

Alma Bailey Steadman March 06, 1926 - March 27, 2010

Alma B. Steadman, resident of Lake Bluff since 1953. passed away on March 27, 2010 at age 84 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Alma was the beloved wife of Lewis for more than 63 years, a devoted mother to their children Carol, Lewis Jr. and Holly, Robert and the proud grandmother of Scott and Ben Steadman. She is also survived by her sister Janet Schwartz, sister-in-law Theresa Koegel, many nieces, grandnieces, nephews and grandnephews. Alma loved to travel and was an avid sports fan. Her favorite activity was spending time with her family and many friends. She always had a smile on her face and will be greatly missed by all that knew her. A celebration of life will be held in May. In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Alma's name can be sent to: The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research 1111 Stewart Avenue Bethpage, NY 11714 (866) 789-1000 or The Marcellus Historical Society 18 North Street Marcellus, NY 13108 (315)673-4839 or Phoenix Rising Foundation 906 West Muir Avenue, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 (847)234-0802. (Wenban Funeral Home, Lake Forest, IL)



Alma was the Salutatorian of the Marcellus Central School class of 1943 and graduated from Syracuse University in 1946. She and Lewis Steadman were married on May 11, 1946 in the "Steadman House" (which was owned by Lewis' parents, Robert F. and Calista Anne Steadman) and, after their move to Detroit, Alma earned a Master's Degree from Wayne State College and became a Latin teacher. Alma and Lewis moved to Washington, D.C. where Lewis graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1951. The Steadmans then moved to Chicago and in 1996, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, they purchased the house at 18 North Street in Marcellus, which had gone through a succession of owners since 1947. The Steadmans visited Marcellus frequently and were responsible for restoring the house to its original grandeur with the replacement of the front portico and its four columns. The interior was made equally impressive with period fumishings and artifacts. In 2006, the Marcellus Historical Society was approached about their interest in making the house a permanent home for the Society and in November of 2006, Lewis and Alma Steadman gifted their home to the Marcellus Historical Society. Alma and Lew were present at the Grand Opening in 2007 and continued their visits and interest in the improvements and changes that have been made to keep the house a public treasure for Marcellus. We are grateful for the gift of this house and for the privilege of knowing Alma. ~



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Sunday, May 16, 2010 2 p.m. <u>Rick McIntyre</u> "Natural Solutions for Your Health"

Saturday, June 5, 2010 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. OPEN HOUSE - OLDE HOME DAYS

Sunday, June 13, 20102 p.m.To Be Announced

No Meetings During July and August

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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Please direct comments or questions to Hollis Abbott.

From The President ...

Our condolences to the Steadman family on the passing of Alma. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A Memorial Service will be held at St. John's Church in June.

What a busy April we have had! Seventh grade students came for community service and assisted with filing, copying and dressing mannequins. On Earth Day, high school students did a great job of raking and taking the debris to the curb. The third graders also came and helped pick up sticks and leaves. Thanks to all of them and special thanks to Pat and Charlie Sanborn for the volunteer hours they have given.

The garage has been rearranged to better show our collection along with a new display of toys. Different displays have also been added throughout the house. In the coming weeks we will be doing a number of projects outdoors.

The Village Highway Dept. has painted and reset the horse watering trough on Main Street. Thank you to Bob, Muncy and Jim.

Please come and stroll through Marcellus history. Volunteers are always welcome.

Peg Nolan ~

<u>Olde Home Days June 4th, 5th & 6th</u> <u>Honoring the 50th Anniversary</u> Of the Marcellus Historical Society

Come and enjoy the music, food, crafters, parade, fireworks, rides, duck race and MHS Open House. **Peg Nolan will be the Grand Marshal for the**

Parade starting at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Steadman House Wish List

- 1 Top coating for the driveway & parking lot.
- 2 New Gutters for east side of house (about \$600).
- 3 New Folding Chairs.

Steadman House Hours:

Sundays 1 to 3 pm (except meeting Sundays) Thursdays 1 to 4 pm Or By Appointment: Peg Nolan - 673-1765 John Curtin - 673-3660 Joy Buffan - 673-1832

<u>In Remembrance</u> Steven Wm. Mack (Maksymchak) -December 6, 2009 Phyllis H. Gammon - March 3, 2010 Alma B. Steadman - March 27, 2010 Our Thanks for Cash Donations from: Thomas Donovan James Quinn Carol Piper Joy L. Buffan (in Memory of Marie Latus)

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As Told By Mary Marshfield

New Book Available

"Olden Day Stories" as told by Mary Marshfield and written by Lawrence F. Mahoney is now available at the Historical Society. Mary Gardner Marshfield (1892-1988) tells of life on the farm with references to Navarino, Marcellus, Howlett Hill, Cedarvale and Camillus. Price: \$10.

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Current mem bership: 376 ~

Recent Acquisitions

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

Ron Annable for 2 photographs; Taryn Jirousek for magnetic "tooth" clip; Sandy Wilcox for pen from Shear Delight Beauty Salon; Buffan Family for red MHS Mustang baseball cap; Nancy Hudson & Cindy Estlinbaum for Dick Paul's Fire Dept. hats & Hazel Palen Paul's nurse's uniform; Jean Males for Saratoga 1889 glass, 2 silver spoons, flour sack; Karen Yuhas for maps of Marcellus, Clintonville & Thorn Hill; Roger Thomas for bottle caps from R.J. Murphy & Sons Dairy and Mulroy Bros. Dairy, list of Onondaga County Dairies; David Spaulding for blue poison bottle; Pat & Charlie Sanborn for various wigs; Bruce Widger for rotary dial phone; Richard Paul Family for 2 L.C. Smith-Corona typewriters. ~

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At Random ... by YE ED (Henry A. Steele)

Last week Marcellus played host to about 150 people in the Historical Tour . . . this was a wonderful affair, or occasion or whatever you would call it. sure was nice . . . it is gratifying to see so much interest in things historical and is a compliment to the recently formed Marcellus Historical Club & Onondaga Historical Association . . . ~



Our 50th Anniversary!



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At Saturday's' historical tour, Dick Wright of the Onondaga Historical Assoc., Mike Plumpton, president and Lucy Sweet, secretary of Marcellus Historical Club are shown with the map which Wallace Campbell sketched for the club.



Marcellus Observer June 16, 1960

PIONEER DAY THRONGS DELIGHTED BY TOUR

Marcellus Historical Club played host to over 150 history minded central New Yorkers on sunny Saturday to view the communities wealth of historical data.

The morning session started with a visit to the Welsh home on Maple St. where the Misses Agnes and Sarah Welsh and Sarah (Welsh) Busch acted as hostesses. The walk down Orange Street pointed out the homes of John Moir, Robert Pittenger (former Walsh home), Raymond Haun (Weidman), Masonic Temple then to Steve Hunt's museum where an uncountable number of wonderful antique objects and mementos are on display.

The Ed Collard home (first frame house), Alvord House and then a visit to the three churches and library with displays, ended the moming session. A luncheon at St. John's Parish House included some of the slide collection of the Onondaga Historical Association shown by its director, Richard Wright.

A motorcade at 2 in the afternoon traveled through Pumkin Hollow, up Stevens Road, past the old cemetery on Seal Road, Slate Hill Road to Otisco Lake, with a stop at the Mills home and Seed House at Rose Hill.

On return to Marcellus, the historians were treated to refreshments at Mrs Ruth Cummings' home served by eight Marcellus belles (*Ruth Crysler, Janet Grieshaber, Esther McNett, Jane Amidon, Nan Farrell, Sandy Dorchester, Jackie Brown, Fran Carroll and Dee Atkinson*) who were wearing dresses from the 1800's. Mrs. Cummings and her family had on display a great many pictures, clippings and printed pieces of a historical nature concerning the community as well as antique furniture and items.

The day was reported by all attending as being very educational and enjoyable, and a credit to those who planned the tour. \sim

The Association is very grateful to the Observer, to the Marcellus Historical Club and to all the wonderful people of Marcellus for the fine cooperation which made our Pioneer Day such a great success. Special mention, of course, goes to the Cummings for their gracious hospitality at the end of the day.

Marcellus is to be congratulated on its new and vigorous Historical Club. Members have done an outstanding job collecting pictures for a permanent archive. We, on our part, have made lantern slides from nearly one hundred of the old photographs. These will always be available whenever Marcellus wants to glance through the album of its past on some special occasion. ...

Our people had only one complaint about the day. There just wasn't time to see everything. So we'll look forward to being invited again.

Very sincerely yours, Richard N. Wright, President, Onondaga Historical Association

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