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Louis G. Macholl



LOUIS G. MACHOLL

I received a fascinating email from Tim Michaels of Roswell, Georgia about a Marcellus native, Louis G. Macholl. Tim is interested in bringing Louis' story to light and to share his story with his hometown as well as getting some permanent recognition of Louis Macholl's service and sacrifice for his country.

FROM TIM MICHAELS

My mother, Marilyn Vidler, is one of 12 Vidler children born and raised on Pleasant Valley Road. All are still alive today. My mother had frequently told of a neighbor, Louis Macholl, who'd gone to war in WWII and came back with perhaps some medical issues. I recently looked into Louis' history and here is what I've discovered to date:

About Louis G. Macholl

Louis Macholl was born July 8, 1923, on Pleasant Valley Road in Marcellus. He left high school and enlisted in the US Army on July, 15, 1941. After training, he was assigned to the 59th Coastal Artillery Regiment stationed in Manila Bay, the Philippines. He was a sergeant when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the Philippine islands. When the position of Manila became hopeless, he swam Manila Bay to join the Ameri-

can forces on Corregidor Island. Just before Corregidor Island fell to the Japanese, he returned the main island and organized a guerrilla group. He led the guerrilla group on attacks of the Japanese supply trains. In April 1942, the guerrilla group was overrun by the Japanese. Sgt. Macholl was one of the few spared but was taken as a POW where he underwent severe torture. He was in what became one of the worst Japanese POW camps (Cabanatuan) where he was a prisoner until his liberation by 6th US Army Rangers under Lt. Col Henry A. Mucci with the support of USA Alamo Scouts and several hundred Filipino guerillas. This raid is considered one of the most daring raids in military history and its planning and execution are still taught today.

Louis was one of 514 prisoners liberated and brought to freedom in January 30-31, 1945. The story, itself, is amazing and it can be found at [Rescue at Cabanatuan \(arsof-history.org\)](https://www.arsof-history.org/Rescue-at-Cabanatuan). By the time of his liberation, Louis had been a POW for nearly 2 1/2 years and weighed 80 pounds, according to his daughter, Deborah. Louis received the Silver Star with three oak leaf clusters and the Bronze Medal for his actions and the Purple Heart for the wounds received during his service. After his release from the POW camp, Louis recovered in the hospital until August 1945 when he was discharged from the US Army. He moved to New Orleans in 1946, married and had three children where he was a police officer. However, it appears the effects of malnutrition and mistreatment as a POW had taken its physical toll and he died of heart failure at the age of 34 in New Orleans on January 5, 1958. He's buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

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

April 10, 2022 2PM

May 15, 2022 2PM

*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 seems nice to walk on Main street and see all the
buildings in use as it was when I was growing up in
50's and 60's.

The Steadman House continues to have guests.
The girl scouts came in mid-March and spent about
an hour. They had a good time and asked many
questions.

We are looking forward to having meetings again.
Hope to see our local members at the meetings in
April and May.

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: 15

**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

James H. Stone II

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 building 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 the large dining room and kitchen. The upper part was bedrooms. They had lots of boarders and kept traveling men overnight. The Alvords 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

The Marcellus Observer Thursday Jan. 10, 1963

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 lawn~

Our Thanks for Cash Donations

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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 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. ~

[Louis G Macholl 1923 - 1958 Billion Graves Record](#)

I'd like your help in connecting me with the proper Marcellus people in an attempt to get permanent recognition for Louis Macholl's service and sacrifice for his country and Democracy. Louis was a true war hero and is deserving of his hometown's formal recognition so that his efforts, service, and sacrifice -- along with others like him -- are never forgotten. As a former Marine infantry and logistics officer, I would consider it a disservice if I failed to attempt to bring Louis' story to light and to share his story with his hometown. The above is the result of some minor investigating by me, could likely contain some minor errors but is directionally accurate. I'm working with his daughter to "fill in some blanks" but this is the best I have right now.

Together with Peg Nolan, Gary Belcher and Steve Martin and other members of the Marcellus American Legion Post, we are grateful to Tim for his interest in Louis' story and helping to bring to light a fascinating tale of heroism and sacrifice. We hope this article helps to recognize a truly hometown hero.

John Curtin

Recent Acquisitions

Chuck Paul donated a Marcellus High School class ring, picture of the new Atlantic Station from 1957 and pictures of his house when they moved it across the street from the original location.

Future Home of the Marcellus Town Hall





The new Atlantic Station Built by L. D. Paul Lumber Company in 1957.



Dr. Khatuna & Dr. Jason Stepkovitch new offices March 2022

TEFFT MEADOWS PROJECT

The site being considered by Christopher Community, a development company, for the construction of a senior living apartment complex (age 55+) off Paul Street is, at present, the site of an old lumberyard with a number of dilapidated outbuildings that would need to be demolished, along with a lot of asphalt that would have to be removed.

Christopher Community has the rights to develop the property at #8 Paul Street and the Village was asked to consider a name for the proposed project (senior apartments) being considered for the old lumberyard. In trying to think of an historic name for the site, we looked at some old maps, in particular that of the Village in 1860. The land at the site was once the property of Dr. Lake I. Tefft and his wife, Hattie, who had settled in Marcellus about 1823. In 1834, Tefft purchased at auction this land, previously owned by Austin Godard (1795-1833) and it was Tefft who constructed the house at #18 North Street, what we refer to today as The Steadman House – the home of the Marcellus Historical Society. About 1850, Dr. Tefft gave up practicing medicine and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and his farm encompassed all of the land from North Street to Nine Mile Creek and beyond. Since the proposed project (senior apartments), as well as all of what are today Paul Street, Chrisler Street, and Austindale Ave, lay within what was once Dr. Tefft's farm, we suggested that the name of the project and apartments be named after him. The Board has agreed to name the project **Tefft Meadows**.

Dr. Tefft had once been the President of the Village of Marcellus (1855), and some have credited him, along with his brother, Dr. Nathan R. Tefft, as one of the founders of the Onondaga Medical Society. He moved to Syracuse in 1863 because of ill health and he remained there, at the home of his daughter until his death in 1880. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Syracuse.

From Village of Marcellus web site.

75 Years Ago

The Question In Mind Today Is Which Shall It Be? Maiden Lane or ?

Back in the year 1922, there was shown on the map of Marcellus a street which was listed as "Maid-en Lane". Later that year this name was changed. Some of the residents, of the village remember that change. To others the name Maiden -Lane is new but nevertheless, the ghost of Maiden Lane has returned. The spirits from the past were aroused when inquiries as to the correct spelling of the present name were started.

Quite a number of new street signs were erected at various corners. Some of the old signs were of course, left standing. The street in question is two blocks long with a sign at each end and one in the middle being the old type bears the name "Slocum". The poles at both ends of the street hold up signs spelled "Slocombe". On further investigation it was found the Marcellus phone book lists the name as 'Slocum' but Electric and Gas Co. take a more neutral stand and lists it as "Slocomb"

How this variety of spelling came about no one seems to know. The Observer has made a canvas of the homes on (Slocombe)? street which failed to throw any light upon the diversified spelling. It was established however that the people of the street prefer it spelled Slocum and in some cases a preference to return it to the original "Maiden Lane'.

There is a question in the minds of a number of the older residents whether the name was ever officially changed to its present name. But it should be stated here that the name comes from the late Sidney Slocombe who formerly ran a hardware store where, the Marcellus Hardware store now stands. We would be interested to hear from any of our readers who could further enlighten us on this subject.

The Marcellus Observer Friday January 17, 1947

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April 10, 2022

May 15, 2022

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

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