

# Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Newsletter

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## *From Your President*

Even though W-PHS, along with the rest of the State, has been on pause for several months now, many in the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society have been working diligently behind the scenes to further our mission and keep the wheels in motion, whether it be our gardening crew, members of our Archives and Exhibits teams, Grants or Program Chair, members of the Communications Committee, or members of the Board. Thank you to all who continue to volunteer, especially in these uncertain times.



First and foremost, in response to the ever-evolving challenges and consequences of COVID-19, W-PHS remains committed to the health and well-being of its members, volunteers, visitors and the community at large. To that end, I convened an AdHoc Safety Plan Committee to address the creation of a COVID-19 Reopening Safety Plan as required for the safe operation of W-PHS buildings and grounds, which will be enforced for the good of community and public health, and to mitigate risk of W-PHS liability. Please note that volunteers and visitors not willing to follow the requirements outlined in the plan, will be denied entry to W-PHS. To further ensure the safety of all, the Gift Shop and restroom will remain closed to the public. We encourage volunteers and visitors to review this plan, prior to visiting, which will be posted to our website at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org), on or before July 15. While this plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval, it must be retained on the premises and must be made available to New York State Department of Health or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection. On behalf of W-PHS, I gratefully acknowledge the collaboration of **Toni Baller**, **Amy McConville**, **Sue-Jane Evans**, and **Perry Howland** for their

work on this plan and to **Dr. David Hannan**, who at my request reviewed the plan without hesitation and made suggestions given his expertise and experience.

While a difficult decision and with limited resources resulting from the cancelation of planned 2020 fundraising events and costs associated with a reopening plan, the W-PHS Board voted at their socially distanced outdoor June 22 Board Meeting to reopen the house and exhibits to the public, one day per week, effective **August 1**. It is with sincere gratitude that W-PHS acknowledges the generous donations of **Christopher Brower**, the **Dynalec Corporation** and **K.M. Davies Co., Inc.**, which will fund necessary dispensers and related COVID-19 supplies needed to reopen.

While it was with great disappointment that this year's Fourth Grade Walking Tour had to be canceled, W-PHS still found a way to connect with students! Kim Garlock, our Education Liaison, provided a letter and walking tour brochure to the school. Then in turn the school mailed it on our behalf to this year's fourth grade students and their parents, encouraging them to take a self guided walking tour of Pultneyville this summer. Thank you to WCS!

It is the pleasure of W-PHS to extend *Congratulations* to every member in the Class of 2020 upon their high school graduation. While it may not have been the traditional commencement that we have grown accustomed to, it was a history-making and memorable event. Best wishes to each and every graduate for continued success in your next chapters of life.

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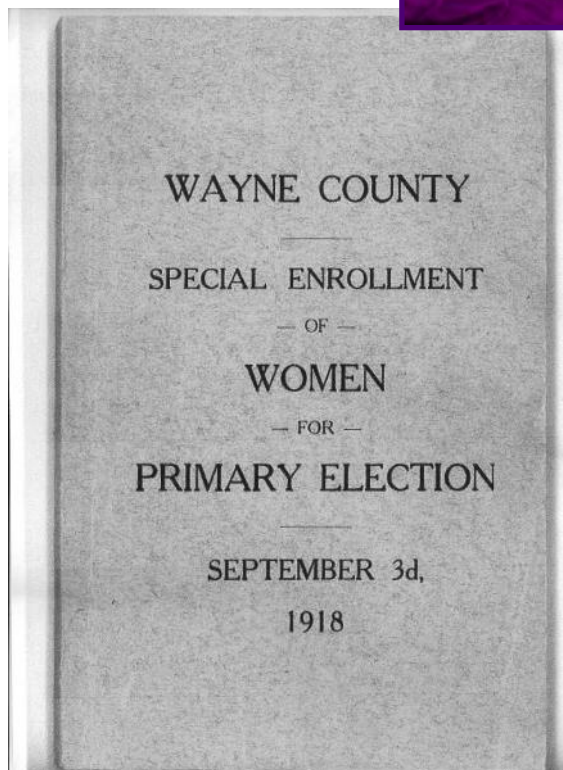
### *From Your President continued....*

In the spirit of the season as we celebrate and observe Independence Day, which commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, may we be more mindful than ever of the timeless truths this document holds. While our celebrations may be smaller, socially distanced and masked gatherings this year due to the consequences of COVID-19, they will as always still include patriotic displays, picnics, barbecues, and reunions of family and friends, patriotic readings and songs, and backyard fireworks. No matter how large, small, or not at all, our gatherings may be, they will take on new meaning this year. May God continue to Bless America and restore its health, happiness and hope for all.

As we begin to enjoy phased-in activities and events of Phase IV over the summer months, Thank you for your continued consideration of others by social distancing, hand sanitizing, and wearing face coverings. Together we can do this! Take care . . . Be Well . . . Stay Well.

*Regards,  
Nan*

Nanette P. Hance, President  
W-PHS



## Wayne County Bicentennial 1823-2023

Wayne County, originally included in lands of Ontario and Seneca Counties, became a separate county on April 11, 1823.

The bicentennial committee is now looking to the town supervisors to work with their municipal historians, historical societies and other citizens to form town committees. The role of the town committees will be to plan local activities that will help celebrate Wayne County's birthday, and to coordinate with and promote county-wide bicentennial activities.

From Women County Suffrage Centennial  
Wayne County NY

<https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/index.php/office-of-the-county-historian/woman-suffrage-centennial/>

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Beach, Margaret McGurk	Republican	Williamson
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Cady, Jessie	Republican	Williamson
Cottrell, Inez A.	Republican	Williamson
Clark, Grace	Republican	Williamson
Cambier, Mina	Republican	Williamson
Cambier, Cornelia	Republican	Williamson
Cailward, Elizabeth	Prohibition	Williamson
Cooper, Alice N.	Prohibition	Williamson
Collier, Lena S.	Republican	Williamson
Copeland, Blanche A.	Republican	Williamson
Carr, Anna L.	Republican	Williamson
Clark, Mary A.	Republican	Williamson
Clark, Inez M.	Republican	Williamson
Cornelius, Katheryn	Republican	Williamson
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De Brine, Nellie	Republican	Williamson
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De Right, Pauline	Republican	Williamson
De Right, Ada	Republican	Williamson
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## Upcoming Programs and Events

July Pultneyville Homecoming Lakeside Festival is cancelled.

August W-PHS picnic is cancelled.

October 2 & 3—Cemetery Tour

November 4—Harvest Dinner and Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pultneyville Reformed Church

December 3—Christmas Potpourri IV, 7 p.m., Gates Hall—Note this is a Thursday

The Programs and Events for 2020 have changed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### STAY CURRENT!

For updates throughout these continuing uncertain times regarding W-PHS, please access the **Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Facebook page** and our **website** at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org).

## Cancellation of August Picnic



Enjoying the sand and the water at Crescent Beach was a favorite summer pastime in years gone by.

For the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society membership and friends the annual August picnic was also an enjoyable summer pastime. However, this year, the scheduled August 5 picnic and program to be held at the Pultneyville Yacht Club is **CANCELLED** due to the Pandemic restrictions.

*Dottie Howland, Program Chair*

## May Program Final Round

This is done in lieu of the canceled May 6 Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society program. If you want to dig deeper into the newspapers of the Greater Williamson community, go to the Digital Archives of the Williamson Free Public Library. Happy digging!

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### SEE YOU THERE!

**Friday,  
June 29  
7:15 pm.**

Lighthouse Lanes Small Block  
Supermodified Series 30, Sunoco  
Modifieds (35), New York Super  
Stock Tour (25), Super Six (20),  
Grandpa Dog 4 Cylinders (15)

July 13 - Kids Bike Racing (MUST WEAR HELMETS),  
Sunoco Modifieds (Twin 20's), New York Super Stock  
Tour (25), Super Six (20), Grandpa Dog 4 Cylinders (15)

**Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Race start at 7:15 p.m.**

[www.spencerspeedway.org](http://www.spencerspeedway.org)

Sun and Record Wayne County Mail  
June 21, 2018



## “Relief” from the Pandemic Blues

There is a saying "Necessity is the mother of invention." Right now there are health related guidelines impacting W-PHS programs and events. That is a necessity! BUT- --are there ways the society might "get together" or "keep us aware of our history"?

If you can "invent" a way, please let either of us know: Linda Perkins at [perkinsl@rochester.rr.com](mailto:perkinsl@rochester.rr.com). or Dottie Howland at [peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com](mailto:peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com). WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

## Summer in the Gardens



The Gardening gang has been hard at work keeping the grounds around the W-PHS house neat and pretty. In honor of the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage, we installed a small garden behind the house in the colors of the suffrage flag: purple, yellow and white. We also filled a pot with those colors and placed it out front. This year is also the 200th anniversary of Susan B. Anthony's birth; another good reason to try and feature the suffrage colors in your own landscape this year.

We are currently deadheading and weeding, while also considering what we'd like to plant in the fall and where new plantings can go to enhance the grounds. We have ordered more daffodils and hyacinths to plant in front of the fence to the west of the gate.

The two trees we had installed in the park a couple of years ago are growing well and add a pop of color. The fir tree that went in on the east side of Gates Hall to replace the blue spruce is also growing well and will be our featured Christmas tree for years to come.

We are continuing to garden from 9-10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings as long as there is no precipitation. It's amazing how much gets done when there are many hands working together! We spread out around the grounds so distancing is easy, and there are shady

and sunny spots so everyone can work in the space that suits them. Come join us any Tuesday!

*Lynda Parmelee*  
Groundskeeper

## At Last! Summer begins on August 2!

The W-PHS House will welcome visitors on Sunday afternoons beginning August 2 from 1:00 until 4:00p.m. Despite the virus confusing all our activities, Pultneyville and Williamson have fascinating histories to tell.

We will be open just one day each week this year to allow ample time to clean and sanitize according to the COVID-19 protocols established for museums. All volunteers and visitors will be required to wear masks, maintain appropriate distancing, and use hand sanitizer as they enter the House. They will be welcomed at one door and will exit through another.

In order to be sure we are able to welcome visitors and maintain the necessary precautions, we will need two volunteers present whenever the House is open. **If you are comfortable** greeting our visitors during this unusual season, please consider your calendar and call. We will provide careful training in the special duties and precautions for this particular season, but, as in past years, the principal work will be to welcome visitors and share with them your interest in Pultneyville and Williamson.

*Sue-Jane K. Evans*  
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## Thank You

**Donation in memory of Jim McCaig**  
David and Laraine Frohlich

## The 19th Amendment

The 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment was certified into law by the US Secretary of State on August 26, 1920, here are some thoughts I'd like to share with you:

On the flag of the United States each state in the union is represented by a star. In 1919, the National Woman's Party led by Alice Paul began sewing stars on a giant purple, white, and gold flag. Each time a state ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, a new star would be sewn on the flag.

In the United States, gold replaced green as a color representative of the women's suffrage movement. The use of gold goes back to 1867 when Kansas was considering passage of a state suffrage referendum. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony adopted the Kansas state flower, the sunflower, as a symbol of the suffrage cause. Soon, gold pins, ribbons, and sashes, as well as yellow roses became symbols of the cause.

*The Suffragist, Vol. 1 No. 4, published on December 6, 1913, describes the symbolism of the colors. "Purple is the color of loyalty, constancy to purpose, unswerving steadfastness to a cause. White, the emblem of purity, symbolizes the quality of our purpose; and gold, the color of light and life, is as the torch that guides our purpose, pure and unswerving." Simplified, the tri-colors signified loyalty, purity, and life.*



(From Recollections Blog)

Your W-PHS garden group has been working hard to spruce up the property for summer travelers or residents of Williamson, East Williamson and Pultneyville who may want to "stop by" and enjoy our gardens and outdoor properties. We have used the tri-colors of the National Woman's Party suffrage flag in a variety of places around the grounds of the W-PHS House and Museum, come and enjoy a relaxing visit this summer! You may even want to consider using these same colors in your garden or decorate your home with the colors of the National Woman's Party.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer and remember to wear your face mask when in close proximity to others, especially indoors, and maintain safe social distancing outdoors.

Warm thoughts.....Charlotte Buehler, W-PHS Facebook



## Alice Evalin Cornwall Waters 1884-1951

*This was prepared for the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Program on Historically Significant Women of Williamson, which was to have taken place on April 1, 2020.*



Alice Waters

Good evening, neighbors, I am Alice Waters. I was born nearby in the Cobblestone house on Lake Road, built by my grandfather, Zimri Waters. My father, George Waters, was just a toddler when the family moved into that house in 1851. Zimri's parents, William and Mary Sampson Waters, emigrated from England and were among the first settlers in this area. I never knew my grandfather

Zimri, but my grandmother, Alice Brewer Waters, lived with us until I was 12 years old. Grandmother Alice was the older sister of Aaron Brewer, who had the big blacksmith shop near the end of Jay Street, right along the lake shore.

My mother and father grew up just down the street from each other, on the Waters farm and the Cornwall farm. My mother was Helen May Cornwall. Her father, from whom I got my middle name, was Evalin Cornwall. Evalin's father was Andrew Cornwall. Probably everyone has heard the story of Andrew and his brother William. These two young men came west from Connecticut in 1808 to seek their fortunes after their father had died and the large family could not support themselves. Both brothers arrived here ill with fever and were taken in and cared for by the Martin family. William died, but Andrew recovered. Andrew and the Martin's daughter, Elizabeth, fell in love, married and raised their family here. One of their sons, named William, moved west to Nebraska, on to the Dakota territory. Their daughter, Mary, married and moved to Sodus. Evalin stayed on the family farm.

Both my Cornwall grandparents were still living when I was young. My Cornwall grandmother was Mary Pallister, whose father was a shoemaker and owned a store near the Marina in Pultneyville. A busy lakeshore it was, what with all the ship building and shipping in and out of the Port. My father, George, was the U.S. Government Harbormaster until the official port of entry closed in the 1890s. So much of that history is gone now. It was changing when I was young, but the older generation was still around to tell about how things were. I wrote and shared many of my memories and things my father told me, as did my Aunt, Florence Forbes Cornwall.

The former shipping port became a place for pleasure boats. My father got me sailing lessons when I was 12 and by time I was 16, I had my own sailboat! Later, on I helped found the Pultneyville Yacht Club—it was important to have plenty of sailors coming here so we could race every week!

I had horses. I liked to let them run loose. They would sometimes startle the neighbors. I would ride and practice my lassoing skills on the kids in the neighborhood! They did not always think it was as much fun as I did.

I went to school here in Pultneyville in the early grades, then I boarded at Miss Haaks Private School in Rochester for High School. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1909 from Smith College and earned a Masters Degree in modern languages from the University of Michigan in 1910. I taught briefly in Pennsylvania, but my parents wanted me at home (they offered me a car if I would come home!).

I did move back to Pultneyville, live with my parents and help run the farm. I took courses at Cornell on beekeeping and raising chickens! I took violin lessons in Rochester, and my weekly trips were also an opportunity to sell fresh eggs to the city folk! I took up photography as a hobby, even building a dark room in our basement.

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*Alice Evalin Cornwall Waters—Continued*

In 1924, I took a Grand Tour of the British Isles, France, Holland, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland with several female friends. We had a wonderful time! Oh, I love to travel! My friend, Julia Sauer, and I drove to Nova Scotia every summer and enjoyed the scenery, cool air and got to know the local folks. (Julia wrote children's books, the most well known was set in Nova Scotia and titled *Fog Magic*.)

I care so much about my community and it's history is my history! I helped establish the Public Library in Williamson, and was a Trustee of the Williamson Library from 1927 to 1942. I also served as a Trustee of the Union Hall Association and was President in the 1940s. During that time, the building needed repairs and installation of bathrooms. I set about approaching the local residents myself to raise needed funds. Contributions in the form of cash, material and labor were forthcoming, as everyone wanted to see the old Union Church refurbished and re-purposed for benefit of the community.



After many years of vacationing in Nova Scotia, my friend Julia and I bought property and had a cabin built in the village of Digby Neck. Julia loved to cook, and I loved the outdoor work, carrying water,

chopping wood. It was there in the summer of 1951 that I had a fatal heart attack. My family arranged for me to return home by train to Pultneyville.

*Submitted by Cheryl Kline, Archives*  
*Photos provided courtesy of Chip Stevens*



### Quotes from Eleanor Roosevelt

“We continue to expect the world to be grateful to us, to love us. Gratitude and love are not to be had for the asking; they are not to be bought. What we should seek is the respect of the world!”

“Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility.”

“We can treat others with the respect due human beings and we will receive respect in return, regardless of race, color or creed.”

*Submitted by Linda Perkins*



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Submitted by Nanette P. Hance*

### Gettysburg Foundation Appoints W-PHS Member as Interim President/CEO

It gives me great pleasure to share with our readers and members that the Gettysburg Foundation Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of David G. Malgee as the organization's interim President/CEO. Malgee will take over for departing President/CEO, Matthew C. Moen, Ph.D. on Aug. 1, 2020, who is stepping down from his position effective July 31.



Malgee, 66, a member of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, is the retired Chief Operating Officer of VSP Technologies in Prince George County, Virginia, where he served for more than three decades before retiring in 2016. He has served on the Gettysburg Foundation Board of Directors since 2018.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to contribute to the Gettysburg Foundation's mission of preservation and education," said Malgee. "From my first trip here in 1960, I fell in love with Gettysburg, both the battlefield and the community. Before I moved here in 2016, I'd probably visited more than 300 times. Gettysburg has always inspired me—especially the many stories of heroism and sacrifice. Those stories need to be kept alive and passed on to future generations."

Malgee's love of history and his deep understanding of its role are evident. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the State University of New York in Oswego and a Master of Arts from the University of Richmond. He is the author of two self-published books and has researched and written texts for a number of Virginia Historical Highway and Civil War Trails markers. He has become a frequent speaker on the Civil War and related topics, and in September 2019 was a guest speaker at our W-PHS Program in historic Gates Hall at which time he presented a fascinating program "Cowards to Heroes: The 11<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteers from Harper's Ferry to Gettysburg."

"From our volunteers to our Board members and staff, we are all committed to our mission of preservation and education, as well as our unique partnership with the National Park. Working in concert we are striving to provide a lasting legacy for younger generations to find meaning in the momentous events that took place on this battlefield and to help people understand the challenges that face us today. I am honored to be a part of this effort," said Malgee.

Malgee has been actively involved in civic affairs for many years. He was named Rotary District 760 "President of the Year" in 1985 and "Young Citizen of the Year" in Colonial Heights, Virginia in 1994. He is currently a member of Gettysburg Foursquare Church.

Malgee believes in working with other historical and civic organizations in Gettysburg and the surrounding area as a way to promote cooperation, sharing of ideas and productive interaction between these various community groups. "The connections and coordination between the Foundation and among the larger community will enable us to bear our part of the responsibility we all have to give back to Gettysburg so that it will continue to benefit future generations," reflected Malgee.

Malgee and his wife, Sherri, who are both from Williamson, have one daughter, Shelly, who also resides in the Gettysburg area. Their only son, Geoff, passed away in February 2020. Their daughter-in-law, Erika, and their two grandchildren live in Prince George County, Virginia.

Perhaps, in the future, our relationship with David will result in a W-PHS guided tour of Gettysburg! Please let me know if you (via email at [president@w-phs.org](mailto:president@w-phs.org)) might be interested, and we will start exploring the opportunities! Please join W-PHS in extending *Congratulations* to David.



## From the Archives

The COVID-19 Pandemic has not slowed down the W-PHS Collections Team, as Irene Bierer, Cheryl Kline, and Dan Montondo have been meeting weekly via ZOOM and have several significant accomplishments to show for their efforts.

The W-PHS house now has Internet, which enables us to access our inventory remotely and gives us secure offsite backups for our computer files. A new PC donated by John F. Kosboth has been installed, along with the new Fujitsu Scanner (purchased through a Hoffman Foundation Grant). This enables us to start the process of scanning our most valuable documents and photographs.

The scanned files will be backed up offsite so that, if a tragedy ever occurs, we will at least have digital copies of these treasures. With the new equipment and Internet, we have subscribed to Microsoft 365, which we were able to obtain free of charge through TechSoup, an organization that puts non-profits together with companies who will donate hardware and software.

The team is thankful for the assistance we received with these projects from David Frohlich, Jamie Sonnevile, Deb Parts, Sandy Zeman, and President Nan Hance.

We continue to accept and process donations (see the article below—TenEyck Donation).

Finally, we have been documenting the changes in Williamson due to COVID-19 with photographs, objects, and testimonials.

*The Archives Committee*

### TenEyck Donation

W-PHS has received a gift of three farming tools from Richard and Mary Jo TenEyck. The tools, a hay fork, grain shovel, and scythe, were originally from the Harold Lergner farm. The TenEycks were neighbors and friends of Harold, who lived on his Stoney Lonesome Road farm his entire life, having inherited it from his father, Isaac Lergner. The donors, Richard and MaryJo TenEyck, are both retired teachers from Williamson Central School where they are fondly remembered by many former students.

We are very grateful for the gift and hope we might be able to use the tools as the stepping off point for a display of 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century farming artifacts, photos, documents, and ephemera in Williamson.

If anyone has such antique tools, implements, documents or photos from the Town of Williamson and are willing to donate or loan them for this purpose, please let us know at [Dan.Montondo@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Dan.Montondo@rochester.rr.com). Thank you!



The October Cemetery Tour is still on the 2020 schedule as of now.

Any changes to this will be made public via the W-PHS website and Facebook.

### Cemetery Tour Planning for 2020

The **W-PHS October 2020 Cemetery Tour** is scheduled for **October 2 and 3**. Please let me know if you or if you know someone who would be interested in presenting the life of one of your relatives, friends or neighbors who are buried at Lakeview Cemetery.

Volunteers will be needed to help with parking and checking in the tour visitors.

*Thank you.*

*Kathy Fedick  
kathyfedick@gmail.com or 585-261-3883*

## Wayne County Scrapbook November 16, 2010

### Mr. Hallett's Reservation

The Town of Williamson was named for Charles Williamson, the first agent of the Pultney Estate, after it was set off from Sodus on February 20, 1802. It then included the present towns of Ontario, Walworth, Marion, and the Williamson of today, and possessed an area of 78,312 acres, and was originally known as Township No. 14.

Pultneyville was named for Sir William Pultney; and during the 1800's, was a United States port of entry. It was believed, until the construction of the Erie Canal, that this would become a large shipping place. During the period when Charles Williamson was roving around New York representing the Pultney land interests, a gentleman named J.W. Hallett from Geneva was employed as a deputy land-agent for the Town of Williamson. In compensation for his services he received 1000 acres located along the lake shore. As part of the deal, Hallett had to agree to move to the area and establish a settlement. The year was 1806.

Hallett, accompanied by settlers he was able to attract, began work on a community to be located where Salmon Creek enters Lake Ontario.

Prior to Hallett's arrival, the only "permanent" settler at Pultneyville was "Yankee Bill" Waters, hunter and squatter, who occupied a small shack at the beachfront location sometimes called "Appleboom Point." Frenchmen are believed to have planted the first apple trees at this convenient stopping place. In time, erosion caused the bank to slip and the branch of an apple tree projected over the water in the form of a ship's boom. Early records referred to the location as "Appleboom."

Two of the earliest settlers accompanying Hallett were Samuel Throop and Samuel Ledyard. The first structures in the area which became Pultneyville were made of logs and date from 1806. A year later, Samuel Throop, an early captain of a lake vessel, built Pultneyville's first frame house, which served as a tavern until 1816. A school-house was built on the public square in 1808. The following year two mills were constructed beside the mill dam on Salmon Creek. The grist mill and saw mill were built by a Connecticut man, Jeremiah Selby, and were located on opposite sides of the creek.

In 1809, several families were established in Pultneyville, including those of Samuel Ledyard, Russell Whipple, Andrew Cornwall and Ansel Cornwall. According to McIntosh's History, Ledyard moved his wife and two children into the area before he had built a house. His family lived for a time in Hallett's corn house made of basswood slabs.

That same year, 1809, witnessed the addition of a tannery and a distillery; and in 1810 a second tavern and a hotel were added by R. Whipple. Around this time, Pultneyville was linked to Canandaigua by a post road; and mail was delivered once a week by horseback.

According to McIntosh, "the town (Williamson) has an area of twenty thousand, five hundred and forty-three acres." Thus, the grant known as Hallett's Reservation consisted of approximately one-twentyfifth of the entire town; undoubtedly the choicest part. One thousand acres is equivalent to 1.5625 square miles; which, if laid out as a square would measure 1.25 miles on each side. Hallett's thousand-acre chunk was the heart of today's Pultneyville.

Matthew Martin, from Pennsylvania, was among the first arrivals. He settled to the west of the Hallett Reservation, whose border aligned with the road into today's Lakeview Cemetery. Martin was the first settler to plant corn and wheat in Williamson.

In 1810, Elder Fairbanks, a minister, received 100 acres from the Pultney Estate under terms similar to those offered Hallett. Fairbanks was required to settle and preach for a minimum of two years.

Hallett's Reservation was soon divided into smaller parcels and sold. By 1812 the village had a tannery, grist mill, saw mill, schoolhouse, tavern, general store, several warehouses and a score of residences.

The attractions of the thriving village weren't enough to hold Mr. Hallett; and in 1824, he moved to Macedon, possibly lured by the attractions of the Erie Canal. But once, for a brief interval in time, he owned the heart of Pultneyville.

*Sun & Record—November 16, 2010*

*Written by Brooks Tenney*

*Submitted by Perry Howland*

*The mission of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is to nurture and share the history of the township of Williamson through preserving and protecting select historic structures, landmarks, objects and written materials that reflect the unique heritage of this community.*

**F**ormed in 1964 and chartered in 1971, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society has as its mission to nurture and share the history of the Township of Williamson through preserving and protecting select historic structures, landmarks, objects and written materials that reflect the unique heritage of this community.

The Society is located in a landmark dwelling known as the *Auchampaugh* home at 4130 Mill St. This house was built for Harvey Auchampaugh about 1858 by Russell Cole, a local blacksmith and builder. Auchampaugh was a prominent businessman in the hamlet, a harness maker, drugstore proprietor and Postmaster for several years.



Rooms in the home contain exhibits, archived information, a gift shop and business office. The Society House is regularly open the third weekend in June through the first weekend in October, Friday through Sunday, 1-4 p.m., by appointment and throughout Homecoming weekend and during the Annual Community Garage Sale.

### **W-PHS Board Meetings Information and Program/Event Cancellation Policy**

W-PHS Board meetings are scheduled to be held at the W-PHS House at 4130 Mill Street, Pultneyville at 7 p.m. Any W-PHS member in good standing may attend on a non-voting basis and can request to be placed on the agenda for a specific purpose related to the Society.

The W-PHS Board meetings/program/event cancellation policy: From time to time there may be a need to cancel a program, event or meeting because of weather.

Cancellation Criteria: Schools are closed and/or after school events are cancelled due to weather (Williamson/Wayne County). W-PHS Programs/Events will be cancelled by the Program Chair.

Communication: The Program Chair will notify the President/Vice President and Communications Chair. The Communications Chair will disseminate the information to the website and social media coordinators. The Program Chair will notify the presenters of the event. The Program Chair will reschedule the program (if possible) and the Communications Chair will disseminate the rescheduled time and date when it is available. The President/Vice President will ensure the procedure is followed.

#### **W-PHS Board Meetings 2020**

January 27  
 February 24  
 March 30  
 April 27  
 May 18  
 June 22—4 pm-Pultneyville Reformed Church Pavilion  
 July 27—4 pm-Pultneyville Reformed Church Pavilion  
 August 31  
 September 28  
 October 26  
 November 23

At this time,  
 Board meetings  
 will not be held  
 at the  
 W-PHS House  
 due to COVID-19



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Williamson Pultneyville Historical Society

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

*Mail completed form to: Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 92, Pultneyville, NY 14538*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(E-mail is required to receive newsletters)*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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A list of members will appear on the W-PHS website. If you **do not want your name to appear on this list**, please initial on the line.

### Benefits

**Basic Categories:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	\$25.00/yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50.00/yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer	\$100.00/yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactors	\$250.00/yr.

**All Basic Categories:** 6 newsletters per year, free programs and exhibits.  
**Sustainers** - plus 2 Gatesinger Play tickets.  
**Benefactors** - plus one complimentary use of Gates Hall per year approved by Society.

### Benefits

**Business Categories:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Business Friend	\$75.00/yr.
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**Additional Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the membership dues and/or donation as shown above.  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

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#### Please Check Areas of Interest

\_\_\_\_\_ Homecoming/Garage Sale

\_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery Tour

\_\_\_\_\_ Museum/Archives Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity/Fundraising Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Building/Grounds Upkeep

\_\_\_\_\_ Program Planning/Museum Guide

\_\_\_\_\_ Gift Shop

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Officer, Director, Committee Chair

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (*E-mail is required to receive newsletters*)

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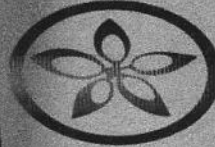
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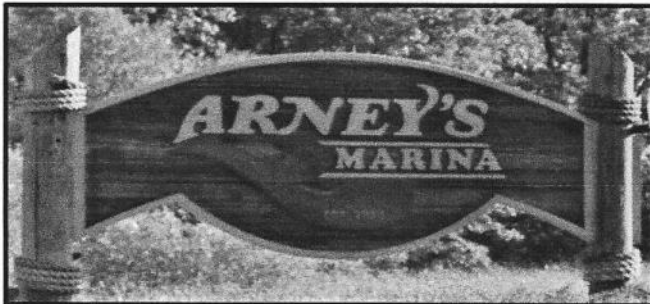


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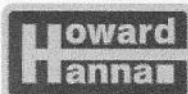
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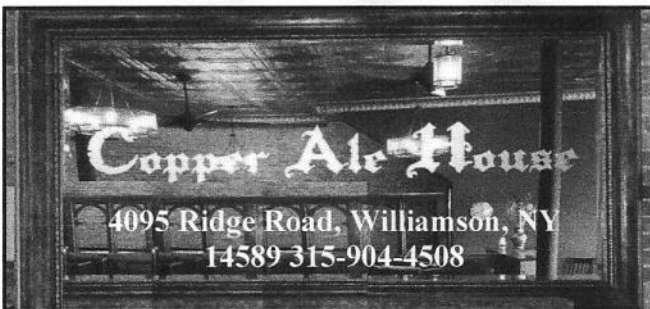
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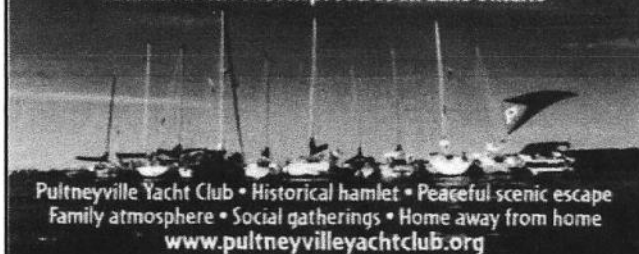
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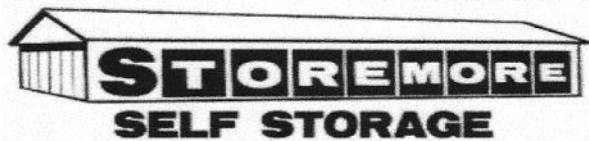


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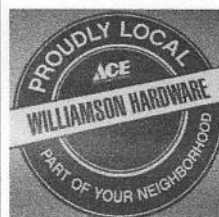
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