

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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From Your President

Along with celebrating the beauty of Spring from the greening of the grass, to the gradual blossoming of flowers in our gardens and the rebirth of fruit trees in the orchards, W-PHS has so much to celebrate and be thankful for!



Wayne County celebrated its 200th birthday with a very moving Founders Day Celebration on April 11th in Lyons on the Court House steps followed by a luncheon, exhibits and a program at the Lyons Community Center. It was a day-long event filled with welcoming remarks by Philip W. Eygnor, Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisor and recognitions by local, regional and statewide dignitaries and officials offering words of congratulations and proclamations.

Beginning with “Ode to Joy” by the North Rose Handbell Choir under the direction of Lucinda Collier, and the tolling of bells countywide by area churches, fire halls, schools, and town halls, the air was filled with a joyful noise and jubilant sounds marking the significance of a milestone celebration and special moment in our shared history. The celebration concluded with closing remarks by Bicentennial Co-Chairs, Rosa Fox and Gene Bavis, and the cutting of the Bicentennial Birthday Cake.

Among the special moments of the day was a tribute to the late Peter Evans, former Wayne County Historian, by son and daughter Ben K. Evans and Emily Evans Terry. As most of you know, Peter was a Pultneyville resident along with Sue Jane and an active community member since 1979, a long time W-PHS member and renowned lifetime advocate of local history. While Peter’s presence will be missed, his dedication to the preservation of our history, along with his passion for all things

having to do with local history, and the belief that it is relevant and important to every community, will continue to be respected and treasured.

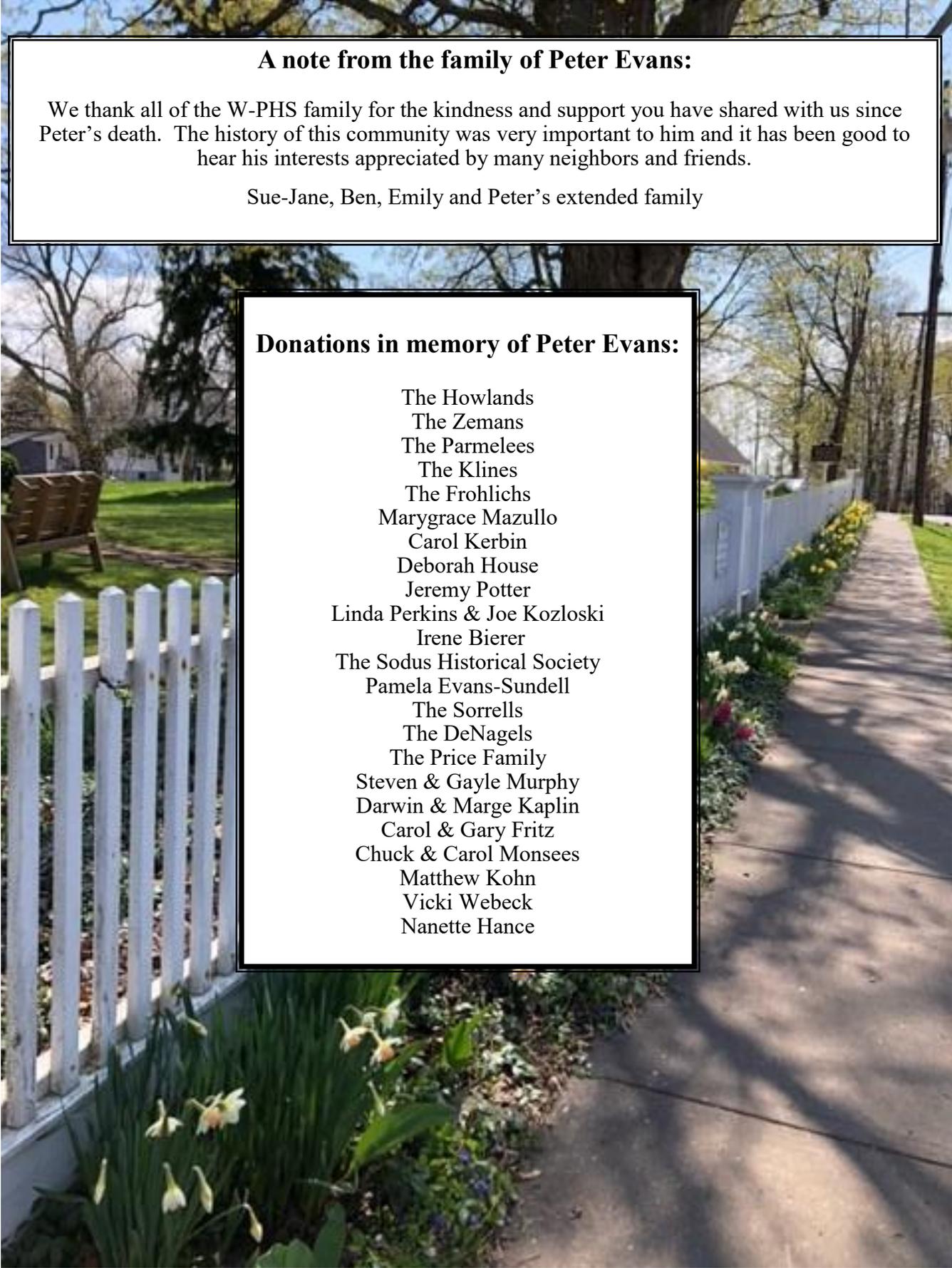
As we move forward there are many Bicentennial events yet to come in 2023 that celebrate Wayne County’s long and rich history. For event information visit www.WayneCounty200.com.

As one of the 15 towns, 7 villages and numerous hamlets that dot the beautiful landscape of Wayne County, Williamson and its hamlets of East Williamson and Pultneyville, take pride in, and continue to celebrate the county connections we have enjoyed since its establishment as Wayne County in 1823.

We hope you will join us for “**At Samuel's Tavern, And Thereabouts,**” an original play by our own very talented W-PHS playwright, Irene Bierer, on **May 6 at 7pm and May 7 at 3pm** at historic Gates Hall. Tickets for this play portraying Pultneyville’s earliest settlers are available at www.w-phs.org. You won’t want to miss this cast of characters, of all ages, played by members and friends of W-PHS!

As you will see throughout this newsletter, W-PHS not only has a very busy season on the horizon including **Homecoming on July 22nd**, but also has much to celebrate including a **Capital Projects Grant Award** from the New York State Council on the Arts!





A note from the family of Peter Evans:

We thank all of the W-PHS family for the kindness and support you have shared with us since Peter's death. The history of this community was very important to him and it has been good to hear his interests appreciated by many neighbors and friends.

Sue-Jane, Ben, Emily and Peter's extended family

Donations in memory of Peter Evans:

The Howlands
The Zemans
The Parmelees
The Klines
The Frohlichs
Marygrace Mazullo
Carol Kerbin
Deborah House
Jeremy Potter
Linda Perkins & Joe Kozloski
Irene Bierer
The Sodus Historical Society
Pamela Evans-Sundell
The Sorrells
The DeNagels
The Price Family
Steven & Gayle Murphy
Darwin & Marge Kaplin
Carol & Gary Fritz
Chuck & Carol Monsees
Matthew Kohn
Vicki Webeck
Nanette Hance

W-PHS Receives NYSCA Capital Projects Grant



Submitted by Laura Hatch

W-PHS is excited to announce that we have been awarded Capital Projects funding for Fiscal Year 2023 by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). The \$50,000 award will be used to install a new HVAC system (furnaces & air-conditioning units) in Gates Hall.

The Hall's outdated and failing boiler will be replaced with an energy-efficient HVAC system servicing the entire building. This project will reduce heating costs and install air conditioning in the Hall for the first time, mitigating the negative effects of interior climate fluctuations and improving the indoor air quality. The new HVAC system will also allow us to attract a wider variety of performance groups and audiences to the hall—making temperatures more comfortable in both the summer and winter—and continue to grow the cultural development in our area.

The grants writing team of Patricia Cory-Doniger, Laura Wayland-Smith Hatch, and Nanette Hance worked together for several months—first setting up the required New York State grants accounts and then working on providing the project details and the history and usage of Gates Hall required by NYSCA. Patricia, an experienced grants writer, guided the team through the process, and we owe her many thanks for help with this project.

W-PHS is most appreciative for the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and NYSCA which enables the continued improvement and preservation of historic Gates Hall which will celebrate its 200th Birthday in 2025. Of the \$42M awarded throughout New York State for Arts and Culture Projects, this grant is one of three awarded in the Finger Lakes Region and the only one in Wayne County.

First steps are underway. We'll be meeting with the contractor soon and gathering the next stage of paperwork required by NYSCA. With that in place, the real work will begin, and we'll be sharing all the progress with you.

“Ready, Share, Go!” Event for Volunteer Docents To Be Announced



Submitted by Deborah Arndt

Invited are W-PHS Volunteer Docents past, present, or anyone interested in learning about becoming a docent for the W-PHS House and Exhibits, to attend a gathering to be held on May 24, 2023.

As the season of opening for the W-PHS House and Exhibits draws near, commencing the 3rd weekend in June, we invite you to attend to receive important updates, share your experiences and suggestions as docents, and empower others interested in becoming volunteers. Please join us for this informal, fun, and collaborative training refresher.

Whether you have volunteered in the past or just wish to know more, this event is for you. Your input is essential in planning, and will make a difference for all volunteers, and visitors, too.

Included will be a helpful Q&A and discussion on changes due to our NARM reciprocal membership structure which now requires admission fees for those not W-PHS or NARM members.

For information, contact Deborah Arndt, at ddoolittle53@gmail.com or call 585-216-1699 to leave a message. Please include your preferred contact information.

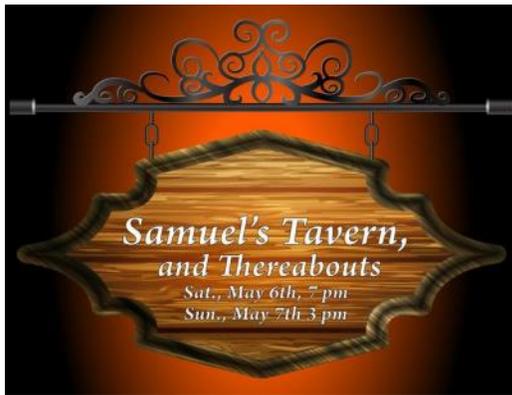
Deborah supports volunteer training enrichment at W-PHS. She will be drawing on a wealth of information available through the efforts of many at W-PHS to ensure exceptional experiences for volunteers and visitors alike. She will be reaching out to members who wish to attend the event in order to gather suggestions for topics to be included.

Access Facebook at [facebook.com/WilliamsonPultneyvilleHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsonPultneyvilleHistoricalSociety/) and/or website at www.w-phs.org for updates regarding W-PHS programs and events.

THINGS TO DO - PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 6	W-PHS “At Samuel’s Tavern and Thereabouts” Play, 7pm at Gates Hall*
May 7	W-PHS “At Samuel’s Tavern and Thereabouts” Play, 3pm at Gates Hall*
May 6 & 7	W-PHS Volunteers at Great American International Wine Competition
May 11	Day of Caring, W-PHS House/Gates Hall, Pultneyville
May 18-21	Apple Blossom Festival, Williamson
May 23	4th Grade Walking Tour
May 24	W-PHS Volunteer Docent Training
June 5	3rd Annual W-PHS Golf for Gates Hall Tournament
July 22	Pultneyville Homecoming
August 2	W-PHS Picnic
September 9	W-PHS Pultneyville Tour of Homes

*Tickets at www.w-phs.org



“At Samuel’s Tavern, and Thereabouts” Play

Written by W-PHS playwright, Irene Bierer, the play will be presented on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th at historic Gates Hall, 4107 Lake Road in Pultneyville. Please visit www.w-phs.org for details and ticket information for this Bicentennial event.

A Call for Volunteers for the Great American International Wine Competition

May 6 & 7, 2023

Submitted by Debbie Parts

Raise a Glass would love to have your help for the upcoming wine, cider & spirit competition on May 6 & 7 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center. In turn, W-PHS receives a donation of wines and craft beer to be sold at our fundraisers in 2023.

In past years, volunteers have signed up to wash the glasses as part of the “Glass team”.

Volunteers can sign up at:

www.raiseaglassfoundation.com/volunteers

Watch for upcoming E-blast notice from news@w-phs.org for additional details.



Save the Dates!

3rd Annual Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Golf Tournament “Golf for Gates Hall” Monday, June 5, 2023 Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club



Proceeds from the tournament ensure ongoing improvements necessary to preserve the structural integrity of historic Gates Hall.

Prizes / Raffles / Live & Silent Auctions
Mulligans & Sandies / Putting Contest

Be one of our tournament sponsors, sponsor a hole, donate an auction basket or donate items for an auction basket!

Golf with fun activities/games...not a golfer, join us for dinner!

Terry Sutherland, Tournament Chair
585-314-7813

W-PHS Membership

Submitted by Alice and Cliff Dodge

The Membership Chairs are happy to continue to receive renewals from members, and we're very excited about the prospect of all the adventures to be had by those who renewed at the Sustainer level and up, because they have the opportunity to take full advantage of their NARM reciprocal membership that can be used all over North America and USA territories.

W-PHS Resumes 4th Grade Walking Tour of Pultneyville May 23, 2023



After a several year hiatus due to the pandemic, W-PHS is excited to once again resume the traditional 4th Grade Walking Tour of Pultneyville on May 23, 2023. Organized by Maria Ehresman, W-PHS Education Liaison, fourth grade students will begin the tour with a welcome and introduction to Pultneyville history at historic Gates Hall . . . the oldest, continuously active small community theatre in the United States.

Students will also walk through the hamlet with tour guides who bring local history alive as they share information about the area that dates back to the early 1800s. W-PHS is pleased to continue its educational collaboration with the Williamson Central School District and to provide an exceptional learning experience for our 4th grade students.

With Grateful Appreciation

It is with grateful appreciation that the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society acknowledges a most generous gift, as provided by the McGraw Family Fund. It is through the interest, generosity, and efforts of George McGraw that this grant is given in memory of Isaac Mullie, a Wayne County soldier and member of the esteemed Company D 111th New York Infantry Regiment. This grant may be used for general operating expenses with preference for anything Civil War related that will create a greater awareness and appreciation for the 111th Regiment.

Save the Dates!

Homecoming is Happening! July 22, 2023

Pultneyville Homecoming, sponsored by W-PHS, will take place on Saturday, July 22, 2023, with a new look that we know you'll enjoy.

The Homecoming committee wanted to focus on getting folks from the whole town of Williamson back together again! There will be a fun run for kids, a parade, a picnic in Centennial Park with live music and games, walking tours, an adult beverage tent, Pigs on Parade contest, GREAT fireworks, jazz music at PYC, and a bonfire at the Mariners. More details available soon!

We look forward to a great gathering of friends and families!

Put July 22 in your calendar today and visit the Homecoming website for all the details!

www.pultneyvillehomecoming.com



DAY OF CARING

MAY 11, 2023

Volunteers are needed to complete tasks at both the W-PHS House and Gates Hall.



W-PHS Pultneyville Tour of Homes September 9, 2023 Experience Picturesque Pultneyville

Steeped in history, this quaint lakeside hamlet will share the beauty of the area when the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS) presents a tour of eight homes and four landmarks on September 9, 2023, 10am - 4pm.

Tour tickets include a talk by our town historian at historic Gates Hall, organ and carillon concerts in our lovely churches, and exhibits at the W-PHS museum and Gates Hall. Come and experience the New England-like charm of picturesque Pultneyville!

As the date nears, more information and tickets will be available at www.w-phs.org.



May 18-21, 2023

Williamson
Apple Blossom
Festival



In Gratitude

The ROC City Ringers and their bells surely made a joyful sound in historic Gates Hall on April 23rd! It is with gratitude that W-PHS extends heartfelt Thanks to them for a most delightful and enjoyable concert. It was our pleasure to host this talented group whose passion for bells brought them together.

We are most appreciative to the ROC City Ringers for their continued support of ongoing preservation efforts of Gates Hall . . . the oldest, continuously active small community theatre in the nation. We Thank them for sharing their eclectic mix of “Folk Song to Fantasy” musical selections with us. The ROC City Ringers are a class act and we are grateful for the exceptional audience experience you brought to Pultneyville!

Photos courtesy of Peter Parts



“Local History Trivia Nights“

“BUFF” Team Takes 1st Place at the April 5th East Williamson Trivia Night!

After some tough questions and a brisk, friendly competition at the 2nd Local History Trivia Night sponsored by the W-PHS hosted by Embark Craft Ciderworks and Lagoner Farms, the “BUFF” Team again took first place!

With gratitude, we extend our Thanks to Pat and Gary Dick, East Williamson Question Masters, to Mitzie Lagoner and staff for hosting trivia night and to all who attended! A great time was had by all learning new things and sharing our “shared” history!

Congratulations to the April 5th “BUFF” team members as pictured below from left to right (front row) David and Karin Giudici, Susan DeNagel, Chana Bearce (back row) Robert Peters and Craig DeNagel.



**Thank You for your
Donation to W-PHS!**

In memory of Judy VerPlank
from Barbara Humphries, Bob & Jan DeRidder

Donation to Gates Hall Fund
from Judy Monahan



Setting the Scene for “At Samuel’s Tavern, And Thereabouts” Play Coming to Gates Hall Stage May 6 & 7

From the desk of Nanette Peters Hance as published in the Finger Lakes Times on April 15, 2023 as part of the Wayne County NY Bicentennial 2023 “Looking Back” column series.

Early settlers were beginning to permanently settle in the hamlet of Pultneyville already in 1806, just four short years after Williamson became a town in 1802, and well before the founding of Wayne County in 1823. Among Pultneyville’s earliest settlers were Captain Samuel Throop and his wife, Ruth Selby and two young children. Together, they traveled a dirt pathway through uncleared forests that led northward from Williamson’s four corners to the southern shore of Lake Ontario. Ending in what is now Pultneyville, a hamlet in the Town of Williamson, this was the place the Throop family, and many other early settlers, would call home.

One of seven children, Samuel was born to Benjamin and Rachael Brown Throop in 1779 in Lebanon, New London, CT, who were among the first settlers of Palmyra. Samuel Throop married Ruth Selby in 1797 in Middlebury, Vermont. According to the US New England Seaman’s Protection Certificate Index, 1796-1871, Samuel received his United States New England declaration on October 12, 1799. He was an experienced salt-water sailor and became a well-known Lake Captain, as documented on the Memorial Monument to the early Lake Captains of Pultneyville. Erected in 1935, this monument overlooks Lake Ontario where Mill and Washington Streets meet in a small park at lake’s edge welcoming visitors, from both near and far, along with history-filled Seaway Trail interpretive panels.

Samuel came to the area in 1805 that, at the time, was still part of Ontario County. He came to build a dam for a land company and settled in Pultneyville in 1806 when he and Ruth built a crude log cabin in which they lived until their frame home was finished in 1807. It was the first frame house built on land in the village where Samuel had proudly purchased three lots. It was in this house that the first tavern in the hamlet also resided until 1816.

Hard work, hard times and periods of difficulty, pangs of heartache and loss were certainly not strangers to the Throop family. After the hardships and challenges experienced with traveling and settling an undeveloped area like Pultneyville, they had also suffered devastating personal loss. Losing their first two children . . . Horatio, at just three years of age and infant, Julia Ann, both whom drowned in a tragic boating accident on Lake Ontario when visiting Pultneyville before settling there was heartbreaking. Sadly, it was another “first” for this family as their daughter, Julia Ann, was said to be the first person buried in Pultneyville.

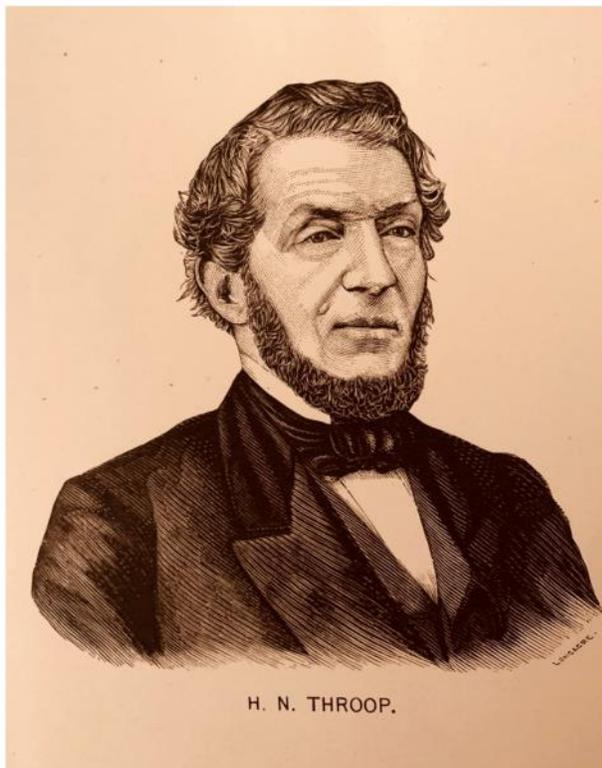
Later on in 1807, Samuel and Ruth welcomed another son, Horatio Nelson Throop who was the first European American male child born in Pultneyville. Following in his father’s footsteps, Captain H. N. Throop carried on family traditions with his love of the water and as shipbuilder and captain of both schooners and steamships. Horatio also became widely known for his experiments with wind driven machinery and screw propellers in the 1830s. Many of his prototypes can be seen on exhibit at the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society house. Also on display are half hull models of his ships and the cabin doors that saved his life when his ship, Sophia, sunk in 1827.

Setting the Scene...continued.

A family of “firsts” in the village, the Throops are remembered for building the “first” frame house in Pultneyville; for having the “first” public house and tavern in which their family also lived; for their daughter being the “first” to be buried in the village; for giving birth to the “first” European American male child in the village and last, but not least, Samuel himself, sailed the “first” vessel, Farmer, owned in Pultneyville in 1810 as documented on the Lake Captain’s monument.

Samuel Throop lost his well-lived life in 1819, at just forty years old. He drowned while attempting to enter Sodus Bay in a gale and was later laid to rest in Pultneyville’s Lakeview Cemetery. He saw and accomplished a lot in his short life and is credited with being instrumental in settling the area in accordance with a plan laid out by J. W. Hallett, land agent of the Pultney Estate.

Together, as we continue to commemorate the Wayne County Bicentennial throughout 2023, there are many opportunities that take us back in time and celebrate our history. One such opportunity to look back is through an original play to be presented in



H. N. THROOP.

Captain H. N. Throop 1807-1884

May by the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS). Motivated by three of Samuel Throop’s tavern journals which reside in the W-PHS archives, “*At Samuel’s Tavern, And Thereabouts*” reveals satisfactions, frustrations and merriment of the pioneering Throop family, along with a colorful cast of characters who portray other early settlers who also forged their unique paths through the wilderness to Pultneyville.

Written by W-PHS playwright, Irene Bierer, the play will be presented on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th at historic Gates Hall, 4107 Lake Road in Pultneyville. Nearly two hundred years old, the primitive ambiance of historic Gates Hall . . . the oldest continuously active small community theatre in the United States, appropriately sets the scene for this production. Please visit www.w-phs.org for details and ticket information for this Bicentennial event that takes us back in time to the settlement of northern Wayne County on the southern shore of Lake Ontario in Pultneyville.



Lake Captains Monument in Pultneyville

Pultneyville Recollections

W-PHS is pleased to present Part 1 in a series of three articles as written by Mr. Philip (Pete) Rupert who summered in Pultneyville from childhood through adulthood, and was a visitor on many special family occasions. Mr. Rupert has fond recollections of his time in Pultneyville and of the people he spent time with.

While today, Mr. Rupert is a resident of Rochester, Pultneyville holds a special place in his heart as recalled in this three-part series. Enjoy!

Part One: The Graeper Sisters

Submitted by Philip (Pete) Rupert

My four aunts and their connection to the historic Captain Throop House in Pultneyville began in 1927 when they rented the house for a short visit in the summer of 1927. Subsequently, they purchased the property in 1929. This was just six months prior to the 1929 Great Depression, surely a difficult time for the sisters to make an investment in an historic property. But these were special women -- all with college degrees and employed in professions that allowed them to pitch in and gain ownership together. They envisioned the home and special community as the perfect place for their summer residence.

Known as the Graeper Sisters -- Emma, Carolyn, Martha and Olga were children of Reverend Henry and Caroline Graeper, along with my mother Otilie (Teal) an additional two sisters and two brothers.



The Graeper Family of 7 sisters and two brothers.

Photos courtesy of great nephew of the Graeper sisters, James Doty of Rochester, whose mother, Carol Doty, niece of the Graeper Sisters, once lived in the Captain Throop residence.

Aunt Emma, graduated from Syracuse University was second born and the leader of the sisterhood. She had taught at Mechanics Institute, a precursor of RIT. She had a long-held vision of ownership in a Tea Room which she added to the Throop House, called "The Woodshed." The date of that construction is not known.



Emma Graeper, Proprietor of the Woodshed and Tea Room at the entrance to the Woodshed. Emma passed away in Rochester at 107 years in 1987.

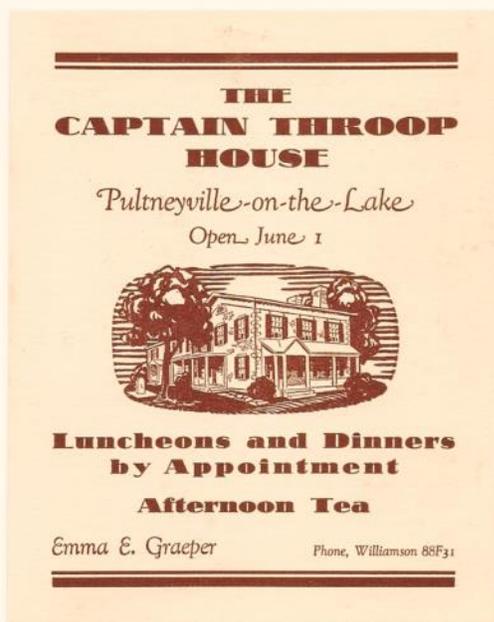


A "Woodshed" rubberstamp

Aunt Martha earned a master's degree at Columbia University and went on to become a college professor teaching future kindergarten teachers at Potsdam Teachers College (now SUNY Potsdam) in the north country. She believed in the necessity of play time for young children, and her advocacy led to the adoption of the concept by New York State and incorporated into the curriculum. Martha was way ahead of the times in the field of education.

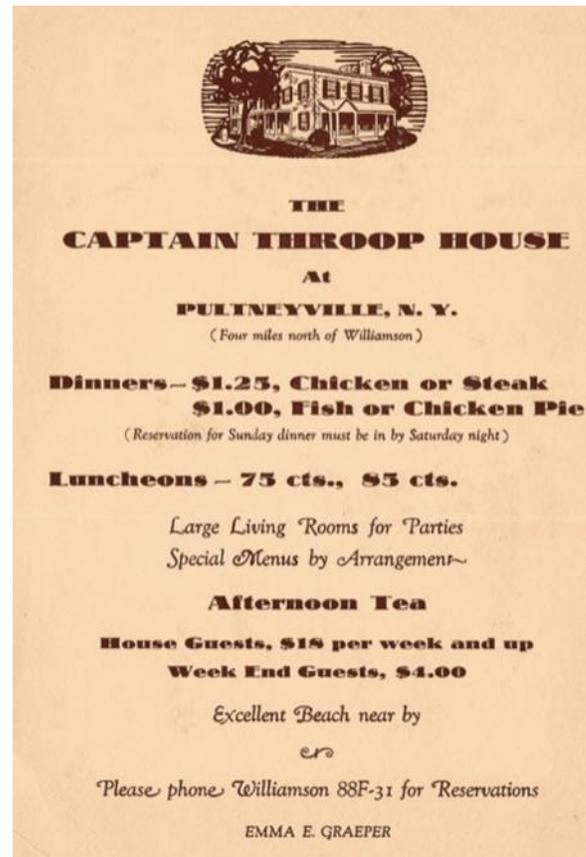
Carolyn was a Doctor of Optometry; she had an office in downtown Rochester which I visited many times. Later in life she opened an office in Williamson, just down the road from Pultneyville. Many of her patients were migrant workers that were prevalent in picking crops at that time. "Connie" as we called her, was very important to the migrant community residing in the Sodus and Pultneyville area supporting the agriculture business. It's hard to pick crops if you have vision issues.

Olga, the youngest of the sisters, graduated from Smith College with a degree in Social Work and was employed in the Rochester School system for many years. Oggie as we called her was very involved with troubled children, some from several prominent families. There were times when she would have a very hard time with the stress, she would always marshal through her migraine headaches. Oggie was a very warm, loving person.



Caroline Graeper, the mother of these four sisters died in her early 60s. This required Emma to leave a good teaching position in New Jersey to return to Rochester to see to it that the remaining three sisters were cared for, grew up and went to college. No wonder Emma desired to have her own little Tea Room.

My four Aunts had a residence in Rochester at 130 Commonwealth Rd, just across the street from our house at 159 Commonwealth Rd. Being surrounded by their love and kindness was a lifelong blessing. The Rupert family -- both my sister Carol and I, along with our children John, Jim, Beth, Meg and my daughter Brette benefitted from living close to them in Rochester, and spending great Pultneyville summers. I am sure that you get the picture.



Attribution:

- 1789 History of Wayne County New York 1877
- Wayne County Historical sites Throop-Graeper Cobblestone
- Crooked Lake Review Winter 2001 Horatio Nelson Throop by James Van Cleve
- March 29th, 2010, Throop, and the Underground Railroad



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PHOTOS FROM YESTERYEAR

By Dan Montondo

Dr. Josiah Bennett settled in Williamson in 1815 purchasing 400 acres of land on the north side of Ridge Road just east of the village, from this we get the name Bennett Street. Dr. Bennett married Ruth Reeves the daughter of the local miller.



Dr. Westal and Mary Bennett Ward in front of their home circa 1915. (W-PHS # 2012.0010)

until his death in 1928 and Mrs. Ward lived there until her death in 1936. After Mary Ward's death the property was sold and converted into the service station configuration we are familiar with. A photograph on the Wayne Historian's website circa 1940 shows the name of the service station as "Fox & ???."

*Fox & ?? circa 1940
(Wayne County Historians
[Cobblestone house - gas station](http://waynehistorians.org)
waynehistorians.org)*



In 1838 he had a cobblestone house built for his son Myron (a farmer) and his wife Mary Fish Bennett. This house is what recent Williamson generations know as the Cobblestone Gas Station. The farm must have been successful because the obituary of their only surviving child Mary shows that after attending the village school she then attended "Mrs. Nichols Private School" in Rochester and from there went on the "French School for Young Ladies" in New Orleans, LA.

In 1882 Mary Ward was wed to Dr. Westal W. Ward of Rochester who then set up a practice in Williamson in the cobblestone house. The earliest photo we have of the house is of Mary and Westal Ward in front of the house circa 1915. Dr. Ward built a wooden addition on the east side of the house which served as his office. He continued to live and practice from the house



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PHOTOS FROM YESTERYEAR

By Dan Montondo

A Montondo family photo album has an undated photo of a young Frank Montondo Jr. and his car in front of the “Corteville & McCormick” service station. The photo would have been taken in the 1940s either before Frank entered the service or after his discharge.

When I was a teenager we knew the business as Bill Case’s Service Station, later it became Rick’s Auto Service and from there it became neglected and is now a derelict public nuisance.



*Rick's Garage circa 1982
(W-PHS # 2007.0340)*



*Frank Montondo Jr. in front of
Corteville & McCormick's garage*



Rick's Garage today



Spring On the Grounds

The gardening group is officially up and running—well, maybe not running but definitely busy with spring chores.

April is always busy. Many sticks came down from the trees and need to be picked up before mowing season begins. Pine cones are also unfriendly to the mowers and get gathered as well. We will also be weeding as soon as the garden beds dry out and trimming back any plants that need it. We raked out the border outside the picket fence so the bulbs planted there can show off. There is more raking in store as leaves pile up whenever the wind blows.

In May we will benefit from Day of Caring when the W-PHS properties get spruced up whether inside the buildings or outside on the grounds. Annuals will be planted, everything gets a dose of plant food and we are hoping to get a new tree planted in the park to replace one that got injured last fall. If you have any time on Thursday, May 11th, there will be volunteers working from about 8:30am till about 2:30 in the afternoon. Come for all or part of the day and lend a hand to make our properties look great for the rest of the spring, summer and fall.

We are always glad to welcome new gardeners to our group. Just come on any Tuesday morning from 9-10am. Bring your gloves and favorite tools and we'll find a task you can try, be it trimming, weeding, raking, etc.! We only work when the weather is nice—no cold or wet—and manage to make the hour fly by.

The birds are singing, the tulips and daffodils are getting ready to put on a show and Pultneyville is waking up after a winter's sleep. Hope to see you around the hamlet—

Lynda Parmelee



Volunteers Needed
DAY OF CARING MAY 11, 2023

Please call 315.589.9892 and leave a message to sign up.



Wayne County Bicentennial Events in 2023

May 13, 2023 - Bicentennial Gala

Dinner, dancing, and featured keynote speaker, John Kucko, at the Ballroom at Carey Lake in Walworth. Patti Holdraker (Walworth), Committee Chair. (5:30pm to 10:00pm)

August 14 through 18, 2023 - Torch Relay

200 designated torch carrying runners will run 200 miles throughout Wayne County, accompanied by other runners and vehicle escorts concluding in Palmyra in time for the Wayne County Fair Parade on Friday evening, August 18. A special invitation to young runners to participate in several laps around the Sodus track is planned. Jeff Washburn (Newark), Committee Chair.

August 19, 2023 - Family Fun Day

Held in conjunction with the Wayne County Fair. This event will host a variety of family friendly activities, including storytellers, historic music performers, re-enactors, historic portrayals, heritage craft demonstrations, and community mural painting. (10:00am to 3:00pm)

Heritage Music Series – Dates TBD (June 15, 7pm. See Page 16)

The Bicentennial Committee is planning to include another dimension to the historical focus of celebrating Wayne County's history - a celebration of the heritage of our shared history through music. This would run throughout 2023 to include various performances from select musical groups covering a wide array of musical genres, subjects, and backgrounds. We strongly believe this kind of community enrichment will have a long-lasting impact on the Wayne County community and will be an excellent addition to the celebration of Wayne County's 200 years.

Dedication of 16 Historic Markers

Currently being created to commemorate the founding of our County and the 15 towns, each marker will give the founding date, what it was divided from and the origin of the name. These cast aluminum markers with a Bicentennial Logo will last for decades as a reminder of our history. With funding provided by Wayne County, these markers are an excellent commemorative gift from the county to each town.

For more details, go to:

<https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/541/Bicentennial-Events>

Or

www.facebook.com/waynecounty200

WayneCounty200.com

Wayne County Bicentennial Gala

Saturday, May 13, 2023

You are all invited to...

Celebrate

200 Years since the
founding of
Wayne County!



Guest Speaker
John Kucko of Kucko
Digital and WROC-TV



Enjoy an evening of Historic Proportions with General “Mad” Anthony Wayne

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. with Mingling & Cash bar, Music and Dancing

Followed at 6:30 p.m. with Delicious Carving Station Buffet Dinner

Formal Photographer, Historic town displays and slide show

Ending with a fantastic display of Fireworks.

A Wayne County Bicentennial Event

Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

[The Ballroom at Carey Lake](#) 959 Walworth Penfield Rd (Rt 441)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW—\$50 PER PERSON
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The **Wayne County Bicentennial Committee** proudly presents the **Heritage Music Series**.

The first of our series of programs begins with a **concert harmonized with a history lesson** featuring Professor Jim Kimball and Folklorist Karen Canning.

Tunes, Dances and Stories: a Sampling from Central and Western New York History

Thursday, June 15 at 7 PM

At the Ohmann Theater, 65 William Street, Lyons, NY



Music professor, Jim Kimball and folklorist, Karen Canning will give a program on music and musicians relating to old-time dance history in rural New York, focusing on Wayne and surrounding counties. They will perform tunes in traditional manner and read from period diaries and news sources and interviews with old timers. Materials referenced by display or projection will include historical dance cards and advertisements. Instrumental music will focus on the fiddle, the most important in old-time dance accompaniment, but may also include jaw harp, mouth organ, banjo, cello, pump organ and others.

This program is **FREE** and open to the public thanks to financial support from the Robert G. Boehmler Community Foundation and our Wayne County Bicentennial Sponsors.

Be sure to watch our website for other programs and activities.

www.waynecounty200.com



"Wayne County is Historic to the Core!"



Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

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

Membership Form

Mail completed form to: Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 92, Pultneyville NY 14538
 Tax deductible membership dues are effective for 12 months from the date payment is received.

Please include information for both adults. E-mail is required to receive newsletters.

Name _____ Name _____
 Phone# _____ Phone# _____
 E-mail _____ E-mail _____
 Mailing Address _____ Mailing Address _____
 City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Residential Address _____ Residential Address _____
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 Would you like communications sent via email, text, or both? _____ Would you like communications sent via email, text, or both? _____

Basic Category	Annual Cost	Business Category	Annual Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	Single: \$25, Couple: \$35, Family: \$40*	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Partner	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	Single: \$50, Couple: \$60, Family: \$65*	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Advocate	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer	\$125	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Associate	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Benefactor	\$500 and above
<input type="checkbox"/> Legacy	\$500 and above		

* Includes immediate family members only including children 18 years of age and younger

Membership Benefits

Basic Categories

Friend: W-PHS Newsletter, E-NEWS Blasts, Admission to Exhibits at W-PHS House and W-PHS Programs (excludes special ticketed events).
Patron: All Friend benefits *plus* a "Behind-the-Scenes" Guided Tour of Gates Hall.
Sustainer – All Patron benefits *plus* NARM Reciprocal Membership.
Benefactor – All Sustainer benefits *plus* one basic use of Gates Hall (date and use to be approved by Gates Hall Committee).
Legacy – All Benefactor benefits *plus* eligibility to serve on W-PHS Advisory Council to Membership Committee and opportunity to attend Exhibits Preview Event.

Business Categories

Partner – Basic Friend benefits *plus* business card listing on website and business listing in all newsletters.
Advocate – Partner benefits *plus* NARM Reciprocal Membership.
Associate – Advocate benefits *plus* one basic complimentary use of Gates Hall (date and use as approved by Gates Hall Committee).
Benefactor – Associate benefits *plus* eligibility to serve on W-PHS Advisory Council to Property Committee and opportunity to attend Exhibits Preview Event.

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 in 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 check areas of interest for volunteering

Homecoming / Garage Sale Cemetery Tour Exhibits / Archives Activities
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 Gift Shop Membership Officer / Committee Chair

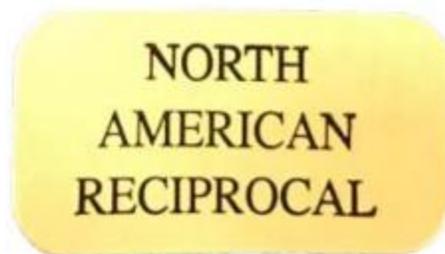
Other: _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____ for _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ for the membership dues and/or donation as shown above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please contact W-PHS (email treasurer@w-phs.org) with any questions about ways to give which extend beyond membership. Thank you for your consideration!



North America Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM)

As W-PHS strives to broaden member benefits, we now hold an institutional membership in the North America Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM) through which we can offer a higher level of membership which extends benefits well beyond our own organization. Membership levels at \$125 or above now include reciprocal NARM benefits which entitle members to free, or reduced, admission and varying shop discounts at over 1,000 institutions across North America. The NARM network includes art museums and galleries, historical museums and societies, botanical gardens, children's museums, zoos, and more across the United States, Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. For a complete listing of participating institutions, please visit narmassociation.org.

W-PHS members at the \$125 level or above will receive membership cards bearing NARM identification for use at participating venues. Some in our immediate area include the Memorial Art Gallery, George Eastman Museum, Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum, the Seneca Falls Heritage and Tourism Center, and the Finger Lakes Boating Museum where the W-PHS historic Minnehaha wooden boat is currently on loan.

About the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Founded in 1964 and chartered in 1971, the mission of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is to preserve, protect and share local history of the Town of Williamson, NY, in general, and the unincorporated hamlet of Pultneyville in particular, by creating curiosity, inspiring involvement, and providing exceptional experiences by making history come alive.

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 mid-June through mid-October 1-4pm Friday through Sunday or by Special Appointment by calling 315.589.9892.

W-PHS Board Meetings Information and Program/Event Cancellation Policy

W-PHS Board meetings are generally scheduled to be held at Gates Hall at 4107 Mill Street, Pultneyville at 5 pm on 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 meeting schedule is also published in every newsletter.

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 2023

JANUARY 30

MARCH 27

MAY 22

JUNE 26

AUGUST 28

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 27

All Board Meetings will be held in Gates Hall at 5:00 pm unless noted otherwise on www.w-phs.org

Contact us:

On the web: www.w-phs.org
phone: 315.589.9892

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

To become a member, go to www.w-phs.org and click on the Membership tab.

Newsletter ideas?

Send to Barbara Crawford, Editor at news@w-phs.org

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In addition to the Board of Trustees the work of W-PHS is supported by the following committees, leaders and coordinators for specific purposes as needed. Leaders and Coordinators attend Board meetings at the request of the Secretary or as deemed necessary and requested by committee leaders which include, but is not limited to:

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