

Historical Society Newsletter

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Calendar

February 16, 2010: Tuesday, meeting at 7 p.m.
at the Community Center in Greenfield Center.
Program: Maria Trabka from Saratoga PLAN, which is a local organization that is preserving open spaces including farmland, forests, natural areas, trails, and historic sites.

March 16, 2010: Tuesday, meeting at 7 p.m.
at the Community Center in Greenfield Center.
Program: Brendon Manley, a free-lance writer and one of the editors of Military History Magazine. His hobby is metal detectors, and he will talk about how he uses one to uncover history.

April 20, 2010: Tuesday, meeting at 7 p.m.
at the Community Center in Greenfield Center.
Program to follow.

Our Web Site is Expanding

Take a look and contribute if you can.

- Explore the Interactive Map! Dan Chertok has been busy adding new sites to the Interactive Map. Please share with Dan. He needs your old photos. It's easy. Just call Dan at 893-2268 or e-mail him at bmmschertok@gmail.com.
- Flip through historical photographs. You can now browse through our photo collection and please leave comments.
- Read past newsletters. They are now online in case you missed one.
- Browse our book recommendations. Look through listings of historical recommended reading and books by local authors.

Attention Local Authors

We would love to put your book(s) or next event on our new Web site as a small thank you for speaking to our group. If you are interested, please contact Thom Siragusa at tsiragusa@gmail.com or 518-322-1486.

IMPORTANT – If schools are closed because of the weather, our meeting will be canceled that evening.

Ron's Ramblings

Another beautiful winter's evening at the Community Center. Thirty-one attended the January business meeting and then the program everyone was waiting for, Dick Rowland's history of the Saratoga County Fair. Dick didn't disappoint us, on the contrary a number of people told me it was one of our best programs. We kept Dick at it for a rather long presentation and then extended it still longer with a number of thoughtful questions.

As the manager of the fair for many years, he had a host of stories to tell. He pointed out the changes that have occurred including new buildings added, and at least one old one lost to fire. He also talked about the changes that took place as Saratoga County changed from an agricultural base to a residential and business base. No longer are people interested in the latest heavy equipment, like combines for farming, now the interest has shifted more toward lawn and small farm tractors. He also pointed out that the old fashioned side-shows are slowly disappearing. No longer is the most tattooed woman a hit since some in the audience have more tattoos.

He also shared a summary of ways that people try to sneak into the fair without paying; he has seen them all. I don't think any of us ever realized that sneaking in jeopardized the fair's existence. Dick pointed out that the fair always operates at a loss during fair week. Its primary source of income is its income from the gate. Without using the fairground at other times of the year for activities ranging from company picnics to storage of boats, it would be impossible to balance the budget.

Dick retired from his position at the fair last October, and now spends his time as Town of Greenfield's Supervisor, but I'm sure the many days and nights spent on the fairgrounds will remain with him as memories for the rest of his days.

Ron Deutsch is gearing up for the coming farmer's market season. The committee that oversees the market will be made up of historical society members, some of which are also vendors. This way, both will be represented in the decision making. Ron expects to have our first meeting sometime soon so that we can begin planning for next summer.

Dan Chertoc and Thom Siragusa are both still having fun with the historic sites Web site. A number of people have contacted us through the Web site, so we know that people are using it. If you haven't checked it out yet, try it. Also take a look at the outline that we have prepared (below) as a guide for identifying historic sites in the Town of Greenfield. Dan is learning a lot about our local history, but you still know more about the specific buildings and places where you live or grew up. We need your help to make this program a complete success. Anything that you can add will be appreciated.

Outline Guide for Identifying a Historic Place in the Town of Greenfield

- Where is building located? Road name, house number. Directions to it (example: third house from intersection on north side of road).
- What type of building is it? Single family, multi-family, barn, commercial, etc.
- When was it built? Who built it?
- Was it remodeled significantly? When? What changes were made?
- Why is it historically important? Age; an important event took place here; it represents an architectural style (Federal, Colonial, etc.); a family's history (first family in Greenfield lived here, etc.), or area history (it was the first bank in the Town of Greenfield, etc.).
- Interesting stories about events that happened here, people who lived here, building's history, uses of building (example: once a store, funeral parlor, or telephone exchange).
- Do you have early photos of building? Would you be willing to scan a photo and send it to Dan or make a copy for him?

Use the above outline as a guide for information that we would find helpful. Don't worry about not being able to answer all the questions, just do as many as possible and please add any additional information that you think is important. Use as many sheets as necessary. Send the information to Dan Chertoc by mail, e-mail, or call him at 893-2268. Thanks.

Updating Historic Sites Map in the Town of Greenfield

If you have any information, e-mail Dan Chertok at BMMSCHERTOK@GMAIL.COM or DGCLAWOFFICES@CSDSL.NET.

You may also write or call him at:

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58 Ormsbee Road
Porter Corners, NY 12859
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Daketown School – Student List Old Daketown Road, Greenfield Center, NY

by Dorothy Rowland

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Years</i>
Abbey	Carl	1934 - 35
Baker	Leo	1922 - 23
Baker	Robert	1922 - 23
Boutelle	Geraldine	1929 - 33
Brown	Essie	1894 - 95
Burdick	Minnie	1894 - 95
Carp	Edith	1909 - 17
Carp	Ernest	1908 - 18
Carp	Loren	1909 - 17
Chandler	Mildred	1923 - 24
Chapman	Elizabeth	1950 - 52
Chladnicek	Emelia	1934
Chladnicek	Emiel	1934
Corcoran	Patrick	1949 - 50
Corcoran	Thomas	1949 - 50
Dake	Avard	1894 - 1900
Dake	Charles	1909 - 12
Dake	DeLacy	1894 - 1900
Dake	Elmer	1915 - 25
Dake	Elmer	1924 - 26
Dake	Estella	1926 - 32
Dake	Fredie	1894 - 95
Dake	Goldie	1894 - 95
Dake	Grover	1894 - 1900
Dake	Grover	1931 - 38
Dake	Irene	1894 - 95
Dake	Isabel	1909 - 12
Dake	Linna	1894 - 1900
Dake	Madaline	1916 - 21
Dake	Percy	1899 - 1900
Dake	Roscoe	1909 - 14
Dake	Viola	1894 - 1900
Dejnozka	Albert	1922 - 28
Dejnozka	Aldrich	1927 - 31
Dejnozka	Henry	1930 - 31
Devoe	Ethel	1899 - 1900
Eddy	Francis	1909 - 12
Gailor	Fannie	1894 - 95
Gailor	Lora	1913 - 16
Gailor	Lora	1922 - 23
Gailor	Mabel	1894 - 95
Gailor	Mary	1894 - 1900
Gailor	Peter	1894 - 1900
Jankovick	Elizabeth	1928 - 31
Jankovick	Helen	1931
Jankovick	John	1925 - 31
Jankovick	Michael	1922 - 31
Jones	Arlene	1933 - 40
Jones	Earl	1934
Jones	Gladys	1930 - 35
Jones	Harold	1941 - 48
Jones	Harriet	1934
Jones	Helen	1931 - 38
Jones	Neva	1928 - 34
Jones	Raymond	1909 - 14
Jones	Zelda	1922 - 30
Kilmer	Eunice	1946 - 53
Kilmer	Judson	1946 - 51
Kilmer	Kurt	1949 - 55
Kubica	Andrew	1930 - 31

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Kubica	Frank	1928 - 31	Wardell	William	1954 - 55
Kubica	Mary	1930 - 31	Weaver	Clyde	1952 - 53
Kubica	Paul	1928 - 30	Weaver	Joan	1952 - 53
Kuleck	Anna	1924 - 28	Weaver	Keith	1951 - 52
Kuleck	John	1924 - 25	Weaver	Richard	1952 - 53
Kuleck	Paul	1927 - 31	Webb	Annie	1894 - 95
Lewis	Irving	1894 - 1900	Webb	Callie	1894 - 95
Morrison	Alexander	1926 - 31	West	Iona	1931 - 33
Morrison	Norma	1927 - 30	West	Manola	1931 - 32
Mung	Bertha	1924 - 25	West	Namoi	1931 - 33
Mung	Florence	1924 - 25	White	Edward	1933 - 39
Niznik	Frank	1925 - 26	Wilsey	Arthur	1909 - 14
Niznik	John	1925 - 26	Wilsey	Bertha	1912 - 23
Older	Joseph	1952	Wilsey	Blanche	1894 - 95
Palm	Edward	1942 - 49	Wilsey	Elwin	1909 - 14
Palm	Irene	1941 - 49			
Palm	Paul	1945 - 52			
Palm	Vernon	1943 - 51			
Perry	Arthur	1899 - 1900			
Perry	David	1899 - 1900			
Perry	Dora	1909 - 12			
Perry	Erma	1940 - 44			
Perry	Frank	1894 - 95			
Perry	Guy	1894 - 1900			
Perry	Jean	1940 - 42			
Perry	Jennie	1909 - 18			
Perry	Lida	1894 - 95			
Perry	Mabel	1917 - 18			
Perry	Roland	1894 - 1900			
Perry	Rupert	1927			
Perry	Russell	1922 - 31			
Perry	Ruth	1927			
Perry	William	1909 - 14			
Potter	Chester	1937 - 44			
Potter	Dorothy	1933 - 39			
Potter	Frances	1933 - 41			
Potter	George	1937 - 47			
Potter	Jane	1949 - 55			
Potter	John	1937 - 43			
Potter	Laura	1941 - 48			
Reynolds	Charles	1924 - 26			
Reynolds	Harold	1925 - 26			
Reynolds	Harold	1922 - 24			
Reynolds	Jessie	1924 - 26			
Rhodes	Clarence	1917 - 26			
Rhodes	Ernest	1913 - 18			
Rhodes	Evelyn	1913 - 23			
Rhodes	Gordon	1945 - 55			
Rhodes	Mary	1943 - 50			
Rhodes	Ruth	1923 - 29			
Sebac	Edward	1922 - 23			
Sebac	Helen	1922 - 23			
Sebac	Jennie	1922 - 23			
Seelow	Bertha	1944			
Sherman	Fredrick	1915 - 21			
Sherman	George	1899 - 1900			
Sherman	Richard	1941			
Smith	Linda	1953 - 55			
Stover	Chauncy	1894 - 95			
Vana	Anna	1919 - 20			
Vana	Katherine	1915 - 23			
Wardell	Edward	1953 - 55			
Wardell	Madeline	1954 - 55			
Wardell	Raymond	1950 - 55			

639 Coy Road *by Ron Feulner*

This is the continuation of Ron's article that was in the January newsletter.

[I left out the last few paragraphs – sorry Ron!]

Sandy's children, Bud's grandchildren, stopped at the house one day and asked if they could see it again. They said, "We really miss going to Greenfield in the summers, especially visiting this house that our grandparents owned. We enjoyed roaming the fields, riding in the tractor that Pop-Pop [Bud] drove, and visiting with our relatives."

Now, Alice's and my grandchildren have their own memories of the house like Quinten's swing in the big apple tree. I have also made trails through the woods and down by the creek and have labeled them with little signs. One reads, "Jake's Creek," another, "Ian's Dig" (a spot in the far corner of the property near the creek where our grandson, Ian, spent part of a summer digging in the old household dump where he found all kinds of treasures from bottles to a Model-A automobile jack). On the other side of the property is "Molly's Greenhouse," where our granddaughter imagined her own little house walled in by the thick green boughs of some white pine trees. A large boulder in the middle became a table where she often served lunches. Ian and Jake are in college now and Molly is in high school, but they all enjoy coming back to grandma and grandpa's house to visit.

The little white cottage at 639 Coy Road is now painted green with dark green shutters and the front porch has been closed in forming a room that I use as my office. (I have written several of my local history books in this room.) The barn and original garage are gone, as are most of the chicken coops, but what remains is the feeling of home, and the longer we live here, and the more we learn of the house's past, the more intense that feeling becomes.

I would like to thank the January refreshment volunteers: Alice Feulner, Lynn Wochinger and Patty Schwartzbeck. They served apricot bars, lemon bars, carrot cake and cookies. February refreshment volunteers are: JoAnn Rowland, Maureen Cinadr and Nancy Homiak. Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson

Membership Application/Renewal

Become a member of the Town of Greenfield Historical Society and receive our newsletter. Send \$10 along with your name and address to the address shown below. If you send more it will be considered a donation. Other types of memberships are also available (lifetime, corporate, etc.), just call and ask (518 893-0620). Our membership year begins in September, and dues are paid annually. You may also join at one of our meetings.

Send this application form and fee to Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. Make checks payable to: Town of Greenfield Historical Society.

Please indicate how many persons 10-years-old or older are in your household). _____

Name (please print)_____

Address _____

Areas of interest to you_____

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Name (please print)_____

Address _____

We still need articles. If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, send it to:
Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833 or if you type
it using Microsoft Word, e-mail it to: **aliron@nycap.rr.com (please note new e-mail address).**

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