

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

January/February 2021 Volume 11, Issue 1



From Your President



As we bid farewell to 2020, we are reminded of many changes, blessings and disappointments. It has been a year filled with challenges and loss of life for many; and for others, it brought the blessing of more time with loved ones in their immediate households that might not otherwise have been enjoyed. While distance kept many apart, we are blessed that technology afforded opportunities to stay in touch.

With the advent of a new year, may we look together through a new lens to 2021. May we focus on the positive, believing and hoping that in the days ahead we will slowly return to some sense of normalcy as COVID-19 becomes a distant memory. In the meantime, may we continue to stay connected in ways that work best for each of us. With a focus on better times, may we as a historical society, continue to plan for the future as we strive to fulfill our mission.

Ending the year on a high note, we hope that you enjoyed our December social media posts in lieu of our traditional programming, which included a dramatic reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and the ROC City Ringer Concert, during the holidays as our gift to you.

In this newsletter you will find information and a donor form for Phase II of the Gates Hall Revitalization Project. All are invited to "Be a Part of Gates Hall History and to Invest in Preserving the Legacy." As faithful stewards of this landmark property, together we can ensure that it continues to serve and enrich the lives of future generations, just as it has done for the past 195 years.

Please join me in acknowledging the many contributions of our outgoing Officers of the Board, Jackie Walker as Recording Secretary and Deb Parts as Treasurer, for their many years of service. Their guidance and commitment to W-PHS has been unwavering, and their leadership will be long remembered.

As W-PHS plans for the new year, we ask that you refer to our website at www.w-phs.org and our Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Facebook page for updates and program information.

With grateful appreciation, I extend sincere thanks on behalf of W-PHS for your consideration and continued support of W-PHS and wish everyone Hope, Peace, and Good Health in 2021.

Regards,

Nan

Nanette Peters Hance, President





Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society
 4130 Mill Street | PO Box 92
 Pultneyville, NY 14538
www.w-phs.org

January 1, 2021

Dear Members, Friends and Neighbors:

To everything there is a season, and the season for the roof at Historic GATES HALL in Pultneyville has come to the end of its life. As entrusted sole stewards of this structure which is the oldest small community theatre in continuous operation in the United States, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS) believes that it is deserving and worthy of our collective preservation and improvement efforts and we hope that you will also.

While our initial intentions were to launch an all inclusive fundraising campaign for the overall revitalization of GATES HALL earlier this year, which was to have included a community appeal and series of planned fundraising events, all plans were paused or cancelled due to COVID-19. Despite knowing that there is never a good time for projects such as this, it is imperative that we now move forward with our fundraising efforts to support the much needed structural remediation between the ceiling/roof and roof replacement. Given the ever-changing consequences of COVID-19, the W-PHS Board of Trustees voted to address only the most critical needs at this time to stabilize the Hall while it is closed for public performances due to the pandemic.

W-PHS has therefore launched a fund raising campaign in the amount of \$115,000 and we invite you to be part of this initiative to preserve the structural and architectural integrity of the Hall for future generations. To date we have received a generous \$15,000 Grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation and W-PHS has designated funds of \$25,000 from its treasury, leaving a goal of \$75,000 to be raised through private and corporate contributions.

We look forward to your support and consideration for inclusion in your 2020 year-end giving plans. Based on current COVID-19 guidelines, we will refrain from making in-person contacts in the best interest of community and public health, and will rely on written communication with follow-up phone calls and email. To contribute, donors may go to our website at www.w-phs.org or return the enclosed form.

As you see, we are not incurring additional expenses of a glitzy campaign, but do invite you to ***“Invest in the GATES HALL Legacy.”*** Together, all things are possible and we can take pride in knowing that we shared the responsibility for preserving this prominent landmark which resides on the National Register of Historic Places, just as generations before us have done as a community for nearly two centuries.

Thank You in advance for helping W-PHS preserve this local landmark that has stood the test of time in the center of our hamlet for nearly 200 years. We wish you a New Year filled with peace and good health.

Nan

Nanette P. Hance
 W-PHS President

Florence

Florence Doyle
 Gates Hall Fundraising Chair

David

David Frohlich
 Property Committee Chair

Founded in 1964, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered by the State of New York Board of Regents and is sole steward of Historic Gates Hall.



Gates Hall

**Be a Part of History
Invest In Preserving the Legacy**

1847 1893 1922 1945 1976 2014
What do all of these years have in common?

These are years during which the citizens of Pultneyville and the surrounding community came together to join forces . . . and resources to maintain and preserve GATES HALL as a community treasure. It has been an important part of our local history since December 27th, 1825 when a group of frontiersmen gathered together to frame a church constitution which, while not known at the time, would foster the religious and cultural growth in the area for the next 195 years. From its humble beginnings as Union Church, this landmark structure became the first non-denominational sacred place of worship in Pultneyville, and in 1867, became known as GATES HALL. From worship, to anti-slavery, temperance, spiritualism, women's rights, war time efforts and community theatre, GATES HALL has hosted many noteworthy lecturers on timely topics and causes, community meetings and theatrical performances. Unassuming, weathered and worn, yet a well-preserved landmark, GATES HALL has been lovingly cared for by the community through its many years. It resides on the National Register of Historic Places and proudly bears the well-earned designation as the oldest active continuously operating small community theatre in the nation.

GATES HALL has been home to many community theatre groups since 1867 including the Gatesinger Co, LTD., current Artists in Residence, who today continue the tradition of theatre by providing opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy the performing arts as creative performers or audience members. For nearly 200 years, our neighbors, friends and families have gathered, worshipped, loved, laughed, cried and celebrated under the roof of GATES HALL for weddings, funerals, plays, debates . . . and more.

As faithful stewards of this historic property, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS) began restoration efforts in 2014 and successfully completed Phase I of revitalization plans, which supported from the ground-up remediation to stabilize the building with extensive foundation work that began in the basement. Today, the Hall is in need of structural remediation from the top down to ensure its prominent place in history. In 2020, as W-PHS embarks on Phase II of its Revitalization Project, it launches a campaign to address current needs. It is now our turn as a community, as in many years before, to invest and ensure that the GATES HALL LEGACY lives on to enrich the lives of future generations, just as it has done for the past 195 years.

Founded in 1964, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered by the State of New York Board of Regents and is sole steward of Historic Gates Hall.

Upcoming Programs and Events

During these uncertain times, please access the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Facebook page, [facebook.com/WilliamsonPultneyvilleHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsonPultneyvilleHistoricalSociety/) and our website at www.w-phs.org for updates regarding W-PHS programs and events.

Vintage Trolley Goes South for the Winter



The restored and refurbished Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society trolley replica recently went south; but unlike many of our local snowbirds, her destination was not Florida, the Carolinas or the Caribbean, but nearby neighbor Marion. Her home for the foreseeable future is on the site of the Topping Ladder Company, part of Marion, New York's business profile for many years. It was started by Howell Topping in 1860 at 92 South Main Street and moved to 105 South Main Street in 1884, where it existed until 1997. The Topping family owned it from its beginning until 1965 when Clifford Topping sold the business to Connor Ladders in Rochester.

A Wayne County book published in 1874 lists the company as a manufacturer of ladders, cutting boxes, churns, wagon jacks, peach crates and croquet sets, among other things. During the late 1800s, ladders were shipped via the Erie Canal to clients in Rochester and the Hudson Valley, where fruit production was high. Portable fruit evaporators and dryers were advertised in 1880, and a salesman's model of an apple dryer still exists. Howell's son, Charles, joined the business and intricate grillwork and additional products were added to the output of the company. The Marion Washing Machine was patented by Charles Topping in 1889 and was made through the 1890s.

So our historic trolley will be surrounded by history of another sort during its stay in Marion. Speaking of which, the person who conceived, designed and built the trolley replica was a native of Marion. George H. Shoales was born in 1917, the third child of Leslie and Marion Howell Shoales. His father ran Shoales Drug Store on Main Street, where there were seventeen other businesses. The family lived on the east side of Main Street, headed north. In 2004, George put together *Olden Times About Marion N.Y.*, a book of his research and recollections about his beloved hometown. George and his wife Lila were married for 72 years, spending their later years in her hometown of Williamson. George was a veteran of World War II and ran a plumbing and heating business during his working years.

Returning to the Topping Ladder location, it is now owned by Bill Dixon, and the Society owes a huge debt of gratitude to Bill for his willingness to store our trolley replica at his facility. We hope that the trolley will co-exist peacefully with its neighbors, realizing that it has long-reaching ties back to the community through its builder George.

Perry Howland



The Thorp Family

By
David L. Higgs

The Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society had a program on an early settler in Pultneyville from the early 1800s. It got me wondering how many present day Williamson families go back to the early 1800s. I can put forward one, and I am writing this to ask if there are others.

In 1843, John Sturgis Thorp purchased a 120 acre farm on Salmon Creek Road. The original farmhouse still stands at 6937 Salmon Creek Road, although the building (or at least a smaller version of it) originally stood on the site of 6917 Salmon Creek. Frank Thorp had it moved when he built the 2 1/2 story house now at 6917 Salmon Creek Road.

John Sturgis Thorp had four children, three girls and a boy. All were in their 20s when he bought the farm. The boy, Moses Aaron Thorp, was 24 years old when the family moved to Williamson. In 1845, Moses Aaron bought part of the farm from his father; and after John Sturgis Thorp's death in 1869, he also bought out his three sisters' interest. By this time, he had built his own home, which now stands at 6857 Salmon Creek Road. It appears as to ownership in the Wayne County Gazette of 1858 as belonging to M.A. Thorp.

Moses Aaron married Hanna Ward. Moses Aaron and Hanna had a number of children, two of which are important to the line I am following. One child was Frank Thorp, prominent in Pultneyville and remembered by the late Chester Peters, Pultneyville Historian. Frank is the only Thorp buried in Lakeview Cemetery. He died in the late 1930s.

More important to the continuation of the story is the son Charles F. Thorp. Charles was the father of Jessie May Thorp, who by marriage became Jessie Lotee, the mother of Lucile Lotee, who by marriage became Lucile Higgs, who some older residents of Williamson/Pultneyville remember in 1956 became a teacher in the Williamson Elementary School. She was also the mother of Isabel Higgs, David Higgs and Theodore Higgs, all at one time or another residents of Pultneyville. All are deceased, with the exception

of this writer, David Higgs, who lives with his wife Barbara on Lake Avenue.

But wait, the beat goes on, as they say. Roughly twenty years ago, David and Barbara's youngest son Theodore J. Higgs and wife Heidi bought the Eaton farm on 7637 Salmon Creek Road; and they will probably mark the end of the Thorp dynasty locally as they have no progeny, only the distinction of representing seven generations of Thorps to live in the town.

Think of it. Ted Higgs is the great-great-great-great grandson of John Sturgis Thorp. That's seven generations unbroken. Are there other families out there with a similar story?

Thorp Lineage

THORP lineage (main line leading up to the Lotee-Thorp Union)

- John Thorp** b. 1718, d. ??; m. Mary Farvis, b. 1718, d. 1794.
son
- John Thorp** b. 1761, d. 1837; m. Ruth Sturgis b. 1757 d. 1814. Married Dec. 8, 1785.
sons: **John Sturgis Thorp** and Hezekiah Thorp.
- John Sturgis Thorp** b. March 20, 1788, d. 1869. Married Hannah Oysterbanks (also Hannah O. Banks), b. either 12/10/1792 or some time in 1794, d. 1870. Married in Liverpool, Eng. Dec. 9, 1812. Their children:
Ruth Eliza b. Mar. 26, 1814, d. June 24, 1880.
Henrietta Caramantha b. April 29, 1817 (maybe March 26th) in Tioga County, NY d December 22, 1893 in Homer, MI. She is also recorded as Henrietta A. Thorp, d 1895. Both records show that she married James Thompson on 8/16/1837.
- Moses Aaron** b July 14, 1819, d 1889.
Mary Emeline b November 7, 1821, d 1885.
- Hezekiah Thorp** b. April 2, 1791 d 1856. Married Cornelia Stewart (1788-1821) on Jan. 8, 1812. Their children: Charlotte, Ruth, Jane, Stewart, John B.
- On December 24, 1846 at Sodus, NY, **Moses Aaron Thorp** married **Hanna Ward** (b 3/25/1825, d 1901). Their children:
William Henry 1848 - 1896, Moses Aaron 1849 - 1863, John L. 1850 - 1852, **Charles F.** 1853 - 1916, Mary E. 1855 - 1913, Hanna Louise 1857 - 1925, Isabelle 1859 - 1929, Frank L. 1860 - 10/25/1927, and Charlotte C. 1865 - 1901
- On 12/22/1875, in Pultneyville, NY, **Charles F. Thorp** married Sarah J. Trimble (b 1851, d 1881). Their children:
Eva Belle 3/31/1877 [m Edward H. Partridge. Son: Milton K Partridge b 10/1897]
Jay Andrew 10/14/1879 [m Nina J. Swett, b 1883]
- On 4/25/1883 **Charles F. Thorp** married **Amarilla F. Hartwell** (b 1858, d 1924). Their children:
Jessie May b 1884 d 1958
Lillian Pearle b 1886
Rhoda Amelia b 1890
Leslie Aaron b 1893
William Hartwell, b 1897 d 1898
- On June 30, 1904, **Jessie May Thorp** married **Herbert Amos Lotee** (b 1877, d 1954). Their children:
Lucile Louese b 6/16/08
Helen Dorothea b 1911, d 1992
Herbert Theodore b 1916



This B&W 1880s picture has a good possibility of being Isaac Shipley, his wife Elizabeth (Waters) Shipley and his daughter Jean, but this is not verified.

Isaac E Shipley, “The Shipley Estate”

By Paul Naliwajek

Shipley. This interesting and unusual surname is of Anglo-Saxon origin, and is of locational derivation either from a place called Shepley in Yorkshire or from places called Shipley in Derbyshire, England.

The land Isaac Shipley's Italianate is built on was part of a land purchase by his father, William, on August 29, 1823, from George H. Hatch. Interesting here is that the eastern corridor of the Erie Canal from Brockport to Albany opened on Sept 10, 1823, just two weeks later. Being completed on Oct 26, 1825, shipping trade in Pultneyville slowly diminished.

Let's back up a bit. Isaac's grandparents, William Shipley and Jane Taylor, lived in England, married August 1, 1776, in Gilberdike, Yorkshire. Isaac's parents, William E. Shipley and Elizabeth Waters, married August 25, 1807, first emigrating to the Toronto area of Canada from England, then coming to Pultneyville in 1817, bringing their entire household with them. They may have remained in Canada for some years because of the War of 1812. Elizabeth Waters was the sister of William “Yankee Bill” Waters, one of the first documented settlers here in 1804. Yankee Bill's settling here may have been the reason his sister Elizabeth and her husband William came to Pultneyville. They came to Pultneyville with five children (a sixth child died in infancy), then having four more children here, Isaac being the youngest. His father William, having a place in the hamlet, meant that the entire Shipley family owned just over 500 acres, confirming oral history of land ownership on the East side of Lake Ave from Jay Street to New Road.

Isaac married Hudla A. Sherburne in 1863; his brother, John, married Melissa Sherburne, both being daughters of the Reverend Sherburne of the Methodist Church here. Isaac's sister Rachael married Austin Person, from Canandaigua, the builder of Isaac's home. Shipley's house is somewhat interesting. The 1867 Wayne County Directory states his property consisted of roughly 265 acres, a larger farm for that period of time, having two large barns also erected next to his house. His brother John assisted him with the farming. (The last collapsed remnants of his barn were removed after our purchase in 2012.)

Chester Peters, past local historian, 1919-2016, and a lifetime Pultneyville resident, describes the house as a mansion being built in 1850. Records show names of a “domestic servant” and two others, (farmhands?) living in the servant quarters of this house. In the book *History of Wayne County 1877*, an artist rendition shows an elaborate fence totally encompassing the main principle property, and there is a story of two Peacocks that graced the front lawn. Some architectural historians believe the back portion of the house, considered Greek Revival, was built first, and the front Italianate section added in 1850, ending up over 4,200 square feet.



Artist rendition from *Wayne County History 1877*

Isaac E Shipley, "The Shipley Estate" (continued)

There's also a family tale/story passed down thru a living ancestor of a "Contest" between the builder of Isaac's house and a fancy house with the mansard roof in the Hamlet.

As told to me: "The builders of these houses apparently got into a p***** contest and challenged each other to see who could build the best house. One problem: money. Isaac Shipley seemed to have had enough money. The nameless other fellow did not have enough, so he wrote to people in England and asked for some money to build a church for the town. He did get the money. No one got a church; and I guess no one found out about the fraud, but what could they have done if they had discovered it? Also, no one was declared a winner of this so-called contest. Maybe bragging rights were supposed to be enough."

In the 1870s, Isaac and his brothers were contributors to fundraising events to help build the Methodist Church in the hamlet and for the church bell. Isaac's contribution was \$100 (\$2,400 today), a goodly sum in those days, and his older brothers gave \$200 each. The *Commercial Press*, a local newspaper of that time, posts Isaac's statements, bragging of the large delicious apples he grew and another of the weight of his sheep, Isaac asking who could possibly beat him. Chester Peters wrote, "It is said he sold grain to the Confederate states during the Civil War, shipping it thru Canada." Isaac's daughter, Jean, married George Selden of Rochester, maker of Selden automobiles. In 1896, the house was sold to Frederick H. Teats. (But that's another long story.)

*The house as it stands now, 2020
Photo provided by Paul Naliwajek*



W-PHS Annual Meeting - Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting was held on November 4 in Gates Hall. At the socially distanced meeting, the election of officers was held for Vice-President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

Congratulations to Florence Doyle who was re-elected as Vice-President; and congratulations to new Board members: Terry Sutherland, who takes on the responsibility of Recording Secretary, and to Amanda Hanlon, elected as Treasurer.

Nan Hance, President, thanked outgoing Board Officers, Deb Parts (Treasurer) and Jackie Walker (Recording Secretary) for their service to W-PHS.



*Amanda Hanlon and Terry Sutherland
Photo provided by Peter Parts*

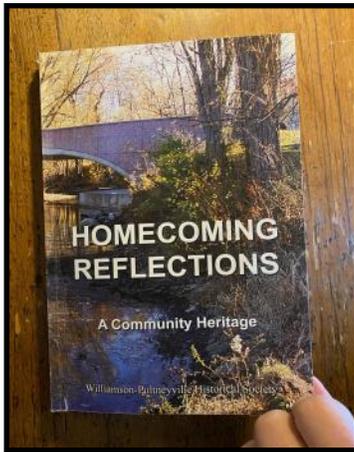


Photo provided by
Cheryl Kline

In Reverie

Who knows what revelations lie beneath the cover of this book?*

The same is true of our Oral History collection. Little known facts of someone's life can put a smile on our face as we wander through the conversations of citizens who have let us peer a bit closer into their lives.

Cold though it may be outdoors, we can still warm our hearts with a few looks back at what comes from the surprising memories of Oral History narrators.

Mary Gates – As remembered by her niece, **Laura Hammond**, Mary was just a little bit of a woman in stature, about 100 pounds at the most, but her personality was strong. Unlike her sister, **Emma Gates Potwine**, Mary stayed on the farm, didn't marry or have an education beyond that one-room schoolhouse, and had no career.

It seems that Mary wouldn't ride in a modern conveyance automobile, only in a horse and buggy or a horse and sleigh in the winter. Her choice. There was some charm in that transportation, though not particularly convenient.

Laura felt her Aunt Mary was a very quiet woman, "sort of reclusive," seldom spoke with anyone but her own brother (Laura's grandfather). When Laura or her sister, Helen, would accompany the grandfather to visit there, they stayed outdoors as the weather permitted, because Mary wasn't going to talk to them, anyway!

As much as Mary Gates preferred her own company, however, she really broke out her sense of caring for her community when she donated that record-breaking

\$1,000 to the Village Hall in Pulneyville. She required that a few alterations be made, like a basement, but her marvelous gift was met with some heartwarming acknowledgement. The Hall was named after *her* – **Gates Hall!**

Her niece said Mary had not experienced romance, but her exceedingly generous gift to the Village Hall renovations was certainly recognized as an act of love.

John Connor – John had loves beside family and teaching English in Williamson Central School. He loved working in his Green Owl Studio for photography, and told that it was so named because "Green" was for fresh and young, "Owl" for old and wise.

He mostly took pictures of weddings or portraits, then he met someone who wanted photos made at the local Steph's Pond. This nudist colony, the Pond, was at least 30 or more years old at the time of our interview in 2010. John felt that not many locals knew about that gig, and *he wanted it made absolutely clear that he arrived there with his camera and stayed fully clothed!* John said he doesn't know where their patrons came from, but the owner told him the name of a really famous actor (whose name mustn't be disclosed) who had stayed there several times.

Mary Gates and John Connor were living in our midst right here in the Town of Williamson, in different times, different circumstances, different lives. What they had in common was their unique ability to be memorable gifts to the building of our history. We are all the better for the experience of their presence and can be heartened by their life stories.

Irene Bierer
Archives Committee

* To order the book, *Homecoming Reflections*, please leave a message for Toni Baller on the W-PHS House number - 315.589.9892. Please leave your name and phone number, and Toni will return your call. The book is \$20 (+tax).

Winter on the Grounds



After winding up the gardening season by planting some spring bulbs (soon to appear in front of the fence at the house), the gardening group rallied together to deck the house with boughs of lighted swags and bows. Sue-Jane and her granddaughters got the ball rolling by installing the swags along the long section of fence. More of us appeared to put up another section of lights and put bows along the fence, the porch, the western door and the sign. The timer was installed and lo and behold, the decorations blazed to life!

Another group decked out the park and yet more hands installed swags and the tree on the east side of Gates Hall. All in all, many hands contributed to the decor of our hamlet. Every year it gets better as new ideas are added. Special thanks to Eric who always puts up a beautiful lighted wreath on the "Welcome to Pultneyville" sign on the west side of town.

We should all be proud of how our quaint village springs to life during these darker days of the year. Thank you to all who helped make us gorgeous!

*Lynda Parmelee
Groundsmaster*

Yearbooks



Why yearbooks matter:

Yearbooks reflect the events and lives of people during a specific period. The book shares and celebrates the community. It documents what's relevant at that time, like fashion and hairdos.

While today photos are on phones, flipping through pages in a hard copy book with grandchildren seems like a worthwhile way to spend time. History is chronicled in yearbooks.

The yearbook tells a story, and it lasts forever.

From the Archives

Richard Roland arranged through Mary Jane Devlin, Walworth Historical Society, for us to have a 1974 Williamson Elementary School yearbook, a photograph taken by H. L. Cooper, early Williamson photographer, and a young boy's memorial card.

North Rose Wolcott Historical Society shared with us a collection of photographs, letters, and information about the McKeon/Muhl families.

Sue Nellany heard about the gift of Richard Roland and gave us her 30-year collection of Williamson Elementary School yearbooks.

Philip (Pete) D. Rupert, Jr. of Pittsford, NY, presented us with a large wooden half-hull made by H. N. Throop, six-feet in display length.

All of these items help us, in different ways, to know more about the Town of Williamson, and we are grateful to receive them.

*Irene
Archives Committee*



Pete Rupert, Jr. with wooden half-hull
Photo provided by Nan Hance

Membership

Happy New Year everybody! We are beginning 2021 with 157 members (118 basic memberships and 39 business memberships).

We would like to welcome new members for 2021:

Welcome New Members

Christopher Bacon

Terry & Helene Hofer

Frank & Elena Mikie LaPlaca

Dan Lancy

Charles Cregin & Robert Balsamo

Terry & Ted Sutherland

Cornerstone Realty Associates -
Paula and Ed Priest

Louis & Jennifer Tenney

Orbaker's Farm Market

Pace Electronics Products

Kathy McCaig, Membership Chair
kmccaig@gmail.com
315-904-4220

History in Music



While Christmas has just past, a song that captures the feeling of the year of the COVID Pandemic is *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. It was first sung by Judy Garland in the movie *Meet Me in St. Louis* in 1944. At the time, the song captured the wartime feeling of the day. This song depicts the pain families endured and resonates today with the uncertainty and mood of the country ... and the world.

Google "Judy Garland Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and you'll be able to hear the original words. They were changed in some later versions. Frank Sinatra wanted the song brightened up, so the words, "Until then, we'll have to muddle through somehow" were changed in his version.



Take a few minutes and listen. While it's a bit of a melancholy song, it's a song that gives hope.

Thank You!

To the "Unofficial" Car Club that gathered at the home of Paul and Pat Naliwajek when they volunteered their front lawn as an ice cream stop, keeping in mind social distancing and mask requirements. The ice cream was provided by Pat and Paul, with donations accepted. Those donations went to W-PHS.

It looks like the Club would like to do it again next year!

Car Club photo provided by Paul Naliwajek





The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee would like to invite YOU to attend a presentation of our **Wayne County Bicentennial PowerPoint Program** on **Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.**

The program will be hosted by Huron Town Historian Rosa Fox and Walworth Town Historian Gene Bavis.

Registration is required and will be limited to the first 100 people. If this session fills up a second session will be scheduled.

To register please send an email with your name included to bicentennial@waynehistorians.org Please include the words "PowerPoint Registration" in the Subject Line. You will receive a confirmation email containing the Zoom link.



The program will be 30 to 40 minutes in length followed by a question-and-answer time.

Wayne County is



Historic to the Core!

A New Way to Donate to W-PHS



If you shop using Amazon, try using the link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-1076741>

With this link you are shopping the same Amazon website, and still using Prime if you have it; but a portion of the purchase goes to W-PHS as a donation. The only thing that changes is the way you access Amazon. You can bookmark this link so that by clicking the bookmark, you'll go directly to this page. It won't cost you anything.

In the absence of fundraisers this year due to COVID-19, this is a way to help W-PHS with expenses. Any questions, please let us know.

Thank you and happy shopping!

The Pultneyville Illumination 2020



Photos provided
by Peter Parts

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.

Formed in 1964 and chartered in 1971, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society has as its mission 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.



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 generally scheduled to be held at the W-PHS House at 4130 Mill Street, Pultneyville at 7 p.m. the last Monday of the month as per published schedule. However, due to COVID-19, and to ensure social distancing, the time and location may change, or may be held electronically.

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. For the meeting schedule, please refer to the society's website at www.w-phs.org. The 2021 meeting schedule will be posted at the beginning of January.

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 2021

January 25	
February 22	Meetings will be at 4 p.m.
April 26	
May 24	The location TBD, with
June 28	respect to COVID
August 23	restrictions at the time of
September 27	the meeting.
October 25	
November 22	

WLLIAMSON-PULTNEYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On the web: www.w-phs.org

phone: 315.589.9892

Williamson Pultneyville Historical Society
4130 Mill Street, PO Box 92, Pultneyville, NY 14538

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS

President	Nanette P. Hance	president@w-phs.org
Vice President	Florence Doyle	fdoyle0407@gmail.com
Treasurer	Amanda Fox Hanlon	aahanlon88@gmail.com
Recording Secretary	Terry Sutherland	tsutherl@rochester.rr.com
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Perkins	perkinsl@rochester.rr.com

BOARD OF TRUSTEES STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Collections Management	Florence Doyle, Interim	fdoyle0407@gmail.com
Archives Project Leaders	Irene Bierer	ikbierer@gmail.com
	Cheryl Kline	ckline63@gmail.com
	Dan Montondo	dan.montondo@rochester.rr.com
Oral Histories	TBD	
Communications	Sandra Zeman	szeman001@rochester.rr.com
Newsletter Editor	Sandra Zeman	szeman001@rochester.rr.com
Press Releases	Ann Anthony	amanthony67@gmail.com
Publicity	Kelly Klaritch	kklaritch@gmail.com
Social Media	Charlotte Buehler	ckbuehler@icloud.com
Website Coordinator	Amy VanPatten Begy	amy@itclix.net
Exhibits	Sue-Jane Evans	sjkevans@mail.com
Ex Officio Trustee	Perry Howland, Town Historian	peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com
Finance	Amanda Fox Hanlon	aahanlon88@gmail.com
Membership	Kathy McCaig	kmccaig@gmail.com
Nominating	Barbara Crawford	blctobe123@hotmail.com
Programs	Dottie Howland	peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com
Property	David Frohlich	dfrohlic@rochester.rr.com

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Audit	TBD	
Education Liaison	TBD	
4th Grade Walking Tour	TBD	
Event Fundraising		
Cemetery Tour	Kathy Fedick	kathyfedick@gmail.com
Garage & Pie Sale	TBD	
Coordinator	Linda Perkins	perkinsl@rochester.rr.com
Gates Hall Fundraising	Florence Doyle	fdoyle0407@gmail.com
Golf Tournament	TBD	
Holiday Stroll	TBD	
Homecoming	TBD	
Home Tour	Debra Parts	debrap@peterparts.com

OPERATIONS

Gift Shop	Toni Baller	tballer@rochester.rr.com
Grants	Sandra Zeman	szeman001@rochester.rr.co
Grounds	Lynda Parmelee	susserl@yahoo.com
Hospitality	Betty Morley	bettymorley1@gmail.com
House Supplies	Laraine Frohlich	dfrohlic@rochester.rr.com
IT Administrator	Dan Montondo	dan.montondo@rochester.rr.com
Office Manager	TBD	

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Nurturing, sharing, preserving and protecting the history of the Township of Williamson

MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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)

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Residential Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ A list of members will appear on the W-PHS website. If you **do not want your name to appear on this list**, please initial on the line.

Benefits

- Basic Categories**
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | \$25.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$50.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer | \$100.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$250.00/yr. |

All Basic Categories: 6 newsletters per year, free programs and exhibits.
Benefactors - plus one complimentary use of Gates Hall per year approved by Society.

- Business Categories:**
- | | |
|--|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Friend | \$75.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Benefactor | \$250.00/yr. |

Benefits

All Business Categories: 6 newsletters per year, free programs and exhibits.
Friends - plus business card listing in all newsletters, list on W-PHS web site and business member window cling.
Benefactor - plus business card listing in all newsletters, list on W-PHS web site, business member window cling and one complimentary use of Gates Hall per year approved by Society.

Membership dues cover the period from January 1st to December 31st each year. For new members signing up after September 30th dues are applied for the remainder of the current year and the following year.

Additional Donation: \$ _____ for _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ for the membership dues and/or donation as shown above. (Dues/donations are tax deductible.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

TRIBUTE GIFTS... *A meaningful way to pay tribute to others or to commemorate a special occasion or milestone.*

- **Give a Gift of Honor** to recognize someone special or a special time in life.
- **Give a Memorial Gift** to celebrate the life of a loved one, friend, colleague or someone who touched your life in a special way.

PLANNED GIVING... *Gifts that may fit into individual financial, tax or estate planning goals.*

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS... *Gifts to be used as W-PHS deems best to support its mission.*

ENDOWMENT GIFTS... *Income generating gifts that help to sustain W-PHS beyond a single fiscal year.*

Please contact W-PHS treasurer@w-phs.org or by calling 315-589-9892 with any questions about ways to give which extend beyond membership. THANK YOU for your consideration.

Please Check Areas of Interest

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homecoming/Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits/Archives Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Fundraising Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Grounds Upkeep | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Planning/Docent Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer/Committee Chair |

Other: _____

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Nurturing, sharing, preserving and protecting the history of the Township of Williamson

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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

Business Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

(E-mail is required to receive newsletters)

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Basic Categories:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Friend | \$25.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Patron | \$50.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sustainer | \$100.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Benefactor | \$250.00/yr. |

Benefits

All Basic Categories: 6 newsletters per year, free programs and exhibits. us.
Benefactors - plus one complimentary use of Gates Hall per year approved by Society.

Business Categories:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Friend | \$75.00/yr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Benefactor | \$250.00/yr. |

Benefits

All Business Categories: 6 newsletters per year, free programs and exhibits.
Friends - plus business card listing in all newsletters, list on W-PHS web site and business member window cling.
Benefactor - plus business card listing in all newsletters, list on W-PHS web site, business member window cling and one complimentary use of Gates Hall per year approved by Society.

Membership dues cover the period from January 1st to December 31st each year. For new members signing up after September 30th dues are applied for the remainder of the current year and the following year.

Additional Donation: \$ _____ for _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ for the membership dues and/or donation as shown above. (Dues/donations are tax deductible.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Are there areas your business would like to support with volunteers and/or donations? _____

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

TRIBUTE GIFTS...*A meaningful way to pay tribute to others or to commemorate a special occasion or milestone.*

- **Give a Gift of Honor** to recognize someone special or a special time in life.
- **Give a Memorial Gift** to celebrate the life of a loved one, friend, colleague or someone who touched your life in a special way.

PLANNED GIVING...*Gifts that may fit into individual financial, tax or estate planning goals.*

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS...*Gifts to be used as W-PHS deems best to support its mission.*

ENDOWMENT GIFTS...*Income generating gifts that help to sustain W-PHS beyond a single fiscal year.*

Please contact W-PHS treasurer@w-phs.org or by calling 315-589-9892 with any questions about ways to give which extend beyond membership.

THANK YOU for your consideration.

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

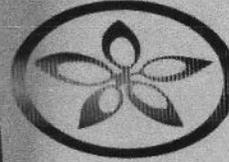
THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!
SHOP LOCALLY!



We buy, refurbish & sell used
food processing machinery &
food packing equipment

ALARD EQUIPMENT CORPORATION

6483 Lake Avenue
Williamson, NY 14589
315-589-4511



apple
COUNTRY SPIRITS
A Division of CLK Distilling, LLC

A FARM DISTILLERY PRODUCING
FINE QUALITY FRUIT BASED SPIRITS



3274 Eddy Road, Williamson, NY
applecountryspirits.com
Find us on Facebook - treevodka

Artisans' Loft

Fine Art • Art'cessories • Unique Gifts

Residential & Commercial Art Consultation Service

The Landing at Pultneyville
4135 Mill Street
Pultneville, NY 14538

nhance@artisansloft.net

Burnap's

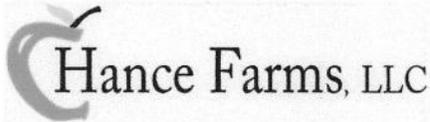


7277 Maple Avenue
Sodus, NY14551

315-483-4050

burnapsfarm@aol.com

Farm Market
& Garden Cafe



7560 Lake Avenue
Williamson, New York 14589

315-589-4212

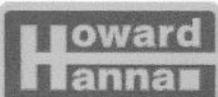


3740 Route 104
Williamson, NY 14589

Sales (800) 491-8625
Service (866) 627-6825

Carol Verbridge

ASP, CBR, GRI, SRES
Licensed Associate
Real Estate Broker



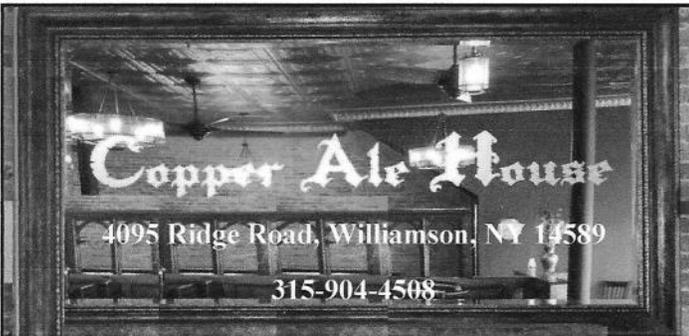
Real Estate Services
Ontario, NY Office

"Building Our Community
One Home Owner at a Time!"



**Cole Income Tax
Service**

4098 East Main Street, PO Box 924
Williamson, NY 14589
315-589-8441
Fax: 315-589-2510



Copper Ale House

4095 Ridge Road, Williamson, NY 14589

315-904-4508



Locations in
Williamson, Pultneyville, Ontario,
Newark and Webster

THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!
SHOP LOCALLY!



PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT FROM THE ELEMENTS!
Automatic Open 7 Days a Week Self Service Open 24 Hours
New & Improved Drying and Spot FREE Rinse!
4062 Ridgeway Street, Williamson
(315) 589-8938

Ely & Leene Agency
Mead-Maloy Agency, Inc.

Since 1852

212 North Main Street
Newark, New York 14513
(315) 331-1432



LAGONER
FARMS

Where you find the good things in life...

(315) 904-4109

info@lagonerfarms.com

(315) 904-4212

info@embarkcraftciderworks.com

6895 Lake Avenue, Williamson, NY



FOX

FRUIT FARMS LLC

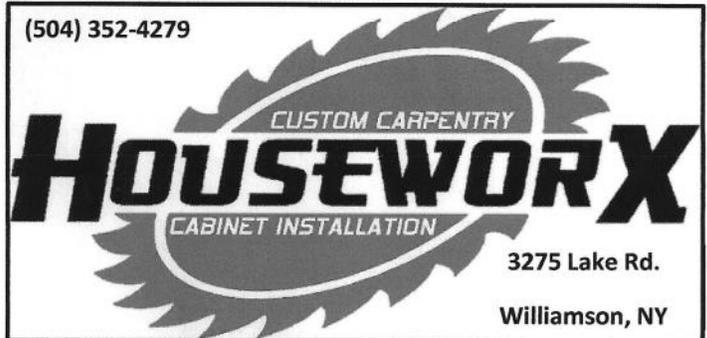
3635 Lake Rd Williamson, NY 14589
(315) 589-5113



Michael A. Herbert, D.D.S.
6127 Maple Avenue
Williamson, NY 14589
315-589-2813

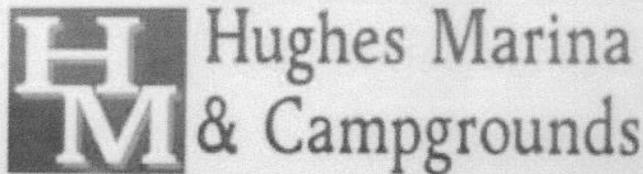
*Experience and success in all aspects
of family dentistry for over 60 years!*

(504) 352-4279



3275 Lake Rd.

Williamson, NY



ICE • FISHING • BOAT RAMPS • BAIT
CHARTER SERVICE
315-589-2752



4137 Mill Street
Pultneyville, NY 14538
585-747-9532
info@itclix.net

Information Technology Services
Consulting, Training & Web Design

*A company's technology should support its
business strategy not constrain it!*



6509 Lake Avenue
Williamson, NY 14589
Phone (315) 589-4811 Fax (315) 589-9272
www.kmdavies.com

*Keeping your apples and produce fresh
is our business!*



Knatatis 
Construction LLC

Williamson New
York 14589

315-589-2332

THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!
SHOP LOCALLY!

Thank You to
Our Business Members!

THE LETTERING LOUNGE

VINYL LETTERING & GRAPHICS

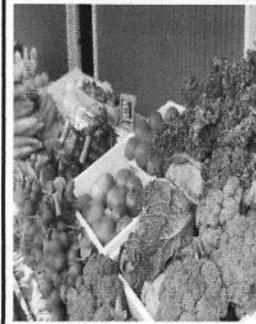
SIGNS - VEHICLES - BANNERS
DIGITAL PRINTING - SCREEN PRINTING

Website: theletteringlounge.weebly.com 6160 Route 21
E-Mail: letteringlounge@yahoo.com Williamson
Facebook: The Lettering Lounge Phone: 315-589-4145
Sit Back, Relax And Let Us Do All The Work

Orbaker's DRIVE-IN

4793 Route 104, Williamson, NY
315-589-9701

Great tasting cheeseburgers & hot!
39 flavors plus soft vanilla & chocolate!



Orbaker's Farm Market

Lake Road, Williamson, NY
315-589-2036

[:roman.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:roman.rachel@gmail.com)



ISO-9001:2015 certified

PACE ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS
34 Foley Drive #9795, Sodus, NY 14551
315-483-9122 800-228-7223
www.paceelectronics.com



Dawn M. Smith, CEO
Cell: 585-739-0596

Dsmith@paceelectronics.com

PHOTO GRAPHIC SERVICES

7255 East Townline Road
Williamson, NY 14589
315-589-8665

photographicservices@rochester.rr.com



4120 LAKE ROAD, WILLIAMSON, NY 14589
315-589-0061

Shhhhh...! The best kept secret on Lake Ontario



Pultneyville Yacht Club • Historical hamlet • Peaceful scenic escape
Family atmosphere • Social gatherings • Home away from home
www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org



REAPER CUSTOMS

Offering late model work to
full custom paint!

3229 Shepherd Road
Williamson, NY 14589
585-880-6806

COME ON OVER! YOU'LL LOVE THE
CREDIT UNION DIFFERENCE!



Fee-Free Checking
Low Loan Rates
Competitive Mortgages
On-line Banking
Branch Locations Nationwide
...and more!

THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!
SHOP LOCALLY!

Step Back into the 19th Century



In Historic Pultneyville when you visit
**Raked South Garden
Bed & Breakfast**

7826 Jay Street, PO Box 209, Pultneyville, NY 14538

Visit hosts Dottie & Perry Howland online at:
www.rakedsouthgarden.com
For more information call 315-589-8012
or e-mail: peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com

Gift Certificates available

Open year round - Near Lake Ontario just off the Seaway Trail



Roland E. Stevens III
ALA, NWS, TWSA

Plein-Air Watercolor Artist

www.rolandestevens.com



SeawayTrailHoney.com

- Award winning Pure Seasonal Honey
- Honey Comb & Wedding Favors
- Beeswax & Candles
- Workshops/ educational presentations
- Bee Swarm removal

Seaway Trail Honey

Always Pure & Natural Honey * NYHoneyBuzz.com

Pat Bono POB 25291 Rochester NY 14625

SeawayTrailHoney@gmail.com 585-820-6619



4149 Ridge Road
Williamson, NY 14589
(315) 589-7180



PO Box 95
Pultneyville, NY 14538

Gates Hall
Call 315-589-3326

www.gateshall.com



4287 Jersey Road,
Williamson, NY 14589
(315) 589-8861



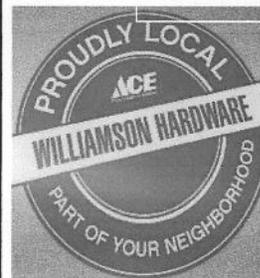
U-Wrench And U-Save

(315) 589-2222

\$\$\$\$ for cars and trucks

WUPI.com

Williamson Hardware



4101 Main Street and Route 21
Williamson, NY 14589

(315) 589-4011