



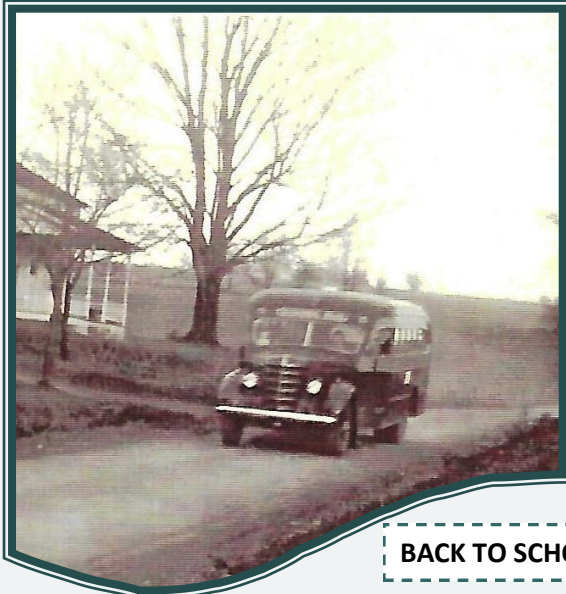
Sheldon Historical Society Schoolhouse Museum Newsletter

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An update on our progress as a Society and a Chartered Museum

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm at the Schoolhouse, on the third Thursday of the month, February through October. Our upcoming meetings will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15 and October 20, 2016. All are welcome!



BACK TO SCHOOL

School bus early 1940's, dark green, coming down Perry Rd. to Main St.



Sheldon Schoolhouse Celebrates 125th Birthday!

As the National Parks were commemorating their Centennial, we were celebrating our 125th Birthday at the Sheldon Schoolhouse Museum!

On August 17th, the Sheldon Town Board held their meeting at the Schoolhouse. There was a good turnout and it was interesting to see how our representatives keep the town running smoothly. After the meeting, Betty Reisdorf read a short history of the Schoolhouse, which was followed by some delicious desserts.



Sheldon Historical Society Schoolhouse Museum Scholarship

The Sheldon Schoolhouse was built in 1891 as a two-room schoolhouse where grades 1-8 were taught until 1971 when it merged with the Holland School. The museum is maintained by the Sheldon Historical Society, whose members spend many hours preserving & promoting local history. This year we thought a good way to give back to the community and encourage young people in their education would be to begin a scholarship program. Since our town has 3 different school districts, we offered a scholarship of \$250 for a senior at Holland, Pioneer & Attica.

The student should be interested in history and be someone of good character, who might in the future belong to a historical

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A Short History of Varysburg (Continued)

For many years A. Graham was the leading shoemaker. He was not only a cobbler but a real boot and shoe maker. Frank Lincoln operated the first regularly equipped barbershop. George Curry operated the first apple evaporator. He also had a cider mill. They both burned down together with his house in the fall of 1888.

The earliest known resident physician was Dr. Lindorf Potter, followed by Dr. John Watson, who practiced here until his death. The Watson house is said to be the second oldest house in town. Other physicians who have lived here are Doctors Van Pelt, Kennedy, Sharps, (Henry P. and his father James J.) Stanton, Green, McKennie and present physician Dr. G. A. McOuiklin, who has faithfully served the village and surrounding country for the past forty years.

During the seventies and eighties when most of the building was going on here, John Raab, Sr., Geo. H. Casp, D. R. and F. W. Munger were the leading carpenters. Wm. Libby and Wm. Libby, Jr. were the masons.

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“If we don’t preserve history, it is gone forever, and how will the next generation be able to learn about the past like we did? Our generation got the privilege to learn about the past and we should give the next generation the same opportunity.”

Trevor Perry, Holland

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Zachary Stewart, Pioneer

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James Zittel, Attica

society. Applicants were to be continuing their education. They wrote essays about their goals and the importance of history.

A selection committee was formed: Doris Kirsch, who taught history at Holland for 33 years, Carol Felski, a retired nurse who was her former student, and our secretary, Jeanne Mest. What a difficult task we had before us. We had such a great response from the students!

It was hard to choose between them because they were all so worthy. Each had excellent grades and recommendations from their teachers and others who described them as: polite, respectful, mature, kind, hard-working, helpful, reliable & dedicated. They had volunteered at either the Boys & Girls Club, Scouts, fire department, churches and fundraisers for Hospice and cancer research. The best were specific about the importance of history and the Sheldon Schoolhouse.

Trevor Perry, who grew up in Strykersville, was chosen from Holland School. He earned high grades in advanced classes, including Global History Honors, and volunteered at the Boy Scouts and Boys & Girls Club, along with helping at his grandparents’ farm in Sheldon. It was hard to resist him after we read about one of his projects, the gladiola corsage giveaway. Picturing ourselves each wearing a huge gladiola stalk made us laugh. (I have since learned they just include a gladiola flower, not the whole thing.) Trevor plans to major in mechanical engineering & minor in renewable energy or materials science. He enjoys visiting museums, learning about the past & how technology evolved, and discovering how his family ended up in Strykersville. ***“If we don’t preserve history, it is gone forever, and how will the next generation be able to learn about the past like we did? We had the privilege to learn about the past and we should give the same to the next generation.”***

Zachary Stewart of Pioneer HS is an Eagle Scout; now an assistant scoutmaster, who excelled in school, sports and band, while working at two part-time jobs. Zach took AP History & Government classes, about which he says: ***“These subjects intrigue me because they are real, tangible things that have happened & have influenced my career choice.”*** He plans to study criminal justice & hopes to work for the CIA or Homeland Security. History is important to him because

Winners of the Sheldon Historical Society Schoolhouse Museum Scholarship for 2016



Trevor Perry, Holland



James Zittel, Attica



Zachary Stewart, Pioneer

"It preserves that which would be otherwise forgotten...we are able to learn from our mistakes & continue to advance previous achievements, following the examples of great people throughout history". Zachary's great love for his country was evident when he told us how the study of history has made him appreciate the values and way of life of the United States, and how he wants to have an active role in keeping it safe. Zach went on to say: "To preserve historical landmarks like the Sheldon Schoolhouse is important, because it symbolizes the accomplishments and hardships of an era. There are countless small towns and cities in America, each having its own unique and complex history. Landmarks should be preserved, in order to pay homage to the issues and struggles being faced in that time period. The US is like a complex organism because small communities all inadvertently work together to make this country great. Destroying the symbols that allowed that to be possible is a crime against the memory of those who struggled before us."

James Zittel of Attica didn't mention in his application that he was his class valedictorian. His calculus teacher described him as the leader of some very intelligent students on the Math Team, who would help & encourage other students who might be struggling. *"He is a role model to other athletes, showing what one can do if they are willing to train hard & put in the effort to succeed. James also has the unique ability to use humor to brighten up class & help others enjoy their time in math class."* Jimmy Zittel grew up in Sheldon, attended Sheldon Elementary, volunteers at church & the fire hall, and is an avid outdoorsman. His father, Jim, is a NYS trooper; his mother, Carol, is our Sheldon Town Clerk. His grandmother, Madonna Zittel, has brightened many a birthday by calling people and singing happy birthday to them. Jimmy won our hearts when he spoke of his passion for history and compared visiting the Sheldon Schoolhouse to experiencing historical sites like Gettysburg and Colonial Williamsburg. He had come to the schoolhouse a few years earlier and learned how his ancestors came to Sheldon in the 1830's, when Western NY was still a wilderness.



"I believe that history is the best teacher...whether it be the Roman Empire, the American Civil War or the Great Depression, I find learning about the way people lived during different time periods to be an extremely interesting and important topic. Places like the Sheldon Schoolhouse are essential to history. They remind us of where we come from and how far we have come as a people". (When visiting the schoolhouse) ***"We were able to find a Zittel relative who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. I remember not only being amazed with the find, I was filled with a sense of pride to know that a relative of mine served his country over 150 years ago. It is findings like this that both inspire us and remind us of how important it is to be proud of those who came before us. Without the preservation of history, these findings would not be possible."***

Two days after graduation, Jimmy left for the Coast Guard Academy, to study Marine and Environmental Science and pursue a career as an officer in the military.

We received cards and photos from the scholarship winners, thanking the Sheldon Historical Society for their generosity. It was a privilege to receive and review all the applications, and we are grateful to the guidance counselors at all three schools; Mike Candella, Attica; Lisa Hanlon, Holland, and Tracy Meyers, Pioneer, who helped us develop the applications and guided us through the process of establishing this scholarship. Thank you!

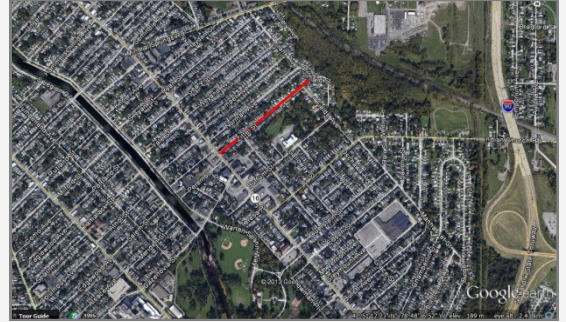
Scholarship Committee: Jeanne Mest, Doris Kirsch, Carol Felski

Some Zittel History: Jacob Zittel, his mother Mary Metz Zittel and sister Margaret Hausauer of Alsace, Lorraine, left Le Havre on the ship Charles Carroll, arriving in this country on April 25, 1833. Along with brothers Frederick and Peter, their families settled at Dutch Hollow in Sheldon, where they helped establish St. John's German Reformed Church in 1839. Peter Zittel's son Louis moved to Buffalo, and a bit of his story is told below.

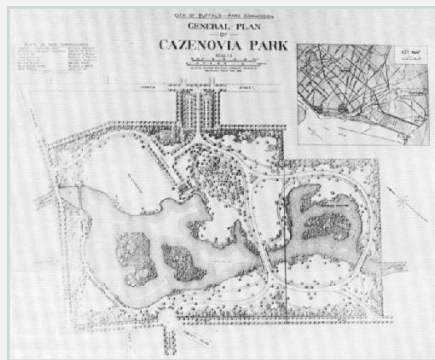
Discovering Buffalo, One Street at a Time

Zittel Street...the reason it's called South Buffalo, not the South Side

Louis Zittel was born in Johnsonsburg, Wyoming County, New York in February 1836. His parents, Anna and Peter, came to the States from Germany shortly before Louis was born. Mr. Zittel was educated in the public schools. As a young man in the 1860s, Mr. Zittel moved to Buffalo and purchased a farm at the corner of Seneca and Cazenovia Streets. At the time, the area we know of as South Buffalo only consisted of four streets – Buffum, Seneca, Cazenovia and Indian Church. You could take a stagecoach to South Buffalo from Buffalo, and the trip was so long, it was generally only worth it if you were going to spend the night. Mr. Zittel established a post office in South Buffalo. Before 1891, the Post Office Department had no established policies regarding post office naming. Postmasters were allowed to name their post offices as they wished. Mr. Zittel named his post office "South Buffalo", thereby creating the hamlet of South Buffalo and forever banishing "south side" from our city's geography.



In 1887, Frederick Law Olmsted was commissioned to design a new park for the southern portion of the City (at this point, he had already designed what we know as Delaware, Front and Martin Luther King Parks). Olmsted's original vision for the South Buffalo park consisted of a large waterfront park along the Lake Erie shore south of what is now Tiff Street, east to the railroad corridor. The original design was rejected as it was too costly, too likely to be damaged by storms coming off the lake and too far away from the residential areas of South Buffalo. In 1888, Park Commissioners began looking for another site suitable for park use. Three sites were identified to be used – the 76-acre Hart Farm which was being promoted for residential development along Cazenovia Creek, the grove at Mineral Springs, and a 156-acre just outside the southern boundary of the City limits. The Parks Commissioners ended up approving two parks, that we now know as South Park and Cazenovia Park.



Louis Zittel was a strong proponent for creating the park at the Cazenovia Creek site. Serving as a Park Commissioner, Mr. Zittel worked hard to get the unused Hart Farm tract used as a park. The park is a monument to Mr. Zittel's perseverance and interest in benefiting his section of the City. After the park was laid out, he moved to 150 Cazenovia Street, where he could view the park from his front windows.

The property where his house stood is now the American Legion.

After his move, he subdivided his farmland and developed the streets surrounding the street that bears his name.

Mr. Zittel died on April 22, 1921 at his home on Cazenovia Street, at the age of 87 years. He is buried in Forest Lawn.



August 13, 2013 by Angela Keppel; <https://buffalostreets.com>

Sources: "Proceedings of the Society", Volume 26. Edited by Frank H. Severance. Buffalo Historical Society Publications, 1922. "Named after Park Commissioner". Courier Express, March 12 1939, sec 5, p 12.

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District no. 5
Town of Sheldon

SCHOOL CENSUS, August 30, 1943

Coming Events:

Warsaw Historical Society

Sun. Sept. 18, 1:00pm Gates House
The Warsaw Sanitarium Bath Salts
Sun. Oct. 23 "Warsaw's Golden Age"

Sardinia Historical Society

Friday, Sept. 23 "Bread Time Stories and More" Souper Social & Mum Sale, 12070 Savage Rd., Sardinia Serving homemade soup & desserts 4:30-7pm Program at 7:00 pm by Chet Fery, Bread Baker & Storyteller
For info call: 716-474-5231

Wyoming County Federation of Historical Societies will have their annual fall dinner meeting in October. See them on Facebook.

VARYSBURG

SCHOOL NEWS

Sheldon No. 5

Pupils not absent during the month of October.

Elizabeth Barvian, Cecelia Firestone, Marian West, Hazel Metzger, Hazel Stanley, Harold Fenz, Louise Karmazyn, Walter Karmazyn, Henry James Kelper, Charles Meyer, Irene Karmazyn, Ira Stanley.

The following pupils have attained an average of 90 or above during the first school quarter.

Marion Fenz 99, Leo Meyer 98, Cecelia Firestone 98, Edith Gowan 97, Augustus Keem 97, Raymond Zynda 97, Donald Keem 96, Margaret Barvian 95, Elizabeth Barvian 95, Charles Meyer 95, Louise West 95, Harold Fenz 94, Louise Karmazyn 93, Hazel Stanley 92, Walter Karmazyn 92, Ira Stanley 90, William West 90, Henry James Kelper 90.

REQUEST FOR BUS ROUTE IS DENIED BY WAR TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ATTICA, N. Y.

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ATTICA
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ORANGEVILLE
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February 4, 1944

Mr. Victor H. Blom
District Superintendent of Schools
15 W. Main Street
Attica, New York

Dear Sir:

Refer to your application for exemption from New York State War Council Order No. 14 relative to authority to permit the McGubbin Bus to drive east on Big Tree Road 7/10 of a mile from Metz Corners in order to transport Kehl and Metz children and to drive north on Harris Corners Road 6/10 of a mile in order to transport Keem and Walterich children.

Such application is denied because:

1. (a) The Harris Corners Road does not offer a traffic hazard.
- (b) Shelter is afforded in a service station at Harris Corners.
- (c) The children from Harris Corners Road are of high school age.
2. (a) Although it is possible that hazard exists on stormy days for a few children, much greater hazard would be incurred for more children if a bus were permitted to turn around at a driveway on Route 20A.
- (b) The children from Big Tree Road are of high school age.
- (c) Transportation can be furnished by the parents on stormy days at the same time that other children are taken to a local school.

We trust that this action meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

WAR TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
NEW YORK STATE WAR COUNCIL

NAME OF CHILD		Age
Last name	First name	
	Almeter, Charles	12
2 "	Mary Ann	10
3 "	Florence	8
4 "	Gertrude	6
5 "	Elizabeth	5
6 "	Eileen J.	3
Almeter, Shirley Ann		5
8 "	Grace Mary	2
9 "	Mary Jane	
Almeter, Mary Elizabeth		8
11 "	Paul Joseph	4
12 "	Michael	2
13		
Barvian, Ronald		3
15 "	Alice Ann	2
Barche, Carl		16
17 "	Jane	13
18 "	Nancy	11
19 "	Marjorie	8
Fenz, Donald		8
George, Cecelia		16
22 "	Dominie	12
23 "	Gavin Donald	14
24 "	Ronald	12
25 "	William	10
26 "	Hallic Kay	8
Keem, Annabell		16
Keem, Walter		11
29 "	John	10
30 Kehl, Peter B.		17
31 "	Roslyn	16
32 "	Francis Levi	12
33 "	Betty Ann	5
34 "	Wolothy	3
35 Walback, Robert		16
36 "	Arlene	11
37 Kehl, Norman J.		5
38 "	Robert	4
39 "	Jean Barbara	2
40 Metz, Richard		17
41 "	Donald	14
42 "	Jean Marie	10
43 "	Joyce M.	7
44 "	Ray, Jr.	5
45 West, George		13
46 Palmer, Phyllis M.		6
Smithley, Betty		14
48 "	John J.	7

Census of children of all ages in the district.

LEAF 101

Tozier's Corners Is a Family Affair
Ancestor Walked From Buffalo in 1816



THE 'BIG HOUSE' AT TOZIER'S CORNERS

By **BLANCHE WATSON**

TOZIER'S CORNERS, March 18.
 —Back in 1816, the family dog which came with the Humphreys to Western New York decided he didn't like it here and many foot-sore weeks later he showed up at his old home in Connecticut. The first Humphrey, however, liked it well enough to walk from the Erie Canal terminal at Buffalo through the woods to Sheldon Township, where he settled and where successive generations have stayed to this day.

For his home he chose a huge bowl-shaped valley scooped out of the Wyoming County hills. Later a Humphrey married a Tozier; the Humphreys drifted away and Humphrey's Hollow became known equally as well by the name of Tozier's Corners, since only Toziers live here today.

A small community in itself, schoolhouse and all, it is a family affair. Aside from the "big house," there are five other homes, all occupied by Humphrey-Tozier descendants and their tenants.

A Year for House Cleaning

For generations the "big house" has passed from father to son and is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Tozier, their sons, and in the Summers, by Mr. Tozier's sisters, Jessie, a retired occupational therapist, and Nettie, a teacher in the Rochester schools. The William Toziers own 450 acres of the original 100.

The Tozier homestead contains 21 rooms, including nine bedrooms and three huge halls, rooms in themselves.

"When one of the sons married," explained Mrs. Tozier, "Grandpa added another wing."

"It takes a year," she added, to do the 'spring house cleaning,' a room at a time during an always-busy schedule."

For nearly 30 years Mrs. Will Tozier has been extremely active in 4-H work, while her husband's main projects are registered Holsteins and maple-syrup production.

Again, it is maple sugar time in Humphrey's Hollow.

Many Processes

Tapping 2000 trees, the Toziers produce a yearly average of 500 gallons. They make sugar only on order, mostly those sparkling little cakes shaped like flowers, acorns, hearts, etc., each in its own paper cup and attractively boxed with the Tozier trade mark on the cover.

The syrup is bottled for local trade and put in gallon tins for shipping all over the country, from North Dakota to Florida and from Oregon to Oklahoma. In order to maintain high quality many things are involved. From 40 gallons of sap they produce, after much labor and several processes, a gallon of syrup. After evaporating in the woods it comes to the kitchen where, among other things it is run through a felt filter bag, a quarter-inch thick, which screens out all impurities. They do things too with thermometers and hydrometers until the density of the syrup is just right—11 pounds to the gallon.

An Abundance of Fuel

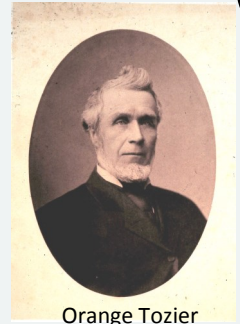
For all their many large-scale farm projects, the Toziers have a distinct advantage—a gas well all their own.

Many years ago an oil company drilled there for oil and found gas, lots of it. After drilling three wells in all, the depression caught them and operations were suspended. After ten years the wells reverted to the Toziers and they now have an abundance for all purposes in the homes, barns, milk houses, the schoolhouse and all the buildings in the Hollow.

Self-sufficiency, a Yankee trait with which the Humphrey's Hollow people were long and richly endowed, was never, in recent years, more practically demonstrated than here in this peaceful valley in the Western New York hills.

Since 1817, the year of the first burial in the family cemetery north of the homestead, the Humphreys and Toziers have remained in the Hollow, in death as in life, a good life, an abundant life, for 136 years.

Humphrey Hollow - or Tozier's Corners?



Orange Tozier

In a previous issue, this big house at Humphrey Hollow was referred to as the Lester Hayden Humphrey home. After some research, it was determined that this 21 room house was the original home built by Theophilus Humphrey, in which he raised his 17 children and later on gave shelter to runaway slaves. It eventually became known as the Tozier house, after his daughter married Orange Tozier.

This summer we visited the new Humphrey Nature Center at Letchworth Park. It is evident that Peter, a descendant of Theophilus, has continued his family's legacy of giving back to future generations.

It began back in Connecticut, where Theophilus Humphrey Sr. served in the Revolutionary War as a drummer and a private at the Lexington Alarm. His son, Theophilus Jr., came to Humphrey Hollow, and his descendants became successful businessmen, leaders in the community and generous philanthropists.

July 21, 2016 – America's State Parks
NY – Governor, State officials honor
Humphrey Nature Center at ribbon cutting

Governor Andrew Cuomo spoke first and talked about what this nature center means to Letchworth Park and to future generations. *"It's an honor to be at Letchworth today because you are taking the premier park in the country and you are making it even better," he said. "Peter Humphrey and his family in many ways are the perfect metaphor for that legacy and that responsibility. His grandfather, his father, and now Peter Humphrey have stepped up to make a difference and preserve this asset. His grandfather gave it to his father, his father gave it to Peter, and Peter will now give it to his grandchildren. All of us follow that model in preserving this beautiful part of America for the next generation."*



Inscription on a stone along the footpath to the Humphrey Nature Center.

The first passenger train on the Tonawanda R. R. was run in September 1880. Gad Parker was the first station agent here. In the seventies and eighties, Harlow McCray was the cabinet maker and undertaker. At that time Eugene Peck had a furniture store in what is now the Masonic building. McCray, who was Peck's father-in-law, kept his hearse in a room off the store. He knew Peck was going to unpack some furniture one evening, so previously, he slipped into the store and got into the hearse. When Peck got busy, McCray began to rattle things and groan. Peck got out immediately. Since then the building has been used as a general store by W. D. Goodrich, F. W. Embt and E.K. and M. L. Cooper. Lately it has been used as a restaurant.

One of the early stores was located where the Guenthers now live. The firm name was Condin & Havens. The house, now occupied by the A. J. Glor's, was once a store and the sign painted on the south side of the building "Varysburg Cheap Store" is still slightly visible.

The "Basin", situated about a mile up Stony Creek, was once a well known picnic resort. It was here that Mary Jemison spent at least one winter during the Revolutionary War. The creek here was then called "Catawba Creek". Two large springs in the "Basin" now furnish water for Varysburg. While digging the race for their mill, Madden Brothers unearthed a cannon ball. How it came there, no one knows.

Several times I have been asked as to where and by whom the old Varysburg cheese factory was built. I have been unable to find any written history regarding it, except that I have an old deed given by George and Sally Bauer for a strip of land beginning at the Orangeville town line on School Street (then called the old "Buffalo or Cobble Hill Road) westerly to land owned by E. H. Wilder, known as the "cheese factory lot". However, I remember being told many years ago that it was built in the fifties by a man by the name of Wilder. In 1865, the cheese factory was the only building on Attica Street below the Patter place (now M. F. Embt's home) on that side of the street except the old Munger house, then an old farm house but now used as a garage at the Catholic Rectory. On the other side of the street, the last house was where Embt's syrup house now stands. In the early days of the factory, all of the land east of the factory was used as a hog pasture. The farmers brought their hogs to the factory to consume the whey instead of drawing it home.

The Varysburg, Johnsonburg and Orangeville Center factories were some of the first built in Wyoming County. During the seventies and eighties, Geo. Hoy, Sr. owned them all and several more. In 1888 Mr. Hoy made a shipment of nine carloads of cheese to New York

City. The first land (60 acres) for the Wyoming County Home was purchased of Jonathan Gates for \$720.00. The first buildings were erected in 1843. The first keeper was James H. Moore. His salary was \$200.00 per year. George Wilder was keeper for several years until 1873 when Sylvester Field was appointed. He held the position until 1885 when he moved to Varysburg, purchasing the Gleason place on Attica Street and engaging in the coal and lumber business for several years. He was succeeded by Mr. Stone, who resigned in 1896 to accept the position of steward of the Craig Colony at Sonyea. E. C. Stanley was then appointed and held the position until he retired in 1921.

The insane of the county were also kept there until 1895. There have been several keepers since then but are too well known by the present generation to require notice here except for a very brief mention. W. S. Johnson succeeded E. C. Stanley. Then came E. Wilcox of Perry, who was succeeded by Leland Brei. The present keeper is Edward Kemp, formerly of Warsaw.

In 1880 Varysburg had 200 inhabitants. Since then it has varied between 225 and 300. Not much of an increase, but we have held our own, which is more than most of the small country villages have done.

P. S. The first teachers in the new school built in 1887 were Willard G. Welker, Principal and Eliza Hanver, Primary Teacher. Mr. Welker, received \$10.00 and Miss Hanver \$5.00 per week. This also included janitor work. Between 70 and 75 pupils attended the school at that time.

E. K. Cooper

Nov. 30, 1945

WYOMING COUNTY HISTORIAN'S OFFICE:

Hours:

Mon.—Fri. 9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

(Yes, we are open during noon lunch hour!)

In order to accommodate those who work during the week or out of town guests,

we are now open every third

Saturday of the month

9 a.m. -3 p.m.

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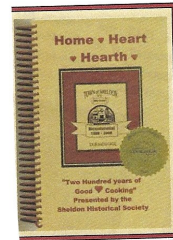


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 474-3156 for information.

Is anyone in need of a large print version of the newsletter? If so, please let us know.

The Historical Society welcomes new members! If you find local History interesting, we hope that you make a membership contribution and join us. It is open to anyone with an interest in the history of Sheldon, or a desire to volunteer services, without restriction to age or place of residence. We maintain a School House Museum that is state chartered. There is always work to do to maintain this structure and to continue our research of data and archives and preserve treasured artifacts.



We are almost sold out of our award winning Bicentennial Cookbooks, so don't miss out!

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER AND WISH TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE JOIN!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE: _____

Make check payable to The Town of Sheldon Historical Society.
 Mail To:
 Donna Kirsch, Financial Secretary
 4458 Richardson Rd.
 Arcade, NY 14009

Dues are \$10, to be paid yearly on July 1. Lifetime Membership is available for \$75.

The date on your address label shows the status of your membership. Thank you for your support!

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