

Fall 2009 Newsletter # 2

October 2009



NANTICOKE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The October meeting will be on the 20th, in the meeting room of the museum. Sue Sherwood, from the Center for Technology and Innovation, will be presenting a program on Farmers as Innovators.

On November 17th the program will be given by Bernd Krause. It will be about making and playing dulcimers. "Dulcet" tones give the "dulc"imer its name, and we'll see how it's done.

The Christmas Stuff Sale will be November 5, 6 and 7. On Thursday it will be open in the evening, 7 to 9. On Friday and Saturday the hours will be from 10:00 to 5:00. It will be set up in the meeting room. Enter by the ramp. (The museum rooms will not be open at that time).

If you have things ready to bring, you can have them in the car when you come to the October 20th meeting. After the meeting, you'll have help to bring them in. Other than that, please call Anita Shipway 785-9207 to arrange for someone to open the building for your contributions.

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What will be good things to bring for the Christmas Stuff Sale? Here's a list:

- Used mystery books that take place around Christmas.
- Christmas Tree decorations.
- Red satin bed sheets
- China with Christmas designs
- Manger scenes
- Christmas coat-corsages
- Magazines with Christmas ideas
- Like-new books for keeping Christmas card lists or presents received.
- Nice little things for stuffing stockings
- Stockings
- Weighted stocking hangers
- Out door decorations
- Red table cloths, Green table cloths, gold table cloths, maroon table cloths
- China Santas, cloth Santas, other kinds of Santa's
- Baby clothes for Christmas, dog clothes for Christmas
- Socks, barrettes, handkerchiefs, mail box covers, gloves, hats or anything else with a Christmas theme.
- Etcetera

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What Else is Going On

The Harvest Fest at the Country Wagon will take place on Saturday October 10, from 11 to 5.

To compliment that, we will have our buildings open between noon and 4:00. This is a Saturday, as opposed to the Sundays when the buildings have been open all summer. Sue Lisk is looking for people to show the buildings.

If you have been thinking about taking on the showing of one of the buildings in the future, this would be a good time for you to get oriented. An experienced guide will be there and can fill you in between visitors, as well as let you observe presentations given to them.

Call Sue Lisk to say you would like to come watch, or that you are available to do one of the buildings on that day. 862-9705

The Tioga County Museum, in Owego, has an extensive exhibit currently, called Dearly Departed, Women and Mourning. It is made up of all kinds of things related to mourning (1680 to 1918). It will be open through October.

In our own museum we have a small casket on mortician “horses” as it would have been in a home funeral, and dried flowers under a glass dome on the square piano. A picture on the parlor wall depicts a romantic representation of a grandiose monument draped by a weeping woman. This Owego exhibit is an opportunity for us all to learn information that applies to these items as well as much, much more.

There will be a guided tour of the exhibit, on Wednesday evening, October 14. Rikki Springsteed is the curator of this exhibit who had spent three years developing it. She will offer unique information and insights related to the items on display. Please contact our curator Sue Lisk if you would like to car pool to Owego for this exhibit tour.

862-9705 or slisk@stny.rr.com.

There will be a sing along of songs and ditties celebrating EJ and its products. Come to the Shoe Tunes Community Sing Along on October 25, at 2PM at the Goodwill Theatre’s Schorr Family Firehouse Stage in Johnson City. Free tickets will be available from the box office, the goodwill theatre offices (in the old EJ Medical Building), Johnson City Senior Center and the Libraries. Call 772-2404 for more information.

Kodak's New Photo Processes

Kodak now uses processes on Premium (the usual color prints) and on the Professional style orders which are guaranteed to produce prints that will not fade for 100 years, under typical home display, or for 200 years in dark storage. Also, ordering Professional process gets you a choice of thicker papers.

It probably is inevitable that some fault will show itself eventually, but the idea of a color photo that is guaranteed for one hundred years is a wonderful thing! How many of us have had a favorite photo stick itself to the back of the glass touching it, and never be freed. And, some of those pictures inside an album, shut in a dark closet, by now are so faded we can barely identify the people in them.

beta.kodakgallery.com or www.kodak.com and www.kodakgallery.com will get you information. Digital cameras can drop their pictures into the computer and order directly from that. Prints arrive in the mail. Also some can be picked up within hours at the local CVS or other Kodak process site.

The customer can sign up for regular picture taking suggestions to appear by e-mail, along with very nice discount offers.

AVAILABLE FOR SALE

A CD of what you might have heard at an EJ function years ago, is available at the museum for \$15.00. The Historical Society gets money back on each sale, so giving your business here helps the NVHS bottom line too.

More of the blank cards, with winter scenes painted by Clarence Stratton have been printed, so pick those up when you're here, too. They make lovely Christmas cards.

An assortment of framed scenes, collectables from various celebrations over the years and souvenirs are displayed in the glass case of the middle room. They are all still for sale.

Recent Donations for the Museum

Various old medical instruments used from the 1930s through the 1950s, from Michelle McPherson Felton, to supplement ones already in the museum archives, going back to the Civil War.

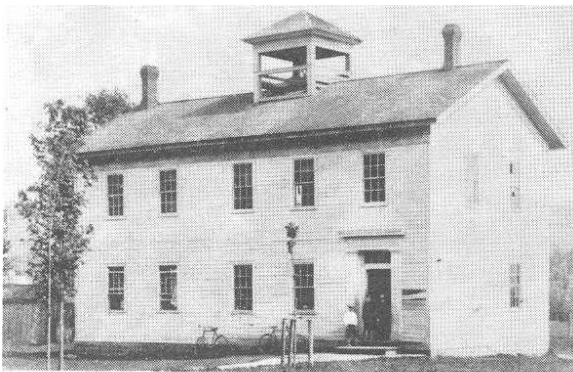
September Meeting Program Report Old School #1

At the September meeting, Betty Welch led a program on the 4 room “old school no.1” of Maine. Other former students of that building assisted in providing a good picture of what it was like to go to school there.

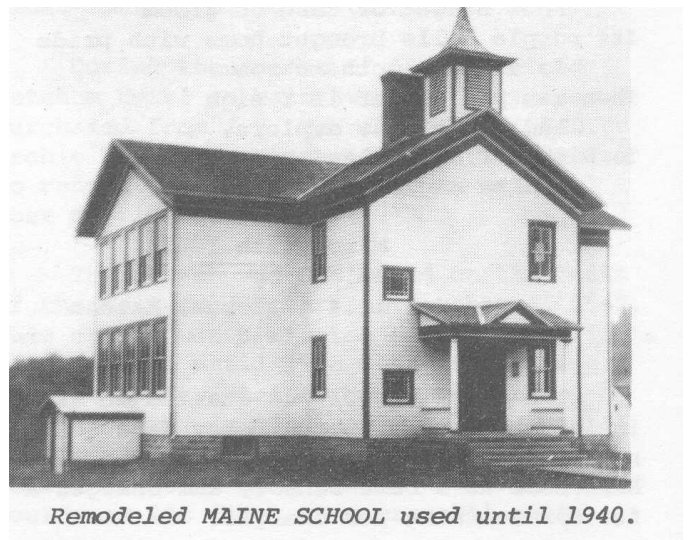
It is often confusing to people visiting our little one room school No 4, to hear that there was not actually a one room school within the hamlet of Maine. This was a four room school. At the same time there were surrounding one room schools, and each was considered a district in itself. They were Bowers Corners, Tiona, Gates Neighborhood, Allentown, Mount Ettrick, East Maine, Brocket Hollow, Pollard Hill and Broughtantown. In Union Center there was a 6 room school. These all centralized later (1938) into what became known as the Maine Central Schools.

In 1833 there were records which referred to this building being in use. In 1900 to 1902 it was renovated outside and in. At that time the large meeting room with stage, upstairs was changed, to make two more classrooms, and making it the 4 classroom school.

Many reminiscences shed light on the school days of the Old Maine School. Walking all the way down King Hill introduced a number of kids to Frost Bite. On the other hand they were able to slide down the snowy road on hand sleighs, all the way to school. (the road was somewhat different at the lower end then). Going back home, the sleighs could carry what they needed to take home, even though they must pull the sleds up hill all the way.



MAINE VILLAGE SCHOOL - before renovation



Remodeled MAINE SCHOOL used until 1940.

When the schools all became centralized in the 1938 time frame, it was decided to build a new building where the Old Maine School stood. In order to do that, they lifted the building onto rollers and moved it back far enough to allow the building of the new building (what would come to be called J. Ralph Ingalls) in front of it. It was observed that there were no complications caused by a need to move plumbing and such things, as the same out houses still stood outside and could continue to be used. Former students remembered that the old building was actually used in its new place until the new building was ready.



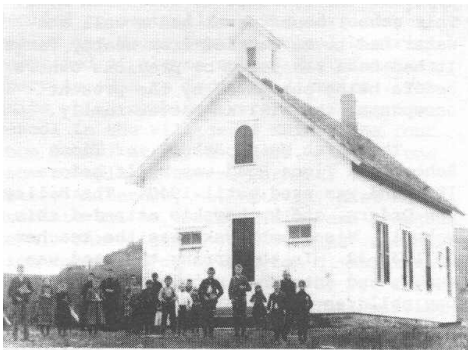
The Other Schools



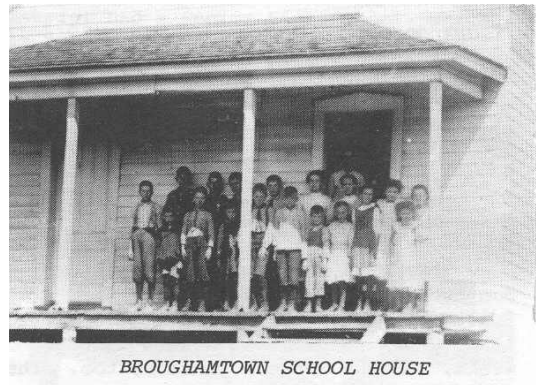
Believed to be early school, later used as a church, in Curtis neighborhood south of Maine.



GEORGE KELLEY - later POLLARD HILL SCHOOL



UNION CENTER SCHOOL - Burned 1893



BROUGHAMTOWN SCHOOL HOUSE

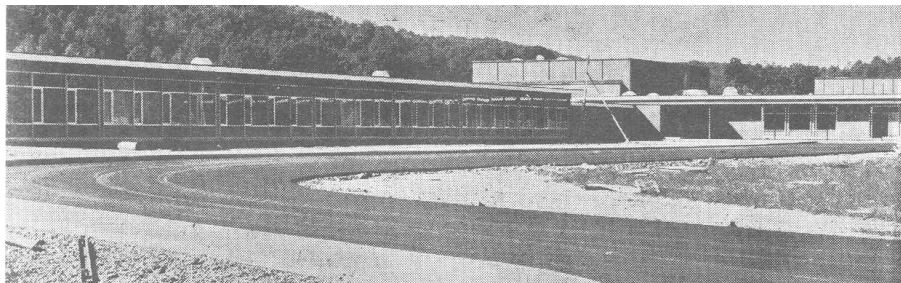


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- Board Members Mike McKilligan, Dorothy Winans, and Anita Shipway will serve through 2010.
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