

Between the Lakes

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Maps of the Town of Covert January 23, 2017

7:00 pm, 8396 Main Street, 2nd floor

Bob Kibbee, the now-retired Map Librarian at Cornell, will engage us in a discussion of the history and geography of Covert.

We'll use historical maps to see Covert through the eyes of the Iroquois and a succession of colonial powers, and to review the Revolutionary War period and the distribution of land after the War.

Throughout the 19th century there were many maps drawn of Seneca County all with a different point of view and purpose. We'll examine as many as possible and end with a glance at modern maps and digital mapping.

Refreshments will be served and the location is handicapped accessible. In the event South Seneca School is closed, or evening activities cancelled, the program will be rescheduled at a later date. For more information call 607-280-2099 or check the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Interlaken-Historical-Society>

President's Report

Greetings, I trust everyone had a pleasant Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

2017 is the Bicentennial of the Town of Covert. Working with the Town Board, the Interlaken Historical Society is planning several events to celebrate 200 years and remember how things have changed over the years. The committee consists of Mike Reynolds, Town Supervisor, Gary Hunt, Board Member, Diane Bassette Nelson, Village Historian and vice chairman of the Historical Society, John Hunt Town Historian and Chairman of the Historical Society Deb Nottke, resident and Colleen Freese, Town Clerk.

The recently completed Bicentennial Logo by Chris Wolff was used on the Bicentennial calendar and a commemoration mug. If you would like copies of the calendar or the mug they are available at the Town Clerk's office. These donations help fund the

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REMINDER: Dues for 2016-2017 are due.

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planned activities. A special thank you to the sponsors for the calendar, and to the calendar committee, Sally Hubbard, Judy Barkee, Deb Nottke and Diane Bassette Nelson.

Taking place now is the art competition for town residents, with three divisions, (Middle School, High School, and adults). There are first, second and third places cash prizes in each division, and a people's choice award will be voted on by the public. Entries are due in the Town Hall by Friday March 3rd. Judges have been selected and the will announce their selections at the Historical Society April 24th meeting at the Masonic Hall.

The art work will be on display Saturday April 22nd from 2 pm to 6 pm, and before the meeting, 4pm to 6:30 pm, on April 24th for voting on the People's Choice Award. Any medium (painting, sketch, photograph, fabric picture, sculpture as examples) and topic relating to the Town of Covert and its history is allowed. You will be able to see all of the art works throughout the year at the various events which have been scheduled.

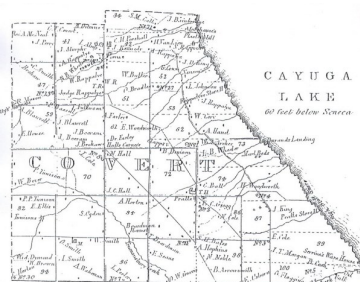
Our speaker January 23 is Bob Kibbee sharing about maps and history of the town of Covert. As always, refreshments will be served, and the meeting will be held at 7:00 pm in the Dining Room of the Masonic Hall 8396 Main St.

On April 24th meeting at 7:00 pm in the Masonic Hall is on the settlement of the area. Our speaker will be Walt Gable, Seneca County Historian.

June 10th is Olde Home Day in Interlaken. We plan on two floats, one with past and present town board members and the other to highlight upcoming events. We encourage people to share in the event with historical garb.

A few words on funding for the three major events to take place. We need donations from people and businesses. We have donation jars at a number of locations, or you can send a check to Interlaken Historical Society Bicentennial Account, PO Box 265, Interlaken, NY 14847. These gifts are tax deductible.

In both April and June the Bicentennial Committee is sponsoring Doug's Fish Fry. The first event will be Wednesday April 12th at the Trumansburg Fair Grounds, and the second, June 30th location to be announced in the Village of Interlaken. Volunteers are needed to make baked goods to have for sale the day of the Fish Fry and to staff the baked goods table.



1850 Town of Covert Map

Our Summer Social is Saturday, July 29th at the Interlaken Firemen's Field. The day will include food, bands, displays, raffles, and interesting educational events all day. If the funding comes together fireworks to end the day for all to enjoy. Watch for more information as plans develop. And as always, volunteers will be needed for the many aspects of the day.

September 9th in the historic Brook Farm Barn will be an event on 200 years of transportation. On site will be the playground train, model railroads, vintage fire equipment, cars, wagons, carriages, sleighs, RVs, games food and a program on transportation. More details in the coming months.

On October 14th, again in the Brook Farm Barn will be music, square dancing, partner dancing, listening music along with refreshments.

To wrap up my report, we need help from you, of ideas to fill out the events, donation of time to get things underway and funds. Go to the Town of Covert 200 Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/toc200/>, contact a member of the committee or leave a message with Colleen Freese, Town Clerk at 607-532-8358.

Thank you,
John Hunt, President

Editor's note: if you are thinking the newsletter is smaller than normal, it is. We are always looking for articles for upcoming issues.



Peter H. Akins of Trumansburg passed away on November 15, 2016. He was a life member of the Historical Society and son of former trustee Louise Akins. His family asked that gifts in his memory be made to the Interlaken Historical Society. Thank you to all who remembered him with a gift. Marilyn Smith, Lucien Zarnowski, Ellen Mallet, Jeffrey Vann, Carol and James Doolittle, Charles Kemp Jr., James and Margaret Martin, Ellen Mitterer, Calvin and Joan Organ, Judith VanCampen, Caroline Cope.

Recent Donations to the Society

Muriel Patterson Huttenbach, Map showing the Military lots of Central New York

A quilt frame

Blue Dinner Plate from the Darling Restaurant on Main Street given by Phyliss Betzler



John Hunt found a number of un-used Cronk's Dairy cottage cheese containers and made them into the Bicentennial donation containers.

One of the legacies that all of the former Presidents of the Historical Society have left are the artifacts and photographs they donated to the society, or encouraged others to give us.

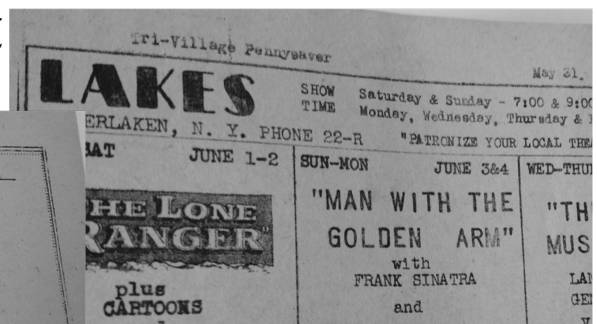


Clock from the Busy Bee, photo of John Kellogg and Captain Quick, 1851 Navy Colt Revolver brought back by a Veteran of Gettysburg, and photo of Dr. A. R. Hill's barn, all items given by John Kellogg.



DR. ARTHUR R. HILL AT HIS BARN
George Ward in Buggy
Presented by John v. Kellogg

Among the papers and writings of former president Eva Clapp is a May 1956 Tri-Village Penny-saver. Two of the ads are reminders of businesses from an earlier era of our community.



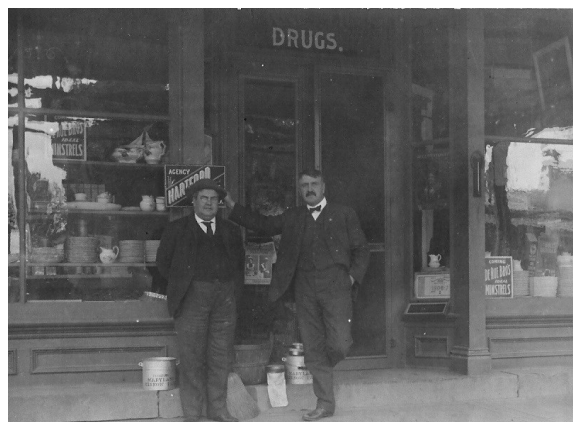
The Doctor is in...

A story in photos: a few weeks ago we posted several photographs on the Historical Society Facebook page under the heading of "In this season of colds and flu..." showing buildings where several of the doctors and dentists worked. These included their homes, and their offices in or above other businesses.

Dr. L A Gould's Sanitarium on Main Street. It would later become the Lake Crest Hotel.

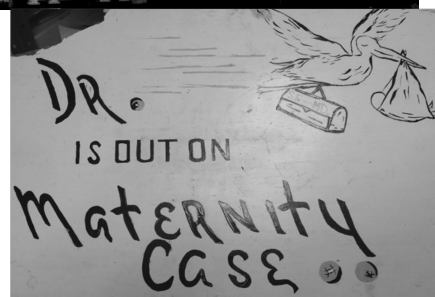


Dr. Thompson was one of the local dentists, and in 1939 his office was on the second floor of the Robinson Hotel. To escape the February 16th fire he had to exit his office through a window and climb down a porch post. The picture, showing the ice on the walls, was taken the day after the fire.



Dr. Slocum was one of the early 1900 dentists in the village and had his office in the Bennett Bros. Drug Store building. That building would later become Storaths.

Did you have a physical at Dr. Folts' home on West Ave? The sign was left on the stairs when the doctor was out on special calls.



Library News

The Interlaken library's new porch entry was completed December 15th, just in time for our Annual Holiday Open House. Based on a photo provided by the Historical Society the porch is a replica of the one from when the home was built in the 1800s. Plans are now underway to have seating in place by spring so our patrons can rest, read a book and enjoy our beautiful setting. We will be dedicating this lovely addition to our library in memory of Robert Elliott Jr., a former Library Trustee and supporter of the library during Old Home Day, June 2017.

We recently hosted two classes on holiday decorating taught by Erica Ungleich of Lilybug Floral Designs; filled to capacity and with a waiting list they were greatly enjoyed by those fortunate enough to attend. The Seneca County Co-Operative Extension also presented an evening class on Preserving and Cooking Venison, providing several area hunters with tips and techniques for preparing gourmet game meat. We will be offering other classes and events in the coming months. Visit our website for information on upcoming events as they are confirmed.

We have lots of new books and videos for you to enjoy on cold winter days. Many books are also available for you to download free with your library card. Did you know that your library card now works at all 33 libraries in the Finger Lakes Library system, which includes Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Cortland and Tioga counties? Your library



card also provides access to ZINIO for borrowing digital magazines, HOOPLA to stream movies, TV shows, comics and more! There is also MANGO if you want to learn a new language...all of these and so much more, just by using your library card! You can download all of these to your computer, tablet and smartphone. If you don't currently have a library card, stop in and get one, or you can apply for one on our website.

We hope you will visit the library soon!

Our weekly Storytime for babies and preschool children is always popular, and is held from 10:30-11:30 each Monday at the library. It's a fun time for kids to



enjoy stories, crafts and games. The South Seneca Pre-K class is also making monthly visits to the library for story time with Mimi., the President of our Board of Trustees and a retired kindergarten teacher.

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Mark your calendar

Monday, January 23, 2017 Town of Covert
Maps 7:00 pm, meeting cancelled if school
activities are cancelled due to snow.

Monday, April 24th, Settlement of the Area,
a program celebrating the bicentennial of
the Town of Covert.

More events all year long.

For more information on these events
contact 607-280-2099

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