

Winter 2009 Newsletter

March 2009



NANTICOKE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 14th Musical Show

A musical show will be presented Saturday March 14 by the present and past students and friends of the Maine Endwell schools and in honor of their leader and friend Michele Milligan Harter Pully. Michele had directed school plays and musicals and community productions for 40 years. Those memorials that have been done in Maine were done with her assistance, and this one will be done in her honor. It will be held in the Maine Endwell High School at 7:00 PM.

Proceeds will go toward district field trips and community outreach. Individual tickets will be \$5.00, a family ticket is \$20.00.

MARCH 17th MEETING “Moore Memorabilia”

Start Saving Rummage Sale May 16

2009 Spring Programs

**Regular Meeting Time is 7:00 PM
At the Museum Building**

March 17

Yancy Moore will give a presentation of “Moore Memorabilia”

April 21

David and Eileen Patch will present “The Lincolns Remember”

May 19

Carla Sullivan will talk on “The Formation of the Historical Society”

June 16

Charlene Thomson will sing and play Civil War Music
And we will have our indoor, dish to pass PICNIC
Note that this will begin at an earlier time, 6:00 PM

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Area Activities of Special Interest to History Enthusiasts

IBM Endicott History and Heritage Collection

The Center for Technology and Innovation, Inc. has arranged for public tours of the IBM Endicott History and Heritage collection. Explore a century of information technology, from 1880s to the 1980s. 1-4 in the afternoon of the last Saturday of each month through out 2009.

Reservations **MUST** be made a week in advance at 773-0092 or RSVP@ctandi.org
Group tours can be arranged too. In either case, the name and citizenship of each guest must be provided.

EJ Shoe Tunes

A chorus is being formed for the express purpose of singing and recording the music of the Endicott and Johnson Corporation. EJ Shoe tunes will be open to all singers, though members of EJ Families will of course be especially welcome. All ages accepted.

Practice will be at the Johnson City Senior Center, in April and May. We hope to record in June. Ed Abrams will be the accompanist and Ken Turner, retired District Director of Music, Johnson City Schools, will be our conductor.

The goal is to record company songs and a few light hearted show tunes, before they are lost to both the heirs of EJ workers and the extended community. Please call Kathy Greenblott at the JC Senior Center to join the chorus, 797-3145. An organizational meeting will take place 10 AM April 16, at the JC Sr. Center 30 Brocton St., Johnson City.

DNA for Genealogists

We are invited to an interesting presentation sponsored by the Southern Tier Genealogy Society 7:00 on Thursday April 2, in the big meeting room of the Vestal Public Library. The speaker will be Robert D. McLaren of Alexandria VA. He will speak about the basics of DNA, how DNA testing is done. He will show how DNA can separate different families or identify members of the same family up to 7th cousins.

He spoke to a national Genealogy Society convention where he was so well received that members of the local society decided to arrange to bring him here. Please pass the word.

Mardi Gras at the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Museum

Saturday Feb. 21 was another history making evening for all who were fortunate enough to attend Jim Tokas's Mardi Gras dinner. Traditional beads were received by all, their colors symbolize Justice (purple), Faith (green), and Power (gold). Two guests were chosen to represent the King and Queen of Carnival.

Outstanding paper mache Masks were made and donated by Kim Hayden at her "Thumbprint Art Studio".

We would like to recognize and thank Joanne and Ken Weir, Sandy Rozek, Kristy Zuber, our student volunteers Sarah Weir, Jordan Caroomtos and Tomas Meschter. Our cleaning crew also deserves our thanks, Sue Lisk, Joyce Smith, Alice Hopkins, Karen Meschter and as always Tom Kotasek was on hand to get us set up on the third floor.

Most of all we wish to thank Jim Tokas for donating his time and talent to providing us with an outstanding meal, and thanks too to his dedicated helpers Terry Jangocian, Tina Guley, and Joanie Klein. Thank you all for a memorable evening.

Thanks

Thanks too to the Eichorns for keeping a spot plowed to park in at the Mill and for providing wreaths for the Mill doors.

Note Cards still Available

There are still a few boxes of note cards available with the winter scenes from Clarence Stratton paintings. They are now at the museum. Contact Sue Lisk if you're looking for some.

Thanks to Rosalie and Sarah Clavez for producing the cards from the pictures in their collection.

Maine and the Wars

*Reprinted from "A Short History of
Maine, New York"*

(Chapter 6)

*Compiled by Shirley L. Woodward
Historian, Town of Maine, 1973*

Note: We are planning to re-issue the book this chapter is from. We understand there are some awkward to read bits and some seemingly not right sections. Please look for such spots, as you read it, and point them out to Sue Lisk so they can be addressed for the new publication.

To Contact Sue: Sue Lisk, 2625 Main St., P. O. Box 275, Maine, NY 13802, or E-Mail at Slisk@stny.rr.com or Phone at (607) 862-9705.

HOMEFRONT MEMORIAL

by Dorothy Lawton Ames

Once again in His bountiful goodness

God sends us the beauty of spring,
The promise of life everlasting

Which the new-risen nature worlds bring;
But we find with our hearts bowed in sadness

that the world has not yet found peace
Men still fight and they die in far places
and the warfare does not cease;

Once again let all mankind remember
(and mark well the price that we pay)
As we come again this spring-time
to another Memorial Day.

That the horrors of war are not found
on the battlefields alone

But in anguish and tears and heartbreak
are suffered by those, too, at home;

Once again, ere we come to another year,
to our next Memorial Day

Let's remember not only the heroes gone,
but the ones left behind - and pray
That the hopes and visions not realized,
the anguish, the heartache and tears
Shall be part of the plan of God's wisdom
to lead us to happier years.

The town of Maine has been giving of its sons to wars of the United States since the War of 1812. Edward Ward of Maine was a veteran of the War of 1812 as was Sylvanus Perry of Maine. There is no record of

others although probably there were some.

Again there is no list of those who fought in the Indian Wars or Mexican War. William Knapp was killed in the West in 1844 fighting Indians. He and his family settled first in Newark Valley, Tioga County, and his stone is in the cemetery there. His sons lived in the Town of Maine and his wife is buried in Union Center Cemetery. It is reported that there are men from the Mexican and Seminole Indian Wars buried in East Maine Cemetery.

The Civil War took 190 men from this Township, with many giving their lives on the battle fields or dying of disease. A memorial to these men was given in 1872 by the Howard Post #62 Grand Army of the Republic excerpts as follows:

"No cemetery in this valley or on the surrounding hills but contains the remains of some of these heroes. Asa L. Howard, from whom this Post of G.A.R. takes its name. Stephen Matteson, Silas Hasbrouk, Stephen Hopkins, Joseph W. Chauncey, George Johnson and Aaron Lashier are buried in the cemetery near this village. Asa L. Howard and Samuel Brockett were at work on the house occupied by Joseph P. Brown in this village and on the breaking out of the war dropped their carpenters' tools and hastened to the defense of the imperiled Union just in time to take part in the first battle of Bull Run, and long before the close of the war, they both slept in sleep that knows no waking. Cabel M. Allen died in the hospital and his remains were brought home by his father and rest in the cemetery close by the home of his childhood. Henry Adams was wounded in battle and died of his wounds. Henry Budd was wounded and taken sick in the field and died soon after coming home. Frederick Miller, Levi Howard, Luke R. Briggs, James Russell, and George Pier of the 50th New York Engineers, and Lyman B. Gray of the 16th New York Battery, all died in service, most of them in the hospital. Duane Hardendorf was wounded before Petersburg, died in the hospital and is buried on Arlington Heights on the plantation of Gen. Robert E. Lee. John J. Baker was killed and buried in Georgia. Charles

Walter, Jacob Engle, Wallace Lamb, Andrew Young, and David Brown who went from East Maine, William Johnson and Isaac Fredericks were killed in battle. William Crain came home only to die. Joseph Brown, Ezra Jay, William Frederick, David Merrill, Tracy Williams, Stephen J. Lovelace, Sam J. Perry, Griffin Searls, Frank Cummings, and three sons of Samuel Hardy, James, Benjamin and Thomas, all died in the service. Isaac Hathaway enlisted from Missouri and died in Georgia. Samuel Newton, J. Fredenburg, and Henry Pulcifer of Union Center were taken prisoner soon after joining the army in the field and were never heard of after, perishing probably in southern prisons. Amos Bailey was taken prisoner and died in Andersonville Prison. Luman Rigby of Lambs Corners died in the hospital and W. Stringer of the same place was killed in battle. Philo Delsey who lived near Mt. Ettrick enlisted in 1862 and was shot near Atlanta, brought to Chattanooga and died in a hospital..."

In May 1871, the first Decoration Day was celebrated in the Town of Maine under the auspices of the Howard Post of the G.A.R. The Honorable P.W. Hopkins delivered the oration and the Union Cornett Band furnished the music. At the same time the patriots of Union Centre raised an enormous liberty pole much larger than a previous one, and a new flag was raised. A strict watch was kept over this flag day and night.

The following August (1872) Maine had a pole raising along with a Republican ratification meeting. One thousand persons attended. A speaker's stand was erected in front of Ketchum's Hotel. The 44th Regiment Band and Glee Club provided the entertainment.

George Norton, who died in 1931, was the last Civil War Veteran in Maine.

Some Spanish American War Soldiers are buried in East Maine Cemetery but again there is no list of those who served.

The two World Wars and the more recent Korean and Viet Nam conflicts have also taken their toll of young men from Maine.

THE FLAG OF OUR UNION

A song for our banner, the watchword recall

Which gives the Republic her station
 "United we stand, divided we fall!"
 It made and preserves us a nation.
 What God in his infinite wisdom designed
 And armed with republican thunder
 Not all the earth's despots and factions combined
 Have the power to conquer or sunder.
 The union of lakes, the union of lands,
 The union of States none can sever;
 The union of hearts, the union of hands,
 And the Flag of our Union forever and ever
 The Flag of our Union forever.

April 7th 1862 by
Lala (Ketchum) Marean

World War II Memorial

In 2005, a granite monument to the men and women who went from Maine, to serve in the Second World War, was dedicated and installed on the lawn of the Maine Memorial School. On the back of the memorial is an inscription also dedicating it to all who have served from WWI to the present.

After three years of searching for names of the WWII service people and collecting money toward the memorial, the bronze plaque, to go on the granite, was ordered with 274 names (9 of which were of persons who died in the war) Since that time 10 more names have been discovered and will be added as money becomes available. Tom Kotasek, with the active assistance of a number of local people, was the person who saw a need and spearheaded the project steadfastly from conception to conclusion.



HOWARD POST #474, G.A.R. - October 8, 1898

Front row (Left to Right): Aaron Travis, Orin D. Gray, John Riordon, Fernando Chancey, William Bronk, Marsden Durfee, William Holbrook.

Second row (Left to Right): Horace Butts, Garrett Rozelle, James M. Emerson, Judson T. Brown.

Third row (Left to Right): James Riddle, LeRoy Bostwick, Norman Brown, Joshua Murch, Nelson Baird, Rufus W. Porter.

Back two men: Morgan Yarnes, F.F. Corwir



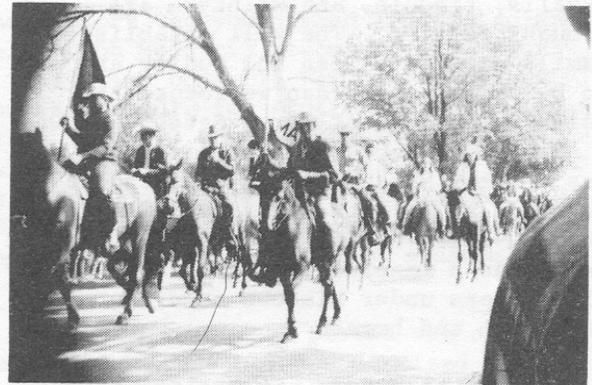
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES 1947



MEMORIAL DAY - MAINE CEMETERY 1949



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 1949



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 1968



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 1969



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 1971

The Board of Trustees for the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

- Each voting board position has a three year term. Three board positions are to be refilled each year, providing an ever changing but on-going board coverage.
- Board members Stan Lisk, Yancy Moore, and Charles Hathorn will serve through 2009.
- Board Members Mike McKilligan, Dorothy Winans, and Anita Shipway will serve through 2010.
- Board Members Nancy Berry, Betty Welch, and Sue Hoskins will serve through 2011.

Officers

President: Sandy Rozek
 Vice President: Alice Hopkins
 Secretary: Carla Sullivan
 Treasurer: Sandy Halliday

2009 Dues Are Due

Check the address label to verify that your dues are up to date.

Please use the dues return slip below. On the top of your address label is printed your dues Paid/Due status for years 2008 and 2009. Your dues may either be mailed to the Treasurer at the address on the Slip or given to the Treasurer at meetings (in an envelope with your name on it and the dues slip enclosed). **Please note that the dues have increased effective January 2009.**

2009 Committees	
Membership	Dottie Winans, Sandy Halliday
Finance	Dottie Winans, Sara Clavez, Sandy Halliday
Buildings & Grounds	Tom Kotasek, Stan Lisk
Ways & Means	Sue Hoskins, Debbie Stark, Lil Ames
Curator - Museum & School-house #4	Sue Lisk
Curator - Mill & Norton Wagon Shops	Tom Kotasek
Education	Sandy Rozek, Carol Sienko
By-Laws	Sandy Rozek, Charles Hathorn, Anita Shipway, Carol Sienko
Video / Audio	Betty and Leo Welch
Town Historian	Nancy Rutkowski
Endowment	Sara Clavez, Carla Sullivan, Larry Rice, Mike McKilligan
Special Projects	Stan Lisk, Nancy Berry
Newsletter Editors	Anita & Dick Shipway

Dues Return Slip - Please Circle Year(s): 2008 2009

Note: See address label for your Dues Status.

Please mail returns to:	Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Attn: Treasurer P. O Box 75 Maine, New York 1802	Is this name or address a change from your address label? Yes ___ No ___
Name:	_____	Amount Enclosed
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Phone: (Home)	_____ (Work) _____	
Dues: <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Single <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Patron <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Business		

Business Membership Drive

The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society launched a fall drive to recruit members for the new category of Business Membership. (See the membership form in this news letter) Initial response is very positive. Please support member businesses, and please consider the Business Membership for any business you may be connected to.

Welcome Business Members!

**Country Wagon
Our Country Hearts**

**Lori's Hair Styling
Alpaca Fantasy World**

NBT Bank

Business Memberships will be listed quarterly in the Historical Society Newsletter. Though memberships will run by the calendar year, those joining now will be considered members from the time they join through the end of 2009.

Member businesses will be given first opportunity to promote themselves by sponsoring any Historical Society program or event.

Businesses will have an opportunity to participate in the newly established Business Round Table. Business Round Table members will work with Historical Society people to plan community events that will attract visitors and potential residents to the area.

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NVHS Newsletters via E-Mail

There were very few respondents to the proposal to provide the Newsletter via E-Mail therefore we are not implementing it as this time. To those that responded, Thank You.