

# Marcellus Historical Society News

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100 Years Ago

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Toastmaster Knapp's Greeting

**100 Years Ago** 

Attorney F.W. Knapp as general chairman, also had charge of the toast list, and introducing the speakers he said:

Fellow citizens, we meet tonight with mingled feelings of sorrow and of joy; sorrow to think that some of our boys have not returned and never will return, joy to think that the great struggle is over, that we have won the victory, that justice and humanity have triumphed and that that great military power that sought to conquer and control the world lies powerless and prostrate and subject to the bidding of the other nations of the world.

As we look back over the occurrences of the last year or two and recall the rapid succession of events, that we were slow to enter the great struggle, that we had no thought of glory, or aggrandizement, that we were for peace if it could be obtained without sacrificing national honor, but when we saw that France and England could not stop the onward march of the invading Huns, when we saw that humanity and civilization were at stake, then we awoke as from a trance and sprang to duty as a lion springs upon prey. When we recall the long trains passing through filled with soldiers, joyful but with a determined look in their faces that told full well that they were of the magnitude of the job before them and that they were imbued with that spirit of loyalty and devotion to a cause that could not be put down. Then when we went to the Railway Station to see our boys go forth leaving home and loved ones behind, not knowing whether we would ever see them again. These are the times that try men's soul. Then to think of the great campaigns that we passed through in raising the money that our boys might have supplies and munitions to carry on the war.

Then to think that it is over, that our boys coming back to us, that we know that they have done their duty and is it any wonder that we want to give them a royal welcome?

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#### **EVENTS SCHEDULE**

The tentative schedule of events is as follows: Meetings September 8, 2019 October 13, 2019 November 10, 2019

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

#### **Historical Society Officers for 2018**

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#### **From The President**

We have discussed for years about raising dues. The trustees have agreed that the time has come to do so. In November at our annual meeting we will vote on raising dues to \$10 for single and \$15 for a couple.

We have been very busy this summer. We have had many visitors. We have been receiving many pictures and small items pertaining to events in the town of Marcellus. Seems like everyone is cleaning their attics. It is amazing that items from over one hundred years ago still exist in our homes.

Enjoy the rest of summer as well as Fall. Hope to see you at our meetings.

Doug Nightingale

<u>Steadman House Hours (Weather Permitting)</u>: 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: 259** 

New: Business Members: 21

#### <u>Remember: this is a non-profit organization</u> <u>supported by dues and donations!</u>

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.

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

## In Remembrance

Frank E. Withey July 10, 2019 Katherine S. McLaughlin August 1, 2019

#### 100 Years Ago

I feel proud to say that not a single boy of the 110 or more that have gone forth from our township has done a single dishonorable act that was a discredit to his town or his people. Rather do I prefer to say that every man did his duty, that our town has won distinction in having come to it one of eroix de guerre. I am just as proud to say to you soldier boys, that the people here in your home town were just as loyal and faithful in suppling the sinews of war as you were in using them. In every Liberty Loan as you all well know, we subscribed our quota and much more.

I can but believe that the great sacrifice of human life and property has been a cleansing and purifying process in the onward march of civilization.

The Marcellus Observer Wednesday July 25, 1919

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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, Jean & Doug Nightingale, Carol Armstrong, and Chuck Paul for keeping the Steadman House open during scheduled hours; and the Village of Marcellus for mowing the grass~

## **Speakers for Monthly Meetings**

## September 8, 2019

**Cindy Wells** speaking on her great grand fathers letters from the civil war.

## October 13, 2019

John Lischak owner of Finders Keepers Mining on Main Street in Marcellus.

## November 10, 2019

**Asia Murphy** owner of Eat More Sweets on Main Street in Marcellus.

Also on November 10th will be the vote to raise the dues for the society and the general election after the general meeting.

## 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 ~

AVAILABLE AT THE STEADMAN HOUSE Have you visited the Steadman House recently? Our <u>indexed</u> collection (at last count) consists of: 3,475 Artifacts 826 Clothing articles 743 Books 13 Clocks 6,921 Photographs 68 Scrapbooks with 55,427 referenced items Family files and genealogies Gift shop with Afghans, Books, Prints, Cards, etc. ~

#### August 2019

#### **Our Thanks for Cash Donations**

Barbara R. Bailey

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**Barbara Randall** 

Jerry Wilcox

## Early Toys

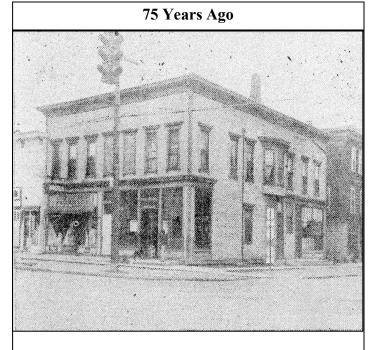


The above picture shows the American Flyer #12 that we just received from the Fenlon family.



The picture to the left is a butter churn made between 1850 and 1899. Sears & Roebuck sold the butter

churn. We found the butter churn in a 1902 Sears & Roebuck Catalog we have here at the Steadman House. We thank the Frank Withey estate for the donation.



#### Post Office Building Sold

The Marcellus Post Office block has been sold recently to Willis B. Sharp of Marcellus. Mr. Sharp bought as an investment.

Built about 60 years ago, the post office building has housed several stores and business places in the past half century. At one time the Masonic lodge and other fraternal orders had rooms in the block, and it was the traditional headquarters of the Republicans on election day.

Following the burning of the Episcopal church, which stood on that corner, William Gallup purchased the site and built the Gallup Block. It is thought that contractor William Wright did the work. Later the block was purchased by the late Frank W. Knapp and until recently was in the Knapp estate. It is located on one of the best business sites in the town.

Mr. Sharp purchased the block through Evan B. Evans Real Estate of Onondaga Hill, and for the present will paint it, make needed repairs and wait until after the war before he does any extensive remolding. Me. Sharp lives in the former Ray Palmer house, having purchased that home a short time ago. Prior to that he owned the former Earl Marshfield farm at Howlett Hill.

The Marcellus Observer Friday July 14, 1944

#### 50 Years Ago

#### Lt. David Driver Killed in Air Crash in West

Memorial services will be held today (Thursday) for Lt. David W. Driver, 26, who was killed Sunday at McChord Airforce Base, Tacoma, Washington, in the crash of a Navy jet plane.

Lt. Driver was the son of Mrs. Maxine Driver of 29 First Street, Marcellus, and the late Chester Driver, principal of Marcellus Central School from 1937 until his death six years ago.

The services will be held in the First Presbyterian Church Marcellus at 2 p.m. with Rev. Keith Shinaman, pastor, officiating.

Friends may contribute to the Chester Driver Memorial Fund of the Marcellus Central School. The fund provides money for scholarships for seniors in MCS.

Also killed in the crash that occurred seconds after takeoff was Lt. (J.G.) Stephen Spurlock, Lafayette, California.

It was not known which of the officers was at the controls of the A6A when it crashed in a field about four blocks from the end of the runway. It crashed near a motel whose occupants were unhurt, and rained balls of fire on the nearby Interstate 5 Freeway.

An outstanding high school athlete, Lt. Driver in 1960 was named first team quarterback on the All-County Football Team. During the 1960-61 season he was named to the second team of the County Basketball All Stars.

Graduating from Marcellus Central School in 1961 Lt. Driver received an appointment to Annapolis where he rowed on the lightweight crew.

He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1965 and underwent further training at Pensacola Naval Air Base, Florida. He then served a tour of duty and was involved in combat in Vietnam. He returned to this country only recently and was stationed at Whidby Naval Air Station.

Lt. Driver attended the Marcellus First Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his mother, Lt. Driver is survived by a sister, Mrs. Nancy Holbrook, who lives with her husband, PFS Arthur Holbrook, who is Stationed with the Army in Augusta, Ga..

Arrangements are in charge of the Norris Funeral Home, Marcellus.

The Marcellus Observer Thursday July 3, 1969



## Doughnuts doz. 72c

#### **Recent Acquisitions**

**Barb Randall** her mothers (Fran Randall) a scrap book. **Carolyn Legg** woolen pieces from the Crown Woolen Mill. **Shirley Ramsden's** family, Marcellians. **Janet Seymour** post card of Marietta Mill. **Heather Shaw-Stillman** Sights & Insights, a collection of poetry by Sarah Walsh. **Robert Farrell** and family pictures of Marcellus as well as memorabilia of the Stone and Baker families. **Tim Fenlon** and family old school books from the late 1880's and a America Flyer windup train from 1907. **Frank Withey Estate** old butter churn. **Mary Widger** 

#### **Memories Of Marcellus**

I will tell of people who lived on the east side of South Street.

Back in 1890 when I was a small boy it was called Cherry Street.

Starting where Hickman's store is now was Van Vranken and Thompson. Living upstairs above the store was widow woman by the name of Bicknell. When her husband was alive they operated the grocery store. She worked for Thompson.

Mrs. Bicknell had a boy, Charles and a daughter by the name of Lottie. If I remember she married Elmer Crissee. I believe Mrs. Bicknell later moved to Auburn.

Next, where Glen Lindsley lives, there was two girls by the name of Platt. If I remember right, one married George Stearns.

Where Mary Wybron lives was John Perry who had a blacksmith shop in the basement. Mrs. Perry had a boy by a previous marriage by the name of James Scores and the Perry's had a boy William and a daughter whose name I forget. After John died, Mrs. Perry moved to Auburn.

The next house where the telephone building is Mrs. Caroline Curtis lived before 1890. She was crippled, so she could not walk. By trade she was a tailoress. She had two dogs, a little wagon and harness. She used to drive the dogs around town.

Mrs. Curtis was the sister of George Stuckey's mother and when I worked for George Mrs. Curtis lived with them.

In 1890 John Spaulding lived in the Curtis house. John had a boy named Howard.

The next house was owned, I believe, by George Clements. The first one I remember living there was John Garnett who had a clothing store where the Lincoln Bank is in Syracuse. The firm's name was Mertens, Yan & Garnett.

The next place where Harvey Sanderson lives was the old Bradley home but in 1890 his son Isaac Bradley was living there. Isaac had two daughters Sarah Bradley and Mrs. Peterson Jones. George Ammerman came to live with the Bradley's at the age of 18 months after the death of his mother. The later part of Isaac's life he carried on an insurance business.

The next place Will Stuckey built. Next is the Red & White store first built by Continued Howard Amidon. Later Alan Doig bought it. Alan Doig later bought the Town Garage, pulling it down and enlarged his store as it is now.

Frank Griffing

The Marcellus Observer Thursday March 11, 1965

#### 25 Years Ago

#### Town gets park back

It may have seemed like a dream just months ago, but a recent announcement at a town board meeting will ring good news to local legislators and residents of Marcellus.

At the town board meeting July 11, council members announced that the town of Marcellus will soon recapture its claim to Marcellus Park.

The park was turned over to Onondaga County last year in an effort to save the park, which was facing financial burdens from lack of funding..

According to town supervisor Frank Wilson, however, Marcellians have all the reason to celebrate: local legislators expect the park will be the hands of the town no later than the New Year.

"The point we're at is that the county legislature has passed a resolution to give it to us," said Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson said the Town is waiting approval from the state legislature, which will resume session in the fall.

Mr. Wilson said he is optimistic the town will here a quick approval from the state legislature.

Marcellus Observer July 27, 1994

A quick response, was fall of 1995 before the state legislature approved the transfer of the park back to Marcellus.

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## **NEXT MEETING :**

September 8, 2019 2 PM October 13, 2019 2 PM November 10, 2019 2 PM

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(Your dues are paid through Dec. 31st of the year on the label.)