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President's Message

Welcome back to the 2025 Season! The museum is open on Saturday's 10:00 a.m. to noon and Sundays 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you as we show off our museum. All programs and entrances to the museum are free and open to the public. We do accept donations.

This summer the Deposit Historical Society will be partnering with the Deposit Family Recreation Group in monitoring the 23th Almost Annual 5K run. We look forward to seeing all the runners. Two projects we hope to complete this summer are to replace the carpeting in the program room of the museum and to install new window coverings in the Bundy House. Both of these projects have been made possible through grants from the Axtell Foundation and the Deposit Closet. All donations to this endeavor are welcome!

Our next program will be a Tea on July 14th at 1:00 p.m. Presenting will be Rick Bunting, demonstrating his Dulcimers. Also, we have updated our exhibit cases. Please come and take a look. Come in and purchase a ticket(s) for the Quilt for the 2025 fundraiser!

Our research Library is open year-round on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 AM – noon. Drop ins are always welcome! The research center is where family histories are researched and item donations can be made. Each donation - whether a photo, document, family history, or artifact - represents a family treasure that contributes to the preserved history of the Deposit community.

Terry Raymond President

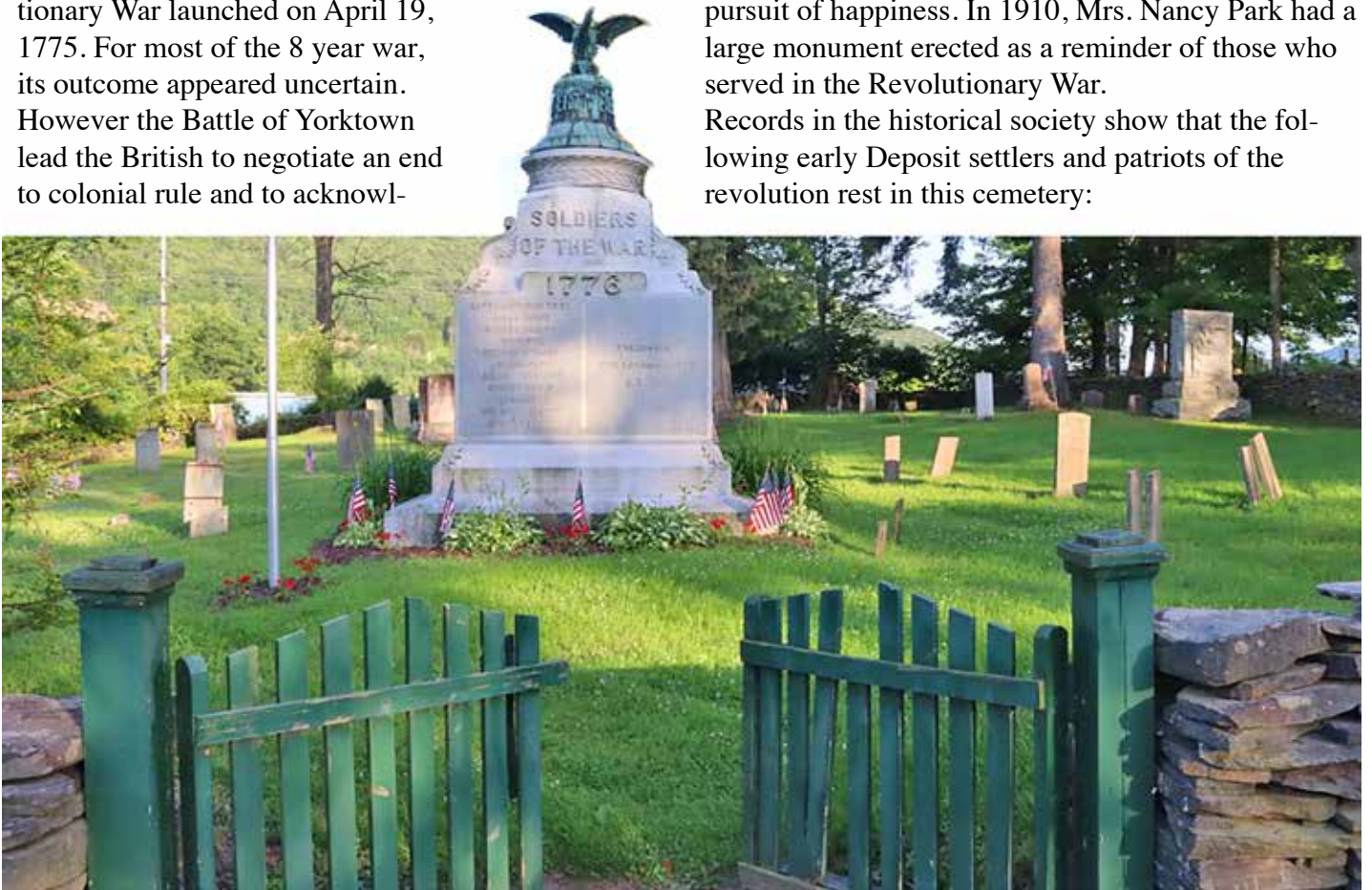
Oldest Cemetery in Deposit

Did you know that one of the oldest cemeteries in Deposit is on Laurel Bank Avenue? Originally a native American burial ground, the first official white settler buried in this oldest cemetery in Deposit was in the year 1793. A young man was crossing the river and a fall ended his life. In 1811, the first white settler to our area, John Hulce, was buried here. The cemetery was named the Revolutionary War Cemetery to commemorate those who served in the American Revolution and their families. It is 250 years since the American Revolutionary War launched on April 19, 1775. For most of the 8 year war, its outcome appeared uncertain. However the Battle of Yorktown lead the British to negotiate an end to colonial rule and to acknowl-

edge the independence of the colonies. The treaty of Paris in 1783 recognized anew country the United States of America. In 1789 the Constitution and the Bill of Rights established the basis for the rights of the people, liberty, equality among men, and hostility towards corruption, as core values and the foundation of democracy.

The wall surrounding the cemetery was built in 1841. Erected by the Women's Benevolent Society,. the wall has for the most part stood the test of time. It is a memorial to the dedication of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In 1910, Mrs. Nancy Park had a large monument erected as a reminder of those who served in the Revolutionary War.

Records in the historical society show that the following early Deposit settlers and patriots of the revolution rest in this cemetery:



George Boyle (1748-) records indicate that he received a military pension for his service on The NY Line, first regiment. In Col. Oliver Spencers Co.

John Dickinson. (1773-1818) is listed as a drummer under Capt Betts.

Conrad Edick (1763-1845) 1780-1784 commissioned as a capt. set out to avenge the massacre of Wyoming and cherry valley.

Jacob Edick (1765-1807) 4th Regt, Tryon Co Militia

John Garlow Pensioner, Conn. Line, Col. Chas. Burrells Battalion.

Zadock Hawley Pvt. Enlisted 1776-1777 with Capt. John Stevens Co. Conn and taken prisoner at the Cedars Canada.



Jonas Park (1758-1825) enlisted in 1776

Phillip Pine (1741-1818) Dutchess County Militia, 2nd regiment.

Jonas Underwood. (1767-1842) Pvt Capt White and Phillips company Mass 5th regiment.

Nicholas Weaver Militia of German Flats fought with Col.

Bellinger Tryon (1736-1824) Co. 4th regiment.

Squire Whitaker (1742-1817) in 1777 soldier at Wyoming massacre

John Hulse (1754-1811) member of the Ulster Co. militia.

Elizabeth Whitaker (1744-1833) rendered service during the Wyoming massacre.

We also know that 4 more Revolutionary War soldiers are buried here in Deposit:

Aaron Stiles (1777-1781) Pvt enlisted in Hanover Co. New Jersey

Hubbard Baldwin Burrows (1763-1832) Pvt. in Capt Joseph Walker co
continental line, New London Conn.,

both buried in the Oakwood cemetery in Stilesville

Moses Axtell (1755-1813) Minuteman, fought in the Boston Tea Party,
Lexington and Bunker Hill. was buried in the Axtell cemetery on Rt. 8

Justus Abram Gregory (1759-1856) A fifer in the Conn. regiment.
was buried at the Laurel Hill cemetery

A STROLL DOWN FRONT STREET MEMORY LANE



Join a tour guide from the Deposit Historical Society on Sunday, July 20th, at 10:00am for a stroll and talk on Front Street. Listen to stories and discover the businesses from days gone by. Reminisce and learn about the history of this part of the Village.

Meet in the Big M parking lot. \$10 donation

Sponsored by the Deposit Historical Society. Donations will help keep our museum open and help the society offer historical programs in the community.

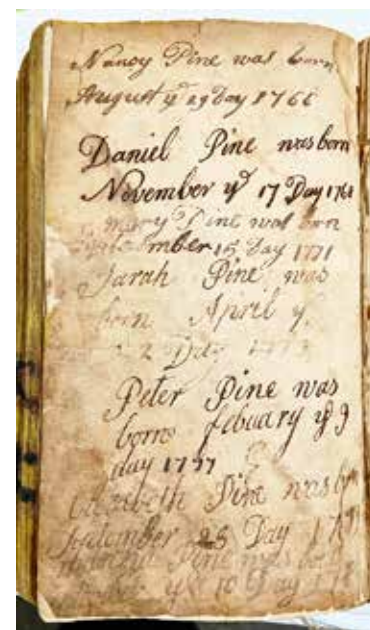
Who Has Your Family Bible?

Early in the morning of March 29, 1911, a fire at the New York State Library, housed in the State Capital Building, destroyed census records, marriage “bonds” and 10,000 books and manuscripts in the state genealogies collection. As a result, many people tracing their roots back in New York run into road blocks and are unable to complete their family tree.

The Deposit Historical Society frequently has people interested in family research stop by, call or email. The Bundy House research library contains a wealth of information for many of them.

One great source for information is a family Bible. Over the years, several Bibles have been donated to the Historical Society. The oldest is the Peter Pine Bible with entries dating back to the 1700’s. Of course back then there was no data collection or birth certificate issued by the state. So this Bible contains the only verification of birth and death dates for these early settlers of Deposit.

As years go by, family Bibles are passed down from generation to generation until eventually they may be forgotten, tossed away as unimportant, buried at the



back of some book shelf or tucked away in a box in the cellar or barn. When they are lost, the valuable information within their pages is also lost - just as New York’s early vital records were lost in that 1911 fire

Before your family Bible is lost to the ages, the Historical Society research library would like to make a photocopy of the genealogical information it may contain. We would not keep this family treasure, only taking a photo and then returning it to you on the spot. Your Bible may not go back to the 1700’s, but someday a relative, maybe not even born

yet, will be thrilled to see that bit of information you cared to share. They may call, email or wander into the Bundy House research library looking for just that lost fact that may be recorded only in your Bible.

If you are in possession of a family Bible, please consider bringing it to the Bundy House any Tuesday morning between 9:30 and noon. Or call the Historical Society at 607-467-4423 and leave a message to make other arrangements. You may have just the information some future relative has been looking for!

Tea Time

Did you know that Deposit had three Tea rooms? Tea rooms were popular in the early 1900's.

The Copper Kettle Tea Room and gift shop was above Browns Pharmacy. Miss Brown officially opened her tea room in 1923. Tea was served from 3 to 5 o'clock and light lunches were served to order.

The Kozy Korner Tea Room was part of the Moran

House, the largest Deposit Hotel on the corner of Church and Second Streets. The parlor was set up with small tables and tea was served at 1:00. Groups could also reserve the parlor for meetings or special occasions which always included tea and a bite to eat. JH Moran was the proprietor, the tea room was established in 1926.

The Sunnybrook Tea Room, overlooking the Delaware, was opened in Stilesville in 1928.



Tea etiquette:

1. After sitting down, unfold your napkin and place it on your lap. If you leave your seat temporarily place your napkin on your chair.
2. *A tea superstition* "dry tea goes in the cup first, followed by the sugar, the water and last milk. To put milk in before sugar is to cross the path of love, perhaps never marrying."
3. Swish the spoon back and forth gently. A proper lady never stirs in a circle.
4. Hold the handle of the tea cup with thumb and first one or two fingers. A guest should always look into the cup when drinking, never over it.
5. Never leave your spoon in a teacup. It will bring you bad luck.
6. Take small, quiet sips of your tea. Do not blow on the tea if it is too hot.

Tea room history:

Coffee for men and tea for the ladies.

Tea and tea rooms played a crucial role in American women's history, as they became a symbol of women's empowerment and their place in American society.

Tea was introduced to America in the 1640's and quickly became a staple in upper-class households.

By the early 1900s, women began opening their own tea rooms, often in their homes or gardens.

These tea rooms provided a venue for women to earn income. They offered a place for social gatherings, particularly for women who were not allowed in men's establishments.

Tea rooms became a place where women could socialize, network, and share ideas, contributing to their empowerment and sense of community.

The historical society will be hosting 2 teas this season. "Notes of Tea" with the history of the dulcimer is scheduled for July 14th. there will also be a Fall Tea on October 20th.

Reservation are requested along with a \$15 donation.



Call for actors/actresses "Voices from the Grave"

The Deposit Historical Society needs actors and actresses for the performance of "Voices from the Grave." "Voices" is a look back in time, and actors/actresses portray a Deposit resident in the 1800's by telling their story. This has been an extremely popular program, and we hope to keep it going, but we need your help. The commitment is to attend 4 rehearsals of no more than 1 hr each (one in July, one in August, one in September and one in October); the 2 performances will take place on October 18th and 19th. In addition, you will be expected to memorize a short story about

your character.

Guys, consider telling the story of Deposit's first banker, or a rural country doctor, maybe a civil war sergeant or a prominent Deposit businessman. Ladies, how about a schoolmarm, a wealthy aristocrat, or a bookkeeper of a Front Street business? For more information, please call the Deposit Historical Society at 467-4422 or come to the information session and casting on Wednesday, July 16th at 7 pm at the museum, 145 Second Street.

DEPOSIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

All programs are free of charge and everyone is welcome. Programs are held at the Museum, 145 Second Street, unless otherwise specified. Please check our website for any changes or cancellations. All programs are followed by refreshments.

- July 14th.** “Notes of Tea,” with speaker Rick Bunting presenting “Dulcimer History and Music.” 1:00 pm
- July 20th.** Walking Tour on Front Street 10:00 am Meet in the Big M parking lot
- July 19th.** Lumberjack Festival The DHS museum will be open
- Aug. 20th.** “History of Oquaga Lake.” 7:00 pm
- Sep. 10th.** “The Big, the Bad, and the Bold” presented by Judith Presentarts, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 18th.** Fundraiser: “Voices from the Grave,” Laurel Hill Cemetery, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 19th.** Fundraiser: “Voices from the Grave,” At the Museum, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 28th.** Fall Walking Tour TBD
- Dec. 7th-** A holiday music event with The Holdrege’s, 2 pm

Beginning Memorial Day weekend and through Columbus Day weekend, the Museum will be open for exhibit viewing on Saturdays from 10:00 am - Noon and on Sundays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Admission is free.

Our Research Library in the Bundy House remains open year round on Tuesdays from 9:30 am until noon, or by appointment (607) 467 - 4422.



Deposit Trivia Night at the Museum with Josh Axtell

Trivia night on June 16 th was well attended. Competition between 7 teams of 4 players each was lively, good natured, and spirited.

Membership Renewal Time Again

If you are not a Lifetime member, it is time to renew your membership for 2025.

Membership rates are as follows:

Lifetime -- \$250

Annual -- \$20

Please submit your membership renewal promptly to Deposit Historical Society,

PO Box 134 145 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754. *Thank you for your ongoing support.*

Contact the DHS News editors for information, suggestions, or address changes...

If you have information to share with us about our mysteries, historical events, or suggestions for new articles or projects at the Museum, **or if you have moved**, mail it to DHS Newsletter editors Michael and Gail Musante at PO Box 134 Deposit, NY 13754, or email it to one of us at gail.musante@gmail.com We will be delighted to hear from you! Thanks!!

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