



MARCELLUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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THE ALVORD HOUSE... *John Curtin*

At the turn of the 19th century, Marcellus was being settled by a number of pioneers, mainly from New England and the counties along the lower Hudson River. And at that time, Marcellus was a town which came to be traversed by what was then one of the main east-west routes of travel across the United States.

In 1801, Dr. Bildad Beach came to town and took over the medical practice of his brother Dr. Elnathan Beach (who had died at age forty). Dr. Bildad Beach also served in the war of 1812, and after the war, in 1815, built the tavern, later known as the Alvord House. After 1820, he is supposed to have retired from medical practice and devoted his energies to being an innkeeper. *(See Alvord House graphic on mailer)*

In time, the Alvord House became a major stage depot for the Auburn - Syracuse Stage line. One coach that stopped at the House carried General Marcus de LaFayette -- of American and French Revolutionary fame. On June 15, 1825, LaFayette stopped at the inn while on route from Auburn to lay the corner stone for the Bunker Hill Monument in Boston. Despite his arrival at 2:00 in the morning, a large number of Marcellians greeted him. He did not sleep at the inn, but moved on towards Onondaga Hill after his short visit.

In 1855, the tavern built by Dr. Bildad Beach (who died at the age of 35) was sold by its then owner, John Carpenter, to G. S. Warner and R. Warren Alvord. Alvord, who later became the sole owner and innkeeper, also opened a stage line between Marcellus, Marietta, Amber and Borodino for the next thirty years.

This was the golden age of country hotels. They provided lodging for many employees of local industry, as well as for "drummers," the term applied to traveling salesmen who came into town by stage and train to solicit orders from storekeepers and other business operators. The Alvord House advertised "good rooms, kind attention, good board, good livery and omnibus to all trains." It was during this era that the third floor ballroom was added to the old inn, with a dance floor reputed to be the best in the county. There was the potential for danger, however, since there was but a single exit down a narrow stairway.

In 1901, the Alvord House was sold to James Hogan and Edward Dillon, Sr. The Alvord House

advertised a dining room which could accommodate sixty-five customers at a sitting and the old-timers recalled that the hotel employed Irish girls as cooks, and served a good Sunday dinner for about fifty cents. The Alvord House also had a first-class livery, which rented horses and carriages to customers such as traveling salesmen and doctors and for special occasions such as funerals or weddings. And the Alvord House maintained a stable on the lot where the present Key Bank stands. In addition to horses and carriages, they offered a hearse for rent. Even the State Police, who used to patrol the highways on horseback, often stabled their horses in the hotel barn and spent the night at the hotel. The Alvord House would also serve as a dance hall, roller skating rink, town meeting place, temporary church and even hosted high school graduations.

In 1910, James Hogan was appointed Postmaster in Marcellus and sold his share of the Alvord House to Edward Dillon, Sr. and it has remained a family business to this day.

In 1913, the advocates of temperance prevailed, and the Town of Marcellus was voted "dry." The Alvord House, however, continued to remain open as an inn and restaurant.

In 1923, Edward Dillon, Sr. died and his wife, Julia Coyne Dillon, ran the establishment for a while. It was closed during Prohibition and leased to various proprietors including Gary and Nora Cornwell from 1929 - 1935. In October, 1935, Edward Dillon, Jr. and his sister, Mrs. Eloise York, became the proprietors of the Alvord House and reopened its bar. Fire destroyed the north end of the building in 1939 but the damage was repaired and the old landmark continued to provide housing for individuals in the rooms on the second floor, with the dining room, grill and family living quarters on the main floor.

Early on Sunday morning, November 18, 1973, the 158 year old Alvord House, which had survived the 1939 fire, was completely gutted by flames. No one was injured in the fire, but the old landmark, which had been witness to much of the history of the village, was a total loss. The Dillons, who had been considering retirement, decided to clear the site and rebuild their business. The family continues to own and operate the oldest business in the Village of Marcellus. The present one story building combining residence and grill was erected during the summer of 1974, and it remains today one of the landmarks of the Village of Marcellus. ■

SOME DREAMS DO COME TRUE . . .

Part Two, The Museum... *Michael Plumpton*

After creating the Marcellus Historical Society in 1960, people began to offer us artifacts for a museum. As we had no place to store or display the items, a search was started for a museum building. The Marcellus & Otisco Lake Railway station was no longer in use, so an effort was made to acquire the building. Unfortunately it could not be done at the time and the historic building was purchased by someone else and torn down.

In 1963, a well known Marcellus business man by the name of Stephen Hunt passed away. Mr. Hunt had a passion for local history and had collected many Marcellus artifacts. He displayed them in his own makeshift museum which was in the basement of his building at 19 East Main Street, what is known today as the Hunt building. He had made no provisions in his will as to what was to be done with the collection.

Lester Norris, the executor of Hunt's estate, had spoken to Steve several times about the collection and Steve had verbally indicated to him that he wanted the collection to go to the Historical Society. Thanks to Lester, the bulk of the collection came to us in early 1964.

At about the same time, the Marcellus Town Board offered the Historical Society use of the two rooms on the second floor of the town hall, which at that time was in the White Memorial Building at 18 East Main Street. We voted to accept the town's offer and with the help of a few good people, our first museum became a reality.

Those people included: Maynard Clark, Les Shaw, Bob Masters, Robert Harrison, myself and some others I can't recall at the moment. We constructed shelves in the new museum with lumber from the upper Crown Mill which was given by the Moir family. We had a good time getting ready to move in.

Maynard Clark built a storage closet to hold items which we did not wish to display at that time, but as any man knows, the women in the group had the last word. Mabel Hollenbeck and some of the other ladies found some pictures which we had placed in the closet and they made us hang them up.

After opening the new museum, people began donating artifacts to us on a regular basis. It wasn't long before we outgrew the two rooms. In 1968, the Village Board offered us use of the much larger second floor of the village hall at 6 Slocombe Ave. On April 21, 1968; we voted to move our museum to that location and that is where the museum remains today.

I was not living in Marcellus at that time, so I had very little to do with the move. Men such as my father John Plumpton, Roy Bennett and Dick Pollard among others, built tables for the few display cases we had at the time. Mary Bennett and Doris Matteson scrubbed the whole floor on their hands and knees just before the opening day.

At the time, many of us thought that we had more space than we could ever fill. How wrong we were! Our collection has once again outgrown its allotted space and we are hoping to move into a larger building.

Over the years, many other people have helped with the museum. During Stan Impson's term of office, he painted all of the walls in the museum. Stan passed the gavel to Bill Reagan in 1996 and supported the updates and changes in museum displays that Bill spent many hours doing in his first year as President. Stan passed away last year and we still miss him.

Under Bill's leadership, hard work and dedication to our local history, our Society has grown to over 700 members and the future of our history looks good. In future issues I will mention other people who have helped out through the years. ■



CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

Since we are now mailing this newsletter to members only, we are using mailing labels on each one. Check your label for any errors and let us know if you find any. Also, the year printed on your label is the last year for which you have paid dues. If your label says 1997, this will be your last newsletter unless you renew your membership. So check your mailing label and please keep your membership current. We really do appreciate your support! ■

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

You will see some changes in this issue of our newsletter. Our advertisers are now business members. We have organized them into a directory format, making it easier for our members to look up specific stores or services. This format also allowed us to lower the costs for businesses and to expand our text. Our newsletters will now contain more history articles and text than ever. We hope you like the new changes and if you have any local history stories that you would like to share, please jot them down and mail them in! ■

FROM THE GAVEL



This is a new column which will be featured in every issue. It will contain information about all business matters which were discussed at any M.H.S. meetings since the last newsletter. It is our hope to keep our membership informed and involved.

January 4, 1998 — General Meeting.

Members were reminded to renew their dues and that only members will receive the newsletter from now on. Membership reached an all-time high of 761 at year-end. It was decided to put the \$500 donation given in memory of Jean Moir Miller into the New Museum Fund. We will now have business memberships at \$25 per year instead of advertisers in our newsletters. The dues paid by businesses will support the newsletter and allow them a business directory listing in the newsletter. Our treasurer, Dick Smith, gave a report on the progress of our filing for 501C federal exempt status. The status will allow us to receive matching donations from employers. The application should be in by March.

February 1, 1998 — General Meeting.

A motion was passed to purchase several Marcellus milk bottles which we do not have in our collection from a Cortland bottle collector. Helen Tierney was thanked for the excellent job she did filling in for our treasurer while he was away during January. The possibility of our society producing a Marcellus history video similar to the Skaneateles Scrapbook series was discussed. A member offered to pay for one episode, which would cost about \$500. The idea is being looked into. Village officials wanted to know if we would be interested in putting our future new museum in part of the lower Crown Mill if it were to be developed. A majority of those present indicated that we would be interested. By a narrow vote, members present decided to mail out a survey on the proposed historic district to all members who live in Marcellus zip 13108. It cost \$37.67 to mail the survey to the 322 households. The results of the survey were: only one third were returned, approximately 58% in support of a district and 42% opposed.

February 11, 1998 — Officer's Meeting.

Eight of ten officers were present. Officers voted to give Doug Whitman a free membership in the Society for volunteering his services for the layout and design of our newsletter. It was decided that it is necessary to set up an official system for keeping track of those people who make donations of \$100 or more to the New Museum Fund for possible placement on a future plaque. The Correspondence Secretary will keep a log of such donations. Michael

Plumpton was reconfirmed as Curator of the museum and Bill Reagan was named Assistant Curator. It was decided to set up a formal program for providing reproductions of photographs in our collection to interested parties. A fee schedule will be created to cover the cost of the reproductions and for maintaining the collection. Members will receive a discount on photo reproductions. It was also decided that no original photographs or museum artifacts will be allowed outside of the museum unless absolutely necessary or for special exhibits and only with the permission of the Curator, or in his absence, the Assistant Curator. Key Bank is raising the fees on our checking account so our treasurer will talk with them and look into other banks. We discussed ways to get more members to attend meetings. Currently between 30 and 50 usually attend. It was decided that we need a volunteer to be responsible for wide publication of all monthly meetings. It was also decided to limit the monthly guest speaker's presentations to 20-30 minutes plus a question and answer period.

March 1, 1998 — General Meeting.

We discussed the need to find a less expensive way to maintain a checking account. Our treasurer is working on it. We reviewed the business which occurred at the officer's meeting and discussed the fact that the proposed historic preservation district is not targeted at Nojaim's Grocery Store, but rather is meant to protect historic buildings on Main Street in the long term. Members were reminded to renew membership. ■

Test Your Knowledge of Marcellus History

- A) The Mills Seed House on Rose Hill closed in 1943, 1953 or 1963?
- B) The upper Crown Woolen Mill closed in 1945, 1955 or 1965?
- C) The lower Crown Woolen Mill closed in 1941, 1951 or 1961?
- D) The Marcellus & Otisco Lake Railway closed in 1949, 1959 or 1969?
- E) The last trolley ran through Marcellus in 1930, 1940 or 1950?
- F) The original Alvord House burned down in 1963, 1973 or 1983?

ANSWERS: A) 1953 B) 1955 C) 1961 D) 1959 E) 1930 F) 1973

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT — *Bill Reagan*

As the six month moratorium on demolition of buildings in the village center comes to an end, I would like to make some final comments on the proposed historic district.

First, a local district would not be the same as a national district or the National Register of Historic Places. It would be 100% locally designed and controlled. The main purpose is to prevent the destruction of historic buildings, not to regulate what color a building can be painted.

Second, I have been trying to keep the proposed district and the Nojaim's expansion issues separate. Regular readers of this newsletter will note that I have not once mentioned Nojaim's on these pages before now.

The main issue with regards to the proposed expansion of Nojaim's is the loss of the "Hunt" building, the building which presently houses the liquor store. This building is historically significant to the village for several reasons. It was constructed on the foundation of the first framed structure ever built in Marcellus. That building burned about 170 years ago and the present building was constructed.

The "Hunt" building has a brick facade which was constructed of bricks which were hand manufactured at a brick yard which was located on the same property where the upper Crown Woolen Mill was. We believe that this is the only building left on Main Street which was constructed of the locally made bricks. The building has also housed many businesses in 170 years which were a significant part of our village history and it exhibits a historic architectural style which has all but disappeared from our Main Street.

We may well lose this building if that is what fate has in store, but it is my hope that if we do, it will raise awareness of the significance of the remaining historic buildings on our Main Street such as the Masonic Temple, the American Legion building, the White Memorial building and of course the three churches among many others.

This is where the proposed historic district comes in. It should not be easy to tear down these historic buildings. It should be difficult and preservation should be encouraged. These buildings are what gives the Marcellus Village character. They help to define what the Marcellus Village once was and what it can still be in the future. ■

Bill Reagan

THE OLD MILL ... *Sarah Welsh*

The willows gently sway above the stream,
Forget-me-nots sequestered in their shade,
The lily-pads in shimmering moonlight gleam,
While bullfrogs trumpet loud their serenade.

The old mill stands forbidding and forlorn,
A lonely sentinel upon the night,
Its dark reflection on the ripples borne,
A quasi-fort of majesty and might.



THIS 'N THATS

The Marcellus, Skaneateles Art Guild Show will be held at Marcellus Park on June 20th and 21st, 1998.

Thank you to Roger Trendowski for donating five rolls of film for our ongoing photograph preservation project. It is our goal to have negatives of each of the 3,000 photographs in our collection. Anyone can donate to this project.

Thank you to Don & Shirley Gallinger for donating several trays for a carousel type slide projector.

Thank you to Lake Country Veterinary Clinic for their generous donation to our New Museum Fund. ■

MARCELLUS THROUGH THE YEARS

Our newest book has been selling quite well. There are a couple of typos in the book that we have discovered which you may wish to correct in your copy. On page 7, the first postmaster was Jesse, not Jeffe; on page 14, the first fire barn was built in 1888, not 1884; and on page 18, the train is heading south, not north.

"*Marcellus Through The Years*" is a chronological history of Marcellus which covers the years 1794 through 1996 and contains twenty-five historic photographs. The book is available through our gift shop order form or at the town and village halls. ■

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need someone to help us sort out, clean and display the historic clothing that we have in our collection. This is an area where we are in extreme need of help. We also would like someone to volunteer to help publicize our monthly meetings. If you are interested or need more information please call Bill Reagan at 463-4160. ■

IN MEMORY OF TIM WOODS

Our New Museum Fund has received over \$700 in memory of member Timothy Woods who passed away on January 1, 1998. This is a wonderful tribute to Tim and we thank the community for its support. ■

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

Since our last issue, 40 more people joined our Society. The following people are new members or have renewed or extended their membership. (As of March 7, 1998.)

Bill & Carol Abbott; Brian & Debi Abbott; Hollis & Nancy Abbott; Mark & Lynn Abbott; Pearl M. Abbott; Margaret Abrahamson; Blanche Adkins; Dorothy C. Aitchison; Jacob E. Amidon; Katherine Arthur; Robert C. Atkinson; Dave & Sally Baily; Ruth Seeley Bauer; Scott Bedford; Anita Bedford-Cattin; John Bednarski; Peg & Bill Bell; Pat Blackler (Skaneateles Village Historian); Doug & Beverly Blanchard; Eva Briggs & family; Thomas Brilbeck; Akin & Joan Brill; Harold Brinkerhoff; Louis & Phyllis Budell; Lawrence C. Buffan; William H. Buffan; Sandy & Judy Battaglia; Priscilla Carmody; Harold & Marge Chapman; Chris Christensen; Dorothy John H. & Elsa M. Church; Charles & Victoria Clark; Helen & Phillip Clarke; Philip & Kathleen Coccia; William T. Cook; Ed & Marilyn Copely; Mr. & Mrs. John Corbett; Paul W. Costello; Kathy Coyne; John & Maureen Curtin; Hugh & Viola Darling; Arlene M. De Rito; Lee A. DiPaola; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Duffy; Suzanne Derge; June Fellows; Harold & Phyllis Fenner; Barbara Ferro; Esther-Marie Forster; Jean Forster; Kathleen Forster; Susan Forster Fraser; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Gallinger; Pat Gascon; Gary & Marylee Gates & family; Peg & Jim Girard & family; Mr. & Mrs. James Gonzalez & Jimmy; Doris Hagggett; Hubert B. Hall; David Hanke; Gerald & Judy Hunt & family; Homer & Betty Hunt; Stephen & Lori Kankus; Edward & Maureen Kantor; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Kapusansky; Gary Kavney; Steve & Carole Keeler & family; Doris S. & Frank W. Kelly; Jack & Eileen Kennedy; John & Nancy Knowlton & family; Zilpha "Skip" Lambert; Ronald & Janet Linderman; Rev. Ralph & Nancy Locke; Mary Losky; Suzie & John MacClurg; Dorothy Manahan; Sue March; David Marsden & Family; Anne K. McCarthy; Mary Ann McElroy; Peg & Jim McNally; David, Sandy & Chrissy Mealy; Agnes Meiers; Donald M. Mills; James & Arlene Milne; Stanley E. Munro; Francis P. Murphy Jr; James Murphy Jr; Robert D. Negus; Hugh & Ruth Oliver; Robert O'Neal; David E. Paccone; John H. Palen; Henry & Maria Palmowski; Levi Seymour & Mildred Parsons; J. Michael Plumpton; Tom Posecznick; Dick & Kathy Powell; Bud & Betty Pursey; Patrick J. Reagan; Bill & Donna Renner; DeVerne & Gloria Rist; Gene Rowland; Patricia A. Sanborn; George & Beverly Schmidt; Steven, Lorraine & Timothy Schneider; William & Eleanor Schneider; Arthur Scotti; Betty & Don Sherman; Don & Valerie Shoudy; Nellie L. Sievers; Lucinda Skinner; Frank & Janet Smith; Jeff, Mary Beth, Ian & Anna Smith; Russell & Dorothy Snell; Roger Spofford; Robert D. & Carol A. Stalker; George & Betty Stapleton; Robert & Cynthia Stevenson; Joe & Nancy Stopyro; Robert Sweet; Richard & Melanie Synakowski; Robert & Alice Waters; John & Esther Weeks; Bill & Janet Whyland; Jerry, Nina & Samantha Wickett; Frank & Ruth Wicks; Leona Wilcox; Chris & Rene'e Wiles; Dave & Linda Wilson; Robert & Katherine Wilson; Kim Winter; Carl Wood; Mary Stalker Woods; Anthony & Joan Zukowski. ■

Hoop-Mania Basketball Camp (June 29 - July 3) registration forms are available at the Marcellus Town Hall, Library, and all school offices. There is a reduced fee for "early-bird" sign-ups before May 1st. For more information call the Recreation Office at 673-3269, Extension 2. ■

MEETING SCHEDULE

The tentative speaker and presentation schedule for our upcoming meetings is as follows:

Sunday, April 5 2:00 p.m.
Outdoorsman, writer and Marcellus native J. Michael Kelly will be our guest speaker.

Sunday May 3 2:00 p.m.
Town of Skaneateles Historian Barbara Spain will be our guest speaker.

Saturday June 7 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Annual Olde Home Days Museum Open House.

Wednesday July 8 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday August 12 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday September 9 7:00 p.m.

Sunday September 20 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Second Annual Tour of Historic Marcellus Homes!

(Meetings are open to everyone and held at the Marcellus Fire Station unless indicated otherwise.)

Marcellus Historical Society

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We wish to thank the following people for donating historic items to be added to our museum collection:



Jorge Battle for a photograph of the Packwood Carriage Factory in Skaneateles, the carriage which is in our collection was made there. Robin Wysokowski for a small display case which belonged to

her grandfather, Emerson Miner, who used the case in his auto garage in Marietta. (More next issue.) ■

MARCELLUS HISTORY CONTEST

Mary Tuthill solved our last riddle with the correct answer of the Marcellus & Otisco Lake Railway and received a gift certificate compliments of Brian's Creekside Inn for two spaghetti & meatball dinners.

How to play: Read the riddle printed below. If you can solve it, mail your answer to the Marcellus Historical Society at PO Box 165, Marcellus, NY 13108. Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 1998. The winner, drawn at random from all correct entries, will receive a gift certificate from the Creekside Inn and will be announced in our next issue.

This issues riddle:

A horse he would ride, to make his rounds.
If you did a wrong, he'd track you down.
Eighteen and ninety-nine was the year
The village did hire, this buccaneer!

(Hint: Answers can be found in our publication "Marcellus Through The Years.")

MARCELLUS OLD HOME DAYS



This year's Marcellus Old Home Days celebrations will be on June 5-7th. The Historical Society Museum Tour & booth, parade, rides, music, food, crafts fireworks and the duck race...are one again scheduled. Help support the Marcellus Old Home Days and the community by buying duck race tickets which are on sale at local businesses and through volunteers. First prize is a trip for 4 to Disney World. Join in the fun! If you have questions, call Kathy Marsden at 673-1175. ■

Marcellus Historical Society MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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Monday is our day off 636-8255

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days per week, M-S 6:30-2; Fri 6:30-9; Sun 8-1 673-9045

VETERINARY & PET SERVICES

BUBBLES - N - BOWS GROOMING SALON, 19 North Street,
Marcellus. Christine Smith, Owner 673-4225

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Marcellus. Servicing your large and small animals, Wayne Beilman,
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Marcellus, Full small animal services, Hours by appointment,
24-hour client emergency service 673-2025

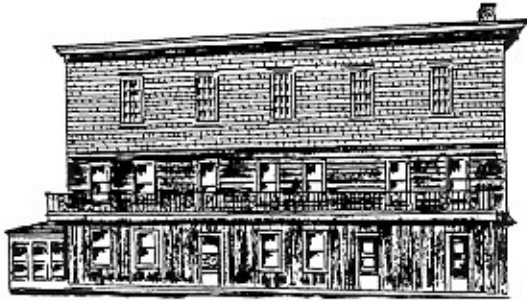
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Your dues are paid through the end of the year indicated on your mailing label.

- GIFT SHOP / MEMBERSHIP / ORDER FORM -

The following collectibles can be purchased from the Marcellus Historical Society at open houses, or by mail order. Some are also available from local merchants and at the town & village halls. For mail orders, use the form below.

- Official Marcellus Afghans; green or cranberry, \$45 each.
- Marcellus Through The Years, 1794 - 1996; a chronological history with photos, \$5 each.
- Marcellus 1794 - 1994, When Wool Was King; a collection of photos, \$5 each.
- A Pictorial History of Early Marcellus; 53 photos, \$5 each.
- Centennial History of the Town of Marcellus, 1878; \$15 ea.
- Index to Nine Mile Country; \$5 each.
- 1960's black & white postcards; featuring the four churches and post office, \$1/set.
- Color postcard of Talbot-Case home; \$1 each.
- Marcellus Bicentennial Mugs; \$3 each.
- Official Marcellus Pins; \$5 each.

(Prices include Tax. Shipping add \$4.00/Afghan; \$2.00/mug; \$2.00/1st book -\$1.00/each additional; 50¢/postcard set or pin)

Membership Form

Please Check One Box: NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

Category (Check Box)	Basic (1-year)	Sustaining (5-Years)
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 ea.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 ea.
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4 ea.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 ea.
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4 ea.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 ea.
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Number of people joining _____		

(Please indicate membership dues at right.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

QTY	ITEM	COST/EA.	TOTAL
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Make Check Payable and Mail To:
 Marcellus Historical Society
 Mr. Richard Smith, Treasurer
 P.O. Box 165
 Marcellus, NY 13108

Total \$ _____
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