

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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From Your President

As our sunny weather days with beautiful blue skies and “sunsational” sunrises and sunsets slowly fade, it’s time to turn our attention to crisp Fall days and events as we bid a fond farewell to a very busy Summer! While a season filled with so many opportunities, it was wonderful to see activities and events again come to life that we once enjoyed.



One such Summer event was the return of Pultneyville Homecoming which is sponsored by the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS). It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the many efforts of an enthusiastic and energetic community committee, under the leadership of Peter Parts, that presented a “something for everyone” event on July 22nd. This event brought our community closer together in many different ways ... from our “Painted Pig” Contest to the parade, Pultneyville Potatoes, and music to the spectacular display of fireworks which concluded the event. Homecoming 2023 was truly a community celebration that created a greater sense of pride and place which so often are taken for granted. With gratitude, W-PHS expresses heartfelt thanks and appreciation to one and all for planning and ensuring the return and success of this exceptional event and to those whose generous donations made this event a reality.

In addition to Homecoming, we have much to celebrate! The W-PHS house is open to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4pm thanks to many volunteers and docents. Our visitors are now greeted by the pristine presence of a white and repaired picket fence thanks to the efforts of volunteers for which we are most grateful. Also with thanks to organizer Dottie Howland, members enjoyed our annual mid-Summer Picnic and three rounds of Local History Trivia on August 2nd.

Many also recently enjoyed the voice and piano music of multi-talented Thomas DeFisher in his inaugural benefit performance on our Gates Hall stage. Even though it was the most sweltering night of the summer, he delighted the senses of a full house! Playing piano since the age of 5, Thomas is a Williamson Central School District graduate currently attending Wheaton College Conservatory of Music pursuing a degree in Music and Music Education. All proceeds from ticket sales directly benefitted the Gates Hall Preservation and Gates Hall Performance Funds. We express sincere appreciation to Thomas for sharing his gift of music and his generosity. Stay tuned for his next appearance in December!



Looking ahead we will also have a busy Fall! On September 9th under the leadership of Deb Parts, W-PHS will present its “Picturesque Pultneyville Tour of Homes” which promises to be an exceptional experience offering a glimpse into some of Pultneyville's finest architecturally significant and beautiful historic properties. For tickets, please visit <https://picturesque-pultneyville-tour-of-homes-tickets.eventbrite.com>.

Partnering with the Wayne County Bicentennial Committee and its Heritage Music Series, W-PHS will host the Bicentennial’s Civil War Tribute on Sunday, September 17th from 1pm - 6pm in Pultneyville at Gates Hall, Centennial Park and at the Lakeview Cemetery. The event will feature speakers, exhibits and musical performances, including a 4pm performance by the Excelsior Cornet Band, New York State’s only authentic Civil War Band. The day will conclude with a Tribute to Civil War Soldiers at the Civil War Monument in Lakeview Cemetery at 6pm. This event and all related activities are free and open to the public, including complimentary admission to the W-PHS house exhibits from 1-4pm. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy the activities from start to finish!

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Looking ahead we hope you will join us for the following events:

- September 30th, Bruce Wayne McLellan will be center stage at Gates Hall at 7pm. Tickets and details are available at www.w-phs.org.
- October 4th W-PHS programs resume with Finger Lakes Stories presented by Scott Kime.
- October 9th W-PHS Columbus Day Family Cider Pressing Event.
- October 21st Moonlight Cemetery Tours.
- November 1st W-PHS Annual Meeting.

Be sure to watch your inbox for W-PHS E-NEWS and visit our website at www.w-phs.org for additional program/event details as available.

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10th for the return performance of A Christmas Carol with Kim Tenreiro to the Gates Hall stage as his one man, two act show sets the scene for the holidays.

As always, W-PHS gratefully acknowledges the support of our members, volunteers, friends, docents, donors, performing artists, sponsors, and all who quietly work behind the scenes to make all things possible. It is with your support that we are able to further our mission to provide exceptional experiences, and at the same time, preserve our past and shared history.

Regards,

Nan

Nanette P. Hance

President

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

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We Need YOU!

There's still time and still a need for volunteers to act as docents for our home tour, Picturesque Pultneyville, on Saturday, September 9th.

Shifts are from 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm or volunteer for a full day from 10am-4pm. Please consider donating your time for this fundraiser for W-PHS. We promise you'll have fun!

If you can help, please contact Charlotte Buehler at ckbuehler@icloud.com asap. Thank you for considering!

W A N T E D!

Committee Chair and Volunteers for

October 21st
Moonlight Cemetery
"Meet the Spirits" Tour

Call 315.589.9892 & please leave message
Thank You!

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Presents



Picturesque Pultneyville Tour of Homes

**Saturday, September 9, 2023
10am - 4pm**

**Advance tickets \$25
On sale at w-phs.org
(\$30 at the door)**

Join us for the Picturesque Pultneyville Tour of Homes on Saturday, September 9, 2023, starting at 10:00 AM. This in-person event invites you to explore the charming hamlet of Pultneyville, beginning at Gates Hall, 4107 Lake Road, Pultneyville, NY 14538.

Immerse yourself in the rich history and architectural beauty of Pultneyville as you stroll through a selection of exquisite homes. Discover the unique stories behind each house, marvel at their distinctive designs, and be inspired by the creativity of the homeowners.

During the tour, you'll have the opportunity to interact with friendly locals and fellow enthusiasts, sharing your admiration for these picturesque homes. Take your time to appreciate the intricate details, lush gardens, and stunning views that make Pultneyville a hidden gem.

Whether you're a history buff, an architecture lover, or simply seeking a delightful day out, the Picturesque Pultneyville Tour of Homes promises an unforgettable experience. Come and be captivated by the beauty and charm of this quaint lakeside community.

Sponsored by Altra Rental & Supply on Rt 104 in the town of Ontario, this tour offers the opportunity to:

- explore our quaint hamlet as you tour some of our historic and picturesque homes including the oft admired Cragg mansion and the recently remodeled Captain Throop house, both pictured above
- take a walk down Pig Lane and admire the art along the way
- hear a pretour talk by Williamson town historian, Perry Howland, at Gates Hall, America's oldest continuously used small theatre (repeated at 1 pm)
- listen to the joyful noise of an organ concert on a brand new Allen organ at the Methodist Church and of the Reformed Church's lovely carillon throughout the day
- visit the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society's house (W-PHS) and view the exhibits and 1812 Peace Garden
- enjoy a meal or snack and maybe even a wine or cider tasting at several local venues
- have a fun, educational, and relaxing day in Picturesque Pultneyville

The W-PHS Home Tour Committee thanks
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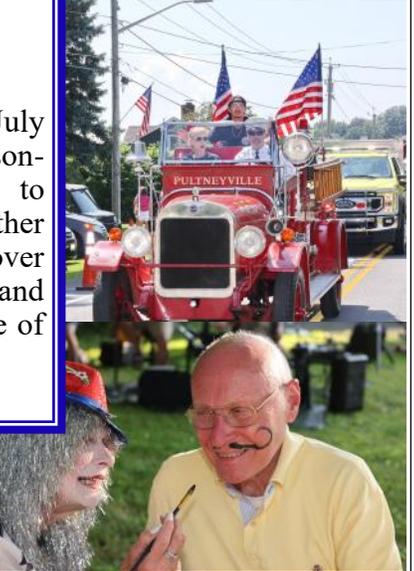
Jim Pedulla & Judy Fishgold, owners

Don't miss their equipment showcase located near
Historic Gates Hall on September 9th!



Pultneyville Homecoming 2023
 Photos by Peter Parts

“Pultneyville Homecoming 2023” on Saturday, July 22, was an absolutely picture perfect day! Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS) wants to thank the entire Homecoming Committee and other volunteers who worked tirelessly planning over several months! We thank those who attended and joined in the festivities. It was lovely to see people of all ages come and celebrate their “hometown”!



Pultneyville Homecoming 2023 includes Pomeroy Marker Dedication

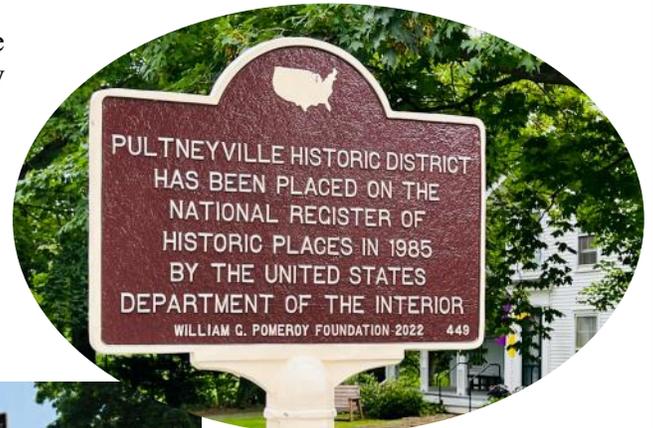
The Pultneyville Historic District was placed on the New York State and National Registry of Historic Places in 1985. And on Homecoming Saturday this year, July 22, a new marker was dedicated and unveiled to honor and remember all of the hard work and data gathering it took to achieve this honor by former Town Historian Chester Peters and a dedicated group of volunteers.

The now Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society was begun in 1964 by Chet and a small group of history-minded residents. It was ten years later, in 1974, that this fledgling organization took it upon themselves to get this historic hamlet listed on the State and National Registry of Historic Places. While people and circumstances changed, the original core led by Chet were able to reach this goal in 1985.

The Pultneyville Historic District included thirty-five properties (thirty-three contributing primary structures and eighteen contributing outbuildings). The thirty-seven acre parcel included mostly well-crafted, modest to relatively sophisticated Federal and Greek Revival style frame dwellings built between 1810 to the 1890's. You can work your way from the new Pomeroy Marker up Mill Street, down Washington to Jay Street enjoying the styles and craftsmanship that went into the building of these structures. The south boundary property at 7826 Jay Street is also the only working farm in the district and the acreage and outbuildings reflect the historic agricultural use of the property, which is characteristic of our predominately rural hamlet and town.

Following a dedication of the new marker by Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society President Nan Peters Hance for the Peters Family, Kathryn Peters Peck and Robert Peters unveiled the new marker for all to see.

The marker was received thanks to a generous grant made to the Historical Society from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.



Kathryn Peters Peck and Robert B. Peters, daughter and son of the late Chester A. Peters, had the honor of unveiling the Pultneyville Historic District roadside marker.



Members of the Peters Family and relatives in attendance for Historic District Marker Dedication.



The crowd looks on as marker is unveiled.



W-PHS House Fence Gets Facelift

Submitted by Nanette P. Hance

Thanks to several volunteers under the leadership of Property Chair, Tom Hatch, the white picket fence which graces the W-PHS property on Mill Street got a face lift just in time for Homecoming 2023 and the Dedication of our Historic Marker.

After much deliberation about replacing the fence, as had been the plan, or repairing and painting it one more time, it was decided that given the times it was fiscally prudent to replace the rotted wood and give it a fresh coat of paint. And, what an improvement that was!

Thank You to all who volunteered for this facelift project . . . from power washing and repairs to painting, which truly gives our property a pristine presence in picturesque Pultneyville.

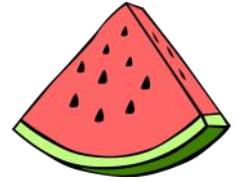
W-PHS is fortunate to have willing and knowledgeable volunteers to tackle jobs like this. In the spirit of collaboration, it was great to see our former property chair, David Frohlich, and Town Historian, Perry Howland, and others working side by side with Tom to get this job done despite a rainy season.



Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. If interested in volunteering to help with maintenance and improvement projects, please call 315.589.9892 and leave your name and number.

Recipe for a Good Time

Submitted by Dottie Howland



Mix a pleasant August night with the pavilion of the Pultneyville Mariners, add delicious food and a group of fun-loving people, sprinkle liberally with trivia questions about Williamson, East Williamson and Pultneyville and what do you have? A good time at the annual W-PHS picnic.

Thanks to the trivia moderators- Nan Hance, and Alice and Cliff Dodge, and the set-up and take down crew of Deb and Paul Arndt and Perry Howland for their contributions to making our annual picnic enjoyable for all. And, last but not least, kudos to all those who dared to take a chance on the trivia!



Travels with NARM

Submitted by The Martino's

Lou and Darlene recently spent a day visiting the Saratoga Race Track. They made an impromptu stop at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame across the street. On a whim, they checked the NARM website on the way in the door and were pleasantly surprised to discover their \$40 admission would be covered. The docent shared that visits to the Saratoga Automobile Museum and Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation Historic Site would be covered under NARM as well. Perhaps other W-PHS members might enjoy this trifecta!



**Thank you for your support of the
Williamson Trivia Night**

John & Karen Manahan

**Thank you for your support of the
East Williamson Trivia Night!**

Pat & Gary Dick

Thomas DeFisher at Gates Hall

On August 3, 2023, W-PHS hosted the talented Thomas DeFisher to an audience of nearly 100 people in the intimate Historic Gates Hall theater. Watch for future announcements regarding his anticipated return in December!



**Thank you for your donation to
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projector!**

Jon Sinclair

**Thank you for your donation in
memory of Peter Evans:**

Jeana Ganskop

W-PHS EVENT SCHEDULE



September 9	Picturesque Pultneyville W-PHS Tour of Homes*
September 17	Wayne County Bicentennial/W-PHS Civil War Tribute Gates Hall/ Centennial Park; demonstrations, exhibits and performances, 1-6pm Heritage Music Series Performances Gates Hall & Centennial Park, 2pm & 4pm Remembrance Tribute at Civil War Monument, Lakeview Cemetery, 6pm
September 30	Bruce McLellan in Concert, Gates Hall, 4pm*
October 4	Finger Lakes Stories presented by Scott Kime, Gates Hall, 7pm
October 9	W-PHS Columbus Day Family Cider Pressing Event, W-PHS House, 1-4pm
October 21	Moonlight “Meet the Spirits” Cemetery Tours at Lakeview Cemetery (please visit www.w-phs.org for details)
November 1	2023 W-PHS Annual Meeting and Program “Celebrating the W-PHS Story” Gates Hall, 7pm
November 8	Surviving the Holocaust with Sam Rind, Gates Hall, 7pm
December 10	“A Christmas Carol” with Kim Tenreiro at Gates Hall, 2pm*

*Tickets at www.w-phs.org

Updates online at www.w-phs.org and [Facebook.com/WilliamsonPultneyvilleHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsonPultneyvilleHistoricalSociety)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

***PICTURESQUE PULTNEYVILLE
TOUR of HOMES***
10am - 4pm

Presented by the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society. Advance sale tickets \$25; day of tour, \$30. Please refer to page 3 in this newsletter for details.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

***CIVIL WAR EVENTS & EXHIBITS in
historic PULTNEYVILLE***
1-6pm

Presented by the Wayne County NY Bicentennial 2023 Committee and the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society as part of Wayne County’s Heritage Music Series featuring the Excelsior Coronet Band, New York State’s only authentic Civil War brass band, and a special Remembrance Tribute at Civil War Monument in Lakeview Cemetery. This event is free and open to the public. See pages 9-11 for details.

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Jon Sinclair



Upcoming Fall Events

Sunday, September 17
at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. **

Don Dwyer
Music of the Civil War Revisited
and
Excelsior Cornet Band
Pultneyville Centennial Park

Saturday, October 14
at 2:00 p.m.

The Remarkable, Irresistible Erie
Music and Story Telling
Sodus High School
Performing Arts Theater

Sunday, October 22
at 2:00 p.m.

The Fiddlers of the Genesee
Marion High School

Sunday, November 5
at 6:30 p.m.

Todd Hobin
and the History of Rock 'n' Roll
Lyons Ohmann Theater



Don Dwyer is a musician, singer and songwriter from the Buffalo NY area and has shared the music and stories of the American Civil War with audiences in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and Tennessee.



The Excelsior Cornet Band is New York State's only authentic Civil War brass band. Founded in 2001, the band consists of a group of upstate New York musicians who are dedicated to the performance of original Civil War music on actual antique brass band instruments of the 1860's period.



"The Remarkable, Irresistible Erie" is a 90-minute musical concert which features songs by folklorist and historian George Ward, Canadian Joe Grant, Dan Berggren & Jean Ritchie along with other familiar traditional Erie songs. It presents songs and stories of people, places, and history of the original and enlarged Erie.



Fiddlers of the Genesee (FOG) is a not-for-profit 501.c (3) organization dedicated to bringing together people for the purpose of preserving, promoting and stimulating the tradition of Old-Time Fiddling in the Genesee River area of New York State and to play a variety of Fiddle Music.



Todd Hobin is an American composer and conductor whose performances are filled with historical references, thoughtful commentary, and songs from his extensive catalog.

Explore Discover Visit Celebrate



The Heritage Music Series is presented in partnership of the Wayne County Historical Society and the Wayne County Bicentennial and is made possible by a grant from the Robert G. Boehmler Community Foundation and through the generous contributions of our Wayne County Bicentennial Sponsors and other Bicentennial donors.



***More on this event on next page...*

It is an honor for Pultneyville and Gates Hall to host the September 17 Civil War Tribute, presented by the Wayne County Bicentennial. As part of this event, W-PHS will host a Tribute of Remembrance ceremony at 6pm at the Civil War Monument, Lakeview Cemetery. Please join us in acknowledging the sacrifice of our local Civil War soldiers. Attend for the entire afternoon to immerse yourself in the history and music of the era. This will truly be an event like none other and one you don't want to miss.

-Nanette Hance, W-PHS President



Bicentennial Heritage Music Series

September 17th Civil War Tribute in Pultneyville

Wayne County – August 28, 2023 – The Wayne County Bicentennial committee is continuing its yearlong celebration of the County's 200th anniversary with four upcoming musical performances in September, October and November. These events are being dubbed the Heritage Music Series which will feature professional musical performances that also deliver a history lesson in an entertaining way.



On Sunday, September 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Historic Gates Hall and Centennial Park across the street will host performers and presenters who will pay homage to our national history with a Civil War Tribute. The day begins at 1:00 p.m. with Civil War encampments. There will be speakers on the solemn recounting of funeral practices from the mid-19th century and Civil War medical history, plus a discussion about local Civil War soldiers. Attendees are invited to learn more about local Wayne County and Cayuga County men who served in the 111th New York Infantry Regiment. Descendants of these men are also actively being verified. There will also be a sampling of Civil War songs by Don Dwyer.

Headlining the day's events at 4:00 p.m. will be New York State's only authentic Civil War brass band, the Excelsior Cornet Band. Founded in 2001, the band consists of upstate New York musicians who are dedicated to the performance of original Civil War music on actual antique brass band instruments from the 1860's. They perform with a polished enthusiasm that brings the music of the Civil War brass band era to life. They also present a stunningly, authentic Civil War appearance during performances, wearing accurate reproductions of 1860s New York militia uniforms. The Band will play for approximately 90 minutes at Centennial Park, weather permitting, or in Gates Hall if needed. Attendees are asked to BYO seating for the park.



"Music of any era captures so much of our history," states Rosa Fox, Bicentennial co-chair and retired music teacher from North Rose-Wolcott school district. Fellow co-chair Gene Bavis, retired history teacher and co-founder of the Brantling Bluegrass Festival, agrees. "I personally can't think of a better way to learn about the past than to tap my foot and sing along."

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Immediately following the Heritage Music events, at 6:00 p.m. the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society will close out the Civil War Tribute with an acknowledgment of the personal sacrifice by local Civil War Soldiers. In a short ceremony at the 1865 Civil War monument in nearby Lakeview Cemetery, 3967 Lake Road, speakers will read the inscribed names of the 14 soldiers from Williamson and Pultneyville who lost their lives to help save the union. This will include a summary acknowledgment of all those soldiers from Wayne County who answered the call of President Abraham Lincoln in 1862 to fight for our nation.

Speakers will include Nanette Peters Hance, President of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society; Perry Howland, Town of Williamson Historian; George McGraw of Texas, the great grandson of Isaac Mullie who fought in Company D of the NY 111th Volunteer Regiment; Jay A. Peters, Chairman of Grounds Committee Lakeview Cemetery; and Susan Berardi, President NY Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Jonah and Kevin Sharp will play Taps as a wreath is placed upon the monument which was the first Civil War monument to be erected in New York State and is believed to be the oldest "private" Civil War monument erected in the United States.

Following the Civil War Tribute, the Heritage Music Series will continue October 14th at Sodus High School with songs from the Erie Canal as performed by The Remarkable, Irresistible Erie." Then on October 22nd at Marion High School, come stomp your feet and clap your hands with the Fiddlers of the Genesee. The last of the series will be November 5th with a more modern musical review from a local favorite, Todd Hobin, who will present and perform the History of Rock n Roll at the Ohmann Theatre in Lyons. These Heritage Music Series programs are FREE and open to the public thanks to financial support from the Robert G. Boehmler Community Foundation and our Wayne County Bicentennial Sponsors. For more information about these events and other Bicentennial projects, visit www.WayneCounty200.com.

*Submitted by Deb Hall
Bicentennial Committee Member*

W-PHS FALL PROGRAMS



Submitted by Nanette P. Hance

Everyone has a story to tell and W-PHS is pleased to announce its Fall 2023 program schedule which is intended to give voice to those with histories that may be different than our own. Such stories will broaden our awareness, understanding and appreciation for the histories of others in our region.

Please save the dates and join us for our October and November programs.

OCTOBER 4th, 7pm at Gates Hall

Finger Lakes Stories presented by Scott Kime

Scott is a self-proclaimed “Jack of all Trades” and is the Tourism Ambassador for the Finger Lakes Welcome Center in Geneva, NY where W-PHS currently has an exhibit featuring Captain H. N. Throop and his story. Having a wide array of talents, friends and experiences, Scott looks forward to an evening full of short stories and sprinkled-in smiles. While W-PHS programs are free and open to the public, it is Scott’s hope that attendees may consider making a donation to support continuing preservation efforts of Gates Hall.

NOVEMBER 1st, 7pm at Gates Hall

“Celebrating the W-PHS Story” at our 2023 Annual Meeting.

NOVEMBER 8th*, 7pm at Gates Hall

Surviving the Holocaust with Sam Rind of Brighton, NY, a Holocaust survivor, speaker and author. He will share his remarkable story with us about how he escaped the Nazis with the help of his mother. A child survivor from Poland, Sam often shares his story about fleeing from Poland to the Ukraine and how he and his mother made their way across Europe to Bolivia where Sam, at the age 10, could regain his childhood.

*Please note the date is the 2nd Wednesday for the November program because our Annual Meeting falls on first Monday which is November 1st.



Bruce Wayne McLellan

September 30, 2023

Gates Hall, 4:00 p.m

Performing Artist Providing an Experience to Remember

Bruce Wayne McLellan has touched people with his smooth, warm baritone vocals and distinctive style of guitar-playing reminiscent of James Taylor and Bill Withers. Bruce is a singer-songwriter whose wholesome, upbeat performances of acoustic Yacht Rock covers and originals deliver an experience to remember.

Playing to the Audience

Bruce draws from a wide range of music, allowing him to play to his audience, including the traditional music of Grand Old Opry and Jazz Standards and the contemporary sounds of John Mayer and Ed Sheeran. With fifty years of experience, he reads the room to match the music with the mood. Bruce Wayne has performed all over New England, Rochester, and the Finger Lakes region for over fifty years. In the past, he has performed at the University of Maine, Elmira College Wine Fest, Elmira College Family Weekend, Boulder Coffee, La Casa, the Memorial Art Gallery, Starbucks, Spot Cafe, the Blue Heron Festival, Engine 14, the Naples Brewing Company, the Naples Hotel, The Birdhouse, the NY Kitchen, the Eastside Grill, and the OSB Cidery, to name a few.

Tickets: \$15 /Adults, Children 17 & under with parent(s) free

Ticket proceeds will be donated to the Gates Hall Preservation & Gates Hall Performances Funds.

Pultneyville Recollections

Continuing the series of three articles, here is Part Two, as written by Mr. Philip (Pete) Rupert. In this article, Mr. Rupert recalls his knowledge of the Throop House, owned for a time by his sister.

After reading this article, we welcome you to visit (or re-visit) the W-PHS House which contains an extensive exhibit on Horatio Throop including his half hull models and “Sophia’s” life-saving cabinet doors, referenced by Mr. Rupert. Watch for Part 3 in our next newsletter.

Part Two: The Throop House

Submitted by Philip (Pete) Rupert

The “Phelps Gorham Land Purchase” was a very early designation of a large tract of land in the very early expansion of our country. This land purchase included “Pultney Estate.” The 1802 purchase included the settlement of Pultneyville which was established by Jacob Halley, a land agent for the estate.

Captain Samuel Throop, his wife Ruth, two boys and two daughters moved from Connecticut to Farmington in Ontario and then to Pultneyville. The captain was a seasoned ship captain with a great deal of experience. Captain Samuel Throop, while sailing a large vessel named the “Nancy” in attempting to reach the Sodus Harbor, capsized & drowned in a vicious lake storm. This left the captain’s wife Ruth with the job of raising two very precocious young boys.

The Captain Throop House was located on Lot 123 of Washington Street (later changed to 4184 Lake Rd). The first structure was a tavern which opened in 1816. The present cobblestone house was constructed in 1831- 1832 by the two sons of Captain Samuel Throop – Horatio and Washington Throop. Horatio was born on November 14, 1807. His brother, Washington, sometimes called Winford was born several years later.

The Homestead was kind of a work in progress. The Tavern first opened as stated in 1816 and there must have been some activity to sustain a business including social activities. Pultneyville being an early lake port surely had a great deal of activity. Taverns were established throughout various travel routes in the early expansion of our country. There was a need of socialization along with food distribution.

That established a foundational area in which the Throop family settled and built their permanent

residence the cobblestone house. Captain Throop built the cobblestone structure which was constructed in 1831 & 1832 with the help of his brother Winford in front of the Tavern. That tavern was attached to the cobblestone structure and turned it into a dining room and kitchen. The third addition was a large extension behind the tavern. This was an unfinished 2 story addition. The first floor was an unfinished large room. The second floor contained Captain Throop’s extensive workshop. This shop held many of his inventions. There were many half hull ship models some as long as 4 feet, along with several primitive ship screws that he was trying to perfect. Captain Throop was on the cutting edge of ship building and propulsion. The captain started building ship models at 14. At 16, he apprenticed with a fellow in Rochester named Russel Cole a noted ship builder at that time.

With this incorporation of the three structures together it comprised five bedrooms, a kitchen, and dining room with the large storing room behind the kitchen, along with the large Captain Throop workshop upstairs.



The Captain Throop House with front porch in days of the Tea Room and later, the Woodshed. Photo 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.

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In 1987 one other structure change was made. My sister Carol Doty purchased the property in 1977 from my Aunts. She incorporated space behind the kitchen to add a bedroom in for herself. Since there was an existing bathroom, it was also refurbished at that time. One very important artifact was on the wall in the space that my sister Carol moved into. This was a cabinet door that saved Captain Throop's life in one of his early vessels that capsized. This was a piece of a door off one of the "Sophia" cabinets that was sunk 4 miles from shore. That door was attached to the wall with the date of the accident with the captain's signature. On the 22nd of August 1827 a small schooner named "Sophia" six miles East of Sodus was sinking in a bad Lake Ontario storm and two members of the crew were lost. Captain Troop survived, swimming four miles to shore with the cabinet door. He travelled on foot five miles through Forest, along the beach shoeless to his house in Pultneyville. The amazing thing was he was only 19 years old and a seasoned lake captain at that time.

There was a large cellar under the cobblestone structure along with some of the dining room space above. The cellar encompassed two rooms with one very small room at the front of the cellar that was empty. Growing up this was a place we were told to stay out of. Nothing was directly said at that time regarding the Underground Railroad activity. More about that later.

One of the artifacts that has been in residence since the years of Captain Throop was statue of the Captain's Dog "Jeppa" which was bolted on the aft of ship named "Magic." "Jeppa" resided in a window ledge in front of the long stairway leading to the second story. "Jeppa" has kept watch of the historic grand cobblestone home for about two hundred years. "Jeppa" must have loved his adventures with the captain for his spirit was bolted to the Master's Ship.



During World War II, Pultneyville and the Throop House had a neighborhood Victory Garden located on the Graeper and Peters property that was used by several of our neighbors. In a conversation that I had with Nan at the Pultneyville Historical Society she had no memory of that, probably because I am 88 and

therefore, I was alive during the War. I have a memory of my Aunt Connie and I digging up the garden and planting seeds along with small plants in the spring. In the summer we picked vegetables. In the fall we harvested potatoes which was great fun, we counted each potato which appeared as the spade was lifted. In my conversation with Nan (Hance) she was shocked that part of her lawn had been a garden.

The Lake Port of Pultneyville was a very active point of commerce for lake going goods in the early 1800s. Long piers were established at the mouth of the Salmon Creek. There were several piers going out from behind Fred Harts Store jutting out into the lake. Growing up in "P" Town as we called Pultneyville we swam and fished around these broken up piers. To see this scene today it is hard to believe. Pultneyville must have been a fascinating bustling hamlet and lake port in the early years on Lake Ontario.



Photograph of Throop Home from the collection of Chester A. Peters and courtesy of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Archives.

Watch for Part 3 in our next newsletter.

Attribution

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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

In honor of Labor Day, we are presenting photographs of people and places of employment from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

This cobblestone building known as the “Beehive” was a gristmill located on the north side of east Main Street about where Gallo’s is now located. This photo would have been taken before July 4,1910 when a fire destroyed this section of Main Street. (2012.0003A)

The Old Land Mark,
Williamson, New York.



Brewer’s Blacksmith Shop was located on the north side of East Lake Rd across from Jay Street in Pultneyville. (Stuart Hotchkiss’ Digital Photo Collection 2020.0053)



Fishermen with their catch of Lake Sturgeon on a dock in Salmon Creek Pultneyville. (2007.0385)



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Before refrigerated storage, there were multiple dry houses in town for preserving apples. This photo is labelled "1905 Dry House Lake Rd Pultneyville, NY." (Chester Peters' Digital Photo Collection #0064)

Dunning's Cooper Shop where barrels were manufactured for shipping goods. (Stuart Hotchkiss' Digital Photo Collection 2020.0053)



Workers in the 1920's with a load of celery at Williamson Storage and Ice. (Chester Peters' Digital Photo Collection #01055)



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The First National Bank of Williamson (now Kuk Sool Won) on Main Street, the back lists “left to right George Stebbins, Mable Mahieu, Leeland Fuller, Mamie Sprague, at table Leeland Fuller, Ray Fuller brothers.” (2021.0060.08)

1915 D. C. Cottrell Livery Feed & Hitch Barn, on the east side of South Avenue (Rt 21) north of Prospect St., Williamson. (Chester Peters’ Digital Photo Collection #00631).



1914 Richardson’s Threshing Rigs on East Main Street Williamson, “Tassell & Fairbanks Plumbing, Heating, and Lighting” in the background was where Cole Income Tax Service is currently located. (Chester Peters’ Digital Photo Collection #00637)



Gardeners Celebrate the Bicentennial

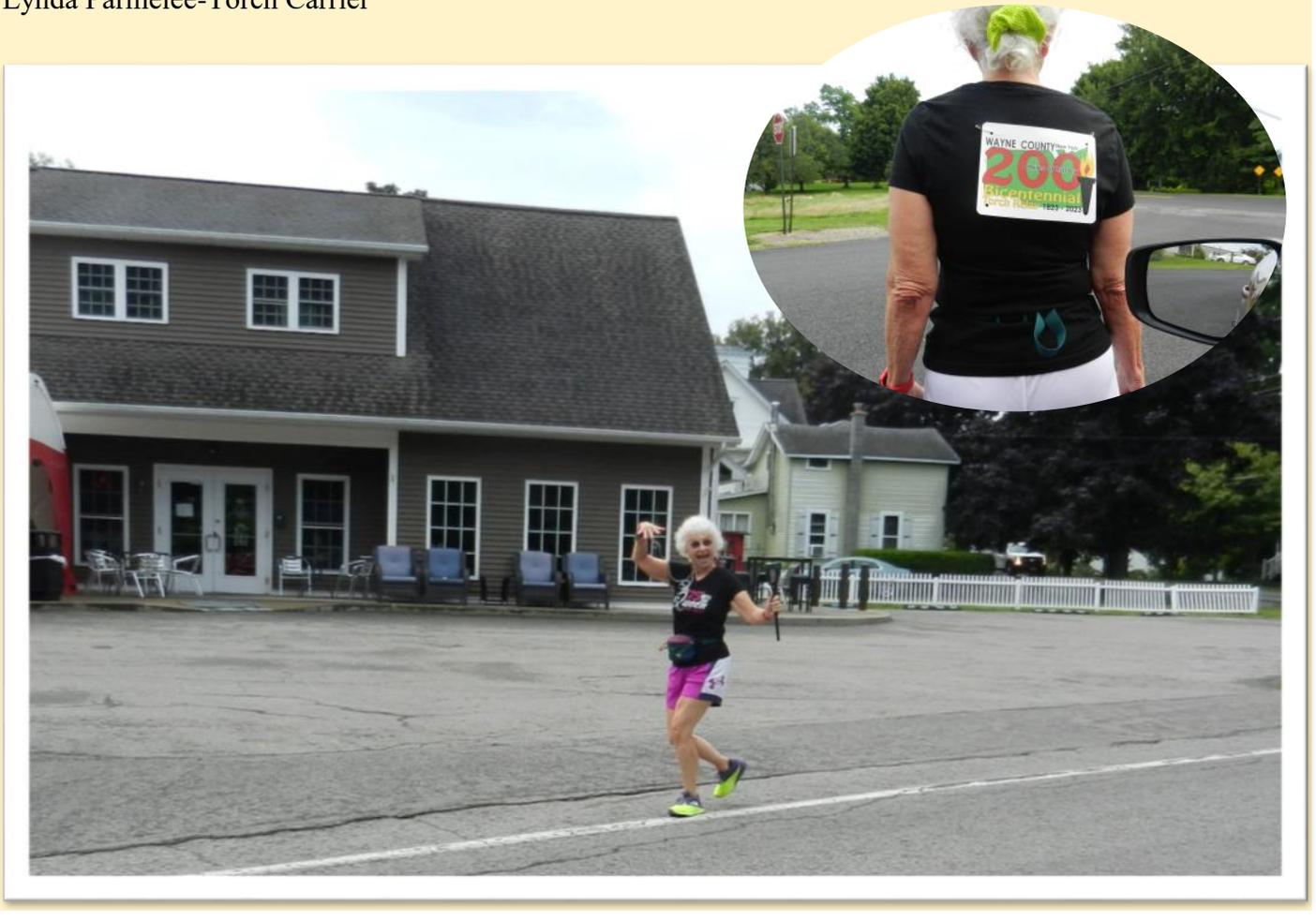
Tuesday, August 15th started off with sprinkles so we cancelled our gardening duties for the morning. Naturally, shortly after that, the rain stopped, but the Bicentennial Torch Relay took place rain or shine. Instead of weeding, the gardeners turned out to cheer on the runner that got the Pultneyville Mile in the relay!

The first staging area for Day #2 of the relay was at Gates Hall. There we picked up our race bib, tee-shirt and commemorative medal. The Pultneyville Mile started at the intersection of Salmon Creek Rd and Lake Ave. Then down to the corner of Lake Rd and Lake Ave. (Hamilton St), down Mill St, Washington and then down Jay St to the warehouse for the hand off to the next runner. All along the way there were familiar faces offering encouragement: many thanks to Joe Kozloski, Deb Parts, Sandy Zeman, Charlotte Buehler, Gary Buehler, Brian McCarthy, Gail McCarthy, Finn McCarthy, Dottie Howland, Perry Howland, Nan Hance and Bob Parmelee. All the enthusiasm made the jog lots of fun!!

Back to gardening chores next week so we'll be spiffed up for the Home Tour on September 9th.

Thanks a million!

Lynda Parmelee-Torch Carrier



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
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<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).
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Partner – Basic Friend benefits *plus* business card listing on website and business listing in all newsletters.
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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

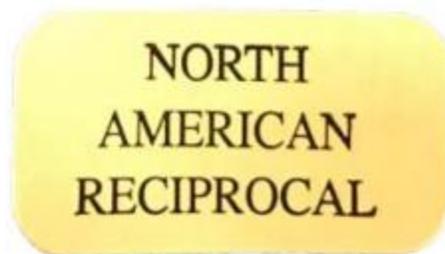
Other: _____

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:

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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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