

Between the Lakes

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The Community is Invited! Two Fall Programs

The Interlaken Historical Society and the Ovid Historical Society will jointly host two programs this fall.

The first one will be on Monday, October 21st at 7:00 pm, at the Ovid Historical Society Building, 7203 Main Street, Ovid. The speaker will be Todd Wyckoff talking about Growing Hops and its use in beer making.

The second program will be November, at the Myers Distillery on Route 89 with guest speak Joe Myers.

More details on both programs will be published in the local papers closer to the events.

These programs are free and held in handicapped accessible buildings. Refreshments will be served.

Photo: The day after the O'Malley fire.

History on the Sidewalk October 19, 10 am—2pm

Please join the Interlaken Fire Department and other area fire departments for a special History on the Sidewalk.

Trucks, rescue vehicles, and vintage equipment will be on display along with uniforms, photographs and other memorabilia from years past. Fire fighters will be available to discuss their specific equipment and share memories of fires and rescues.

Vehicles will line the west side of Main Street with the antique and vintage equipment as well as displays located in the driveways and on the library lawn.

The program is open to the public. For more information contact the society at 607-532-8899 or 607-280-2099.

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President's Message What's in a name?

That question recently came to light in looking at a 1940 era map of Seneca County. The map was a gift from Butch Manzari of Genoa. He had found it at a yard sale, purchased a frame for it and gave it to the museum. Thank you Butch for this gift.

In looking at the map Route 96 and Route 96A were labeled New York Route 2 and 2A. It is interesting to note that "Route 2" is shown on the map as taking a left turn at the corner of today's Route 96 and Country Road 139, and then on into Ovid. Today, Route 96 continues north at that point going around the curve at Country Road 139, and then to the four corners at Ovid. Research needs to be done, or maybe one of the "old-timers" can tell us when the construction of the current Route 96 was done.

One address to check out this past August was the Trumansburg Fair and the Interlaken Historical Society display. The exhibit featured our "Jewel of the Community" the Boyer Opera House.

Special thanks to Ann Buddle, Nicole Nelson and others for their work on the display. If you missed seeing it in August, check the front window at Hubbard Heating and Plumbing where a smaller version is

currently shown.

ADDRESS CHANGES...

Has your address changed? Since our last issue of the newsletter we have received several copies back with "incomplete address," or "moved no forwarding address on file." When you move please include the Historical Society on your list of organizations to be notified. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and want to continue doing so.

Speaking of names and memories of days gone by, special thanks to Jane Kel-



logg who has recently completed indexing a second scrapbook for us here at the Museum. Jane read each item in the scrapbook entered the data of name, date, and type of news article into a database. We have included it a general database here at the

Museum, so we can access the information for researchers. Please see page __ for a short article by Jane about the diary.

This summer, our "History on the Sidewalk" events were very successful. Not only did we draw a crowd onto the sidewalk, we were able to encourage people to view the museums. Special thanks to the docents who spent time with the visitors, to our special guests over the summer: artists, children playing games, Civil War reenactors, car buffs, people just wanting to chat, and

the Interlaken Volunteer Fire Department. We hope you had a chance to see and view and visit with these many wonderful people. Thank you also to the Delavan Foundation for their support of the project and to Hubbard Heating and Plumbing for the display space in their windows.

Do you have an interest in a special area of our sidewalk history? We would enjoy talking with you and hearing more about the history of your favorite space. As part of our history on the sidewalk project we were able to purchase software which allows us to speak directly into the computer, record the information and then make corrections as needed. Using this software we hope to gather additional oral histories from many people. If you would be willing to share your story either in writing, or by telling it to the computer, we would love to hear from you and get your ideas.

Thank you for your time as you read, enjoy and participate in the activities of the Interlaken Historical Society.

Diane Bassette Nelson

New Member

Penny & Doug McGill, Interlaken, NY

New Life Members:

Betsy Pinkerton, Land O'Lakes, FL

Ruth Spory, Henderson, NV

Donations to the Society

Seneca County road map, by Ken Mansari, Genoa, NY

Collection of diaries by DeWitt and Edna Bassett, photo album and rocking chair, by Betsy Pinkerton in memory of Catherine Bassett.

Local History books, autograph books and newspapers, by the family of Lena Hunt.

Minute Books and membership books by Interlaken Grange #160.

Margaret Lorenz, Falls Church, VA

Beatrice E. Greenwalt, Ovid, NY

Gifts in Memory of Emily Brust

Scott Meuser and Friends at Pride Mobility Products, Exeter, PA

Virginia Boyes, Interlaken, NY

Caroline Serling, Interlaken NY

Library News

On behalf of the community and the Historical Society, thank you Joan Hendrix for all you have done for all of us while you served as Library Manager for the Hinman Memorial Library. We all wish you the best in your new endeavors.

Remembering the Houses and People on Main Street

By Phyllis Betzler

I would like to continue remembering houses and people on North Main St., Interlaken, that I knew as a child

In the July 2013 *Between the Lakes* newsletter, I left off with Manly and Ida Covert who lived in the last big house on the west side of North Main. The next little house (before the present car repair shop) was built by Francis Key Bartow, who lived at the lake between Kidders and Sheldrake. He was a relative of Francis Scott Key, composer of the *Star Spangled Banner*. The house was built to be a florist shop with an attached greenhouse.

The gas station was built much later but Cronk's dairy was built in the 1940s. Carl Kraft, Sr., Naomi Craft Brewer's father, delivered the milk to homes in the area. He would leave a quart of milk on our front porch and pick up the return bottle. The milk should be taken to the "ice box" soon, as the summer heat or winter cold could do damage. I never liked the milk to be frozen with the cap popped and the cream frozen an inch above the bottle.

When Cronk's dairy expanded to include a large soda fountain, the Greyhound had scheduled stops for the passengers to have a break on the route between New

York City and Rochester.

The owners of Cronk's were Les and Beulah Cronk who lived across Main Street at the corner of the Cemetery Road in a house that formally was (long before my time) a stagecoach stop known as McFall's Tavern.

I will continue south to the Glidden farm where George and Fran Glidden with their daughter Sally lived. George, or Mr. Glidden, as I knew him, was a gym teacher and coach at Interlaken Central school when I was in grade school. Following girls gym class we were to take showers. Mr. Glidden would yell into the locker room "are you girls taking a shower because if you aren't, I'm coming in?" We knew that he would never come in and he never did.



Later, when I was in high school, he was my science teacher and taught me, along with many others, to drive, using the car that came from Pritchard's Sales Company in Interlaken.

Mrs. Glidden taught homemaking where all seventh and eighth grade girls learn to make a bed properly, set the table, sew an

apron, etc. The room had two kitchen sinks back to back and stoves so we could cook and then do the dishes. One day in the early 1950s Dad bought a TV from Vance Cranes in Interlaken but the rule was "no TV until your homework was done." So I thought I would do my homework in homemaking, the last class of the day. Mrs. Glidden noticed that I was not paying attention to what she was saying so when she directed a question to me, I had no idea what it was. I learned, don't do any homework in homemaking.

The next three little houses were built when I was young one by one as they were built and were for sale by the builder., Mother and I had the opportunity to tour them before they were sold I thought they were beautiful and they all had a fireplace.

The one next to Glidden's, Bill and Carolyn Pritchard have owned for many years. The middle house was bought by the Interlaken Reformed Church for their parsonage. It was sold after their present parsonage was built. The third house was owned by the Power family. It is now occupied by Bill and Carolyn Pritchard's grandson, Mitchell Perry.



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The next, a brown shingled house, was owned by Cora Whitaker and her daughter and son-in-law Esther and Claire Wyckoff. Claire owned Interlaken's shoe store located between Redmond's grocery store and Hurlbut's funeral home, (the building south of the bank). I received my first pair of baby shoes free from Claire because one day mother was looking at baby shoes in the front window and Claire came out and told mother "if you have someone to fill those shoes, I'll give you a pair." Soon, Claire had the opportunity to keep his word.



Next was the empty lot where the former school was located. Jim and Anna Crane built their house on that lot later.

The farm and farmhouse next to the Reformed Church was owned by Ben and Bess Ditmars Hewlett. The first May Day after we moved to our house on Main Street, I found a bouquet of flowers on our front porch with my name on them. Did I feel special -- flowers on May Day, but who gave them to me? I found out later that Mr. Ditmars did. He

was Bess' father and Paul Ditmars' grandfather. (Paul owns the house today.) Mr. Ditmars was elderly and soon passed away but his kindness to me as a child, I still remember.

Reformed Church was next – a place that was important to many, including myself.

The house south of the church was owned by Jim and Nora Daily who had four children Jimmy, Mary, Franny and Johnny

Mary and Franny were good friends of mine, playing dolls in a house made by throwing a blanket over a low hanging limb on our English walnut tree. The blanket was held out by big stones. We put chairs, doll beds, doll carriage etc. in to play in "our house."

The next house South of Dailey's was owned by Ida Emmons and her son Harry, but it was soon sold to John and Grace Thorpe and their daughter, Betty. They rented a room to single teachers

Then there was our house, mother and dad also rented to teachers mainly because Jeanette Medlock whom my parents bought the house from was renting to a teacher so mother continued.

Mother also rented to my great great uncle George Van Dorn who paid \$5.00 a week, room and board which bought the groceries for the week. He was good to me. When mother and dad were working he was there for me. When I got home from school we would play cards or board games and he always had a Three Musketeers candy bar

for us to split. I will be forever grateful for uncle George. He passed away when I was a senior in high school.

The next place, where the bed-and-breakfast is today, was a farm and farm house with a barn and many outbuildings including a building that housed many beautiful antique carriages. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Overacker, Nelly Overaker's granddaughter, Sally would come every summer from Akron, Ohio. Sally and I spent time together collecting eggs (the chickens were free range as they covered



the neighborhood.) We rode bareback on the old gray mare which went from apple tree to apple tree. We couldn't get her to trot no matter what except one day she took off on her own and we landed on the ground. Good summers!

The next house was owned by Roland and Edna Stinnard. They lived on the north side and rented the South. The next house was Miss Nancy house who taught school away so she rented to teachers until she came back to Interlaken after retirement.

The last house before Minors Hardware was owned by Helen Stewart our school secretary to D. P. Norton, principal.



Minor's Hardware on the corner of Main and Cayuga was special to me. When it was raining and I was going to town or home it was fun to run to H.P. Minors and stand or sit on the steps under the roof which covered the sidewalk. Minor's Hardware was so unique, both inside and out. I wish that everyone could've known H.P. and his hardware.

Trumansburg Fair Display

The Boyer Opera House Jewel of the Community



Do you recall a section of the Village or town that you would like to share from days past? Or photographs? The Historical Society is always looking for photographs to better tell the story of our community. Contact the museum at museum@interlakenhistory.org or 607-532-8899.

SCRAPS OF HISTORY

By Jane Kellogg

Some scrapbooks are literally other books filled with scraps of paper. They might originally have been account books, proceedings of town meetings or agricultural society reports. In the late 1800s and early 1900s a book that was unneeded by its current owner might have newspaper clippings pasted to its pages.

Added in no particular order, as new material was found, are obituaries, wedding announcements, poems, jokes, descriptions of events, and whatever else appealed to the keeper of the scrapbook. Now yellowed and brittle, these newspaper clippings take us back into another era. They can be amusing, informative and shine a light into life as it was one hundred or one hundred and fifty years ago. There is local history here, as well as family history and bits of genealogy.

Several of these wonderful but now frail old books have been donated to the Interlaken Historical Society. In order help researchers find what they are looking for and to save wear and tear on these old treasures, they are being indexed by dedicated volunteers. Information from birth, death and other notices is being added to a database to make it available for use. This painstaking, time consuming work can also be very rewarding.

the 126th NY Volunteers. After the 150th Gettysburg Reenactment this summer several Interlaken residents visited the 126th NY Volunteer monument to place flags and a banner honoring the 34 men of Farmer Village's First Baptist Church who had enlisted together.



RED DOTS

Are you seeing a red dot on your mailing label. It means we have not received your dues for 2013-2014. We hope you will renew your membership. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. Your timely renewal saves the society money and you are assured of receiving each issue of the newsletter.

Remembering the Civil War

Soldiers from Farmer Village who served in

History on the Sidewalk

Featuring Carolyn and Bill Prichard and the Interlaken Sales company. A special thank you to the car owners who came and spent the day showing off their cars as well.



Civil War Day
Members of Reynolds Battery 1st NY Artillery shared their knowledge about the War with visitors, and for some it was an opportunity to try on the clothing of the time.



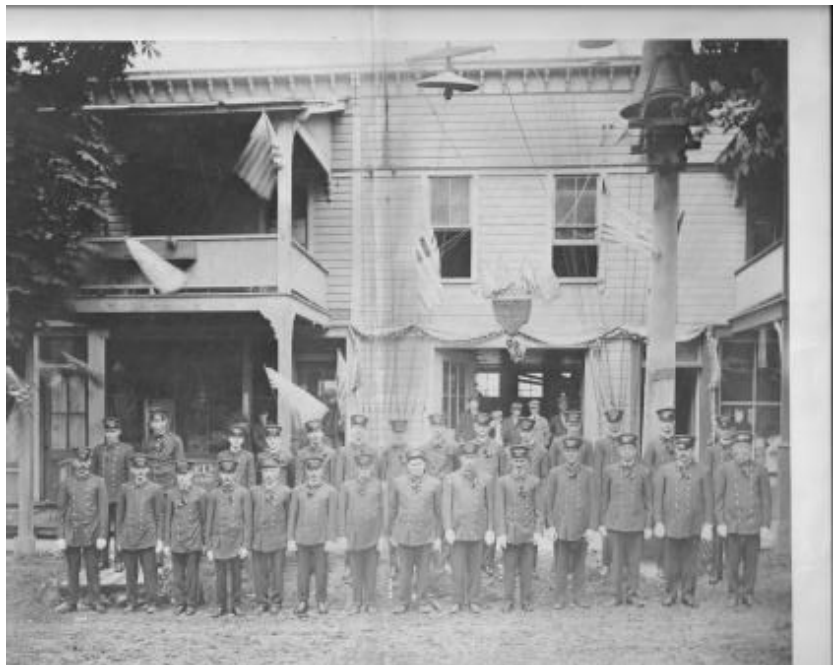
More History on the Sidewalk

Interlaken Volunteer Fire Department

Uniforms, equipment and photographs from the past.



Early 1900s photograph of the Interlaken Fire Department in front of the first Fire House on Main Street



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October 19 History on the Sidewalk

October 21 Hops in the Finger Lakes at the
Ovid Historical Society Building, Main
Street Ovid, 7:00 pm

November 18 Distillery Program at the
Myers Distillery on Route 89, Ovid

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