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By Jim Ford

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To those of us who had the opportunity to meet Albert Edgerton, he was a very quiet and unassuming person. He was a well-known area athlete, grew a garden that was the envy to all, and continued to maintain the farm that he had been raised on. That farm was always in pristine condition.

I met Albert in his later years. As I look back on it now, I wish that I had asked him a number of questions, such as his experiences at Colgate University, playing on the local Bouckville Summits baseball team, or learning about his passion for hunting and fishing.

With all of that in mind, I would like to give a brief history of his beautiful cobblestone home and this local Bouckville personality.

THE BEAUTIFUL COBBLESTONE HOME

James and Silas Howard built the cobblestone home during the years 1840-1842. The cobblestones were obtained locally, as was the sand and gravel. The digging of the cellar was an enormous task, as it is divided into three sections. This design created more cellar walls, thus giving the home more stability. Smoked meats, fruits, vegetables, and canned goods were stored in the cellars, as well as general storage of household goods.

Dressed limestone was brought from the quarry in Oriskany Falls to the site by canal boat. The dressed stone initially appear at the ground level of the home. The stone wall in the basement is estimated to be four feet thick. The outside walls were kept perfectly straight by the masons, but the inside walls tapered as they went up to the peak. At the peak of the house the walls were between 12 and 16 inches thick.

Massive beams were brought to the site and installed. Floor joists were fitted using the mortise and tenon technique. Windows and doors were framed. Limestone lintels were installed on the top and bottom of each and quoins were used to strengthen the corners of the home.

The home was to be heated with wood. Several chimneys were built. The brick came from the Howard brick factory. They also had their own sawmill. The house had a main kitchen, as well as a summer kitchen.

The finished rooms were impressive. The living room was 32' by 15' and featured wide plank flooring. The windows were installed with 12 over 12 panes. A central hallway led to the upstairs and had scrolled paneling in mahogany wood. The windows featured deep window seats. The home quickly became a landmark in the area. The barn and hop kiln added to the beauty of the scene.

Information from an article written by Helen Howard Peckham and notes of the author.



An early postcard photo of the cobblestone house. The vine is very prominent in this picture.

THE FAMILY OF ALBERT EDGARTON

Albert Martin Edgerton was born on September 28, 1892 to Smith Berry Edgerton (3-15-1852 to 8-20-1938) and Helen Amelia (Martin) Edgerton (4-15-1855 to 5-24-1940). Smith and Helen were married on 8-14-1877. The Edgerton family lived in the beautiful cobblestone home on the Bouckville-Solsville Road, Madison County, New York. Today that road is known as Canal Rd.

The parents of Smith Edgerton were James Squire Edgerton (2-1-1808 to 9-20-1888) and Sophia E. (Berry) Edgerton (5-14-1812 to 12-15-1904). James and Sophia were married on 3-15-1838. James Edgerton was a successful farmer who lived at the east end of Bouckville on a farm that later became the property of Marjorie (Edgerton) and Willard Dahn.

James Edgerton was married twice. His first wife was Clarissa Littlejohn (5-1815 to 8-8-1837). They were married on 1-28-1835. One child was born of this marriage – George Parker Edgerton (9-9-1836 to 2-29-1924). Clarissa died at 22 years of age and is buried in the Madison Village Cemetery.

The parents of Sophia E. (Berry) Edgerton were Lockert Berry (10-23-1778 to 1-2-1826) and Polly (Childs) Berry. In the early history of Bouckville/Madison the family names of Howard, Martin, Berry, and Edgerton were very prominent.

PURCHASE OF THE COBBLESTONE HOME

It is an interesting story as to how Smith Edgerton was able to purchase the former Howard Farm. James and Silas Howard were brothers and built the cobblestone home between the years 1840-1842. Silas Howard never married. When James Howard died, the home was left to Silas. James' daughter Ann Amelia Howard (Martin) and her husband Alanson took care of Silas. Upon the death of Silas, the home was left to Ann Amelia and Alanson Martin.

Ann Amelia and Alanson had three children – Helen, Isabelle, and Howard. When Ann Amelia died, she left the home to the three children. As we have seen, Helen married Smith Edgerton. Helen and Smith bought out the interests of Isabelle and Howard and moved to the farm in 1883.

CHILDREN OF SMITH AND HELEN EDGARTON

IRVING DWIGHT EDGARTON	7-25-1878 to 2-23-1971
ROSE EDGARTON	10-4-1880 to 1-22-1882
PEARL A. EDGARTON	10-4-1880 to 11-24-1961
CLARA BELLE EDGARTON	8-29-1883 to 1-31-1993
ERNEST JAMES EDGARTON	7-1-1889 to 9-9-1893
ALBERT MARTIN EDGARTON	9-28-1892 to 1-1-1979
MARJORIE ALMA EDGARTON	9-5-1897 to 9-22-1983

FAMILY BURIAL SITES

Many members of the Edgerton family are buried in the Madison Village Cemetery. They include:

James Squire Edgerton	Sophia Berry Edgerton	Clarissa Edgerton
Smith Berry Edgerton	Helen Amelia Edgerton	Rose Edgerton

Clara Belle Edgerton

Ernest James Edgerton

Albert Martin Edgerton

Marjorie Alma Edgerton

Alanson Martin

Ann Howard Martin

George Parker Edgerton

**** Irving Dwight Edgerton is buried in the Graham Cemetery, Hubbardsville, New York and Pearl A. Edgerton is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Albany, New York.

MARRIED NAMES FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF SMITH AND HELEN EDGARTON

Pearl A. Edgerton married Jared Harry Reynolds

Clara Belle Edgerton married Frank Jesse Howard

Marjorie Alma Edgerton married Willard Dahn



Smith Berry Edgerton and Helen Amelia Martin Edgerton. Smith Edgerton was a prominent and well-respected farmer and hop dealer in the Bouckville area.



A photo of the cobblestone home taken from the Chenango Canal during the winter. Winter photos are rare to locate and this one also shows Albert's mailbox. We will see a photo of the mailbox later in the project. Albert loved to fish in the canal and was reported to be an excellent fly fisherman.



A photo of the Edgarton farmhouse in July 1986. The vine and the flowers gave a beautiful look to the property.



This photo was taken in the summer of 1990. Notice that the vine has been removed.

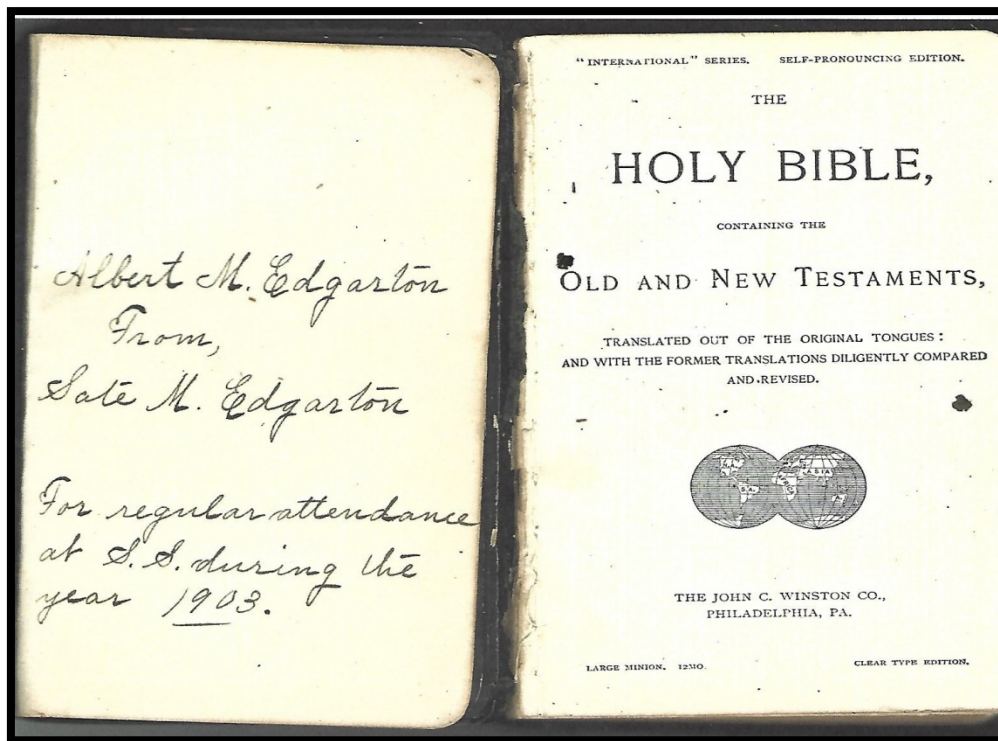
CENSUS INFORMATION

We now look at the life of Albert Edgarton through census information and include articles and photos found for that decade of his life.

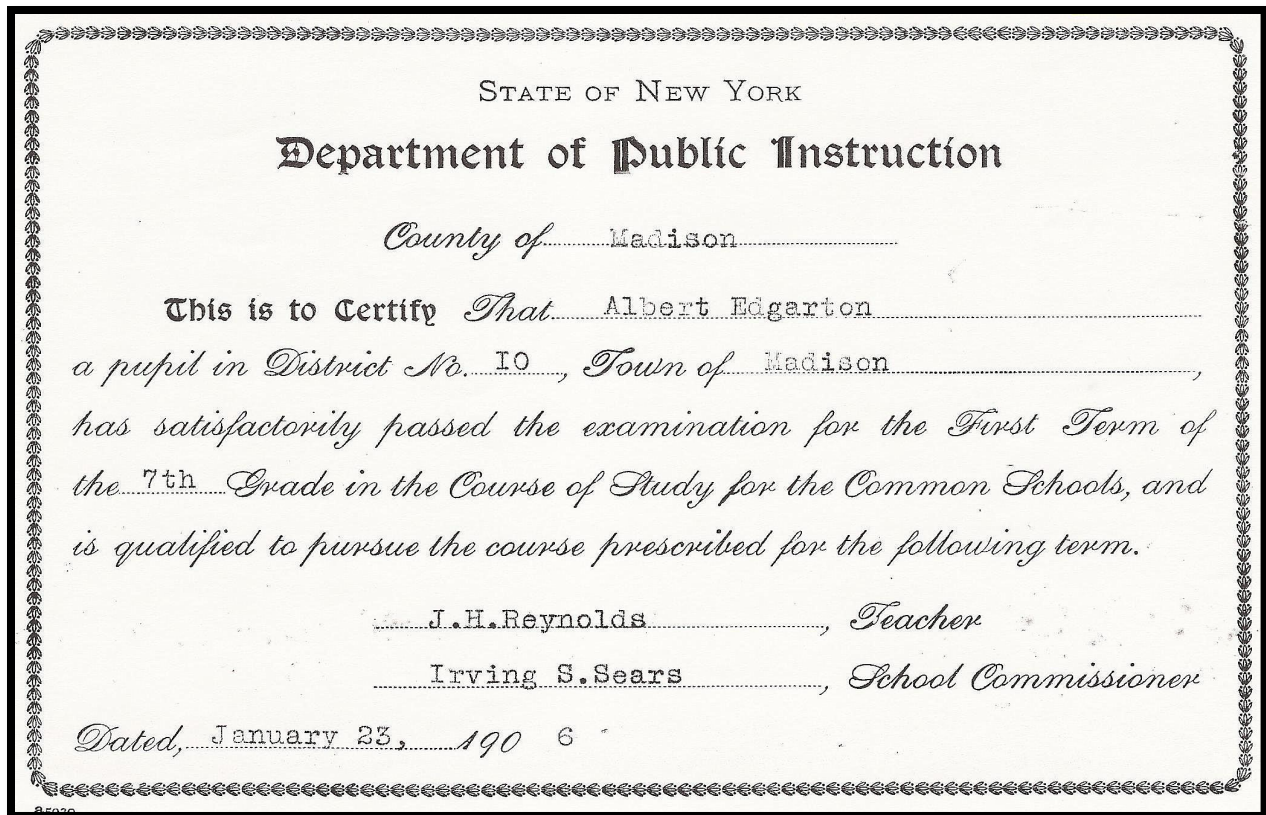
1900 United States Census –	Smith Berry Edgarton	48 years old
	Helen Amelia Edgarton	45
	Irving Dwight Edgarton	21
	Pearl A. Edgarton	17
	Clara Belle Edgarton	16
	Albert Martin Edgarton	7
	Marjorie Alma Edgarton	2

**** Rose Edgarton had died at two years old in 1882 and Ernest James Edgarton had died in 1893 at four years old.

**** James Flannigan was also listed with the family in this census. He was possibly a hired man.



Bible given to Albert Edgarton by Sunday school teacher Sally "Sate" Edgarton in 1903.



Certificate from District #10 School in the Town of Madison. Albert had passed the examination for the First Term of the 7th Grade.



Marjorie and Albert c.1905. Albert is about 13 years old.



Albert Edgerton at 14 years old – c.1906. As we can see, Paige Studio
in Hamilton produced some very fine photos.

THE BARN BURNS

A barn on the farm of Smith Edgerton, about halfway between Bouckville and Solsville, and a corncrib nearby, were destroyed by fire Saturday night. Several tons of hay was also destroyed. The loss is nearly or quite covered by insurance. It is thought sparks from the Ontario & Western Railway caused the fire. (The beautiful hop kiln on the property was built in 1883. It was not harmed in the fire.)

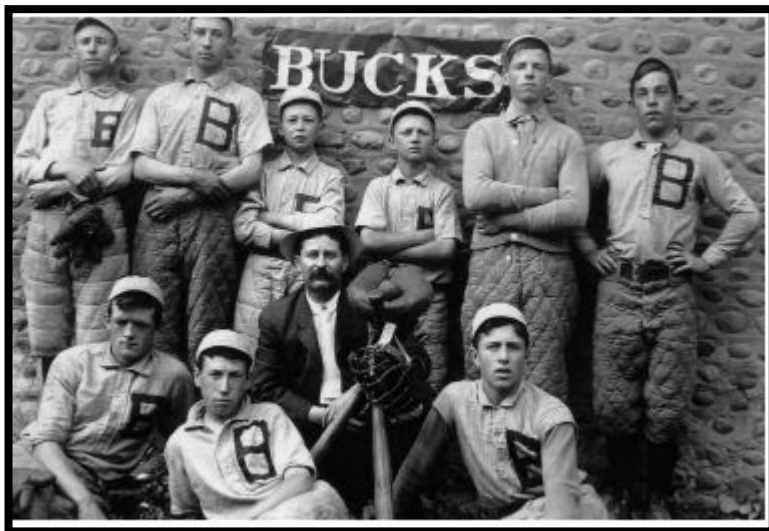
Hamilton Republican – 4-8-1897 Albert would have been 4 ½ at the time.

THE BASEBALL CAREER BEGINS

Albert Edgerton was considered to be one of the best baseball players ever produced in the Bouckville area. That is quite an achievement considering that Louis “Snake” Wiltse, George “Hooks” Wiltse, Glenn Washburn, Lyle Stringer, and Richard Washburn were also Bouckville players of note.

In 1907 the Bouckville Bucks baseball team was formed under the leadership of Hurd D. Brockett. Albert played on that team in 1907-08 and the first part of 1909. He then was promoted to the upper team, the Bouckville Summits. While on the Bucks, Albert played 1st base and pitched.

Local newspaper articles and notes of the author.



Albert Edgerton as pictured on the Bouckville Bucks.

He is on the bottom row on the right end.

ATTENDING COLGATE ACADEMY

Albert attended Colgate Academy from 1908 to 1910. While there he was an outstanding student and athlete. He played on the Academy baseball team, while also playing for the Bouckville Summits. He was an outstanding student of Latin.

Edgerton went from the Colgate Academy to Colgate University. He was a student at the University during the years 1911-1915. He graduated in 1915. While there he continued to be an outstanding student of Latin, played on the University baseball team all four years, primarily as an outfielder, and was also a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. During those years he also played on the Bouckville Summits team, playing 1st base, 2nd base, outfield, and pitching.

Albert continued to play for the Summits following his graduation from Colgate. He is mentioned in box scores through 1930.

Information from “The Pride of Cidertown – A History of the Bouckville Summits Baseball Team”



Albert Edgerton as he appeared in a Bouckville Summits photo. You will notice the same Colgate University uniform in his Colgate team photo shown below.

**** This team also produced some other notable people. Bottom row, second from the left – Lyle Stringer was a decorated pilot during WW1 and Glenn Washburn, bottom row, fifth from the left, played professional baseball for Syracuse.



ALBERT MARTIN EDGARTON, Φ K Ψ Bouckville
 Varsity Baseball (1, 2); Class Basketball (2).

"Reputed wise for saying nothing."

"Wie geht's?" This is the original "Gonnis." Had Apollo only been a baseball player he might have been admired by the females as much as Albert is. But "Gonnis" was born in Bouckville and thus had a handicap on the God of Archery. He is probably the speediest man on the baseball team, having already engaged a number of the scrub-managers to keep the weeds from growing about the bases while he makes his usual home-runs. "Eggy" has another weird notion. He believes he can talk German, but it is a shame the way he imposes upon his closest friends by talking Dutch in their presence. To prevent his chastisement Destiny has jealously established a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. This youth is not unencumbered. Never has he been known to miss the 2:01 train on Fridays. Despite the burdens which you are bound to shoulder, we know that prosperity and unlimited success await you, "Gonnis," in the days to come.

We can see from the Colgate yearbook how highly regarded Albert was.

We have team photos that show he played Varsity baseball all four years at Colgate.

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Albert's graduation picture in 1915 shows a very dignified young man.

PIANO RECITAL

The 4th annual piano recital of pupils of Miss Lila Bridge was held Wednesday afternoon at her home. In the program, Albert Edgarton performed "Triumphal Ode."

Madison County Leader and Observer – 8-12-1909



Albert's piano is shown in this photo c.1920. He was a talented piano player.

THE RING IS FOUND

About five years ago, while sojourning at Madison Lake, Walter Terry of Oriskany Falls had the misfortune to lose a solid gold ring. Recently, while in attendance at a picnic there, Albert Edgarton, who was Mr. Terry's companion at the time, found the ring, which had been located in the lake near the hotel. It is a remarkable coincidence.

The Earlville Standard – 8-26-1909

1910 United States Census –	Smith Edgarton	58 years old
	Helen Edgarton	55
	Albert Edgarton	17

**** James Ellison was also listed with the family in this census.



Hop shovels used on the Edgerton Farm. Credit: The collection of Gary and Alma Fuess.

TREATMENT FOR APPENDICITIS

Bouckville – Albert Edgerton, who is taking a collegiate course at Colgate, has been taken to the hospital at Utica to undergo treatment for appendicitis.

Madison County Leader and Observer – 11-29-1911

ALBERT EDGARTON INJURED

Albert Edgerton, the star batter and outfielder of the Colgate University nine, injured his ankle in a game at Hartford, Connecticut, on Saturday last and writes that it is apt to keep him out of the game for fully a month to come. Edgerton fully expects to play with the new Sangerfield team as quickly as college closes.

The Waterville Times – May 1912

**** In information gathered from a publication entitled: History of Baseball at Colgate University, we see that Albert was awarded a varsity letter in each of his four seasons as a member of the Colgate University team – 1912-1915.

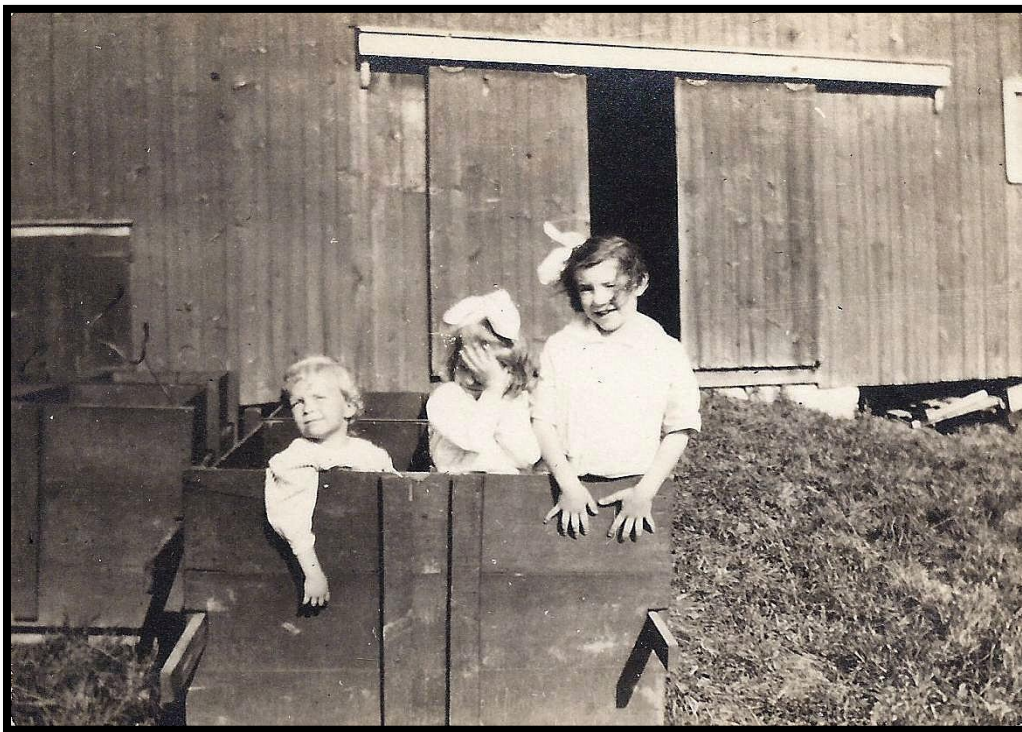
**** During his freshman season on the team, Albert batted .400 and had a perfect fielding average.

**** Irving Edgerton, Albert's brother, also attended Colgate University in the years 1901 and 1902. He then left the school following the 1902 spring semester. While at Colgate, he was awarded a varsity letter in baseball in 1902 and varsity letters in football in 1901 and 1902.

CAMPING AT ONEIDA LAKE

Madison – Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Pennock have had a fine week camping with some of the Methodist young people at Bernhard's Bay, Oneida Lake. Among the group were Albert Edgerton, Parker Lillie, George Parker, Louis Fuess, Gladys Lollman, and Florence Ford.

The Waterville Times – 8-8-1912



Leland and Ruth Reynolds and Helen Howard in a hop box at the Edgerton hop kiln.



Edgarton children and father, 1915. From left - Irving, Clara, Pearl, Marjorie, Albert, and Smith Edgarton.

AN AVID HUNTER

Albert Edgarton was an avid hunter according to articles found in the Madison County Leader and Observer from the mid-1910's to the mid-1930's. Our first recorded hunting trip was in 1916. Albert's hunting trips took him to the Town of Wilmurt – Herkimer County, the Town of Sylvan Falls – St. Lawrence County, and the Town of Westport – Essex County.

Albert's hunting friends included Will Parker, W.W. Edgarton, George Cole, L.Z. Peck, and Howard McClenathan. He usually went with one of two of these men. By the way, the articles say that Albert usually came home with a buck.

Articles reported in the Madison County Leader and Observer.

**** Unlike now, there were very few deer in Madison County at the time of these stories. Hunters were always anxious to "go up north" to try their luck.

MILITARY REGISTRATION

On 6-5-1917 Albert Edgerton was registered for possible service during WW1. He was 24 years old, single, and was listed as a farmer on Smith B. Edgerton's farm.

We will also add that he was registered for possible service during WW11 on 4-26-1942. He was 50 years old, 5 ft. 8 in. in height, and weighed 155 lbs.

Information from the Draft Registration Cards for Albert M. Edgerton.



Albert with horse, 1918.

“ COUSIN GENE ”

A COMEDY IN 3 ACTS

BY

GRACE DELANEY GOLDENBURG

AT

K. of P. Hall, Madison, N. Y.

Thursday Evening, March 13, '19

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Ted Manners, inclined to cut up A. M. EDGARTON
Frank Stewart, inclined to self conceit . . . M. C. WASHBURN
Jack Randon, inclined to take life easy P. C. LILLIE
George Adams, inclined to “do things” F. A. MARSHALL
Fred Ripley, inclined to “do anyone” H. A. FORWARD
Bill Tracey, inclined to slang L. J. BRENNEN
Dick Horton, inclined to the classics . . . H. C. McCLENATHAN
Frank Stewart, Sr., inclined to millions . . W. W. EDGARTON
Eugene Stewart, (Gene), inclined to pranks . E. J. BRENNEN
Tony, Club waiter, inclined to mix the drinks . H. W. BOWES
Benson, The Butler, inclined to arrogance . J. ADDISON MOTT
Messenger G. F. TOOKE

STAFF

Director J. ADDISON MOTT
Business Manager HOWARD McCLENATHAN
Stage Manager HERBERT BOWES
Musical Director ALBERT EDGARTON
Properties HERBERT BOWES

SYNOPSIS

ACT. I. Scene: Lounging Room of the Sons of Millionaires
Club, New York.
Time: Evening following graduation day at Yale.
ACT II. Scene: Garden at Maplewood, Mr. Stewart's
Summer home.
Time: One week later—afternoon.
ACT. III. Scene: Same as Act II.
Time: Evening of the next day.

In 1919 Albert had a major role in the production of “Cousin Gene” and was also the musical director.

NOMINATED FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Albert Edgarton was nominated for the position of Constable on the Democratic ticket. On the Republican ticket for the same position was William A. Ford. Albert did not win the election.

Madison County Times – 9-12-1919

1920 United States Census –	Smith Edgarton	67 years old – farmer
	Helen Edgarton	64
	Clara (Edgarton) Howard	36
	Albert Edgarton	27
	Marjorie Edgarton	22
	Helen Howard	12

**** Helen Howard was the daughter of Clara (Edgarton) Howard and Frank Jesse Howard (2-4-1884 to 4-17-1916). Clara and Frank were married on 2-21-1906. Clara and Helen moved back to the farm in 1916 following Frank Howard's death. Helen Howard would marry Malcolm A. Peckham in August of 1935.



An Edgarton family photo from 1920. From left: Smith Edgarton, Leland Reynolds, Helen Edgarton, Raymond Edgarton, Irving Edgarton, Lyle Edgarton, Clara Howard, Fay Edgarton, Pearl Reynolds, Albert Edgarton, Eleanor Reynolds, Ruth Reynolds, Elizabeth Reynolds.

HIS NEW RADIO SET

Albert Edgerton has installed a neutrodyne radio set. (The neutrodyne radio receiver was invented in 1922 by Louis Hazeltine. The beauty of the new radio was that it cancelled out the squealing noises associated with the earlier speakers.)

Madison County Leader and Observer – 4-3-1925



Albert's mailbox which opened from the side. The folded paper indicated mail was to be sent.



Hay wagon with iron wheels in 1926. Albert is holding the reins.



Threshing grain in 1929. Albert is on the right side of the two men with forks.

The William Livermore farm is in the background.

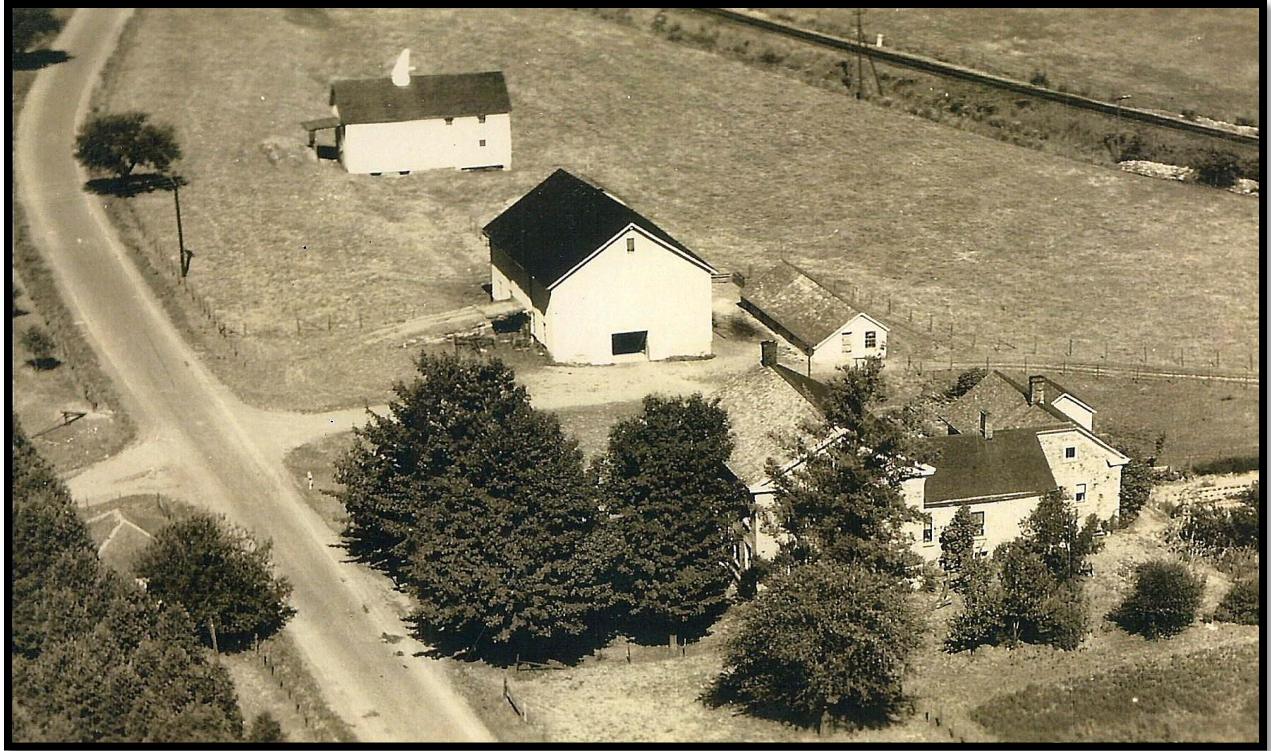


Hop yard at the Edgerton Farm in 1929.

1930 United States Census –	Smith Edgarton	78 years old – farmer
	Helen Edgarton	75
	Clara Howard	46
	Albert Edgarton	37
	Helen Howard	22



The new 1930 Buick four-door sedan purchased by Albert Edgarton. He used the car for Sunday morning trips to church and occasional trips to Hamilton. The car was maintained by Mr. Otto Fisher, Fisher's Garage, Bouckville, N.Y. Albert sold the car, c.1965, to his nephew, Leland Reynolds, Albany, N.Y. Leland operated a Gulf service station in nearby Delmar, N.Y. and parked the car in front of the station as a curiosity item and also to loan it to customers while he was servicing their car. While Mr. Reynolds owned the car, he also had it painted. In 1969, Mr. Reynolds sold the car to his nephew, Gary Fuess. In 1988 Gary Fuess sold the car to R/T Speed Associates who then sold it to an antique collector and restorer in Connecticut.



An aerial view of the Edgarton Farm. The hop house is in the upper portion of the photo.



Albert on a load of hay in 1938 with Tom Gorman, Albert's hired man.

ATTENDED THE GAME

Albert Edgarton, L.Z. Peck, and Chester Howlett were among those who attended the Colgate-Syracuse football game.

The Earlville Standard – 11-23-1935

1940 United States Census –	Helen Edgarton	86 years old
	Clara Howard	56
	Albert Edgarton	47

**** Smith Edgarton had died in 1938. Albert Edgarton is listed as a farmer with four years of college education.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the Madison Rod and Gun Club, the following officers were elected: President, Albert Edgarton; Secretary and Treasurer, Walter Winn.

Madison County Leader and Observer – 4-13-1944



Albert made his own tip-ups for ice fishing at Madison Lake. Here are three examples.



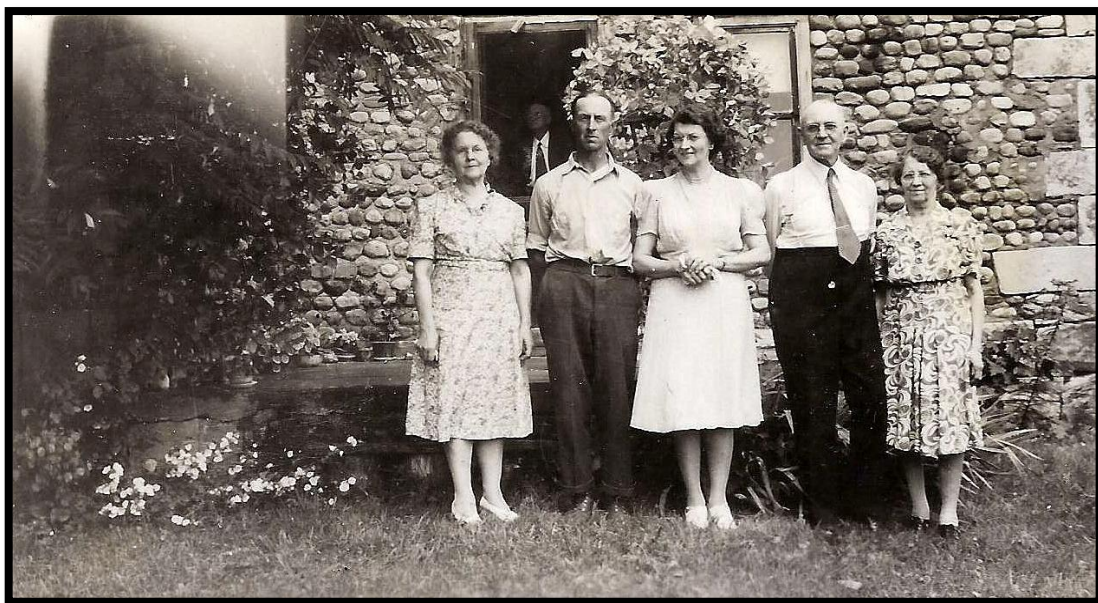
Albert signed each of the tip-ups that he used for ice fishing.



Albert also made his own fishing flies. They are very professionally done.



Here are some more of Albert's fishing flies. He would fly fish in the Chenango Canal, across from his home and was considered an expert. He could cast and land the fly under overhanging limbs.



The five Edgerton children in 1945. From left: Clara Edgerton Howard, Albert Edgerton, Marjorie Edgerton Dahn, Irving Edgerton, and Pearl Edgerton Reynolds.

VISITORS FROM NEW JERSEY

Bouckville – Guests at the Albert Edgarton farm for a few days are Rev. Forest Fuess and Mrs. Fuess and two children of New Jersey.

Madison County Times – 9-1-1944



Albert working on the hay tedder in 1945. He pulled it with his pickup truck. Gary and Alan Fuess are riding in the truck.

COWS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Bouckville – Three cows in the herd of Albert Edgerton were instantly killed when lightning struck a tree September 3rd. The loss was covered by insurance.

The Brookfield Courier – 9-19-1946

A VISIT FROM A CLASSMATE

Charles Baker and son Richard, of Syracuse, spent Thursday with Albert Edgerton. The “boys” were roommates at Colgate Academy and Colgate University, both graduating in 1915.

The Mid-York Weekly – 8-28-1947

**** Later census reports have not as yet been released.



A 1952 photo of the Edgerton Farm from the east. Between the fence posts and the electric poles is the Ontario & Western Railroad track between Bouckville and Solsville.



Gary Fuess with horses Albert used in the haying operation on the farm.



Albert with some prize potatoes from his garden.

OBITUARY FOR ALBERT EDGARTON

Bouckville – Albert Edgerton, 86, a life-long resident, died Monday. Mr. Edgerton was a Colgate graduate. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Clara Howard and Mrs. Marjorie Dahn, both of Bouckville. The funeral will be Thursday at 2:00 from the Davis Funeral Home, Madison.

Utica Daily Press – 1-2-1979

**** An interesting side note is that in Albert's will he left \$40,000 to Colgate University.

MEMORIES OF ALBERT FROM GARY FUESS

Gary Fuess' parents were Forest Maurice Fuess and Ruth Edgerton Reynolds Fuess. Ruth was the daughter of Pearl Edgerton Reynolds and Jared Harry Reynolds. As we saw earlier, Pearl was a sister of Albert.

In the 9-1-1944 story of a visit by the Rev. Forest Fuess and his wife, (Ruth), the two children mentioned were Gary Fuess and his brother, Alan. Gary was five years old at the time and his brother Alan was three. Albert was the great uncle of Gary and Alan.

When Gary was a little older he would come to the Edgerton farm and help Albert. He did this for nine summers. Here are some of the memories that Gary shared.

"I worked right next to him every day for nine summers and didn't know any more about him on the last day than I did on the first day, even though he was my great uncle. He lived inside himself, but after the second summer I had the routine down pat and knew my hired man job.

It was like working at a museum doing everything as his father, Smith Edgerton, did with draft horses, loose hay, shovel and wheelbarrow to move manure, cutting down giant bull thistles in the pastures with a scythe, wire brushing, nailing, and tarring all the metal roofs on the buildings and silo, and more. His relationship with his sister, Clara, seemed distant as she was busy caring for the house, meals, wash, canning vegetables, etc. Clara never went to the grocery store. Albert and I went to the store in Bouckville with Clara's list. Albert did not include Clara in any of the financial matters that I ever saw.

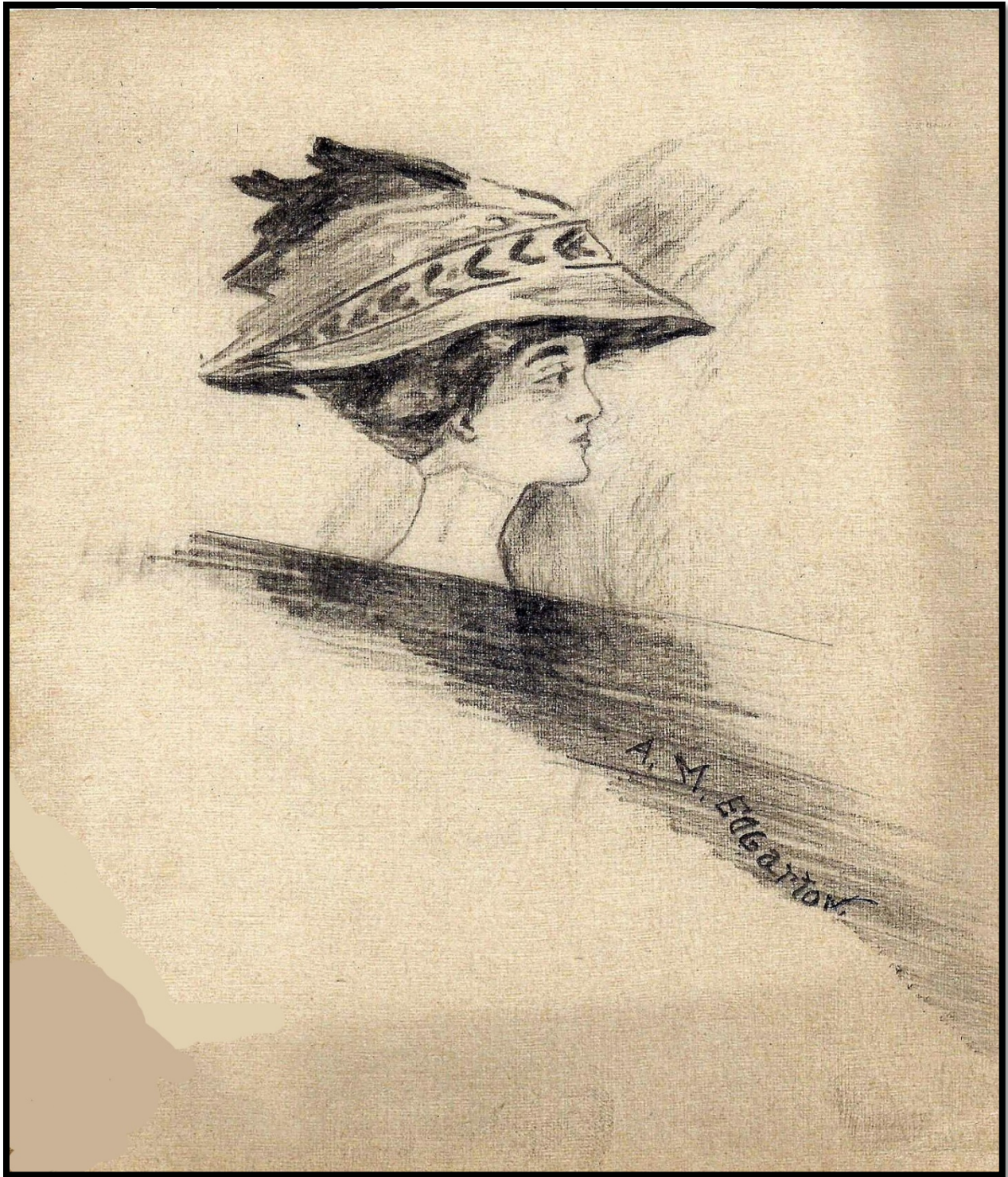
Keep in mind that Albert graduated from Colgate in 1915, went back to the farm until he died 64 years later and each year was the same as the previous on the farm. Clara moved back to the cobblestone house in 1916, following the death of her husband. So I calculate that Clara spent approximately 77 years living in the cobblestone after her husband's death." (Plus the 23 years that she lived in the home until her marriage to Frank Jesse Howard in 1906.)

To substantiate the piano story from August of 1909, a neighbor of Albert's, Benny Livermore, said that Albert had a piano in his parlor and could just sit down and play.

As a final note, there has been a recurring story that Albert was offered a position at Penn State University to teach Latin. The story also says that Albert had a girlfriend and after he turned down the teaching position and announced to her that he was returning to the farm, she told him that she did not want to live on a farm and ended the relationship. (We must add that this story has never been proven.)



This is an example of Albert's artistic talents. The subject may have been his girlfriend.



A second example of Albert's drawings. In his drawings he seems to have cared for her very much.

A FINAL NOTE:

I would certainly be remiss if I did not give credit to two wonderful individuals. When I first began this project, it was with the intention of documenting the life of a person who lived in a beautiful cobblestone home and had been a baseball player for the Bouckville Summits. Learning more about him and remembering his vegetable garden and the fact that he had graduated from Colgate University led me to search for more details of his life.

When I began communication with Gary Fuess, the project definitely grew to another level. Gary had a wealth of information, photos, and personal experiences with Albert and his family members. The sharing of Edgarton materials was a given from the start. Packages would arrive with photos and documents to be included in the Edgarton story. All of the items were precisely labeled, with extra information to go along with them.

This led me to do more research on the Edgarton family, and Albert in particular. Whenever I found more information, Gary would supplement it with more items that he had. All of this led to a more complete project, one that I could not have imagined before Gary's help. Thank you for all of your help. You are more than just a good friend and fellow historian. Through your generosity I have been able to view the life of a remarkable local personality and his family.

I would also like to thank Edward Page for all of his expertise in scanning and enhancing the photos that are contained in this history of Albert Edgarton. Ed is always ready to lend a hand when I have a project to do. He has helped with nearly thirty of my endeavors in the past. Nothing is ever too crazy for him to tackle. We have photographed everything from gravestones to hop barns and everything in between. Thank you Ed for being a true friend.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A tragic fire occurred at the Edgarton farmhouse on February 9, 2022. The entire back section of the home was destroyed and still remains in ruins. The condition of the entire property is in a state of disrepair. It is a shame to have witnessed this historic property over the years and to see it today.