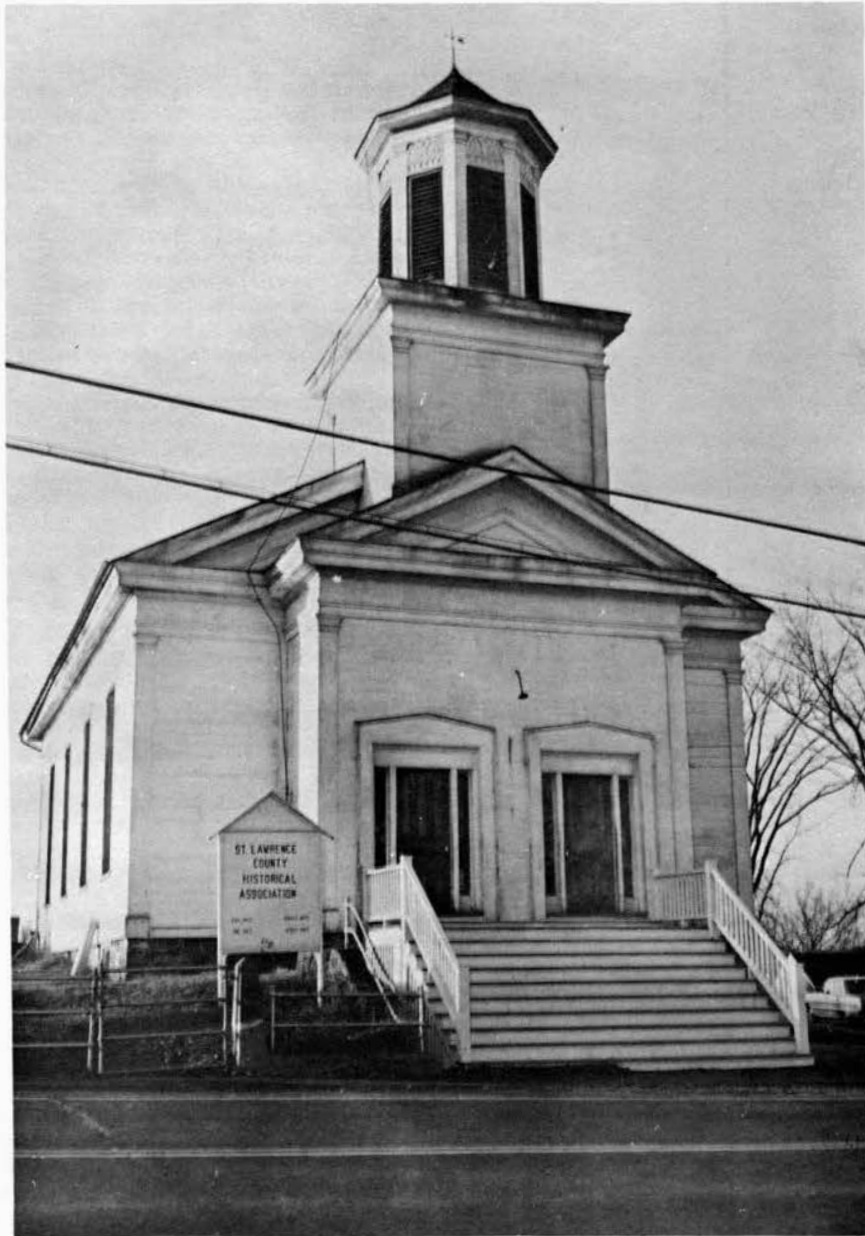


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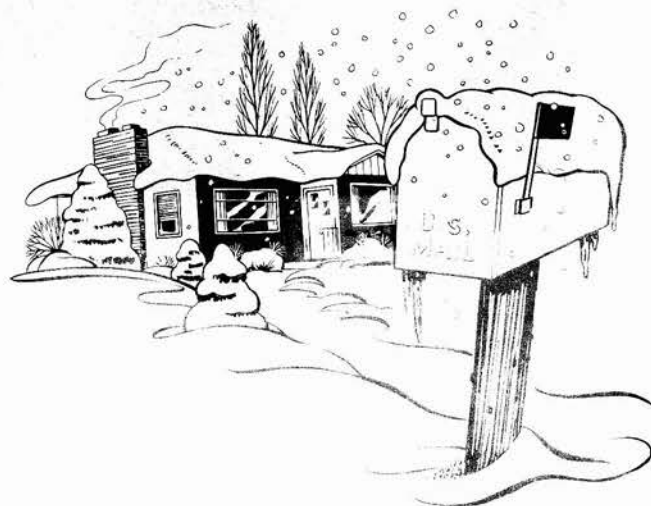
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OUR HISTORIC HOME AT LAST!

By JEAN BLAIR

A hush came over the crowd of approximately 300 persons, who had gathered for the opening of the St. Lawrence County Historical Building in Richville, as the century old bell pealed out at 10:45 Saturday morning, July 30.

The occasion was the dedication of the new historical center, formerly the Richville Baptist Church, which was given to the St. Lawrence County Historical Association in November, 1965 by the Baptist Women's Society of Richville and the Baptist Convention in Syracuse. Greeting those assembled was Mrs. Georgiana Wranesh, historian, of Richville village, who introduced the Town of DeKalb historian, F. F. E. Walrath, and Miles Greene, Massena, president of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association.

Town and village officials attended the afternoon program. Supervisor Elmer Denesha, is a member of the Historical Committee on the board of Supervisors, of which Mrs. John Bell is chairman. Both attended along with Highway Superintendent Orville Griffith.

Mr. Greene, commenting on the 111 year-old structure, expressed pleasure that the Association has a place in which to display the many items which have been collected by the organization over the past 18 years.

County Historian Mrs. Edward Biondi, of Ogdensburg, in a brief resume of events leading up to the dedication, emphasized that the building should be referred to not as a museum but rather as a repository for the more than 2,500 historical items which are presently on inventory. She had high praise for the work accomplished by Miss Barbara Snyder, a graduate student of the New York State Historical Association in Cooperstown in cooperation with the New York State Council on the Arts, in inventorying and cataloging the artifacts.

Main speaker of the day was Philip Yenawine, a Princeton University graduate, assistant to William Hull, associate director of the New York State Council on the Arts in Syracuse, who quoted excerpts from a report on the Richville Baptist church written by Paul Malo and concerning the history of the structure. Of special note was the retaining of the unique original double wood doors at the entrance. Pointing out that the Association is to be commended for the preservation of the valuable historical and architectural building, Mr. Yenawine presented the library of the organization two books entitled "Architecture Worth Saving."

Following Mr. Yenawine's remarks was the ribbon cutting ceremony at which President Greene, officially received the building from the State Baptist Convention in Syracuse. He was assisted by Mrs. Bertha Petrie, who was largely responsible for arranging for the gift, and Mrs. Emiline Reynolds, who was former treasurer of the Mission Circle of the Richville Baptist Church.

Luncheon was served at the Masonic Hall, Richville by members of the Eastern Star. This was followed by an auction of items donated specifically for this purpose by members and friends of the Historical Association. Proceeds were added to the gifts of money already given to the Special Building Fund, for the maintenance and care of the repository.

John Beswick, of Buck's Bridge, Don Mayhew of DePeyster and Spencer Merry of Ogdensburg all donated their services as auctioneers.

All donors names to the Auction are not known but their gifts made possible a nice increase in the Special Building



President Miles Greene snips the ribbon to open the Richville Building officially, with the aid of Baptist Women's Society officers Emiline Reynolds and Bertha Petrie who were largely responsible for the gift of the building to the Association.

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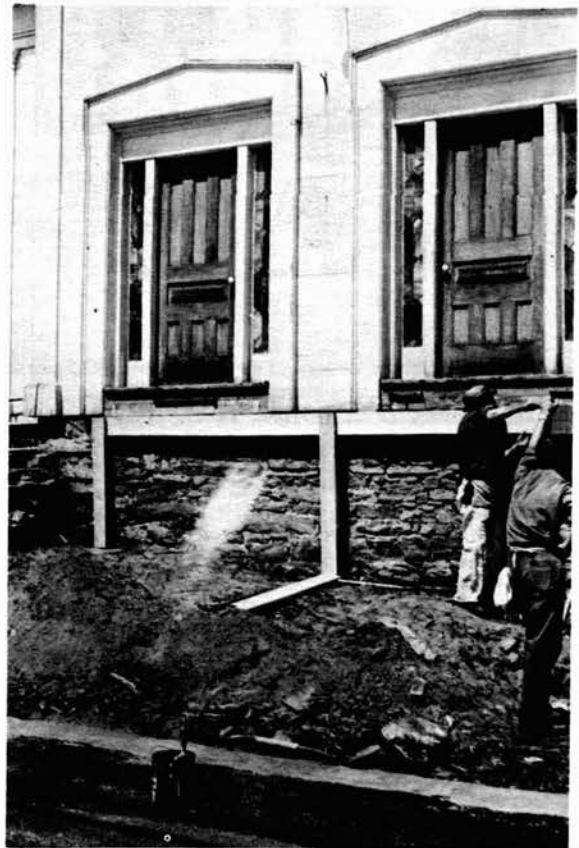
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Following removal of old steps by member Ben Ware.

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Putting the finishing touches on the new steps.



ENTERING the new historical center, formerly the Richville Baptist Church, now the St. Lawrence County Historical Building.

Point Airy

Part II
By Elizabeth Baxter
Ogdensburg City Historian

General Curtis and Dr. Wise were the geni of the St. Lawrence State Hospital and the nursing school. In telling of the persons connected with them, it is necessary to start with them.

Peter Manuel Wise was born Mar. 7, 1851, in Erie County. He attended the Parker Classical Institute and was graduated from the University of Buffalo with a degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1872. During 1873 he served on the Staff of the St. Louis City Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., and was commended by city officials for work as quarantine physician during an epidemic of smallpox. In 1875 he married Anna E. Heston.

From 1873 until December 1890 Dr. Wise was on the staff of Willard State Hospital and its superintendent six years. Following his six years as superintendent at St. Lawrence State Hospital he resigned to become president of the New York State Commission on Lunacy, a post he kept until 1901.

Dr. Wise traveled extensively in Europe and wrote many articles about care of the mentally ill in Germany and Great Britain. He was president of the American Medico-Psychological Association in 1901, and he died in 1907.

For St. Lawrence County residents perhaps the most interesting person connected with the Hospital is General Newton Martin Curtis. Born in DePeyster in 1835, he was mustered into the Army May 15, 1861, as captain of Company G, 16th New York Infantry and was promoted to major general. He won the Medal of Honor for gallantry in leading his troops at the capture of Fort Fisher, N. Car., on Jan. 15, 1865, when he was the first to pass through the stockade and received a wound there that destroyed his left eye.

He was a representative in Congress from 1891 to 1897. As Assemblyman between 1884 and 1890 he had sponsored a bill which became law in 1886, to locate an asylum for the insane in northern New York.

A statue of General Curtis stands on the Crescent side of the Post Office in Ogdensburg and is the work of Roland Hinton Perry, unveiled at fitting ceremonies in 1913.

At the Hospital he is remembered with Curtis Hall. Construction began in 1895. Injured by weather, part of the wall collapsed in 1896. Work was recommenced in the spring of 1897 and was completed that year. Its exterior walls are of red Potsdam sandstone. When it was completed it replaced the assembly hall in the Infirmary Building, and seated 872 persons in its main room with Victorian decor, gallery and loges. These latter have now been removed.

Curtis Hall was also formerly used for religious services. St. Vincent's Chapel (Roman Catholic) was completed in 1907. The Protestant Chapel and Jewish Synagogue were dedicated Nov. 16, 1958, constructed and equipped through the generosity of 8,000 persons who contributed more than \$300,000. It is the only State Hospital with chapels for each of the major religions.

The Patients' Library was started in December 1891 when Arnold E. Smith, clerk of the Board of Managers, undertook to obtain by voluntary contributions a collection of general literature for the patients. First contributor was Edward L. Strong, who gave 80 volumes, and second was his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Strong, who gave 150. By Sept. 1892 the library contained over 2,000 volumes, catalogued by volunteers Charles W. Huntington and Charles H. Bailey. In 1893 the library received 100 paper-covered novels from Louis Hasbrouck and papers and magazines from General Curtis.

Ogdensburg's citizens have long been interested in the Hospital, the city's largest employer. State Senator George R. Malby sponsored legislation for amendment to the City



DR. PETER M. WISE

Dr. Wise was the first director of the St. Lawrence State Hospital, Ogdensburg, which received its first patients Dec. 9, 1890. He opened the hospital's School of Nursing Dec. 10, 1890.

charter in 1901, to annex the Hospital to the city, extending the city limits to include that part of Lisbon.

From the First

Dr. Wise and his family were in residence when the first patients arrived. It was so cold that the slip at the custom house froze that night. Patients were received at night, moved by special cars on trains from the south and east. The electric plant had not been completed, necessitating the use of lanterns. Dr. Wise said in his first annual report: "Inside of 40 hours, 140 patients were received. . . an achievement which has never before been equalled in the history of the care of the insane in this state."

The patients were placed in the infirmary group as the hospital buildings were not yet complete. The bedsteads were manufactured under the direction of Dr. Wise personally. They had no projection on which anything could be hung. On the dining room tables, table service of silver, glass tumblers and table linen were fingered by many patients who hadn't seen such amenities in years, if ever. A violent patient was unstrapped -- and behaved.

Dr. Wise's medical staff included Dr. J. Montgomery Mosher, and Dr. John A. Barnette. William C. Hall was hospital steward. A supervisor and twelve attendants completed the staff.

The student nurses had been under the supervision of a matron from the first date in December 1890 until 1909 when Miss Josephine Callahan member of the school's class of 1900, was appointed to the newly created position of superintendent of nursing at the Hospital. Miss Callahan was principal of the old Ogdensburg City Hospital School of Nursing from 1902 until 1909, and returning to her alma mater she remained there until 1914. She was married to Charles Swift.

The St. Lawrence State Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association was organized in 1914, largely through efforts of Daniel J. Farley, member of the class of 1908, and then a supervisor at the Hospital. Holding its first meeting in September of that year officers were: Mrs. Margaret Conger, president; Mrs. Sarah Mea, vice-president; Mr. Farley,

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secretary, and Herbert Washburn, treasurer. There were 62 charter members.

Principals of the school following Miss Callahan have been Miss Ida J. Anstead, 1914-1919; Miss Marion G. Potter, 1920-1928; Miss Helen V. Clune, 1928-1929; Miss Gladys Launderville, 1939-1941; Mrs. Ruth B. Warren, 1941-1955; Mrs. Virginia M. McAllister, 1955-1965, and Mrs. Warren, returning in September 1965 is current principal.

Following Dr. Wise

Directors of the hospital following Dr. Wise's years from 1889 to 1896, have been Dr. William H. Mabon, 1896-1903; Dr. Richard H. Hutchings, 1903-1917; Dr. Paul G. Taddiken, 1919-1939; Dr. John A. Pritchard, 1939-1949; Dr. Robert C. Hunt, 1950-1952; Dr. George F. Etling, 1952-1954; Dr. Herman B. Snow, 1954-1962; Dr. J. Rothery Haight, 1963-1966, and Dr. John H. Gibbon, appointed in 1966.

Pritchard Pavilion, medical-surgical center at the hospital, was dedicated June 13, 1951, to Dr. Pritchard, who planned it and then was a medical patient in it. The Hospital under Dr. Snow became internationally noted for its open door policy in care of the mentally ill.

In 1908 voluntary admissions were authorized. In 1910 an outpatient department, then called a free dispensary, was opened at the hospital, the first in a New York State institution. Another first was the opening in 1928 of the first beauty parlor in a New York State Hospital.

A stage line was established from the hospital to the eastern end of the street railway near the O. & L. C. Railroad bridge. There were four trips daily and fare was ten cents. The street railway was discontinued in April, 1932.

Crafts have been emphasized since the early days of the hospital and recreation programs have been strong. Today as in the beginning recreation directors and therapists are important. In its early days activities included concerts, plays, lectures, stereopticon entertainments, dancing, table games, reading, phonographic programs, shadow pantomimes, sleigh rides, popcorn parties, baseball, literary programs, recitations, candy pulls, picnics, boat rides and berry picking. The Hospital's annual field day was inaugurated July 1, 1893.

In its early days the Ogdensburg Journal commented: "A grander institution than any of us realize is being developed among us." Today as the Hospital celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, 75 years of help to thousands of Northern New York's citizens in one of the most beautiful settings in the world are marked by the individuals who have made it possible as well as the unnamed thousands who have been in and out of its doors, many to take their places once again in the workaday world.

We are proud to have this Institution in our midst.



MISS JOSEPHINE CALLAHAN

Miss Callahan was the first principal of the St. Lawrence State Hospital School of Nursing, serving in 1909-1914. A graduate of the State Hospital School of Nursing in 1900, when it was taught by doctors, head nurses and supervisors, she was the first director of the old Ogdensburg City Hospital School of Nursing, now the A. Barton Hepburn School of Nursing, serving 1902-1908.





MAJESTIC POSE. A statue of General Newton Martin Curtis by Roland Hinton Perry stands at the rear of the Ogdensburg Post Office, facing the Crescent.

NOTICE

Watch for April Quarterly, our first Literary Issue. It will carry entries from the Historical Writing Contest for junior and senior high school students, stories by and about St. Lawrence county authors, composers and poets of the past, present and future. YOUR favorite may be among them.

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A MIGHTY HUNTER WAS HE . . .



by Ben Ware

This story concerns Moses Leonard, or Uncle Mose or Great Hunter, as he was called. A mighty hunter was he.

The stories of members of the Leonard family can be found in more than one community. They were early settlers all originally branches of the Solomon Leonard family and came from Massachusetts many via Vermont.

Moses Jr., was born in Canton in 1805, being the third child born in that town. He was son of Moses, son of Samuel, son of Moses, son of Moses, son of John who was son of Solomon of Duxbury, Mass.

Leonard is a very ancient name, the signification being Lion-hearted, from Leo or Leon and ard. It seems strange that those who attained the honors of knighthood did not adopt a lion's head for their crest instead of a tiger's! Their motto is Memor et Fidelis.

It is said that where you find iron, you will find Leonards. Members of the Leonard family established an Iron Works in Rhode Island in 1652 and there became strong friends with controversial King Philip on the breaking out of the Indian War in 1675.

The family originally came to this country from Pontypool, Monmouthshire, a county of England bordering the Bristol Channel, celebrated for its coal and iron mines. It once belonged to Wales, was made an English county in the sixteenth century, and today is once more considered to be in Wales.

Solomon who started the line our Northern New York Leonards came from, was in Duxbury in 1637 having been born in Monmouthshire about 1610. It is presumed that he came with a group of others, arriving at Plymouth in 1630.

Stories of other branches descended from these early Lion-hearted men will be told, but this concerns Uncle Mose.

Moses' father Moses and uncle Peter Ripley were among first settlers in Canton. Little Moses was early put to helping clear the forest. He attended school when the condition of the wilderness would permit, but when quite young developed a talent for hunting and trapping.

About 1820 his father moved the family to Pierrepont, and from that time on most of his time was spent in the South Woods. No doubt he was one of the most successful hunters who ever entered those woods, showing a wonderful sagacity for finding game. It was said that he could detect the presence of wolves by signs that no other hunter would notice -- a dent in the leaves, a little hair on a tree, or sometimes by picking bits of moss from a tree or log and smelling of it.

At one time he found a den of black bears and crept in upon his hands and knees and in the darkness killed four by shooting at their glistening eyes, and then he went in and drew them out. Being asked later in his life how many bears in all he had killed, Uncle Mose said, "Oh, not many, about a hundred and fifty."

Many of the young animals he captured alive and it was not uncommon to see a pet at his residence.

On one occasion he and a brother were out on a hunt. At a certain point they agreed to separate, Uncle Mose taking the axe and dog, while his brother took the gun, for they only had one rifle between them. Before he had gone far Uncle Mose met one of his pets, a large old bear, and after considering the matter he decided to let the dog go,



Nimrod of St. Lawrence County,
Moses Leonard, Mighty Hunter.

(Picture belonging to Ben Ware, descendant).

thinking he would tree the bear and that his brother would hear the dog and come to his aid.

But he was disappointed this time. The dog made a blunder, and the bear taking advantage caught the dog and was likely to kill him. This was too much for the old hunter, for he was very much attached to his dog who was one of the best of his kind. So he made a rush with his axe thinking to cleave the bear down, but was mistaken once more. The big black fellow took his attention off the dog to look after his foe to the rear and wheeling made a jump coming so near that the hunter could not strike him as he intended. But acting in his cool manner, he struck hitting the bear in the back of the neck with the butt which caused the bear to turn and leave. But the poor dog was so badly mangled that he had to be put out of his misery.

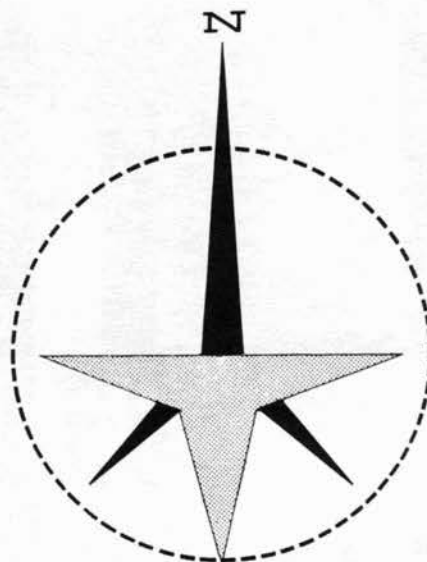
Mose claimed to have killed 45 panthers (the American Lion, he said) five of them in one day. Some of them measured ten feet in length. On one occasion he caught a large panther which drew the trap and clog to a precipice and it was necessary to go down to get him. So Uncle Mose tied a rope under his arms and his comrade let him down to where the panther lay alive and well; but he was soon dispatched and hauled up along with Uncle Mose at the end of his rope.

It was said that he killed over 300 wolves but never had any serious encounter with one. At the time of his death in 1888 it was estimated that besides his panther and wolf total he had killed 1500 deer, over 100 in one year; most

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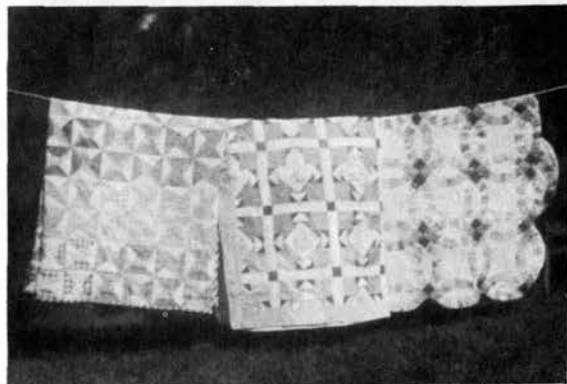
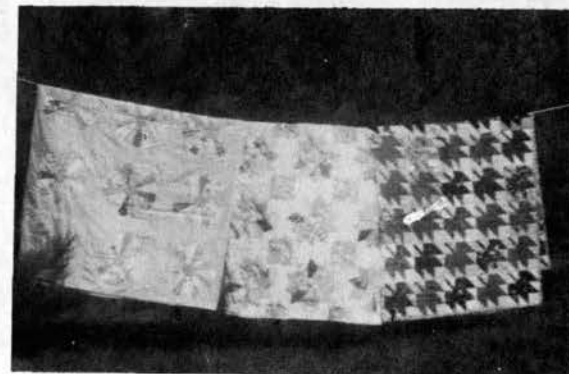
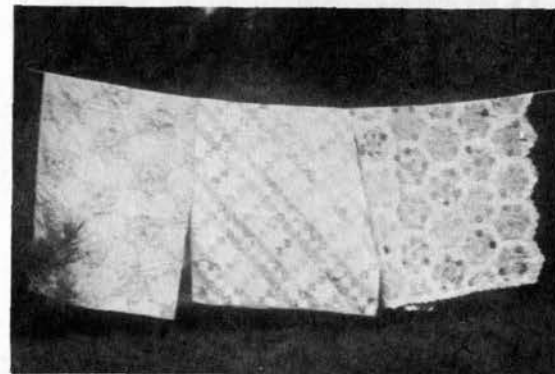
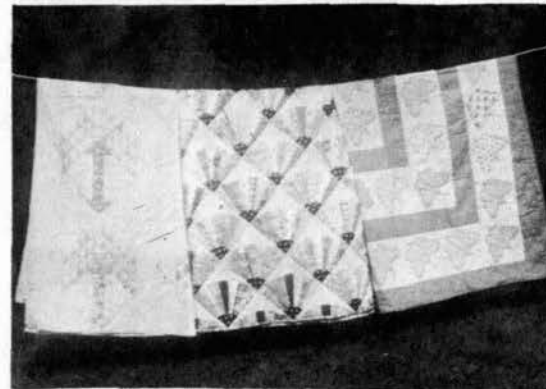


Nellie Kittle, wife of Macomb's Historian Willis Kittle, is a St. Lawrence County native. She was born in the town of Macomb, daughter of James Stark, Jr., one of the pioneer families.

She has spent her entire life in this community and at age 75 she works at piecing quilts every day. She loves piecing quilts, and has hand quilted many.

Mrs. Kittle is an active member of the Macomb Historical Society and the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, and is always pleased to show her quilts to friends.

The names of the patterns pictured are: Dresden Plate, Star, Ducks Foot in the Mud, Double Pinwheel, Blue and White Cross, Double Wedding Ring, Pink and White Star; Double Nine Chain, Tree, Fan, Butterfly, Grandmother's Flower Garden. Nellie Kittle sits in her Boston Rocker, with Blazing Star behind her, and Little Red School House on her lap. There is real art in her needle work. Picture was taken Sept. 18, 1966 at her home.





Julius Wohlforth with his peddler's cart. Taken at age 90, in June 1920.

VIGNETTES

JULIUS WOHLFORTH, NORTH COUNTRY PEDDLER

By Susan K. Race

Julius Wohlforth, a native of Beckhofer, Bavaria, emigrated to this country in 1858. He settled in Stockholm where he remained only one year, then removed to Fowler and stayed the same length of time. He came to the town of Canton in 1860 and settled down to becoming a business man in the village of Rensselaer Falls.

He commenced as a peddler, being furnished a stock of goods by M. D. Packard of Canton and continued his vocation until 1870, making the Falls his home soon after his settlement there.

He operated a dry goods store for a short time, then began operations in real estate, in which he evinced tact and shrewdness. He was successful in this venture, but in later years he resumed his peddling, this time with a horse and cart.

He was for many years a familiar figure in and around Canton, DeKalb, DePeyster, Heuvelton and Rensselaer Falls. He would sometimes talk of his home life as a boy and young man. His parents had been very strict, and his father would not allow any of the family to leave the home on the Sabbath except to attend religious services.

One Sabbath afternoon Julius looked out to discover a neighbor's house in flames, and was eager to go to render any possible assistance. When forbidden to do so, he decided than and there "If dat vas religion, I vanted none uf it."

Shortly after that he left home and came to this country. Whether he came to obtain religious freedom, or to escape compulsory military training was anybody's guess.

Julius never married, and died near Canton in November 1924 at the age of 94. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the Norton Cemetery on the Canton-Ogdensburg Road, known only to the many friends and acquaintances he made throughout the area.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE in our County these leaning towers are to be found?



Answer to October Puzzle Picture: Twin monuments to be found in Livingston Cemetery near Red Mills in town of Lisbon, next to home of Jay Thompson. Judge Robert Livingston and his wife Jane, buried here, were the grandparents of famed golden-tongued orator Robert Ingersoll.

History Center Hours
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The truck arrives with hundreds of items stored for years in attics, barns, storage rooms.



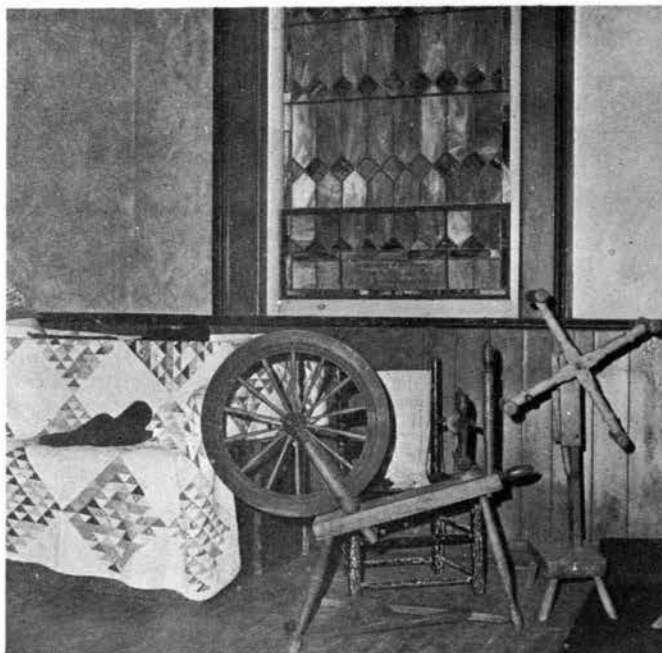
A little clowning helps liven up the heavy work of loading and unloading the hundreds of dusty and heavy artifacts.



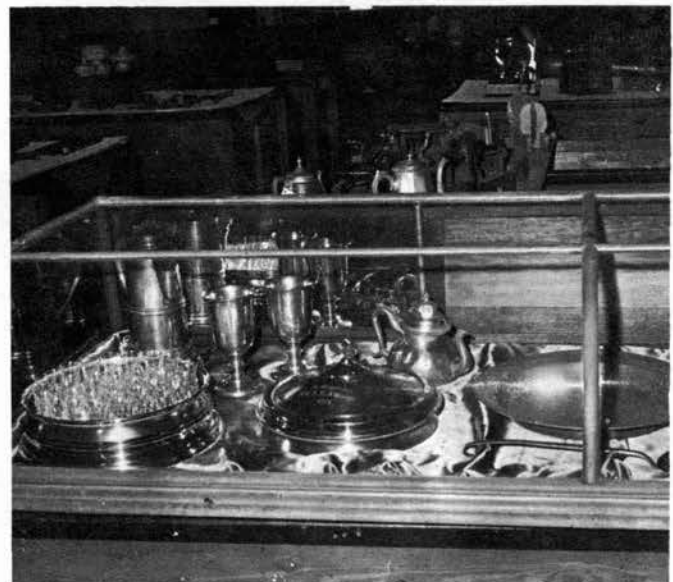
What am I bid for this fine working sewing machine? Auctioneer John Beswick sells this excellent donation item at auction, July 30. New president Van Buren watches cameraman instead of auctioneer!



No mail in that post office for you today. One of the many items stored for years, and part of the historic past of our County.



Part of the items owned by the Association, shown for the first time July 30.

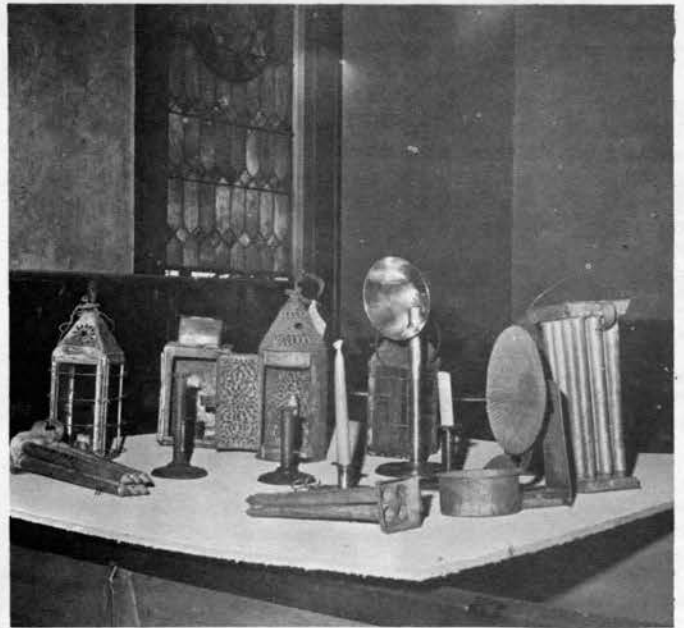


Behind glass are the silver objects formerly used at the Richville Baptist Church, now belonging to the displays to be seen at the Richville Building. Entertainment of the past, laundering, maple syrup making, dairy products, and many items of clothing and mementoes of our wartimes make up the bulk of the individual collections. Childrens' games and books as well as clothing are in scarcest supply and donations of these are always welcome.

MOVING DAY---

DEDICATION DAY at RICHVILLE

Makeshift display tables with part of the lighting objects owned by the Association, now catalogued by Miss Barbara Snyder, graduate student of New York State Historical Association program.



Many of the unique items owned by the Association, against a background of rich window tracery, and inventoried during the summer by Miss Barbara Snyder.

Interesting shoemakers' tools and work, a display packed into kit form to be borrowed by local historical associations or historians for display in various sections of the county.



editorial

We are proud of our new home. We are proud of the members who thought enough of our needs to give us the gift. We are proud of those who have worked so hard on the items and caring for the collections and the building. We are proud of the donors to the auction so that we could raise funds, and to the donors to the cash reserve (many times the same people).

It is always dangerous to present a list of people. If one name is omitted, it is that one who is offended and those who are included take it as a matter of course.

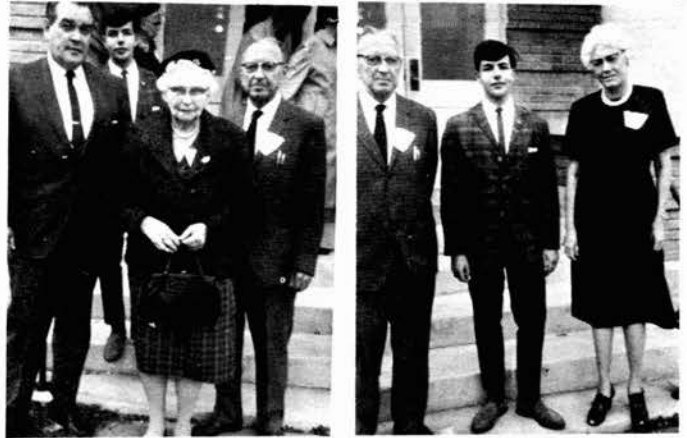
Yet in an organization of over 1,000 members, a list of donors which only represents 7.5 per cent of those members for a cause in which all profess an interest, is sad.

The gifts run from one dollar to over \$300. We will need to paint and preserve and repair (a few places) this year and hope that the other 92.5 per cent of our members will see fit to make a cash donation of some kind.

Program chairman Doris Planty is asking each historian in each town to do two things: Find some small project with which to raise a donation for the Special Building Fund, and to help double our Association membership in each community. The gifts will be presented at Open House Day at the beginning of our summer season.

Don't want to sound like an every member canvass but the need is here! Let's REALLY double our membership with REAL members who care!

Annual Meeting



The above pictures were taken at the last annual Historical meeting at the Lisbon Library. In the picture at the left are Everett Howard, Paul Russell of Yorkers, Nina Smithers, honored guest and Bruce Van Buren, new president. Shown in the picture at the right are Bruce Van Buren, Paul Russell, and Rachel Dandy, sponsor.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Harry Dake, Vivian Brooks (Lewis), Ralph Storie, Harold Fitton, Helen Reid (now Burdick), Minnie Brooks, John Fitton, Merle Storie, Eliza and Ransom Daniels. Eliza is now Mrs. Demick. Taken June 4, 1909. First teaching assignment of Helen Reid, daughter of George and Frances Reid, Brier Hill, No. 4 School, Oak Point, Hammond. All students and teachers still living except Ralph and Merle Storie and Minnie Brooks. Ralph was killed by lightning a few years later. All living are in the immediate area with the exception of Ransom Daniels.

DOUGLASS FARM

By Susan C. Lyman, Historian, Town of Potsdam

Stepping over the broad field stone door stoop into the homey kitchen of Douglass Farm on the Old Raymondville Road seems to transport one from the hustling world of 1965 to the gracious serenity of the last century.

Still furnished with pieces of the wedding furniture of Anna Brown who married William Douglass in 1861 and in 1866 moved into the 10-room brick house which had been built in 1860 by Nathaniel Beal, the sturdiness of tables, chairs and chests is offset by the luster of lovely old glass and china and the patina of the silver caster set on

the dining room table and the teaspoons arranged in holders on the wall.

Lovely birdseye maple poster beds and chests furnish

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DOUGLASS FARM

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the half dozen or so bedrooms in this house. The electricity, furnace and plumbing do not detract the beholder from the charm and mellowness of the surroundings. Broad window sills, spacious rooms with high ceilings, are all natural finish woodwork, hard wood floors, the hallmarks of a house well built and carefully maintained.

William Douglass who gave his name to Douglass Farm was born at Earl Hill, near Northumberland County, along the Scottish border of northern England, Mar. 11, 1831 of Scotch-English parents. In 1837 his grandparents, parents, a cousin Robert Douglass and the four young Douglass boys emigrated to America, coming to home of a relative, Mark Douglass, an early settler in St. Lawrence County and then living in the Township of Waddington.

The entire trip was made by water with the travelers journeying up the Hudson River as far as Albany, thence to Oswego by the Erie and Oswego Canals to Lake Ontario and on to the St. Lawrence River and thence down to Waddington.

DOUGLASS RIDGE

William's family settled in the Town of Norfolk on what became known as Douglass Ridge but is now called Tiernan Ridge. Two of the Douglass sons died at an early age, another died in 1903, and William died in 1904.

William's wife was Anna Brown, daughter of James and Mary Morton Brown who had emigrated to Canada in 1827 because of political difficulties. Anna was born in Canada but as a young woman came to the United States to work in Raymondville.

The young couple were married in 1861, and by dint of hard work and sacrifice were able to buy the brick home and eventually built the farm up to more than 200 well-producing acres.

Eight children blessed this union; William; John who went west to Nebraska; George who became a practicing attorney in Buffalo; Horace who remained at home and helped run the farm; Elizabeth Douglass Grubb who became a teacher in the mission schools in Indian Territory (now the state of Oklahoma) and who eventually returned east to become District Superintendent of area schools; Jeannette; and another daughter who married David Donaghue and lived in Massena before her death; and Miss Mary who lived her entire life span on the Douglass Farm.

MARY DOUGLASS

The last surviving member of this remarkable family, Mary was born at the Farm July 4, 1883 and died there June 10, 1965, bringing to an end more than a century of Douglass influence in the Raymondville section.

Miss Mary, beloved neighbor and friend to all, was a devout churchwoman and tireless civic worker, active and an officer holder in Norfolk Grange 541 for 43 years, Sunday school teacher in the Raymondville Methodist Church, 20 years a secretary-treasurer of the Raymondville Cemetery, 40 years a member of Lura Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and an election inspector on the Norfolk Election District number 2 for years.

Miss Douglass' love for young people led her to care for a niece and to have numerous young relatives spend their summers at her farm.

Following the untimely death of Horace Douglass, Ira Frego became manager of the farm and continued so until his retirement in 1965. The infirmities caused by her advancing years required a companion in the person of Mrs. Roana Daniels who tenderly cared for Miss Douglass during the last four years of her full and fruitful life.

Among the precious memorabilia at Douglass Farm is an American flag hand made by the women of Raymondville during the Civil War, using homespun cotton and wool. One side of the flag bears 34 white stars carefully stitched in rows onto the field of blue. The reverse side has the white stars arranged to form a large white star on the blue field.

Nieces and nephews scattered from the state of Louisiana to the distant plains of the west will divide and share the extensive library of rare books, collector's items of furniture, glass, silver, and china which had been painstakingly gathered since the little Scottish-Canadian bride came into

September Tour

One hundred persons took the fall tour of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association on Saturday, Sept. 10, to Blue Mountain Lake.

They visited the Adirondack Museum there, which is operated by the Adirondack Historical Association, a non-profit state-chartered institution. The Museum's theme is the relationship to man of the Adirondacks.

A short stop was made at Sunday Rock, a towering glacial boulder which the Indians knew before law and trappers of that day, and before the white man used it as a landmark. It will be preserved at the entrance to the Adirondack country.

The group had dinner in the Presbyterian Church parlors at Tupper Lake.



OGDENSBURG FLASHBACK

By George Liebler

Here is a folk tale or legend from Ogdensburg. Henry Plover, from whom it is claimed Plover Hill was named, was a soldier in the Continental Army along with his buddy, Osmond LeBrake who were both in their teens. They saw action under General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, in Massachusetts. There they met and both fell in love with lovely Alice Pritchard. Knowing they would become separated during the course of the War, they made a pact. If they survived, wherever they might be they would burn a cross on a hilltop every Sunday evening until they found each other. Henry located on the outskirts of Ogdensburg many years later, living the lonely life of a hermit and burning his signal fire every Sabbath evening. Suddenly the fires stopped. When neighbors investigated, they found Henry dead from a heart attack, and clutched in his hand was a note from his old buddy Osmond announcing that he had married the lovely Alice. . .

(Source: Scrapbook of Ogdensburgiana in Public Library).

(MOSE) A MIGHTY HUNTER

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being killed on the run.

Uncountable foxes, otter and other fur-bearing animals had been taken by Uncle Mose in his sixty years of hunting. He had a passion for the Adirondacks and hunted them several times during the year. On several occasions he encountered panthers and bears at imminent risk of his life, but his courage and agility never deserted and he always came off victorious.

The infirmities of old age warned him after he was 75 that he must desist in his woods pursuits. Even in a day when it was necessary to wrest a livelihood from the untamed woods, Mose was considered a Mighty Hunter.

He died at the farm in Pierrepont where he had lived for so many years and his obituary ended with the words, "He lived a life of sterling honesty, trusted in God and did good to his fellowmen." Truly a man of iron, and lion-hearted.

the vast wilderness that was Northern New York in 1861.

The brick house will be sold and the Douglasses will be just a memory, but their example of thrift, hard work and honest dealing set by members of the family has surely left its mark on the little community and serves as their heritage from the Clan Douglass.

(Written for Courier-Freeman just before division of furnishings).

"THE OLD DINNER BELL"

The old bell stands by the paling fence,
 Its piers are rotting away;
 Like the old gray mule and the one horse plow
 It belongs to yesterday.

Never again will children know
 The joy that it could bring
 With its welcome chime of Dinner Time
 To those who heard it ring.

At the break of dawn on a summer morn
 Its message was: "Arise!"
 Hurry! get some plowing done
 "For Sol heats up the Skies!"

The old bell told of many things
 To those who knew its code;
 Five taps meant company's comin', Pa-
 A whole dern wagon load!

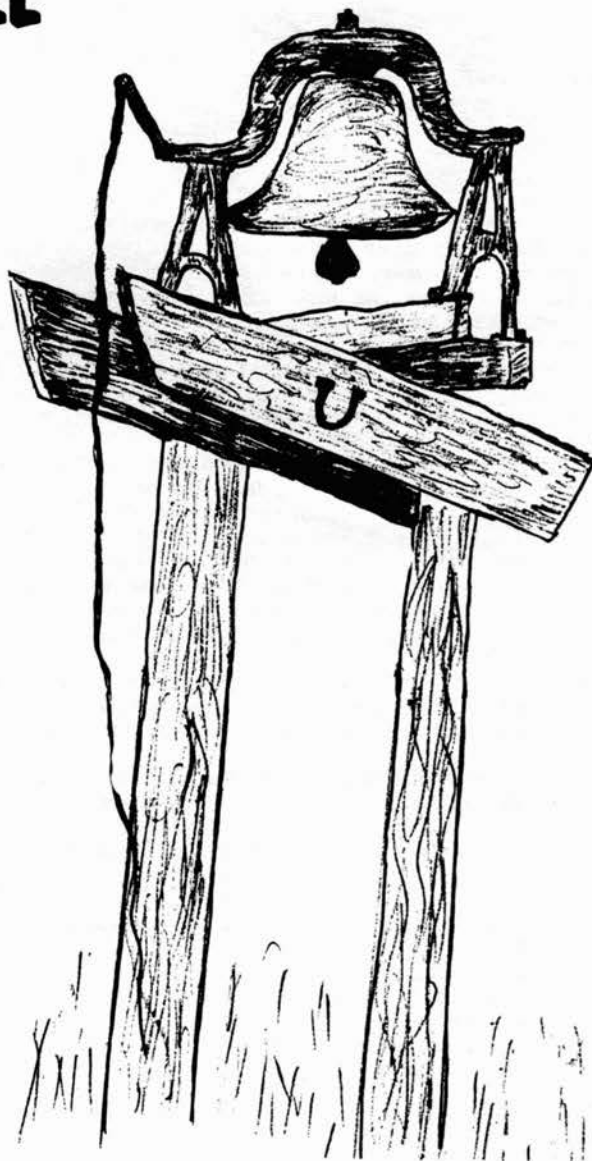
Two taps would mean the cow is out -
 Perhaps the old sow too;
 And three taps meant the Preacher's here
 So mind now what you do.

One tap just meant you're wanted, Pa
 But do not fret or worry,
 Just come on home when you get time -
 There is no need to hurry.

Ma had a different touch, it seemed,
 For every message sent,
 And Pa could recognize them all
 And knew just what she meant.

Sometimes, in case of fire or death,
 The bell would sound at night
 And neighbors came from far and near
 To help Pa in his plight.

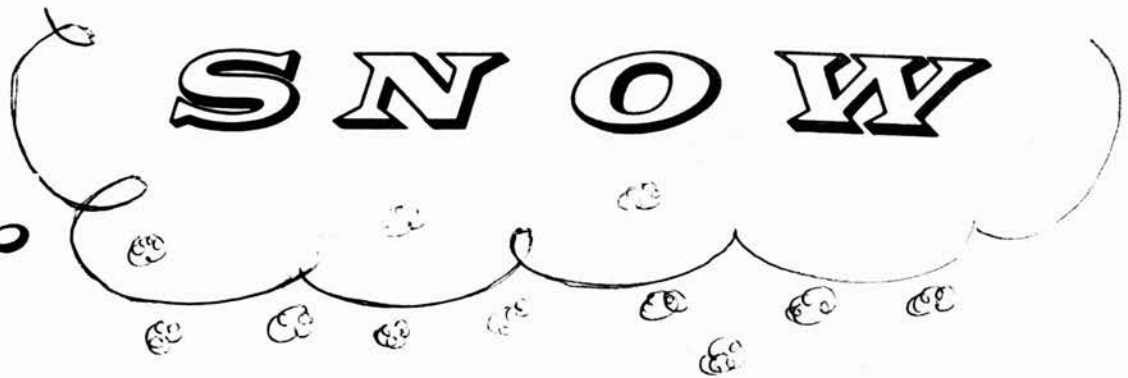
Yes, the old bell tolled a story
 To every listening ear
 And as I stand and view it now
 I brush away a tear.



For the old bell will not ring again
 To greet the waking morn.
 It stands aloft on rotting piers -
 Majestic! But forlorn.



SNOW



By Doris Planty, Morristown Historian

In the early days many could not read nor write. Those who did write letters used foolscap paper, large sheets written on one side and folded, sealed with wax and addressed on the outside fold. Foolscap got its name from the watermark of a jester's cap in the paper.

Most all desktops would hold a quill pen, ink well, stick of sealing wax, shaker of sand for blotting purposes. No envelopes were used until 1837, no postage stamps until 1847.

Mail to this part of the country was carried by stage coach, one route north being from the Mohawk and Utica up along the Canal to Boonville to Antwerp. From there to Rossie, Hammond, Morristown and on to Ogdensburg the stages stopped at hotels and inns where passengers could stay over or board for other destinations. The drivers would change teams of horses and relax briefly.

When the mail stage with passengers and mail would come into a town the driver would blow a horn, taking the mail into the Post Office, and dumping the mail pouches on to the floor. Here the mail for this destination would be sorted out, then the rest repacked and the stage would continue on its way.

The townspeople would know that the mail had come so they would head for the post office where all gathered to get their mail and hear the latest news. Usually the post office was a corner of a country store, with a cage and set of pigeon holes. Nearby stood the pot bellied stove and cracker barrel and keg of peanuts in shell. Everything was sold in bulk, and many hours were spent at this hive of activity.

In 1820 or shortly thereafter a letter written by new bride Mrs. John Ingham, Brier Hill, to her parents in the Mohawk Valley cost her 35 cents to send. She carefully saved up to mail this letter.

BIRCH BARK NEWS

Later during the Civil War years letters and envelopes became fancier. Even later letters have been found to be written on flat pieces of white birch bark, or even scratched or burned into squares of leather.

Morristown post office was established July 18, 1816. At Brier Hill the post office came into being Mar. 6, 1851 and is still in existence. The Edwardsville office was established Mar. 22, 1837 and discontinued Aug. 15, 1925; The Cedars from Dec. 8, 1892 to Aug. 15, 1899. Mail was taken from these to Morristown by horse.

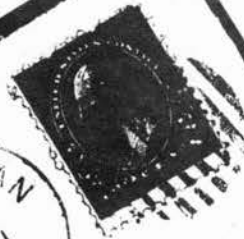
It was in 1876 that the railroad was completed from Watertown to Ogdensburg. Mail was carried on the train in a mail car, a post office clerk sorting the mail as the mail bags were put onto the train. This required a man to carry the mail from the Post office to the train, which was done with horse and wagon or sleigh. This was a very responsible job as the bags had to be in their possession all the time until placed on the train. There were four mail trains a day at first, then two. This carried on until May 11, 1961, when the New York Central "Beeliner" made its last run, and henceforth mail is to be carried by truck, by contract with the U. S. Government.

Mail was taken off the train at Morristown for Brockville, Canada and was carried across the St. Lawrence by the Morristown and Brockville Ferry Company in summer. In winter a local man put in a bid to carry the mail over the ice and water. In a good cold winter a horse was used on a sleigh and passengers were taken, too, and in open icy waters a flat bottomed boat was used with steel runners to glide over the ice places. Two handles in front and two on the back for a man in front to pull and a man in back to push completed this contraption. This was done for years, now the mail is taken by truck or car

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NOR RAIN . . .



John

To the Officers and Members
of the Brier Hill I. O. O. F.

Will you kindly accept
this gift from our family
to be used for the good
of the order.

I appreciate your kind-
ness and also the spirit
of the lodge and would
like to see the go work go
on.

Very sincerely
Willie A. Moore

WANTED

Classified:

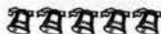
WANTED: Descendants or family members of those whose names are on Memorial Windows in the Richville Building. Anyone knowing any names, please contact your editor or Emiline Reynolds, Richville.

NEEDED: Glass store cabinets for displays at Richville Building. Donations accepted. Shelving also needed.

WANTED -- Adult size stereopticon for History Center. Also, any county pictures for use with machine.

The Baker Memorial Library, Hanover, New Hampshire, which is one of the Dartmouth College Libraries, under a grant from the National Historical Publications Commission, is searching for and recording correspondence from and to Daniel Webster. This includes all letters and other manuscript writings. If anyone knows of any resources in institutions, or in the hands of private individuals, that could be microfilmed, this library would like that information. Microcopies would also include appropriate acknowledgment, and the papers would be returned to the source.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any such materials should get in touch with the County Historian or write directly to Mrs. Carol S. Moggatt, Webster Papers Project, Baker Memorial Library, Hanover, New Hampshire.



THANK YOU !!!

THANKS to those who so quickly answered October WANTED items. Help is especially welcome.

THANKS -- to those who came in to County History Center in answer to the Wanted in October to help with sorting and indexing. Helpers always welcome.



Letter to the Editor:

I have been reading the QUARTERLY for January 1966, and on Page 5, which shows pictures of Canton's Main Street in the Eighties, it says that the "purpose of the peak-roofed structure in the center is unknown". Well I remember it very well. When I was a girl, it was used as a bulletin board and notices were tacked to it or maybe written on it in chalk. It stood in front of Conkey's Drug Store, a store that carried not only drugs but soap (Pear's Soap) etc., but not so many things as modern Drug Stores carry, but they did carry very good candy. I guess it is now Barr's Store.

I just thought I'd put in my bit, since I am one of the "elder citizens."

Best wishes for 1967
Mrs. Alice P. Gunnison

NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN

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across the bridge at Ogdensburg and there has been no ferry at Morristown since 1954.

R. F. D.

Rural Free Delivery was established at different dates throughout the State after 1896. In Morristown the Delivery (R.F.D.) started Dec. 1, 1898. Elva Thompson was the first mail carrier, who in the winter had a cutter, a spirited horse and would make it through the deep snow, as the mail MUST get through. Sometimes the horse was left in a barn, and Elva would go on foot where the snow was the deepest, over the fences on snow banks for a short cut.

In summer Mr. Thompson had a top buggy and from the tip of the whip he would fly different colored flags to tell the farmers what the weather was going to be. These local weather reports would delight the farmer who would go to the road to see what weather flag was flying: Yellow for bright sunshine, hot; green for showers (which make everything green); gray, cloudy and overcast; blue, clearing blue sky; red for thunderstorms, lightning; white for snow storm, blizzards, or just snow. There would often be a combination such as green above blue for "rain, then clearing sky."

The next R.F.D. carrier was George Raven, then Verner White. The last rural delivery went from Morristown Oct. 1, 1951, and now the rural routes are covered by nearby towns.

Newspapers were generally only weekly and there was not the mountain of advertising mail, so the mail was not heavy. Soon after the establishment of rural routes the first mail order catalogues appeared. The country folk studied them and twice a year an order was sent for the family's clothing, which were delivered to the door by rural free delivery.

Sometimes in the mail would be a letter edged in black from friends telling of the death of one of their loved ones. This paper was also used by the family for several months after a family death. This became a familiar sight and would tell the message it was bringing, from the Victorian days until about the time of World War I.

In about 1910 the mail was first delivered by automobile, which has not changed very much. Parcel Post began in 1913.

The Post Master is a political appointment by the two-party system. If a Republican President is in office when an appointment is to be made, a Republican is appointed. If a Democrat president is in office, a Democratic party member is appointed. More recently officeholders had to first qualify under Civil Service examination.

Postage went down at the turn of the century until postal cards could go for 1 cent. This rate is now 4 cents. Letters which were 2 cents during World War I, are now 5 cents, with Air Mail 8 cents.

In larger towns and cities the postman in his familiar gray-blue uniform walks miles each day to deliver the mail to the door. A few years ago mail boxes on street corners were changed from dark green to patriotic red, white and blue in color.

This motto emblazoned on the General Building in New York City "Neither snow nor rain, not heat, nor gloom of night, shall stay these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," expresses the dedication of the Department.

Many new and beautiful post office buildings are dedicated each year, not many are left in the country store.

The latest innovation is the use of a ZIP code. Each post office (or in some large places each area of a city) has a different five-digit code number. This method of sorting the mail was planned in 1962 by Postmaster General Day to be introduced July 1, 1963 and speeds up delivery to the destination. The U. S. Post Office handles more than 70 million pieces of mail each year, a long way since stage coach delivery days.

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Mondays and Thursdays

Court House in Canton

FROM THE COUNTY'S



CRACKER BARREL

(Including the names of all Town and Village Historians together with a continuing report of their activities.) BRASHER: (Miss Mae Murray). CANTON: (Edward F. Heim) The Summer and Fall of 1966 have been busy times for all Town Historians. Due to illness my activities have been curtailed. The interesting activities that happen at the Town Museum in Canton would keep several Historians on the move. In the Spring a retired Naval Officer brought in his three Service Jackets and with his permission they were given to Mrs. Margaret Holmes at the University for use in her Dramatics Department. A bashful friend of history sent a small yellow box containing clippings dating back for many years. Two different Girl Scout Troops, with their Leaders, visited the Museum by appointment. They were permitted to handle the many items suitable for young people, such as the two Civil War Parasols, clothing, medals, neck-yoke, shoes, oxen shoes, maps etc. They asked many questions and were interested in Canton History, especially Old School Records and pictures. Before Memorial Day a display of a Civil War Roster, guns and other equipment with pictures was placed in the Show Case in the Main Hall. These displays are changed at intervals and the Public shows considerable interest. We received an old Musket used in the War of 1812; an 1812 Bible from Mrs. Rodee of Brick Chapel and three hand-written record Books dated from 1842 to 1944 for School District No. 5. Mrs. Scott gave a small surgical instrument used by her grandfather, Jarville Wires, a Civil War Veteran buried at West Potsdam. Mrs. Keough brought in the U.S. Navy Records of her father, Loyal Eldridge, who took the place of his father during the Civil War. Dr. R. E. Delmage of Canton loaned us his collection of U. S. Flag Stamps dating back for many years. This is the first time they were on public display and caused much favorable comment and we are grateful to Dr. Delmage. William Gardner gave a large framed picture of the St. Lawrence County Bar Association taken about 1904. This picture now on display in the St. Lawrence County Bank at Canton. We have many items from the Estate of Julius Bartlett of Gouverneur, notable a collection of pictures and history of all New York State Governors. Friends brought in Old Newspapers containing items of World War I and II. Young Dennis Barr brought in a Civil War Officers Sword and Scabbard which is an interesting addition to our Military Collection. Friends have donated old tools and we had a rather complete display of tools in the Show Case. The Historian attended the Meeting at Richville and the dedication of the Old Baptist Church now used for County Museum Activities. Later we had a display of Old and New Police items on Display in the Show Case. One Old Time Bulls Eye Lanter, Handcuffs, Jail Keys, pictures and many other items. For Election day we had a display of Old Time Newspapers, some Old and plenty of New Election material with pictures of Candidates. Millard Hundley loaned us two copies of a Buffalo New York Paper with pictures and story of the death of President McKinley and Charles Smithers loaned us his collection of Election badges and buttons, some dating back for many years. We are grateful. RENSSLAER FALLS VILLAGE, Town of Canton: (Mrs. Nina Wilson) is still working on former owners of village property and trying to locate the descendants of same. Loaning two volumes of local history my mother had collected dating back to 1870. CLARE: (Mrs. Myron (Iris) Fry). CLIFTON: (Mrs. Clara McKenney) Two of our older residents passed away recently. Sept. 15, 1965, George Walker Sykes, aged 79. He was born in Benzinger, Pa., Feb. 9, 1886, son of William Lawther and Stella Walker Sykes. He was graduated in 1905 from Dickinson Seminary in Williamsport, Pa. In the spring of 1965, he was made an honorary director of the College. He also attended Syracuse University. He was

president of the Emporium Lumber Company which acquired timberland holdings in St. Lawrence County in 1905, and moved its operations from Pennsylvania to the Adirondacks, operating Lumber Mills at Cranberry Lake from 1917 to 1927 and at Conifer from 1911 to 1949. Also Sept. 13, 1965, Fritz Victor Olson, age 81, of Cranberry Lake. He was a retired lumberjack. COLTON: (Mrs. Lorena Reed) Ground Breaking Ceremonies were held this summer at the beginning of work on the new State Campsite at South Colton. Elaborate plans are being made for this project which at completion will rank with Fish Creek. There will be more dedication plans along with the relocation of Sunday Rock and a Marker for Jessie Colton Higleys grave in the Spring. DEKALB: (Floyd F. E. Walrath) Busy working on scrap books, doing some research work on genealogical records, etc. DEPEYSTER: (Mrs. Emery (Nina) Smithers) Have researched and written history of DePeyster road, reconstructed under Erwin Plan. EDWARDS: (Miss Leah M. Noble) Still working on book of school "Bygone Days", mounting photographs of older citizens, checking Veteran Records, etc. FINE: (Mrs. Roland (Catherine) Brownell) I have been busy getting pictures and material for our winter project as well as keeping up my Town scrapbook. I hope to have the census of the Oswegatchie Cemetery completed by January. FOWLER: (Dora Jean Yerdon). GOUVERNEUR: (Georgiana Wranesh, Richville Historian) Have been working on an article for the Quarterly, taking slides of interesting houses in Richville, answered a letter concerning an early inhabitant of Richville-Johathan Haskins and collected artifacts for the County building. GOUVERNEUR: (Harold Storie) Have been busy transferring files from late Historian, J. R. Bartlett, Keeping village scrapbook up-to-date. HAMMOND: (Mrs. Donald (Maxine) Rutherford) Completed and filed seasons projects, "Architectural Gems" and "North-isms" and handed copies to County Historian. Attended annual meeting at Lisbon, Oct. 15, Fall Workshop, Oct. 19 and meeting of Trustees and Committees on Nov. 3. Have prepared annual report for December meeting of Town Board. Working on clippings and new project, "Transportation in our Town". HERMON: (Mrs. Harriet Jenne). HOPKINTON: (Mrs. Neva B. Day) Clipping papers for a Town scrapbook to try to answer inquiries for family data. There seems to be more every year. Season's Best. LAWRENCE: (Mrs. Gordon (Anna) Cole) LISBON: (Mr. Lee Martin) I attended two of the Historical trips. Answered different letters asking for information concerning ancestors or relatives. Gave prizes for best essays submitted by students in Lisbon Central School. This has worked increased interest in History. The new American Legion Building was recently dedicated in a public ceremony with National, County and Local Commanders as well as Town officials participating. It is a useful and nice addition to the public buildings of the village of Lisbon. LOUISVILLE: (Mrs. Clarence E. (Lorraine) Bandy) sent reports to Louisville Town Board, County Historians office in Canton, and to New York State Conservation Department, concerning early and recent history of our Town along the St. Lawrence River. This information is a request by New York State Conservation Department to be published in their new Marine Guide Book '67. MACOMB: (Willis Kittle). MADRID: (Mrs. Robert (Florence) Fisher). MASSENA: (Mrs. Robert (Marie) Eldon-Browne) Our Historic Center is still a busy place, since Sept. 6 we have had one hundred and four visitors, and four Saturdays have been opened for special groups. The new winter hours for visitors will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 12, and 1 to 4. Among the new donations to the office is two Surgical

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Cracker Barrel

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Chests that were used during the first World War. These belonged to Dr. L. A. Sutton a longtime resident of Massena. The guest registration Book at the Fairview Hotel on Barnhart Island, the Proprietors at the time were Bertrand and Norton, and a 16 mm. Movie Excel Projector that is hand turned. We now have a good file on the early history of our School organization. The students are needing this. MORRISTOWN: (Mrs. Doris Planty) Turned in years report to Town Board and St. Lawrence County Historian. Furnished Historical material for year book of Morristown Central School. NORFOLK: (Mrs. Edith VanKennen) Have especially enjoyed people from away, who came for information about their ancestors. One High School student and one College student have gotten information needed for their term papers. OSWEGATCHIE: (Mrs. James (Persis) Boyesen) Attended the "Open House" of the Central New York Genealogical Society held in Syracuse Oct. 15 and presented an exhibit of maps, genealogies scrapbooks and other genealogical material pertaining to St. Lawrence County. Have copied some cemetery inscriptions at Hillcrest Cemetery in Heuvelton, taken photographs and clipped newspapers. PARISHVILLE (Mrs. Elsie Bresee) Had an interview with Mary Biondi a few days previous to the October meetings as I could not attend either. Have attended a large antique fair. Working on scrapbook material. Completed and turned in my scrapbook on "Folklore". Have several pictures on Architectural designs for our last project. PIERCEFIELD: (Mrs. Beulah Dorothy) I answered and gave a brief history of the Childwold post office to Philip Sandler, Adelphi, Md., who is writing a postage history of the Adirondack post offices. PIERREPONT: (Waiting appointment). PITCAIRN: (Mrs. Louis Collier, retiring Historian) Completed the census on two cemeteries, obtained an 1864 map of Pitcairn, copied the history of Pitcairn and checked the war records. POTSDAM: (Mrs. Royal (Susan) Lyman) Because of repeated break-ins in our history room, we no longer accept items which cannot be stored in the Historians files. Last week we had four interesting pictures of railroad construction and a photo of the famous old engine 999 given by Carl F. Reagan, Norwood. We continue scrap books, answering many letters seeking information on relatives who lived in this area years ago. The First Honorary Member of the Norwood Historical Association, Mrs. Catherine Regan, passed away in Norwood Sept. 8, 1966 at the age of 101. Arthur N. Tebo, retired postal employee, and first village carrier in Norwood (1913) was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Norwood Historical Association held Oct. 26 at the Potsdam Museum. Mrs. Carroll L. Chase of Norwood and Cambridge, Mass., gave a full report on the research she and Mrs. Lyman have been doing this summer on the land holdings of Benjamin G. Baldwin. We continue to receive gifts of pictures, etc., for our ever expanding file. Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Lyman attended the Historian's workshops. Mrs. Bancroft has been doing some photography in the village to add to our files. Many queries on genealogy have been received and answered. ROSSIE: (Mrs. Frandy (Frances) Gardner) Attended Fall workshop and also annual meeting at Lisbon. Help write Rossie news for Tribune-Press, clip and paste into scrapbooks, one for Rossie, one for Somerville and one for Spragueville. Made tour of town for pictures of Architectural gems. Am compiling a book to be sent to County and one for Rossie files. RUSSELL: (Mrs. Jeanette Barnes) I am working on my new project, and doing some research work on it. I am also working on my scrapbook. STOCKHOLM: (Mrs. Hazel Chapman) Our oldest citizen, Nate Buck, 101 years old is in Potsdam hospital with a broken leg. He fell in his home. He had walked down to the village of Winthrop every day until his accident. He also voted this year. WADDINGTON: (Mrs. C. B. (Ethel) Olds) Received national publicity recently in Life Magazine in which Editor's note of Oct. 14, 1966 gave a brief summary of the life of James Ricalton, Waddington native, school teacher, world traveler, big game hunter and famed photographer. The Waddington Town Crier is being published monthly by the Waddington Youth Council. Rev. Phillip Gausby is advertising Editor and Daniel Herzog is news Editor.

LOCAL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

GOUVERNEUR: The first meeting of the season of the Gouverneur Historical Association was held Thursday, Nov. 3 in the Bank of Gouverneur Community Room. Harold A. Storie, who helped to organize the Association and was President for five years, retired and William Eichorn was voted and accepted the position for the coming year. -- Harold A. Storie. **NORWOOD:** Because of repeated break-ins in our history room, we no longer accept items which cannot be stored in the Historians files. Last week we had four interesting pictures of railroad construction and a photo of the famous old engine 999 given by Carl F. Reagan, Norwood. -- Mrs. Susan Lyman.

LOCAL HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

POTSDAM MUSEUM: The annual meeting of the Potsdam Public Museum was held Oct. 4. Slides from Corning Glass Company were shown on "Origins of American Glass" accompanied by a paper describing the pictures. Election of two trustees for three years were Frederick Johnson and Mrs. Arnold Fiske. At the Board Meeting that followed, Mrs. W. J. Chapman was elected president; Mrs. Arnold Fiske, secretary and Miss Anna Fairbairn, treasurer. On October 10 a Teachers Open House was held. On Oct. 24 the Norwood Historical Association held its annual meeting in the Museum.

There have been a number of adult groups including seventh grade teachers from Gouverneur, who were studying "The Ages of Home Spun". Also the Antique groups from both Clarkson and State University, Potsdam.

There have been many classes from Potsdam Public schools including first, fourth, fifth and seventh grades, visiting the museum.

On Dec. 8, the Gouverneur Yorkers made a tour of the Museum.

There will be an exhibit of antique dolls owned by Miss Geni Garner of Hillcrest Drive.

In January a collection of African musical instruments will be on exhibition. These instruments were acquired by Dr. Berwyn Woodman of Ogdensburg and his wife Nearie when they were on a seven year tour of duty as a Missionary Doctor in Portuguese Angola, Africa. Mrs. Woodman is a native of Edwards and a graduate of the Crane Department of S.U.C.P. -- Marguerite Chapman, president.

YORKER CRACKER BARREL

CANTON: Foote Followers -- Continue as a High School Group. -- Mrs. M. Michalski, sponsor. **GOUVERNEUR:** Marble Village -- Our Club is working on a project on mining. Individual members have been writing for the County Contest. We plan a District Meeting in Gouverneur in December and expect representatives from all the Clubs in the Adirondack District. -- Georgiana Wranesh, sponsor. **LISBON:** The St. Lawrence and Lisbon Chapters are holding regular meetings, working on individual projects and contributions for the writing contest. They acted as hosts, to the St. Lawrence County Historical Association meeting, and as waitresses. The Lisbon Chapter visited Potsdam Museum and both groups have enjoyed filmstrips. The reporters are faithfully sending in press releases to Ogdensburg Journal. -- Rachel Dandy, sponsor.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY -- FAIR BOOTH THEME

The theme of this year's St. Lawrence Historical Association's Exhibit at the Gouverneur Fair was, approximately, the "Early Dairy Industry". In executing this theme, the association assembled various 'relics' from the dairy industry.

In today's world of plastic containers and wax-coated cardboard boxes, one hardly thinks of the common milk bottle as an improvement. The exhibit, however, told the origin and story of this almost obsolete tool of the kitchen. When Dr. Harvey D. Thatcher decided that the method of cans-to-pitcher-via-a-dipper at the customers' front doors was unsanitary, he carved a wooden mold, had it blown

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The President's Message

Our revised motto this year is: "EVERY MEMBER REALLY GET A NEW MEMBER!"

With neighborhood calendars full of local activities this time of year, we have the chance to meet many people who might enjoy our activities. It is up to each one of us not only to get new members but to get local history recorded. Each town has much that will be lost if not recorded soon, and we can all help find stories for our Quarterly.

Bruce VanBuren



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out of glass, and wired a cap to the top. Thus, in 1884, the phototypé of the modern milk bottle emerged. This part of the exhibit was on loan from the Potsdam Museum through the courtesy of John Garner.

The first milker to be accepted to any degree by dairymen was illustrated by the Babson Brother's milking machine, originally introduced as a hand-power unit in 1892 and changed to foot-powered machine in 1895.

Completing the exhibit of necessary articles in the early milk industry of St. Lawrence County were: milk pails and stools, churns, wooden butter bowls and ladders, butter prints of various sizes, and stoneware jugs used for pouring cream.

The booth was arranged by the Historical Fair Committee composed of Clarence Poor, Rensselaer Falls; Harold Storie, Gouverneur; Willis Kittle, Macomb; and Gene Hatch, Russell.



IN 1890 UNIFORM. Miss Barbara Bisneau, a 1966 graduate of the St. Lawrence State Hospital School of Nursing, Ogdensburg, wears the uniform of the school's first class, which entered in 1890 and early in 1891. The school opened Dec. 10, 1890, and its first class was graduated in May, 1893. Miss Bisneau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bisneau, 726 Congress street, Ogdensburg, is a member of the nursing staff at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

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