

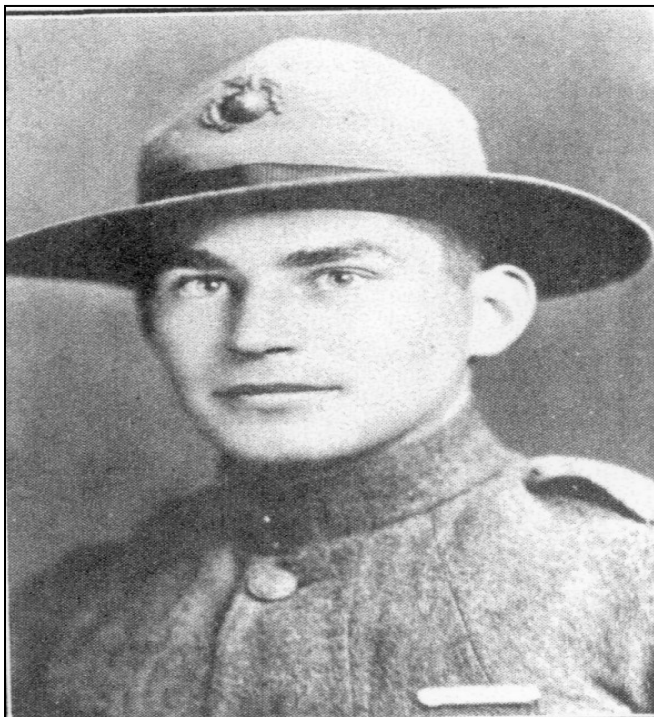


Marcellus

Historical Society News

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Ralph Cameron Share

Ralph Cameron Share son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Share was born June 26, 1898 in Marcellus. His boyhood days were a part of the familiar life of Marcellus. Just a wholesome, natural boy he grew up here, like a hundred others, taking his unassuming part in school and play and work. As manhood came near he heard, with the rest of us, the sounds of war in Europe as something remote, detached from our America concern; but when it came nearer and America became involved he heard a clear call and with all the enthusiasm of youth he made full and eager answer. Early in the spring of 1917 he enlisted in the Marines, being assigned to Co. 23, 6th machine gun battalion. Very soon he was sent overseas and was quickly in the thick of the grim struggle. Only a bare outline of his experience has been known, for somehow letters failed to connect, but we know that he was wounded at Belleau Wood, here the Marines played so notable a part; that he spent some time in the hospital, but was back again in action as soon as he was able, taking part in that last splendid campaign, where Germany learned that Americans 'could fight'. He was killed in action on the Champaign front, Oct. 4th,

Serving as stretcher bearer, and was buried on the Somme near Amiens.

Although Ralph Share had no opportunity to tell his own story, it is sufficient comment on the conduct and character of his service and on the manner in which he bore himself in the searching test of war, that the French government awarded him its coveted and cherished Croix de Guerre 'for bravery under fire'. Now he his home, home to rest forever amid the hills he loved, to be part of the land which held his faith and for which he paid the last full measure of devotion.

The body of another son of Marcellus. Ralph Cameron Share, sacrificed in the Great War, was brought home last week. A military funeral was held from the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Sept. 11th, at 3:30 p.m., at which the local post of the American Legion, which has taken the name of Ralph C. Share post in honor of his memory; and the Marcellus Hose company, of which he had been a member, were present in uniform. Burial was made in Highland cemetery, the casket being accompanied to the grave by a detail of the Legion, other members of the post acting as bearers. The finely simple and soldier-like committal service of the legion was read by his comrades as the casket was lowered, and, after the firing of the military salute, the sadly sweet notes of "Taps" sounded out over the hill tops, paying a last tribute of honor and love to a good soldier of the republic.

"Marcellus In The War"

Enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in December, 1917. He was sent to Paris Island, S.C., for training and went overseas with the 2nd Replacement Battalion March 14, 1918. arriving in France March 28, and two weeks later was assigned to the 23rd Co., 6th Machine Gun Battalion.

He was wounded at Belleau Wood, near Chateau Thierry, June 6, 1918.

He was killed on the Champaign front October 4, 1918.

The French Government awarded him the Croix de Guerre, with citation for bravery in action.

On August 14, 1919, at a meeting of former soldiers, the American Legion post in Marcellus was organized and named after Ralph Cameron Share.

Material came from the files at the historical society.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Sept. 9, 2018 2 PM
Lyn Duffy
Thumbstall Quilt Guild

Oct. 14, 2018 2PM
Richard Miller
Split Rock Explosion 1918

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

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From The President

Where has the summer gone. Seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Old Home Days. We have again had many people come from out of town to visit the Steadman House. There only has been a handful of days that we have been open that we have not had someone stop to visit the Steadman House. We have been busy cataloging and trying to get the new artifacts out so people can see them. There has been many inquires on family or history of Marcellus. We are looking forward to our fall meetings with good programs following the meetings. Hope to see you at the meetings. Bring a friend.

Doug Nightingale

Steadman House Hours (Weather Permitting):
Sundays 1 to 3 pm (except meeting Sundays)

Thursdays 1 to 4 pm

Or By Appointment:

Doug Nightingale-673-2539
John Curtin - 673-3660

Meeting Times

Regular meetings of the Marcellus Historical Society will be at 2 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the months of April, May, September, October and November except when Easter or Mother's Day occurs on the 2nd Sunday - in which case, the meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Current Membership: 272

New:

Business Members: 24

Remember: this is a non-profit organization supported by dues and donations!

Yearly dues cover the *calendar year* and if your dues are not paid by the *end of March*, we must drop you from the membership list.

\$5. a year is a small price to pay
to help preserve our history!

In Remembrance

Richard A. Smith-June 1, 2018



The above sampler is located in the Smithsonian National Museum of Nature History-Kenneth E. Behring Center.

Sampler made by Mary Cook who was born February 22, 1804 to Daniel and Rebecca Pomeroy Cook in Skaneateles. Her father was an Revolutionary war veteran who died August 3, 1806 in Marcellus.

Mary did not marry. She died January 30, 1869 and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery Rochester New York.

The sampler was a gift from Miss Louise A. Boyd to the Smithsonian. The sampler is made of cotton (groomed fabric) and silk embroidery thread and measures 8 5/8 x 6 3/8.

The picture and information was sent by Barbara Parsons Hildreth to Peg Nolan.

Ask a friend to join our Society to help preserve the Steadman House and Marcellus History.

Steadman House Contributions

We are grateful to the following people for their donations of time, labor and materials at the Steadman House: Pat & Charlie Sanborn and Jean & Doug Nightingale, Carol Armstrong, Chuck Paul for keeping the Steadman House open during scheduled hours; and the Village of Marcellus for mowing the grass.~

Marcellus Historical Society

Business Meeting and Speaker

September 9, 2018

*Time: 2:00 pm-Business Meeting
2:20 pm - Speaker*

Place: Marcellus Free Library

*Speaker: Lyn Duffy/ Thumbstall Quilt Guild
plus trunk show of members quilts*

**Meeting is open to the public!*

Wanted:

Member(s) of the Historical Society to help produce the **Quarterly Newsletter**. An interest in researching appropriate articles and a knowledge of Microsoft Office programs helpful. The Society files and computer at the Steadman House are available for researching and compiling the newsletter (Microsoft Publisher software is presently used).

Contact Doug Nightingale at 315-673-2539 or email djn0409@windstream.net ~

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Have you visited the Steadman House recently?

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Recent Acquisitions

A hand water pump from **Carol Armstrong**. Pictures of honor flight recipients Clifford Buffan and William Bartlett from **Joy Buffan**. Artifacts from Heath's Grove on Otisco Lake from **Sally Wilson**.



The picture above shows the hand pump donated by Carol Armstrong. Thanks to Charlie Sanborn for installing the pump. The pump is over the hand dug well that was found a few years ago in the back yard of the Steadman House.

Memories Of Marcellus

I have been reading Dr. Israel Parson's brief history of Marcellus. He wrote for the Centennial Celebration held in Marcellus on the 4th of July 1876. It is interesting to me, if anyone wishes to read it there is a copy at the library.

He says that people settled on East and West Hill first. The Town of Marcellus first had one hundred lots 1 mile square. All of Skaneateles, Elbridge, Camillus part of Spafford, Onondaga and Otisco were in the Town originally. The lots were granted to soldiers most of whom sold them for a small amount of money. They didn't care to clear the land.

The name of the first men who settled was a family name of Lawrence. There was the father and several boys. They bought lots on East and West Hill. The last of the family was Gad Lawrence, his Gary and daughter Josie. I knew them. The May family was one of the first families on East Hill and we have some of the May family with us now.

Another family by the name of Howe settled on West Hill. The last of that family was Dewitt Howe who lived when I knew him just down the Gulf Hill, the first house on the right. He had a daughter Ada who used to teach school.

Then the Holcomb family settled on what we call Limeledge road. The last of the Holcomb family was Charles Holcomb who the older people will remember. He teamed it around the village.

The first school house was a log school built between Hillyer's and Major May's, now between Ray Henderson's and Paul Hegent's. (East Hill) Dan Bradley was the first teacher. A few years later they divided the district and built a school house in the Village, the East Hill district built a frame school house up near Robert Dorchester's farm.

Frank Griffing

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One Hundred Years Ago

Notice To Cut Weeds

To owners or occupants of lands to remove weeds and brush in the towns of Marcellus, Camillus, Elbridge, Onondaga, Otisco, township.

Please take notice that it is your duty to remove the weeds and brush along the highway fronting your lands pursuant to Section 54 of the Highway Law, part of which follows:

It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of lands situated along the highway to and remove noxious weeds growing within the bounds of the highway, fronting such lands, at least twice in each year, once in the month of June and once in the month of August. It also shall be the duty of such owner or occupant to remove all briars and brush growing within the bounds of the highway fronting such lands once in the month of August in each year. It shall also be the duty such owner or occupant to remove brush, shrubbery or other obstructions within the bounds of the highway causing the drifting of snow upon said highway, before the first of November of each year. If such owner or occupant fails to cut or remove such weeds or brush, or to remove such brush, shrubbery or other obstruction, causing the drifting of snow, as provided herein, the town superintendent of the town in which said lands are situated shall cause the same to be done and the expense thereby incurred shall be paid in the first instance out of monies levied and collected and available therefor, and in the amount thereof shall be charged against such owner or occupant, and levied and collected, as provided in Section fifty five.

Dated July 25th, 1917.

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One Hundred Years Ago

Drafted Men

337 Irvin R. Webber
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 509 Francis N. Casey
 594 Ernest J. Marsh
 616 Henry T. Martens
 1625 Arthur Hickman
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 31 H.C. Kennedy
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 957 John R. Haney
 524 Edward Letson

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Retired USAF Major Terry Ballentine, a Marcellus alumnus, class of 1967, standing next to the artifacts he donated to the historical society from his military career. Terry just sent the historical society a flight suit and badges which will be placed in the Military room at the Steadman House.

Memories Of Marcellus

I am writing this week about Borodino, some from memory and some from Dr. Israel Parson's history book. Dr. Jeremiah Bumpus Whiting from Vermont settled in Borodino, then called Child's Corners, about 1802. He continued practice of medicine and cleared off and managed a new farm. In 1819 moved to Sempronius, Cayuga County. Dr. Benjamin Trumbull came to Borodino in 1816. The place owes its name to him. He did much to build up and foster schools. He died of heart failure in 1836 at the age of fifty-six.

Burroughs first sold goods from a little store in Borodino before 1806. Horace Childs soon bought him out and was followed by Messrs. Barker. Dr. Van-Dyke Tripp was the doctor in Borodino when I was born in 1879. He took care of my mother and charged \$5.00 according to his old book which his son George had up until he died. I don't know where the Doctors books are now.

continued

When I was a small boy, Borodino was a thriving village. The store that burned was run by Churchill Eddie and Anson Grinnell. Later Dearman bought out Grinnell. William Quick had a tailor shop in the Grange building, which burned. Charles Rich hardware store and tin shop, also the Post Office were there. Hoffman had the Hotel but Anson Churchill bought him out. My father A. B. Griffing, was one Blacksmith Shop, Oran Eddy the other. Lonty Manley had a shoe shop and my uncle Will had a shop. Joe Robertson drove stage to Skaneateles and carried the mail.

The doctors I remember were Tripp, Weidman, and Bliss. The Grange Hall you now have used to be the church until the present church was moved up to Borodino from Skaneateles. Clarence Unckless has some old time pictures of Borodino. The school teachers I had in Borodino were Hallie Nichols, Ellie Preston, Mrs. Shean, aunt to Ernest Bartlett, Charles Davis, Jack Unckless. Robert Manley was the harness maker. Borodino had a good Band.

Frank Griffing

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