



Marcellus Historical Society News

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Marcellus Supports Veteran - 2008



Groundbreaking for Jeff Guerin's new home on July 30, 2008. From left: Will Barclay, Colleen Guerin, Jeff Guerin, Sam Murphy, John Gonsalves, Michael Plochoki, John Pigliavento Jr. and Jack Scalise.

Army Sergeant Jeff Guerin of Marcellus was severely wounded in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. After going through many surgeries he returned home to Marcellus with his parents. Colleen and Edward Guerin, to continue rehab locally at the Veterans Hospital in Syracuse.

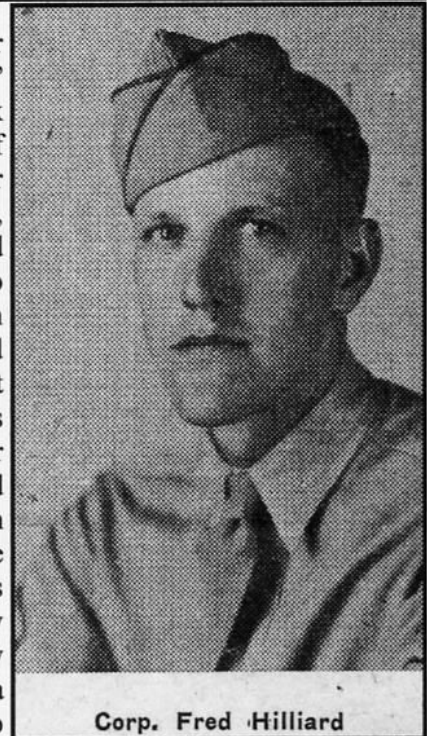
Thanks to "Homes for Our Troops", an organization founded by John S. Gonsalves to help veterans with severe disabilities from serving with US troops, Jeff will now be given a new fully handicap accessible home enabling him to have more independence.

On July 30th the The Patriot Guard Riders led Jeff east out of the village to Abounding Way where he was greeted by over 100 supporters from the American Legion, Fire Department, family and friends for the ground breaking of his new home. Coordinator for the project will be Jack Scalise of Pigliavento Builders who will work with local contractors and suppliers that are donating their time to make the American dream for Jeff. So well deserved!

Submitted by Peg Nolan ~

Marcellus Supports Veteran - 1947

"Homes for Our Troops" brought back memories of another soldier from Marcellus, Corp. Fred Hilliard, who came home from WWII paralyzed from the waist down. Marcellus wanted to honor their hero and, led by the American Legion; Fire Dept., Citizens Club and many solicitors, they decided to build a handicap accessible home



Corp. Fred Hilliard

for Fred. "Buy a Block" was the slogan that started raising money by using cement blocks piled in front of the Post Office at North and Main that sold for \$3 a piece. Before the pile was finished the money started coming in. It was September 1946, and soon work began on the house. Led by Superintendent Charlie Wolf, people came forward donating their time to build this home: Irv Christensen did the masonry; Frank Kline, plumbing; F.E. Woods and Ray Roche, electrical; Fraser and Hunt, heating; King Bros., outside painting; Avery Spinks, George Hollenbeck, Willis Brinkerhoff, Dan McLaren, and Frank Freeborne, the wall papering. Village and Town employees did excavating and bringing in dirt for grading. On December 20th, 1947, Fred and his wife moved into 11 Chrisler Street. This was a gift given from the hearts of everyone in the community to a man who gave so much to his country.

Submitted by Peg Nolan ~

EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

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| Sunday, September 14, 2008 | 2 p.m. |
| <u>To Be Announced</u> | |
| Sunday, October 12, 2008 | 2 p.m. |
| <u>To Be Announced</u> | |
| Sunday, November 9, 2008 | 2 p.m. |
| <u>To Be Announced</u> | |

If you have a suggestion for a program, please
contact Doug Nightingale

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

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The Marcellus Historical Society,
P.O. Box 165, 18 North St., Marcellus, NY 13108,
publishes this newsletter and mails it quarterly to its
members and advertisers.

Please direct comments or questions to Hollis Abbott.

*The newsletter is sent via bulk mail and cannot be
forwarded unless special arrangements are made to
have it sent via first class mail.*

From The President ...

We had over one hundred students and teachers visit the Steadman House in June and thank Jane Amidon and Jean Nightingale for assisting in presenting Marcellus history to the visitors.

The House is now open on Monday afternoons from 1 to 3 - thanks to Jean Nightingale and Joy Buffan for volunteering their time.

We were able to have the large tree in the backyard cut down and removed as the result of a generous donation from one of our members.

The membership voted to allow the Board to make the decision on a new roof and, after reviewing estimates, the Board voted to replace the roof this year. Van Derhoof Roofing Co. will be doing the job in August.

Thank you to Sen. John DeFrancisco for securing a grant of \$15,000 to have our driveway and parking lot paved. The work will be done in September.

A big Thank You to Pat Koloski for landscaping the sign. It looks beautiful.

We have had a busy summer giving house tours and assisting people with research. We still need volunteers so please think about donating some time. This is a big house and needs to be vacuumed and dusted, along with display changes, etc.

Thanks to everyone.

Peg Nolan ~

Andy and Louise Dawson are now at a new address:
606 Beech Hanger Dr., Morrisville, NC 27560-9729,
Phone: 919-651-0751

They would be happy to hear from old friends in Marcellus. ~

Steadman House Hours:

Sundays 1 to 3 pm (except meeting Sundays)

Mondays 1 to 3 pm

Tuesdays 7 to 9 pm

Thursdays 1 to 4 pm

Or By Appointment:

Peg Nolan - 673-1765

John Curtin - 673-3660

Bruce Widger - 673-9142

Hollis Abbott - 673-1753

In Remembrance

Margaret L. Ryan - May 13, 2008

Nancy A. Stopyro - May 15, 2008

Harriet J. Spinks - June 22, 2008

**Senator DeFrancisco
Comes Through Once Again**

The Steadman House, as the new home of the Marcellus Historical Society is now called, has provided the MHS an even greater opportunity to not only showcase this historic home, but also the many historic artifacts and documents relative to the Village and Town of Marcellus. In addition, the nearness of the Marcellus Central School campus to its new home enhances this opportunity. In order to continue to promote its educational and historic programs as well as make the site more accessible (to both students and adults), the MHS wanted to improve accessibility to its home and with the reconstruction of North Street by the New York State Department of Transportation in 2008 and 2009, it is an ideal time to do that. The MHS completed a Special New York State Grant application to pave the driveway at its new home, as well as the parking lot in the rear of the home. MHS has spent thousands of dollars in the last year to make the house handicapped accessible. It has also solicited and received great support, monetary and in-kind, from the community, businesses and individuals, and our local Village and Town governments.

MHS was notified in May 2008 that, through the efforts of NY State Senator John DeFrancisco, a grant of \$15,000 was available to pave the driveway and parking lot, making the building even more accessible. The Marcellus Historical Society is most grateful for this grant, particularly for the efforts extended by Senator DeFrancisco, who, once again, has been most aware of local community needs.

Submitted by John Curtin ~

Steadman House Wish List

- 1 - Replacement of the floor in the Tefft room (\$1500- \$2000).
- 2 - Repairs to one chimney and capping of all the chimneys to keep water and animals from entering the house.
- 3 - Complete the insulation of the garage and the required covering of the north wall with sheetrock.
- 4 - Repair of railings on the front and side porches.
- 5 - Contributions for roof replacement.
- 6 - Outside painting of the roof trim.
- 7 - Bell tower in back yard for the bells in our collection.
- 8 - Mannequins (\$90).

Donations

Our thanks to the following people for cash donations:

**Robert Bitz
Judy Gilchrist
Mary Tuthill
Melinda Mulroy Wax
(In honor of John Curtin)
Driver Middle School Fourth Grade
Gene & Ingrid Seymour
Kristin Keegan**

Steadman House Contributions

We are grateful to the following people for donating their time, labor and materials on projects at the Steadman House:

Pat Koloski for landscaping the yard and donating the flowers for the sign.

EXERCISES

Town Flag Pole Raising

Alvord House Square, Marcellus,

Friday, Oct. 22nd, 1915

At Two O'clock.

Presiding Officer, P. J. Kelly
Secretaries of Meeting, F. L. Day, Louis Powell

PROGRAM

Raising of the Flag.....By E. V. Baker and Patrick Heenan
Salute to the Flag.....By Pupils of Marcellus School
Song—Rally Round the Flag.....Quartette
Presentation of Flag Pole to the Village.....E. V. Baker
Acceptance of the Flag Pole.....Village President F. A. Thompson
Exercises by Pupils of Marcellus School in charge of Prof. A. M. Ruland
Address of the day.....Attorney Horace M. Stone
Song—Star Spangled Banner.....Quartette
Song—America.....Everybody

Poster from our archives

Brief Sketches of Early and Later Times
in Marcellus by Rev. A. Roe

The Marcellus Observer, Saturday, October 6, 1894
Further History of Old and Late Stores and
Merchants in Marcellus
TWENTY-NINTH PAPER

On the morning of The third of July 1879, there was a destructive fire in this village, on the corner of Main and North streets. The Fulmer block, St. John's Episcopal church and M. Sheehan's store were burned. The Fulmer block was built by D. M. Fulmer of brick and was three stories high with a basement. The first floor, at the time of the fire, was occupied by D. M. Fulmer & Co. the second floor by Mrs. Rosser and family and M. L. Case and family who barely escaped with their lives. The third floor was used as a public hall while the basement was occupied by the Y.M.C.A. The store west of the church was also built by D. M. Fulmer, a small building and was occupied by Fulmer and Sheehan about three years. After the brick block on North street was completed, they moved into that and continued in company there for two years more and then dissolved partnership, Fulmer & Co. continuing in the brick block until the fire, M. Sheehan went back into the old store, purchased it, refitted and restocked the store, occupying the second floor as a dwelling and continued to do business there until the fire in 1879. He immediately set about rebuilding, and in the early fall was able to reopen business in a much better building, and continued until he closed out his stock in the fall of 1889, and moved to Syracuse. He was succeeded by Marquisee Brothers, who since that time have done a thriving business in ready-made clothing, shoes, hats, caps, etc. The upper part of the building has been transformed into a fine hall and is occupied by the I.O.O.F.

In the same fall, D. M. Fulmer built the present wooden block on the old site which has been used mainly as a tenement building, part of it being appropriated to halls has been occupied by the Iron Hall and the I.O.G.T., and part now by the St. Francis Xavier's Temperance Society. Before the brick block was built on this site we learn that there was once a small grocery building and market here and run by Griffin, Dorchester, Chester Hillyer and James Dunlap, late of Amber, the latter running the grocery.

We find the following note in the Observer of April 8, 1880, in reference to the new Gallup Block: "Among the many improvements that have been made during the past year, none has added a better appearance to the village than the new block erected by William H. Gallup at the corner of Main and North streets, where for years the Episcopal church has stood. The building is

constructed of wood and has two stories in height, with good basement. Upon the ground floor are three large and tasty stores, two fronting upon Main street, and one upon North street. The firm of Evans and Edwards occupy the one upon North street as a market and vegetable store, the corner apartment is occupied as a grocery and dry goods store by James Sarr, and the remaining rooms are occupied by Mrs. A. E. Bicknell as a ladies furnishing goods store. Upon the second floor Mr. Gallup has two rooms done off for himself in fine style, as law office and the remaining portion of this floor is divided into three apartments for families which are all occupied. Truly, the fire, which occurred in July last was a blessing, especially to the appearance of the village for that territory is rebuilt in a much more tasty and business like manner. Since this was published a little over fourteen years ago, several changes have taken place in this block. After a year or more, Mrs. Bicknell sold out her stock and was succeeded by Miss Mary McGlone who carried on a millinery store for several years and then she sold out and moved to Syracuse.

J. N. Stearns who had kept a drug store on North street where the printing office now is, several years, moved into this store and has continued the drug business here every since. In the spring of 1890, when W. H. Gallup sold out the block to M. B. VanVranken, Mr. Stearns enlarged his business and succeeded James Sarr in the corner store. Mr. Sarr moved into the Brill store below and since then has occupied both stores, one for dry goods, groceries, etc., and the other for drugs, medicines, paints, etc. Evans & Edwards were followed by J. Evans & Son, who are still the proprietors of the North street store, and keep a general market and vegetable store. On the second floor, the law office is now occupied by F. W. Knapp Esp., a young lawyer, who in the few months he has been here has made a favorable impression and has a growing business. The apartment rooms have been mainly converted into halls, the larger one being occupied by the F. and A.M. and the smaller one by the C.M.B.A. and the A.O.H. The block itself is now owned by S. M. Bronson. ~

The Marcellus Observer, Saturday, October 13, 1894
Further History of Old and Late Stores and
Merchants in Marcellus
THIRTIETH PAPER

One of the old historic buildings of our village is that of Wm. B. White, situated east of his residence and is now used as a store house. It was built as early as 1810. Wm. White's father, J. G. B. White, came here in 1818 from Elbridge and worked a short time for Copeland Moore and then bought him out. He was a hatter by trade and carried on a hat store in this building from

1819-20 to 1852, some thirty-two years. He made fur and wool hats and had a large patronage from miles around. There are many now living about here who bought their hats and caps of him. There has been no regular hatter here since he gave up the business. Soon after him, Elijah Rowley had a shoe shop in this building and he also kept the post-office there a few years. Alfred Rockwell was with him a while as journeyman and attended the post-office some. Mr. Rowley also carried on a tannery on the place now owned by Francis Baker. After giving up business here, he went to Wisconsin and died there. Since that time this building has had many different occupants and a variety of business has been carried on there and part of the time it has been unoccupied. Thomas Kelly and Polydore Thomas carried on a harness shop here some time. Later Thos. Kelly had a shop where John Grimes shoe shop now is. One Wilkins had a harness shop in this building for a time and later John Palmer's father had a harness shop here some eight years, C. A. Peck a barber shop for three years, and Dr. Post an office for about a year, Alfred Rockwell had a shoe shop several years and John Palmer a harness shop for eight years, Bernie Randall also a few months, then came F. F. Sweet, the jeweler, whom some may without doubt remember, and the musical Charles O'Grady was a cobbler here a while and George Cornwell a feed store a short time and last the jeweler, J. Woodward was here for a brief period.

The building now occupied by C. A. Peck was built by Edmund Aikin, in 1843. He was then a lawyer here. He built it for a tin shop. It was first occupied by Brown & Spencer, who had previously had a shop in a part of the house now owned by Mrs. A. Wells. This firm carried on a tin shop and hardware store a while, and then W. B. White and Harlow Ball bought them out and were in partnership two years, and then the firm became White & Smith for the next eighteen years. Mr. Spencer, who came here from Cazenovia, returned to Cazenovia and is still in business there.

In 1868, J. Q. Smith sold out and moved to Syracuse, and Joseph Matteson succeeded him. The firm then became White & Matteson, and they have been doing business here every since and are the oldest firm in town and Mr. White having been in business here since 1848 has the longest mercantile career of any one in town. This firm continued to do business in the Peck building till the spring of 1881, when they took possession of their present building which they built. In connection with their hardware and tin shop, they have carried on a large rag business since 1856, having had some of the time as many as twenty carts on the road. Latterly, on account of the times, they have reduced the number to eight or ten.

C. A. Peck came here from Phoenix, N.Y., in 1877. He first had a barber shop on Orange street for a few months, and then for three years in the White building before moving into his present quarters in the spring of 1881. About the time White & Matteson moved out, he bought this place of Chester Hillyer, who had obtained it through a mortgage, and at an expense of several hundred dollars, Mr. Peck repaired, enlarged, and fitted it up for a shop, confectionary store and dwelling and has continued the business here ever since. About four years ago, Mrs. Peck commenced a millinery store in a part of the building, continuing until a short time since, when the entire building was devoted to the confectionary and notion trade.

S. C. Hooper has been in the cabinet business here since 1852. When he first came here from England in 1848, he worked at carpentering a while and also at cabinet work for N. G. Hoyt who had a shop that stood just east of the Alvord House which he built in 1844. After following the cabinet business for two or three years, Hoyt sold out to Dr. McGonegal, who soon sold the building to S. C. Hooper and went to New York where his reputation has been under a cloud since. Mr. Hooper moved this building to North Street and turned it into his present dwelling. He moved a barn from the Bronson place to the south of his house and made a shop of it, which he occupied several years and which is now changed into a dwelling. He then moved into the printing office building built by D. M. Fulmer and occupied this a while or until his son James came from the West about 1882, and went into partnership with him and built the present building where the cabinet and undertaking business has since been carried on. In 1887, Henry Jones bought out James Hooper, who moved to California, and the firm has since been Hooper and Jones. Mr. Hooper is the oldest business man in town, but not quite so long in business as W. B. White.

John Palmer, who now has a harness store on Main street, is one of the youngest business men here and doing a good business. He bought his place of George Stocking, who had been the main jeweler here for twenty-three years. He moved to South Onondaga and is now living there.

There are now twelve stores in town, including three general stores, one clothing, two hardware, one grocery, two markets, one cabinet, one harness, and one confectionery store. There is room for a jewelery store and a bank. ~

Submitted by John Curtin

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Recent Acquisitions

We wish to thank the following people for donating items to add to our collection:

Sue Callahan for 100th graduation gown (1993); **Rose Phillips** for L.C. Smith typewriter, Murphy Dairy quart milk bottle; **Evelyn Hudson** for 1932/1949/1952/1964 Marcellians, PS article about M&OL; **Peg Nolan** for candlestick holder; **Mrs. E.J. Doig** for copies of Red & White Grocery photos; **Joyce Murphy** for Linda Perry ruler, quilting shoppe ruler, GS knife, Ladies Aux sweatshirt, MFD pencil, Mustang pencil, MFD pen, MFD building dedication plate 1994; **Mary Jane Domurat** for boys basketball picture 1927-28, girls basketball picture 1927-28, WW I Welcome Home program July 19, 1919, Women's Day magazine April 1968, Marcellus Pharmacy pill bottles, 2 Post Office stamps, 3 Post Office pens, Express Mail pin, US Postal Service Standards, Postal pamphlets 1995/2000/2002/2006; **Helen Hopkins** for 1925 Marcellus Falls census; **Eunice Calvert** for feather tick mattress; **Sharon O'Neil** for bible belonging to Kilmartin family; **The Buffans** for hand awl for drilling barn peg holes, WW II 5th Air Force - SW Pacific pennant; **Ted & Judy Morton** for 2 articles from Classic Cars about the Carnation car; **Lisa Rigge** for family history of David Lawless of Wexford, Ireland & Marcellus. **Jane Amidon** for wool braided rug from Cummings home made at Iva Ackles class 1953-55; **Joe & Peg Nolan** for mannequin; **Gene & Ingrid Seymour** for IOOF Lodge 658 badge; **Francis Eibert** for District 9 teacher's bell (*see picture*); **Mary Tuthill** for 8 men's dress hats, man's tuxedo; **Bea Chrysler** for old Marcellus papers, Post Standard papers & war ration books; **Jean Nightingale & Cathy North** for used books; **Joyce Abbott Sims & Hollis Abbott** for lady's horsehair coat. ~



**District 9 Teacher's bell
given by Francis Eibert**

Used Book Sale

Used books are now available at the Steadman House during regular visiting hours. Thank you to Janet Warner and Tammy Sayre for donating the books to start this project. Anyone having books they can donate for our sale please leave a phone message at 673-4839 or call Peg Nolan at 673-1765.

Renewed Members

Since our last newsletter with **Sustaining members in bold print** and **New members underlined**:

Dave Ball, Terry Ballantine, Dorothy Bartlett, Joyce Beak, John & Gerry Bednarski, Betty Black, Pat Blackler, Nancy Cole, Andrew & Louise Dawson, Bob & Anne Dingman, **Keith Edgerton**, Barbara A. Fero, Kristin Keegan, John & Carolyn Longuil, Tim & Kerry Manahan & Family, Sam Murphy, Vincent & Mary Murphy, Elizabeth L. Olley, Lisa Rigge, Steven & Lorraine Schneider & Family, Art Scotti, James & Edith Seymour & Family, Paul Sheridan, Donald & Betty Sherman, Matthew Shoff, Russell & Nancy Striffler, Clinton & Sara Tallman, Don & Jan Thornton, Joan R. Zukowski. ~

Current membership: 411 (30 not renewed)

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in our Business Member Directory.**

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Marcellus, NY 13108

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NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, September 14th, 2 p.m.

(The date on the label is the
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