



# Marcellus Historical Society News

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## William Skye



William Skye, 90, of State St., passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, November 23, 2021 at Carthage Area Hospital. William was born on February 19, 1931 in South Plainfield, New Jersey, son of the late Frank and Eleanor (Matiskella) Skyinkus. After graduation from North Plainfield (NJ) High School where he was an All-County football player and track letterwinner, Bill was invited to walk-on the SU freshman football team by Coach Lester Dye. Bill received an athletic scholarship. He went on to become a three-year starter on defense under Coach Ben Schwartzwalder. Bill was selected as honorable mention All-East and All-American in 1951, first team All-East in 1952 and second team All-American in 1952. He declined an invitation to play in the 1952 Blue-Gray Game after Syracuse won the Lambert Trophy and an Orange Bowl bid. Bill was drafted by the New York Giants and later traded to the Green Bay Packers. Bill served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1951 to 1981, moving up through the ranks from private to lieutenant colonel. He successfully completed the U.S. Army Adjutant Generals Officer Advanced Course (1969), Industrial College of the Armed Forces (1975) and The Command and General Staff College (1977). Bill served on active duty at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in the Administration Records and on the faculty for the Adjutant General School. Retiring in 1981 after 30 years, he became a member of the Reserve Officers Association, U.S. Military Retirees Association and American Legion. Bill returned to SU to coach undefeated 1954-1955 freshman football and wrestling teams while doubling as a trainer under Dr. Edward Swift and head trainer Jules Riechel. From 1955-1967 he taught physical education and health and coached football, wrestling and track at Marcellus Central School. Introducing 11-man football to the school in 1955, Bill's teams won championships in 1956, 1963 and 1965. He was selected Football Coach of the Year in 1956 and 1963 and All-County Coach in 1965. Bill also introduced wrestling at Marcellus, enjoying nine winning seasons, and re-established the track and field program. He retired after 18 years as assistant principal of Watertown High School. In 1965, he was head coach of the Mohawk Valley Falcons of the professional Atlantic Coast League. In 1971 and 1972, Bill served as line coach of the Watertown Red & Black semi-professional football team. Bill officiated football and wrestling at the high school and college levels for 14 years. He has been active in numerous community and charitable associations, including the VFW, Elks Club, Lions Club, Jefferson Co. & Carthage Area Blind Associations, and he was the recreational coordinator for seniors at Carthage High Rise. Bill was a life member of the Varsity Club and was a contributor to the Orange Pack, Ernie Davis Club and Ben Schwartzwalder Field. Bill's favorite activity was boating with friends and family in the Thousand Islands area of New York State. On June 1, 1953 William married his first wife and

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## **EVENTS SCHEDULE**

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

### **Hopefully April 2022**

*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 2021**

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## **From The President**

We continue to have visitors at the Steadman House. They visit Marcellus because of their families living in Marcellus years ago to people who have just moved to Marcellus and want to learn some history of Marcellus.

We are hoping to start having meetings in the spring, starting in April.

We have the ability to stop Covid-19 just like we stopped malaria, smallpox and polio.

Have a Happy Holiday.

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: 219**

**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**

### Covid-19

**The Steadman House will stay open as long as Covid stays under control.**

**All visitors have had their shots.**

**Our hope that we can have meetings in the spring 2022.**

**Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.**

Doug Nightingale



Happy Holidays

**Ask a friend to join our Society to help preserve**

#### 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 lawn~*

### 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

**Gift shop** with Afghans, Books, Prints, Cards, etc. ~



**Parallel Parking on Main Street****Future Home of the  
Marcellus Town Hall****Recent Acquisitions**

**No new acquisitions since last newsletter.**



## 100 Years Ago

J. M. Murphy has bought from Fred E. Williams the Flour and Feed Mill in Marcellus which has been closed some months past, since G. G. Orcutt, formerly of Camillus, operated it for a short time.

Mr. Murphy has engaged Arthur Taylor to take charge of the mill, which will grind, and fully stocked with all the demands of the trade. See the space ad on page 2. The business conducted by Mr. Murphy in all lines will give assurance that this mill will be run in a way to satisfy.

The entire property about the mill is included in the purchase, the apartment house upstairs in the mill of course, the other one west near the garage and the garage, now occupied by Taylor Bros.. This is a big deal, to great advantage to the business interest of Marcellus, and the progressive spirit of Mr. Murphy in acquiring the property and in operating the mill is to be commended.

## Notice to the Public!

Having recently purchased the Williams' Flour and Feed Mill, same is now open and we are at your service in the following lines:

**Custom Grinding, Feed and Flour of all kinds, Fertilizer, Grass Seed, Seed Corn, Binding Twine, Farm Implements and repairs.**

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GIVE US A CALL

**J. M. Murphy, Marcellus**

Marcellus Observer October 19, 1921

### Our Thanks for Cash Donations

Marcellus Class of 1960

Ronald Fiske

Mary M. Salibrici

## 75 Years Ago

### L. D. Paul, Inc. Observes Seventh Anniversary

Seven years ago this month L. D. Paul of Onondaga Hill purchased the D. J. Chrisler Lumber Yard of Marcellus.

Mr. Paul, who is one of the most ambitious and tireless business men in town, has since branched out and at present his business area includes a territory many miles each way from the home office in Marcellus.

In observance of the seventh anniversary of the firm in Marcellus, L. D. Paul, Inc. has planned something of interest for Marcellus each week of the month, the celebration to culminate in a grand Halloween Party for the kids of the community. A full program will be given in this paper each week.

#### Builder 27 Years

Mr. Paul was a builder and general contractor in Syracuse for 27 years prior to coming to Marcellus. His last contract was in 1939, just before taking over the Chrisler business, when he completed a large job for the Corning Glass Works in Corning..

During the war the woodworking department of the firm took on several war contracts, and produced fabricated wood panels and units for Carrier Corporation and Brown-Lipe-Chapin. Since the war this department has been engaged in the production of display units and showroom equipment for such firms as International Harvester, J. I. Case and Dunlop Tire.

#### Large Quonset Territory

When it began to look like a lumber famine, Mr. Paul secured the agency for Quonset steel farm buildings made famous by the armed forces, and his territory embraces the counties of Onondaga, Cayuga, Cortland. The firm is now busy selling and erecting these buildings throughout its large territory.

In the spring of 1946 L. D. Paul, Inc. found that it had outgrown its quarters and lacked space for a proposed showroom. It was the intention of Mr. Paul to install a more complete line of building supplies, plus home appliances. The plan was that the company should be able to furnish everything for the complete home, from the ground up.

Mr. Paul has already purchased the former Sherman Home, north of the original office, and he now conceived the plan of enlarging that building and fitting a large showroom, to be available to anyone

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### William Skye

mother to his four children, Virginia E. Hall (Skye, Cole). Virginia passed away on October 14, 2019.

On August 5, 1983 William married Lucy Gerardi. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Lucy; four children, William (Martha) Skye of Stow Creek, New Jersey; Nancy Skye of Syracuse, NY; Robert (Cindy) Skye of Colon, Nebraska; and Barbara Skye (Douglas) Siegel of Tucson, Arizona; two stepchildren, Heather Smith of Hopkinton, Massachusetts and Matthew Bagarozzo of Auburn, NY; a sister, Joyce Langbeen of Wilmington, North Carolina; a sister-in-law, Florence Skye of Bonaire, Georgia; seven grandchildren, Dylan & Tyler Skye; Matthew, Aiden & Izzie Bagarozzo; and Marissa & Olivia Smith; nieces, Winna (Marty) Johnson; Debbie (John) Murray; Becky Langbeen; and a nephew, Scott (Charlotte) Langbeen. Bill is predeceased by his parents as well as three siblings, Sylvia Skyinkus, Frank Skye and Cynthia (Keith) Lennox. No public services will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Marcellus Mustangs Football Team at <http://www.marcellusboosterclub.org/Donate>. Arrangements are under the direction of Lundy Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Inc.

Lundy Funeral Home Carthage New York

### L. D. PAUL, INC.

who had dreams of home building. In a few months this became a fact, and now Marcellus has one of the most complete building material showrooms in the state. Shown here are all of the modern conveniences that go into the present day home.

#### Has Washington Authority

L. D. Paul, Inc. has recently received authority from Washington to proceed with prefabrication of homes, and plans are made to go into production on six various units, pending availability of certain vital materials. This new venture will employ more than the 24 employees now engaged by the firm.

Since the close of the war Ray and Dick Paul have been associated with their father in the business.

Marcellus Observer October 4, 1946



### Business Member Directory Please Patronize These Businesses

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 Sustaining membership = 5 years ( dues x 5 )  
 Number joining? \_\_\_\_ New Members? \_\_\_\_

### Available Collectibles

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 Pucker Street by John Curtin.....\$26  
 The Town He Loved So Well by James Quinn.....\$20  
 Around Marcellus By Leslie Church Kraus .....\$20  
 Nine Mile Country by Katherine Heffeman.....\$20  
 Centennial History of the Town Of Marcellus.....\$15  
 Olden Day Stories by Lawrence F. Mahoney.....\$10  
 Otisco Lake Community by Roger Trendowski.....\$23  
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 Farewell Old Girl By J. Michael Kelly.....\$15  
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 Ruth Anne Reagan Prints Framed.....\$28  
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**\*\*\*\*\*NEW Website Address:\*\*\*\*\***

**[www.marcellushistoricalsociety.org](http://www.marcellushistoricalsociety.org)**

### NEXT MEETING :

**May be April 2022**

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

### INSIDE:

**\*William Skye**

**\*L. D. Paul, Inc.**

**\*Main Street Marcellus**

**\*Marcellus Town Hall**