

ence King. With some research, the reason why that headstone was there became evident. When Mrs. King died a stone was placed at her grave. I believe it was a man-made stone. When Mr. King died, matching stones for *both* of them were placed at the graves. The original stone, no longer needed, was disposed of. Where else but over the top of a steep embankment?"



Anthracite coal helped to drive the development of railroads running through our towns and villages. Diversification of the railroads with the introduction of passenger trains and the transport of goods and services provided for the growth and development of our communities. Memories were created, prosperity ensued, and nature provided for a supply of life's vicissitudes, as always. History continues to document such occurrences even as an old headstone is newly discovered.

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References taken from:

"Way Back When in Seneca County: Memories of the Black Diamond Express" by

Walt Gable, 1/16/2016

"The Railroad Connecting Geneva and Ithaca": From the *Interlaken Review* co.seneca.ny.us/wp-content/2020/01

Additional Primary Sources and detail may be found in *Snippet From The Past* by Diane Bassette Nelson – Historian, Village of Interlaken;

Photos:

The old trestle before removal

The new erosion control boulders

More pieces of the old trestle

Original Florence King headstone

The two large sluice pipes and the creek bed.



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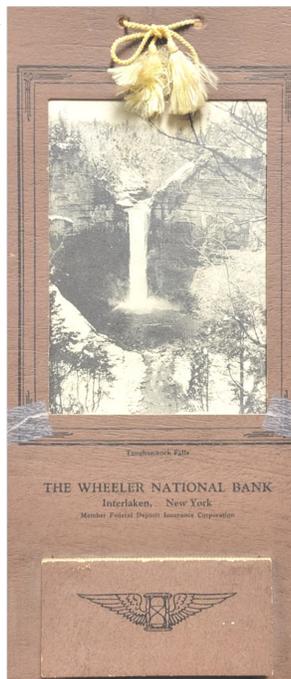
During the past twelve months we have recorded over 60 new items or collections received by the Interlaken Historical Society. A very special thank you to all those who gave us items.

Many of the items came from individuals or families. Others were given to us by organizations or businesses.

From the Gates family: a cast iron Allis Chalmers toy tractor, a brass cannon made in Turkey, 1880s era farm ledger.

From Karen King: wooden washing agitator, wooden stirring paddle, Girl Scout First Aid container, green tinted glasses, a multi-tool ladies kit and a 1948 bill from Hanford Hardware to Elizabeth King.

From Community Bank NA a 1943 wall calendar with war ship photo; 1943 photo calendar with Taughanock Falls in the winter, the 100th anniversary plaque given to the bank in September 1960 by the Chamber of Commerce and corporation certificates to the bank when they merged with Waterloo National Bank.



From John and Elizabeth Brooks two paintings by Martha McFall, their home on Hatch Road and John picking berries with his Scottie dogs.



From the Ovid Historical Society Photo album created by Gail Snyder for use in teaching 4th graders local architecture. Do you recall creating houses with the printouts and milk cartons? A half pint glass milk bottle from the Interlaken Milk & Cream Co. Leslie A. Cronk.

Trying to find out more about the Interlaken Milk and Cream Co, a search was done on the Interlaken Library's new Digitized Local Newspapers site. Numerous results were found and a few are shared here to give a brief look at the company, the people and their new building. All items are from the *Interlaken Review*. As shown in the announcement photo, the search term is highlighted for ease of locating on the page.

April 10, 1942 "Fred C. Bullivant has sold the Interlaken Milk & Cream Co. to Leslie Cronk of Trumansburg, who took possession April 6th."

April 17, 1942

Announcement

Having taken over the Interlaken Milk and Cream Co., we wish to announce that the plant will be open every day, including Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 12 noon, for the convenience of our customers.

Our milk is all produced on our own farm at Trumansburg, and we invite your inspection at the Farm or Plant at all times, and would also welcome any suggestions or criticisms whereby we may serve you better.

INTERLAKEN MILK & CREAM CO.
LESLIE A. CRONK

June 26, 1942 "Notice-Chocolate Milk will be available this summer at regular milk prices. Leave note in bottle or call 19-R. Interlaken Milk & Cream Co."

August 21, 1942 "The milk business at Lodi operated for the past several years by John McCall, has been purchased by the Interlaken Milk & Cream Co."

August 28, 1942 "J. Edward Dennison will enter the employ of the Interlaken Milk & Cream Company on September 1st, taking the place of Thomas Terryberry, who has received orders to report for induction. Mr. Dennison is thoroughly experienced in the handling of milk, having worked at the local Sheffield milk station for several years."

May 19, 1944 "The Interlaken Milk & Cream Co...has purchased a lot on the Usher property, just north of the Bartow Greenhouses, and plans are being made for the erection of a modern milk pasteurizing and bottling plant on the premises."

A longer article on August 4, 1944 gave a full description of the building project, "complete plant under one roof, for pasteurizing and bottling milk, making cheese and ice cream..." It was interesting to note that "the contract for constructing the new building has been awarded to Swartout & Rowley of Rochester, who has done other work in this area, including the Interlaken and Ovid Central School buildings..."

July 6, 1945 "The Interlaken Milk & Cream Co. is moving to its new building on North Main St. Leslie A. Cronk, owner and operator of the company, cordially invites everyone interested to come and visit the new plant, which is now complete except for certain equipment not yet available."



Library News

If you haven't been into the Interlaken Public Library in recent months, you may have missed some big changes. Our parking lot project is coming along and while it isn't 100% complete just yet, it is open for use. We expect some outdoor lighting and a safety rail to be added to protect the OTTC building, and someday we may even have an electric car charging station. Making this change to help make the library safer to access is a major improvement and we thank everyone for their contributions and patience with the construction process.

Another major change is the addition of a new member of staff, Emily Papperman. Emily is a local resident who many already know, and she's joined the team at the library as the Outreach Coordinator. Her background is in outreach and advocacy, she has a degree in literature, and is a fellow lover of libraries. She can be found working the main circulation desk a couple of afternoons a week and would love to hear any suggestions for programs, services or resources the library could offer.



As we near the end of the 2022 calendar year, it's a natural time to reflect on this year's accomplishments. We have made improvements to the space, expanded the services and programming offerings, and seen the number of people utilizing the library increase. We are acutely aware of the current economic strains suffered by local residents and businesses alike, and strive to stretch every single dollar. We work hard each year to secure enough grant funding to pay for 100% of the programming that takes place at the library, as well as services and goods in kind for programs like chair yoga and our story time programs. Program offerings make up a large part of library use, and while this year hasn't closed just yet, we've already completed more than 185 program with over 3,000 attendees, spanning all age groups and local demographics.

Chelsea Hastings, Library Director,
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Finger Lakes Area Landmarks

One package of 12 note cards and envelopes is \$3.00, or two packages for only \$5.00.

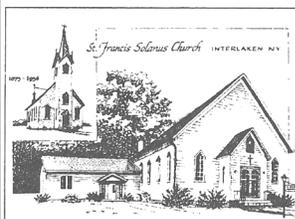
See the website or our Facebook page for a full listing of which cards are still available.



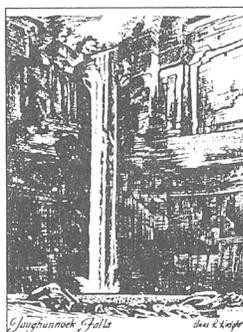
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From the Book Store

A few items that you can order from the Historical Society Book Store. Check the website for more books related to the area:

interlakenhistoricalsociety.org/book-sale

Covert Memories 1950-2015 \$12.50

Over 80 articles by community members celebrating our communal history, in honor of the Historical Society's 65th anniversary. 2016

Snippet From the Past \$35.00

Blogs celebrating the Covert Bicentennial, Diane Bassette Nelson

So Good A Time \$12.95

Life in the 1870s as documented in the Diary of Olive Evans Williams, soft cover, 2010, Nancy Saultz Radloff

The Covert Family \$35.00

By Fischer, Covert, and Patterson 1989. Hardcover, 680 pages. Requires \$2 extra for postage

Between the Lakes softcover \$15.00

M.L. Patterson hardcover \$25.00

History of South Seneca County, Town of Covert and Village of Interlaken 1978

And Let My Memory Cherished Be \$18.00

Remembering the Families of the Old Covert Cemetery 2006 Diane Bassette Nelson

Historic Images of Interlaken \$3.50

A Coloring Book based on historical photographs, with descriptive text.

Postage and Handling

Under \$10 \$3.50 \$10 to \$25 \$6.50

\$25—\$50 \$8.50 Over \$50 \$13

Some items require extra postage.

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Mark Your Calendar for our next program
Monday, January 23, 2023

Dues for 2022-2023 are now due. If your label has a date prior to 2022 please consider bringing your membership up to date.

For more information on the Historical Society events contact President, John Hunt,
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NOTE: the email address for the historical society has changed:
interlakenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

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