



# Marcellus Historical Society News

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75 Years Ago

## Bells And Sirens Proclaim End Of War As Villagers Dance And Shout With Joy!

V-J Day found Marcellus prepared to celebrate in a fitting manner. When the old bell in the Presbyterian church and the siren began to proclaim the end of the war, shortly after 7 o'clock, the quiet village suddenly came to life.

While the siren was still blowing and the bell still ringing, local fireman enthusiastically boarded the two fire trucks and sailed noisily up and down the streets, and out into the country districts, sirens whirling and happy men and boys yelling. Within a few minutes the streets were filled with joyous villagers, slapping each other's backs, shaking hands and hugging another.

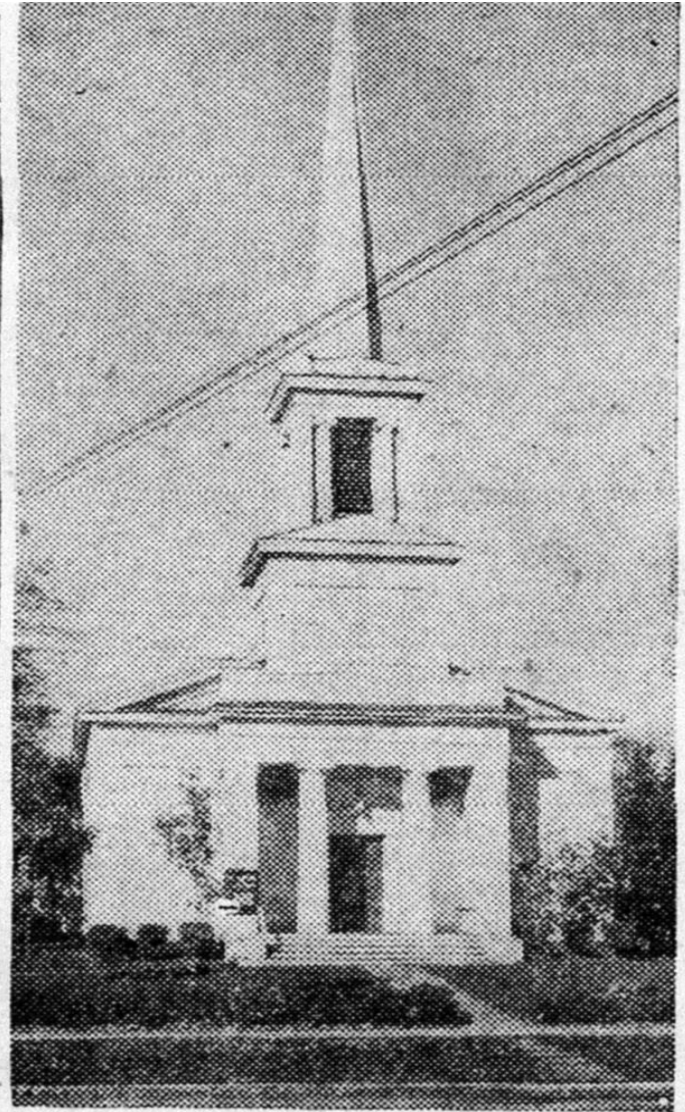
In another half hour cars began to move eastward, toward Syracuse, where a real celebration was in progress. Residents of East Hill say that a steady line of cars rolled up the hill until late into the evening. In the city bedlam had let loose. Law and order seemed tossed to the four winds, and happy, laughing people paraded up and down the main stem until driven home by sheer exhaustion.

Wednesday morning the crowd gathered at the village post office to exchange greetings and to congratulate those to whom the end of the war meant most. Several wives of servicemen wept tears of joy as their friends rejoiced with them over the outcome of the war. It was the most neighborly gathering in the history of the village.

The community now awaits the returning of the men and women from the service. Only when that is accomplished will the cup of joy and gratitude be completely full.

We are now to witness the wonderful sight of returning soldiers. May war be no more.

Marcellus Observer Friday Morning August 17, 1945



The bell in the steeple of the century-old Presbyterian church in Marcellus was the first to proclaim the glad news to a waiting village. It seemed fitting that this old bell should ring out the peace tidings, and its first stroke electrified the community, telling it that the war was truly over and peace had come at last.

**EVENTS SCHEDULE**

*The tentative schedule of events is as follows:  
Meetings*

**No Meetings in 2020**

*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**

It has been a trying time. The Steadman House will  
stay closed until further notice. Even though we are  
closed we continue to help people with research.  
They either email or leave a message on the phone.  
People still call about donating artifacts to our col-  
lection.

The next news letter will be out after election day.  
I ask that we all vote either in person or by mail in  
ballots.

Stay safe and healthy.

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: 259**

**New:**

**Business Members: 21**

**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.

**\$10. a year is a small price to pay  
to help preserve our history!**

**In Remembrance**

**Margaret 'Peg' Flitcroft June 4, 2020**

### Covid-19

The executives and the board have decided to keep the Steadman House closed until further notice. All our volunteers are in the high risk age group. Also we have decided that we will cancel the remaining meetings for 2020. The same scenario for the meetings as with Steadman House, the attendees are in the high risk age group.

Hopefully by April of 2021 the doctors and scientist will have a better handle on covid-19. The newsletter will be out before next April's meeting.

Doug Nightingale

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~*

### Attention !!!

**\$10/ Person per year—\$15/Couple per year  
\$15/Family per year (includes children under 18)  
Sustaining membership = 5 years ( dues x 5 )**

The Board of Trustees have agreed that dues need to rise. At the November meeting, those attending voted to raise dues. The changes will go into effect as of January 1, 2020. The changes are above.

For those who have paid for multiple years your dues will not be raised until you have to renew at the end of the years you have paid.

We will notify those of you that receive the newsletter by email when your dues are due by email.

If you have any questions our phone numbers and emails are located on page 2 of the newsletter.

Doug Nightingale

President

### 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](mailto:djn0409@windstream.net) ~

### AVAILABLE AT THE STEADMAN HOUSE

Have you visited the Steadman House recently? Our indexed collection (at last count) consists of:

**3,475** Artifacts

**887** Clothing articles

**814** Books

**13** Clocks

**7,010** Photographs

**68** Scrapbooks with **55,427** referenced items

Family files and genealogies

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## 25 Years Ago

**Kathryn C. Heffernan**

Kathryn C. Heffernan, 89, formerly of 20 First St., Marcellus died June 13, 1995 at Iroquois Nursing Home after a long illness.

Miss Heffernan was a native of Fabius. She retired in 1970 from Marcellus Central Schools after 26 years as a teacher and director of elementary education. The Marcellus district recognized her services by naming Marcellus Elementary School, the Kathryn C. Heffernan Elementary School. She previously taught 11 years at Fabius High School and four years in a one-room school house.

Miss Heffernan was a communicant and organist of St. Francis Xavier Church, Marcellus. In her retirement, she wrote a history of the town of Marcellus called "Nine Mile Country." She was a secretary of the Marcellus Community Council, trustee of the Marcellus Free Library and permanent secretary of the Chester Driver Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"She was a wonderful person and a great friend and teacher," said Katherine Arthur, a long time friend of Miss Heffernans.

"She was not only a great supervisor at the school but a great teacher of teachers as well," Robert Wood said. "After I'd been a teacher at Marcellus she helped me get a job as a principal and supervisor. She always had great advice for me."

Miss Heffernan contributed in many ways to the local community.

"The hours and years of research that went into her book "Nine Mile Country" were and still are very profitable to the community," Marcellus village and town co-historian Michael Plumpton said. "She put a great deal of time into the book."

Mr. Plumpton said he was also in admiration of her contributions to the school.

"The years that she gave to the community as a teacher, counselor and principal ere unmatched. A lot of her achievements went unrecognized," Mr. Plumpton commented.

"She helped so many people and knew so many people," Mrs. Arthur remembered. "She helped people not only in school but in every day life. She was just an all around good person."

Mr. Wood agreed.

"She was just a absolutely great person. She did a great job in the educational field. She was a great educator and a very loyal friend. She was Miss Education in Marcellus," Mr. Wood commented. She did a great job and was a great lady. I will definitely miss her."

Surviving are a brother, James of Fayetteville; three nephews and three nieces.

Services were June 16, 1995 in St. Francis Xavier Church, the Rev. Peter Creed officiating. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Pompey. There were no calling hours.

Norris Funeral Home, Marcellus, Had charge of arrangements.



**Kathryn C. Heffernan**

Story by Amber A. Spain

Press/Observer June 21, 1995



## 50 Years Ago



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Press/Observer June 1970

## Pandemic Scrap Book

I was reading another historic societies newsletter and they are asking people to write about their lives during the covid-19 pandemic.

I thought this was a great idea for our historical society to do the same. I'm asking not just our members but your friends, children and grandchildren about how their lives have been during the pandemic.

You can mail or email your thoughts to us.

The scrap book will be looked at one hundred years from now with awe.

I just finished reading about the 1918 pandemic just as our pandemic was starting. It took the author six years of research to write the book. The research was mainly about the doctors and scientists. The author had very difficult time researching the general public about the pandemic because they never wrote anything down. I hope our scrap book will solve this problem for researches of the future. Hope to here from many people.

Doug Nightingale

## Recent Acquisitions

**Martin and Brenda Collard** obituaries and funeral cards. **Rusty and Dorothy Snell** Marcellus Observers.

**50 Years Ago****Teaching Was A 'Happy Experience'**

"It has been a happy experience with faculty and students both" stated Mrs. Florence Bishop, a member of the Marcellus Senior High Faculty, as she summed up many years of dedicated service in public education.

A recipient of a B. A. with a major in languages from Houghton College, Mrs. Bishop pursued advanced studies at McGill University in Montreal Canada.

Her teaching career began in Honeoye, New York, where she taught French and Latin. This assignment was followed by four years in the Sherburne Central School District. She later substituted for ten years throughout the Marcellus Central School District, where she accepted a full time teaching position in March, 1957.

As sponsor of the Latin Club, Mrs. Bishop helped to make Latin fun as well as a foreign language. Toward the end of each year one of the highlights of this organization has been the Roman Banquet. Latin reminds a popular course in Marcellus School District largely through the efforts of this energetic teacher. This year Mrs. Bishop has served in the dual role of teacher and substituting as foreign language department head for Miss Mary Hasting who has been on a one year leave of absence.

Mrs. Bishop has been a Home Service Volunteer for the Red Cross for several years and has been an active member of the Marcellus Study Club for many years. She served in the capacity of a charter member of the Driver Memorial Board of Directors. Her professional affiliations include the New York Teachers Association and the Marcellus Faculty Association.

Mrs. Bishop resides in the Marcellus community with her husband F. A. Bishop. They have one daughter, Kathleen, now Mrs. Philip Addabbo of Buffalo, New York.

Press/Observer Thursday June 25, 1970

**Memories of Marcellus**

Mr. Campbell had a picture of the Alvord House in Sunday's Post-Standard January 6th. It did not mention that the Alvord's operated the Hotel. He said that it was built around 1815 and Dr. Bildab Beach was the keeper of the inn.

Theodore Alvord and Warren Alvord purchased the hotel some time between 1855 and 1860. They built the third story on for a dance hall and public hall. There was an addition built on the East end some time after the main was built. Whether the Alvord's did that when they raised the third story, I don't know, but it showed up when Dick Pollard remodeled it for Ed Dillon.

Warren Alvord operated the hotel after his brother moved away.

There was a long building 2 stories high that extended North from the main building, the first floor was a large dining room and kitchen. The upper part was bedrooms. They had lots of boarders and kept traveling men overnight. The Alvord's served very good meals. Alvord kept two cows in the barn for milk and 3 or 4 teams of horses to rent out and to use at funerals. He had a hearse to carry the dead to the cemetery. I did lots of harness work for the Alvord House.

In 1914 Alvord sold out to Edward Dillon Sr. and James Hogan Sr., then later Hogan quit for other business and Edward Dillon operated the Alvord House until his death.

Frank Griffing June 1963

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### NEXT MEETING :

**No Meetings for 2020**

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