leave a message and your call will be returned.

To better guide W-PHS well into the future, a commitment was made at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to develop a multi-year Strategic Plan. If you have experience in developing such plans and would like to be considered to serve on this committee, please contact me by March 15 by calling or texting 315.589.8873.

On behalf of W-PHS, I thank our members, officers and chairs, volunteers and many friends for your support which comes in many forms.

As we spring ahead together on March 8, may it be with a renewed sense of purpose.

*Regards,*

*Nan*

Nanette P. Hance, W-PHS President

## Upcoming Programs and Events

March 4—History of Williamson Fire Co. 7 p.m., Williamson Fire Co., Lake Ave., presented by John Manahan

April 1—Greater Williamson Women's History Month, 7 p.m., Gates Hall

April 24,25,26 and May 1,2,3 at Gates Hall  
Gatesinger Company Presents *Into The Woods*  
Go to <https://www.gateshall.com/> for information and tickets.

May 6—History of the Newspaper in the Greater Williamson Community, 7 p.m., Gates Hall

May 14—Day of Caring, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., W-PHS properties. Join in to help get the properties ready for visitors.

May 31—W-PHS Concert, Gates Hall, 7 p.m., Chris Wilson featuring “Songs of Faith”

June 6—East Williamson Walking Tour & Virtual Tour

June 29—First Annual W-PHS Golf Tournament, Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club

July 18 & 19 —Homecoming

August 5—W-PHS annual picnic, 6:30 p.m., Pultneyville Yacht Club.

September 12—W-PHS Home Tour, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

September 19—Garage Sale

October 2 & 3—Cemetery Tour

November 4—Harvest Dinner and Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pultneyville Reformed Church

December 3—Christmas Potpourri IV, 7 p.m., Gates Hall—Note this is a Thursday.

Check out the Wayne County Historical Societies Events Calendar for programs around the county:  
<https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/index.php/office-of-the-county-historian/calendar-of-events/>

## March Program

The history of the Greater Williamson Community not only includes people and buildings, but also organizations—organizations that exist to protect us. And so, on **Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m.** the public is invited to join the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society members at the **Williamson Fire Company, 6286 Lake Avenue**, for a tour and the history of the company presented by Williamson Fire Company member John Manahan. Attendees are invited to bring memorabilia related to the fire company to share.

Our visit last year to the East Williamson Fire Company drew much interest, and we expect the same at the Williamson Fire Company. Next year, the Society hopes to visit the third fire company in the great Williamson Community—the Pultneyville Fire Company. But for now, join us on March 4 and learn the history of the Williamson Fire Company.

*Dottie Howland*  
Program Chair



## April Program



Eliza Cooper

March is traditionally Women's History Month, but the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society will celebrate it a day late with a program on Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m., at Gates Hall, Pultneyville. Five women from the Greater Williamson Community will be portrayed beginning with Eliza Cooper, whose home was a "station" on the Underground Railroad.

Other first person accounts will feature Alice Waters, an active citizen in the community; Mary Gates, for whom Gates Hall was named; MaryAnn Bliet, first woman Town of Williamson supervisor; and Maria Ehresman, first woman superintendent of the Williamson Central School District.

Interspersed between the presentations will be music performed by women and girls of the township.

The public is invited to this event as we come together to celebrate the accomplishments of local women and the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote.

As at all W-PHS events, attendees are encouraged to bring memorabilia related to the monthly topic.

*Dottie Howland*  
Program Chair

## Recap of February Program



The number of diners at the W-PHS Dutch Dinner at the Pultneyville Reformed Church was down a bit, but that certainly didn't affect the variety of tasty Dutch dishes! After enjoying those dishes, Carol Bailey, former Lyons Town Historian, and Pat Van Lare presented an informative program on the Holland-American Festival held at Forman Park in the 1980's and 90's. Both women were instrumental in establishing this event, which connected the Grange principles of working the land and the local Dutch heritage.

A display of festival booklets and Dutch clothing—wooden shoes, hats and aprons—served to bring their talk alive, as did Dutch items brought by those attending.

The evening ended with a look to the Dutch Dinner in 2021. Nancy Stocker of Sodus and her mother, who came to the United States as a young child, will present that program.

Memories of the 2020 Dutch Dinner and program will prompt all to look forward to this event in 2021!

## The Story of Summers in Williamson

*Introduction by Florence Doyle*

In the January/February 2020 W-PHS newsletter, I shared that I have a love of history and believe that we need to tell the stories of yesteryear, preserve the stories of today, and help create the stories that will be the next chapter.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Dannel McCollum through phone conversations and correspondence. He had stopped when he was in the area visiting during the summer of 2016, but we were not at home, so he left information with our neighbor. When I contacted him, we connected immediately! His grandparents, Arthur G. Cromwell and Ruth Clausz Cromwell built and then retired to the home that is west of our property. At the time it was 910 West Lake Road, Williamson N.Y. His mother, Vashti Cromwell McCollum brought Dannel and his brothers to the property in the summers of the early 1950's to spend time and enjoy the area.

Dannel in 2017 shared with me, *"I am months away from 80 (in 2020 he will be 83). The summers in Upstate NY were in the early '50s. My familiarity with Wayne and Monroe Counties relates to the fact that my maternal grandparents lived their entire lives there. I was born and raised in east central Illinois, but after my grandfather retired and built the lake house, it was a wonderful place to spend those early summers. My academic and subsequent life's work was in other areas, not history per se. But I am fascinated about where I have lived and spent time and am regarded as one of the more knowledgeable persons about local history. I believe that if people knew more about where they lived, they would take better care of their small place on this planet. I should add, I lived in Rochester for 10 months, September through the following June teaching high school at Charlotte. I strongly considered making the stay permanent but things did not work out. Regards, Dan"*

I have enjoyed my new found friend and our love of history. I asked him to write a story about his time spent as a boy in the Williamson-Pultneyville area.

Dannel McCollum is a graduate of the University of Illinois, with both his undergraduate and master's degrees. He taught history, geography and conservation in the Champaign schools. He served as Champaign's mayor from 1987-1999. Dannel has written for numerous newspapers, historical journals and educational magazines. He is the author of numerous books, including *A Guide to the Big Vermilion River System* with James O. Smith, *Your Life and Mine*, *Problems and Projects in Conservation*, *Remembering Champaign County*, *Essays on the Historical Geography of Champaign County*, and *The Lord Was Not on Trial*. He resides in Urbana, Illinois.

### Four Summers on Lake Ontario - Early 1950's

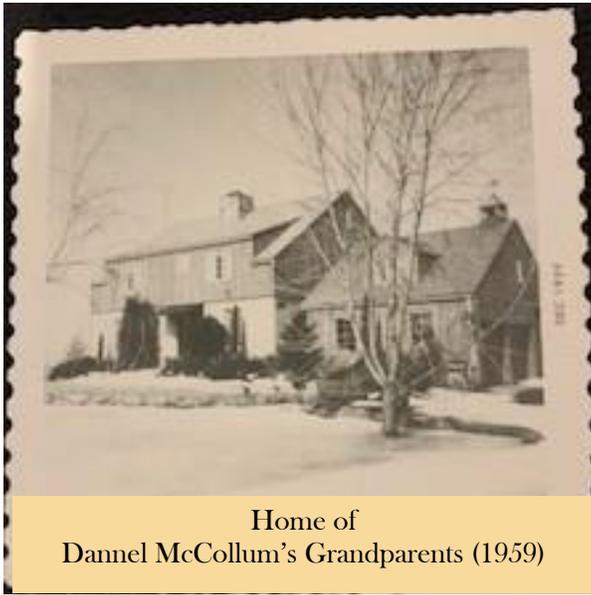
**By: Dannel McCollum**

**Written: May 2017**

In 1949, my maternal grandfather, Arthur Cromwell, retired. He and his wife Ruth sold their home in Rochester. An architect, he drafted what he planned to be his last design, plans for a two-story home and purchased a 2-acre lot on the Lake a mile and a half west of Pultneyville. The home was nearly completed when my mother, my two brothers and I arrived to spend our first summer with them. The home, pictured on page 21 and again on page 282, the latter with a description, in *Wayne County: The Aesthetic Heritage of a Rural Area*, still survives today.

I was twelve years old that first summer. It was the beginning of the four happiest summers of my life. The home stood just 150 feet from the ten-foot bluff down to the beach. At that early age, I was concerned that

## Four Summers on the Lake (Continued)



Home of  
Dannel McCollum's Grandparents (1959)

the beach was said to be eroding away at a foot a year. When I questioned my 56-year-old grandmother about the problem, she said: "When it gets to the house, we will just move it back." That was reassuring.

The Lake was the draw. As one might expect, swimming, boating and beach combing were our favorite daytime activities. Among our collections from beach combing were floaters from fish-nets, that grew from the nucleus of those picked up along the Ontario Lake shore, to ultimately include at least one from each of the other four Great Lakes. Only the most severe weather prevented us from our outside activities.

My grandparent's home was a wonderful place. The foundations went down to the bedrock. Sturdy bloc walls reached to the second floor, each floor was under-pinned by a pair of steel I-beams, anchored mid-point in a massive masonry core which supported an impressive first floor fireplace of lake stones. My grandmother was an eclectic collector that filled the home with wonderful things. Art Cromwell, well-known to two generations of Rochestarians as an opinionated contributor to the letters to the editor columns of both the *Democrat and Chronicle* and the *Times Union*, had assembled an extensive library which provided truly challenging reading material.

On calm days with a gentle, offshore breeze, the Lake was clear sometimes out as far as fifty yards and more. That usually made for cooler water, but at our age, our activity level more than matched the chill. Then, there were the storms. We loved the storms. Out we would go in our inner tubes and do battle with the biggest the Lake had to throw at us. On occasions when the storm was a nor-wester, there was the somewhat unpleasant odor of sewage carried east from the "sanitary" outfall at Rochester. Still, out we went. There were no sandy beaches in our neighborhood, just well-rounded, often slippery lake stones. They offered a bit of a challenge until we reached deeper water. No obstacles, neither cold nor bruised feet could keep us out of that water.

Quite often, we were joined by our Curtis cousins, over from their farm just eight miles west of us, also on the Lake Road. Inevitably, after showering off, we would be greeted with huge bowls filled with popcorn. Return visits to the Curtis farm included tunneling in amongst the hay bales of the big barn, alas now gone, horse riding, and even, on occasion, real farm work.

There was exploring to do. I had been told that in Ripley's *Believe It Or Not*, one of the stones in Lakeview Cemetery bore the inscription: "Here lies the mother of twenty-four, if she hadn't died, she'd had some more." In multiple trips to the cemetery, we never found the marker, but the fun was in exploring this fascinating place. There were numerous other places we loved to visit: Lyons where my grandfather and mother were born, and just to the east, Lock Berlin where my grandmother grew up in the cobblestone farmhouse on their small farm. Historic remnants of the old Erie Canal were always a delight.

Then there was Sodus Point and its wonderful bay, the pre-glacial outlet of the Genesee River I was told. We fished off the pier and around the islands when we had a boat. There was the small cabin, "Camp Memories," where my parents vacationed early on in their marriage. In later years, I enjoyed the other attractions that lined the way out to Sand Point. To the east there was Chimney Bluffs, now a state park, and which remains a spectacular erosion feature.

### **Four Summers on the Lake** (*Continued*)

The roadside produce stands that, during the summer, lined the roads were a great place to stop, especially during the peach harvest. We would load up on the overripe peaches which were too soft to ship. No fruit on earth is their equal. Back at the Cromwell's, we downed them in an orgy of juice and stickiness. I thought that the lawn between the house and Lake was about to be paved in peach pits!

It was during those years that my grandmother noted that there was little public access to the lake in the Pultneyville area. She suggested to my grandfather that the Forman estate at the east edge of the village would make a great place for access to the Lake. At the time, Art was serving a term as president of the Williamson Chamber of Commerce, and doing what a good husband should do, he brought the idea to the group. After some deliberation about increased costs etc., the Forman estate was approached and the park became a reality.

In closing, a note about my grandmother. She could make anything grow. She forested their, originally treeless two-acre lot, eventually losing the view of Lake Road completely. Owing to her childhood on the farm at Lock Berlin, she was early into composting; to my knowledge, no organic waste ever left the property. Her care of her small piece of the planet left a lifelong impression on her grandson.



### **Winter on the Grounds**

As I write this, it's still winter no matter what the groundhog says. The gardens are asleep but the gardening group is wide awake and making plans for 2020. Our winter coffee/catch up meeting at the Deli will have taken place on February 17. We plan what we'd like to do on the grounds, what annuals we'd like to plant and catch up with each other after a few months off. We generally get started with spring clean up chores some time in April, depending on if the weather cooperates.

One chore that will happen over the winter is trimming of the two large old maples on the west side of Gates Hall. They have been dropping some sizable branches when we have had windstorms and so need some attention. There are also some loose branches hung up in the trees which pose a danger to anyone or anything underneath. We are hoping to keep these two old friends going for a while yet; and since they are generally healthy, have decided on maintenance rather than cutting them down.

Our annual **Day of Caring** date has been set for **Thursday, May 14**. We have all kinds of indoor and outdoor chores to do to get the house and properties ready for visitors. We work from about 8:30a.m. until about 3p.m. and provide plenty of food for all who come. Please mark your calendars and stop by for an hour or more if you can—all are welcome!!

*Lynda Parmelee*  
*Groundsmaster*

### **Cemetery Tour Planning for 2020**

The **W-PHS October 2020 Cemetery Tour** is on **October 2 and 3**. Please let me know if you or if you know someone who would be interested in presenting the life of one of your relatives, friends or neighbors who are buried at Lakeview Cemetery.

Volunteers will be needed to help with parking, checking in the tour visitors, and greeting them at Gates Hall after the tours.

*Thank you.*  
*Kathy Fedick*  
*kathyfedick@gmail.com or 585-261-3883*

## W- PHS RECEIVES DONATION OF A NEW COMPUTER

Anyone who has made an inquiry to W-PHS for assistance locating family records or a specific historical item has likely interacted with Irene Bierer, longtime Volunteer in our Archives. She has a remarkable familiarity with our records and faithfully works to fulfill all requests for information.

Our Office computer has been showing its age; having difficulty keeping up as more and more information becomes digitally available. Recently, Irene's brother, John Kosboth, presented Irene and W-PHS with a brand new computer and monitor in Irene's honor.

His gift will support the work Irene cares so passionately about and the goals of the Historical Society. We will be able to move ahead much more efficiently with digitization of our records and ultimately with our goal of making local history more accessible to members and the community at large in the future.

On Monday, February 24, the W-PHS Board accepted this donation with deep appreciation to John for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

As we bid farewell to our previous computer, we gratefully acknowledge Jackie Walker for the computer equipment she loaned to W-PHS for several years. This, along with her computer skill and dedicated time, enabled the Collections Committee to begin inventorying and digitizing W-PHS records and artifacts. Thank you, Jackie!

## From the Archives for January/ February 2020

**Mrs. G. Yannas** responded to our request for a menu from their former *Gus's* restaurant. We received two complete copies for our use in Archives and wish the family well in their new path in life.

**Les Buell** has donated bound volumes of 1990 and 1988 copies of *The Williamson Sun* and *The Williamson Sentinel*. More will be written about these in the next newsletter.

We are grateful and appreciative for these additions to our Archives as we continue to build on our base and grow in strength to better preserve and share information about the history of the Town of Williamson.

*Irene Bierer*  
Archives Committee

## Spotlight on Member Anne Hotchkiss

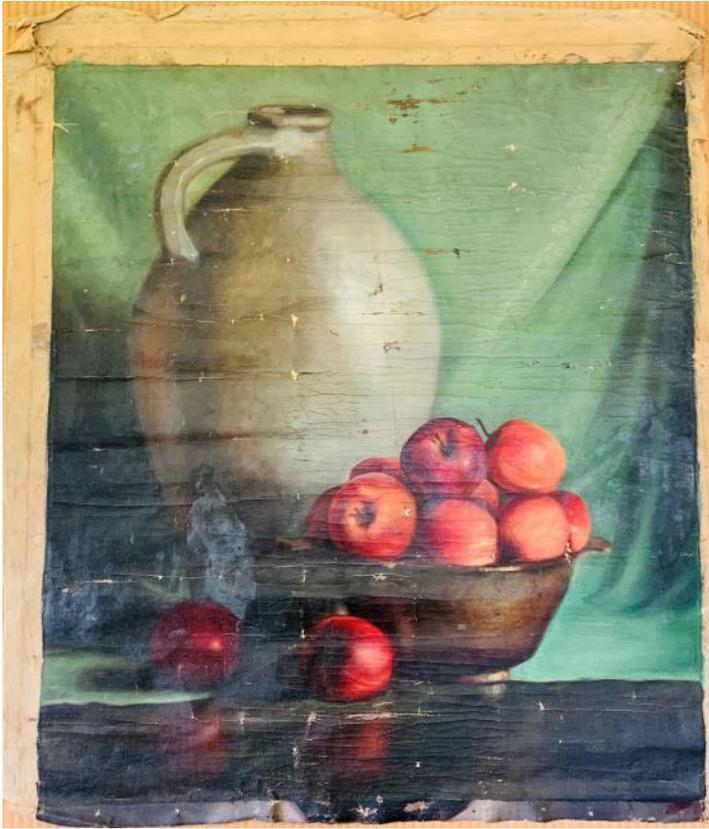
Anne Hotchkiss rejoined the Archives Committee several years ago after recovering from a very serious injury in a fall. She faithfully trudged up our stairs to work at assigned tasks.

Another injury caused her to take some time off, and still she managed to slowly climb the stairs at the W-PHS house, though she could no longer drive.

Yet another bout of poor luck struck. Did she give up on helping us? Not at all. At the age of 90, and no longer able to help us in the Archives room itself, Anne has sorted pictures, created albums, clipped newspapers, donated books, and copied information for our folders, doing so at her home, all to be picked up and filed into our system.

This month we especially want to publicly acknowledge her loyalty. Due to the closing of *The Sun & Record*, Anne purchased her own subscription to *The Times of Wayne County* newspaper in order to enable her to continue supplying us with local obituaries. *Now that is a volunteer of great dedication!*





## Kenneth Orbaker Painting

Since preservation of local history is a primary mission of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, W-PHS was pleased when Fred Compertore donated an oil on canvas painting he found on his property in Ontario. He researched the name of the artist and discovered ties to Williamson. Mr. Compertore then took the step of having the painting evaluated by Westlake Conservators of Skaneateles before offering the painting to W-PHS.

The oil painting is approximately 100 years old and was found folded in the attic of his barn. It is in poor condition, but was signed and therefore attributable to Kenneth Kenyon Orbaker. Kenneth died in WW I in the Battle of Argonne, France, at the age of 24. He was an only child. His funeral Service was held in the Williamson Methodist Church. Kenneth, his parents and paternal grandparents are buried in Ridge Chapel Cemetery in Williamson.

A search on *Ancestry.com* reveals that Kenneth's father, Abram, was born here. Abram's parents and older siblings emigrated from Holland. Kenneth's mother, Eva Kenyon, was born in New York, as were her parents.

Kenneth was a graduate of Mechanics Institute Course of Fine Arts in New York. When WW I began, he was a student at the National Academy of Design in New York City. Kenneth's life and career were cut short in service to his country. This tangible evidence of Kenneth's life can serve as a fitting memorial to him and other young men who took up the call for service. It is felt that his painting can help that history become more meaningful to local citizens and visitors to our community.

Currently, the condition of the work is too fragile to allow it to be displayed. W-PHS is in hopes of obtaining a grant in order to restore the painting. A photo of the artwork will be displayed at the Williamson school Wellness Fair and in the summer exhibit.

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## Kenneth Kenyon Orbaker

Kenneth Kenyon Orbaker was born January 2, 1894. According to his draft registration, he enlisted on April 2, 1918, and he was tall, medium build with brown eyes and brown hair. He left for the war on May 20, 1918, on a ship named *Morvada*, and was killed in battle on October 19, 1918. He was a member of Headquarters Company 309th Infantry at the time of his death.

## Membership

Our historical society membership continues to grow! We are currently at 120 individual memberships and 40 business memberships. We would like to welcome our newest members:

### Welcome New Members....

Scott & Dacia Hill  
 Michael Collins & Deborah Pope  
 Kyle & Jessica Bolinger  
 Peter Kenyon

The only way we can keep the momentum going is with your help. Please continue talking to people about membership. If you want us to do a follow up contact with anyone, please send us their name and address. We would be happy to send an informational letter about the Society with an application. Keep up the great work everybody!

Membership Chairs  
 Jim & Kathy McCaig  
 kmccaig@gmail.com  
 or james.mccaig@gmail.com



## Summer is Coming...

### FIRST ANNUAL W-PHS GOLF CLASSIC

A tournament to benefit the revitalization of Historic Gates Hall in Pultneyville, NY . . . the oldest small active community theatre in continuous operation in the Nation.

WHEN: Monday, **JUNE 29, 2020**  
 Registration: 11:30am  
 Tournament: 1pm

WHERE: **Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club**  
 7030 Bayview Drive  
 Sodus Point, NY 14555

To Volunteer to be on the Committee or the day of event, please contact:

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## 2020 Day of Caring May 14

The United Way Day of Caring program sends dozens of volunteers to help nonprofit organizations in their communities each year. W-PHS has been very fortunate to have a group of current and former Xerox employees join with volunteers from other businesses and our own members for several years. We spend the day tackling maintenance projects in our buildings, our gardens and yards. The help is tremendous, but we need our own members as well. Please save the date, **May 14**, to join us as we paint, rake, plant and scrub. We will welcome you with coffee, lunch and good company.

*Sue-Jane Evans*



*Editor's note: While it might seem like Day of Caring is a day of work, it's actually a day of good times. And....maybe you'll get your picture in the newsletter!*

*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 2020**

January 27  
February 24  
March 30  
April 27  
May 18  
June 22  
August 31  
September 28  
October 26  
November 23

## WILLIAMSON-PULTNEYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### W-PHS Officers

#### Officers

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Mail completed form to: Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 92, Pultneyville, NY 14538

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(E-mail is required to receive newsletters)*

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City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Publicity/Fundraising Activities

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\_\_\_\_ Program Planning/Museum Guide

\_\_\_\_ Gift Shop

\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_ Officer, Director, Committee Chair

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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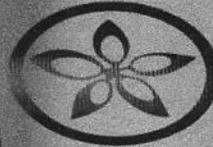
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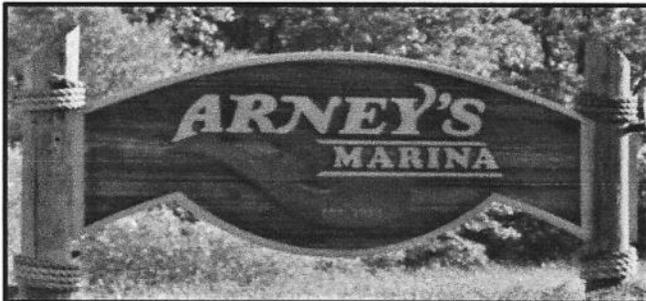


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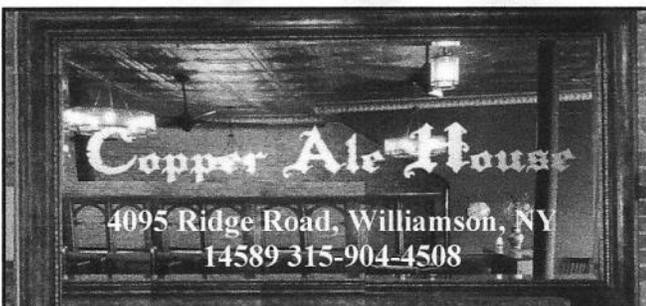
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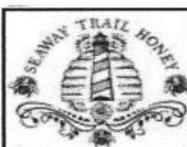
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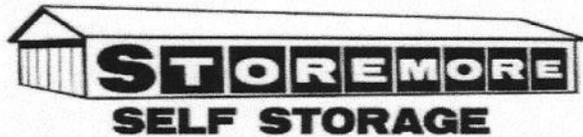


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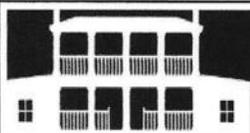
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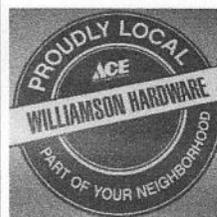
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