



# MARCELLUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## Horse Watering Trough

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dorchester have donated a horse watering trough to the Historical Society. It is inscribed: "In Memory of Hiram Clift - 1911". In researching Hiram Clift, I found that he was born in 1801 and came to Marcellus in 1828. He was a well-to-do farmer who owned lot number five in the village.

Hiram married Polly Knapp (born in 1807) and they had four children: a son, Hiram Knapp, who was born in 1844 and died in 1865 at age twenty-one; a daughter, Martha, who was a milliner and married a Mr. DeGrasette - she was born in 1846 and died in 1928. A daughter, Abigail Estella, who died in 1853 at two years of age; and a daughter, May Elizabeth, a school teacher who was born in 1848 and died in 1910. Hiram died in 1874 and Polly in 1888. They are all buried in the family plot in the Village Cemetery.

We do not know where the watering trough was originally located (it was not the one that appears in a picture taken in front of Marble's Drug Store on Main Street) nor do we know any more about the family. If anyone has any information that will help us identify the initial location of the watering trough or about the Clift family, please contact Peg Nolan at 673-1765.

The Society would like to thank the Village Highway Dept., Bob Cryslar, Harold Muncy and Jim LaRose for transporting the trough back to Marcellus and thanks also to Spadotto-Welch for sandblasting and to Stopyro Welding for repairing it.

Our plans are to place this interesting relic on Main Street for all to enjoy.

Peg Nolan ~

## Marcellus Web Site

Bill Reagan has done a great job of updating information about the Historical Society on the Marcellus Web Site. Go to: "[www.marcellusny.com](http://www.marcellusny.com)" and click on "Cultural" and then "Marcellus Historical Society". ~

## From The President ...

What a beautiful summer! I hope that everyone is enjoying it. Our Open House during Olde Home Days was a big success. A big thank you goes to the following people that volunteered their time at the museum and participated in the parade: Hollis and Nancy Abbott, Doug Nightingale, Bruce Widger, Fran Randall, Joyce Murphy, and Vince and Mary Murphy. The Afghan raffle was won by Bruce Widger.

Work continues at the museum as pictures are being put in order and numerous other tasks are being done.

The Share diaries belonging to the Marcellus Library have been preserved with work and materials being donated by the Historical Society. These diaries contain a lot of Marcellus history and copies are now available at the museum.

Money remaining from the grant secured for us by Senator John A. DeFrancisco was used to purchase 50 acid-free boxes for storage of Marcellus Observers .

If anyone has school sports or band uniforms or other school artifacts that they would like to donate to add to our school exhibit, please contact the society.

Our research center is taking shape with the reference books easily available and it is a pleasure working in the museum now with the air-conditioning and new lighting.

Peg Nolan ~

## Lucy M. Sweet Bequest

On June 2, 2002, Blanche and Robert Sweet presented a check in the amount of \$1500 to the Marcellus Historical Society Museum Fund from the estate of Lucy M. Sweet. Additional memorabilia from Lucy's home were also given to the Historical Society. ~

## In Remembrance

Rose E. Cole - May 4, 2002

Fred Gallinger - May 4, 2002

Roger J. Friske - May 16, 2002 ~

### EVENTS SCHEDULE

*The tentative schedule of events is as follows:*

**Sunday, September 8, 2002 ..... 2 p.m.**

James P. Reagan

"Insurance in Marcellus Over the Past 60 Years"

**Sunday, October 13, 2002..... 2 p.m.**

Scott F. McClurg

President Marcellus Chamber of Commerce  
"What the Chamber Can Do For Our Future"

**Sunday, November 10, 2002 ..... 2 p.m.**

Hugh Norris

"Funerals in Marcellus Over the Past 60 Years"

**Sunday, December 8, 2002 ..... 1 p.m.**

Holiday Dinner

**Sunday, January 12, 2003..... 2 p.m.**

Vanessa Belcher

"The History of Marcellus Free Library, and How  
The Library Will Contribute To Our Future"

*Meetings are open to anyone and are held at the  
Marcellus Fire Station unless indicated otherwise.  
A short business meeting will precede each program.*

### Historical Society Officers for 2002

President: Peg Nolan..... 673-1765

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The Marcellus Historical Society,  
P.O. Box 165, Marcellus, NY 13108,  
publishes this newsletter and mails it quarterly  
to its members and advertisers.

### Museum Hours

Tuesday Evenings from 7 to 9 pm.

Sunday Afternoons from 1 to 4 pm thru September  
(except September 8th). ~

### Renewed Members

*Membership renewals since our last newsletter :*

Sandy & Judy Battaglia, John H. & Elsa Church,  
Shirley Criswell, Dorothy R. Herold, John & Nancy  
Knowlton & Family, Alice MacDonald, Steven Wm.  
Mack, Evan & Joanne Murdock, Bill Reagan; John &  
Esther Weeks. ~

### Recent Acquisitions

*We wish to thank the following people for donating  
items to the museum collection:*

**Mary Tuthill** for Flags & notebooks; **Jane Amidon**  
for deeds, bonds, etc. pertaining to Cody Family  
dating to early 1800's, picture of Edmund Reed and  
bill from Reed Toy Business; **Agnes McMasters** for  
replica Civil War hats; **Jane Reagan** for Civil War  
belts, ammunition pouches, powder flask and shell  
belt; **Peg Nolan** for replica of last M&OL engine in  
memory of George (Johnnie) Murphy; **Bob Wilson**  
for 2 air conditioners for the backroom of the  
museum; **Julia Pepperman** for several Marcellians;  
**Bob Post** for Marcellus Baseball from Southern  
Division Champs 1965; **Camillus Historical Society**  
for picture of Bess Buser; **Chuck Paul** for 2002 Olde  
Home Days T-shirt; **Margaret McManus** for wool  
swatches from Moses & Crown Mills, WW I Navy  
uniform belonging to Bill Detor, flag designating a  
member of family away at war during WWI, shaving  
pouch with mirror, sewing kit, and laundry ties all  
used in WW I; **Michael Plumpton** for Marilla  
Incubator Co. catalog, Mills Seed catalog, Marietta  
Christian Church cookbook; **Hugh Norris** for picture  
of Dr. Weidman and Dr. Walsh and Dr. Walsh's  
office sign; **Bill Kelly** for several Marcellians; **Hollis  
Abbott** for old 6 line telephone switchboard. ~

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Sunday, September 8th at 2 pm**

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