East Bloomfield

Just as Ontario County was the mother county of western New York, so East Bloomfield was the parent township of several towns in Ontario County. Traversed by an Indian Trail that became a well-traveled stagecoach route, now New York State Routes 5 and 20, the original township was legally established in 1789 and settled rapidly. Farms were built along Mud Creek which flows north through the town. By 1812, the growth warranted the establishment of the townships Mendon (Monroe County) and Victor. Eventually, West Bloomfield was partitioned away in 1833, leaving the town of East Bloomfield with its present boundaries.

The original, larger town of Bloomfield was settled by Deacon John Adams of Alford, Massachusetts. He held several ranks in the Revolutionary War including Captain in the quarter-master corps. During the war, he was responsible for driving cattle from Massachusetts to Fort Niagara and became familiar with the rich soils and beauty of what was known as Genesee Country. When the lands became available for purchase from Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham, Adams invested in the Bloomfield Tract. In the spring of 1789, Adams then led a party of 24 pioneers to the land and established the town’s first settlement. Elijah Hamlin followed with his wife in 1791 and took up residence in the southwest part of the town. Word of the beauty of the land and the productive soils spread back to New England and other pioneering families soon followed.

The early pioneers in Bloomfield learned to live in harmony with the Native Americans who regularly used their well-trodden east-west route and a north-south trail along Mud Creek. The two cultures had differing concepts of ownership; the Native Americans expected complete sharing of available necessities while the settlers believed that a man’s home is his impregnable castle. However during times of adversity and severe weather, the settlers shared what they could with their Indian friends. The natives to the area were willing to share their food and medicine with the new inhabitants during winters. Patience prevailed and the relationships between two groups seldom went foul. Being on a major east-west road resulted in the town’s rapid growth. With several centers of commerce, many believed the town was destined to become a regional center of economic activity in Ontario County. But when the Erie Canal opened in 1825, commerce shifted to the north, activity in the town dwindled and growth slowed dramatically.

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What’s in the Collection?  
by Wilma Townsend, Curator

We recently received two wonderful collections of items related to the Nott family of Canandaigua: the papers of Sibley Ebenezer Nott, and clothing, photos and a scrapbook about Minerva Pierce Nott.

Two years ago the Sibley Nott Papers were given to the Town Historian, Ray Henry, by the husband of the late Minerva “Mickey” Nott O’Connor who was the great-granddaughter of Sibley. Sibley Ebenezer Nott (1843-1928) was a native of the hamlet of Cheshire in the town of Canandaigua. A Civil War veteran, teacher, justice of the peace, town council member, and postmaster, he was well-known and respected for his service, both to his nation and to his town. The collection included his personal papers and other artifacts, along with an extensive genealogical record, presenting a detailed picture of Sibley's life and times in the town of Canandaigua. Ray put out a request for a volunteer to go through the papers with him and found Lewis S. Smith to help. Lew made a detailed descriptive inventory of each box papers making the collection far more accessible to researchers. Ray devoted a full chapter in his book Memories of the Heart II (for sale in the OCHS bookstore) to Nott's life based upon a simulated oral history created by Ray and Lew. In January 2014, Ray transferred the collection to the Historical Society and Lew graciously provided us with his beautifully organized inventory. Many thanks to both Ray and Lew!

About the same time that we received the Nott Papers, Mary Brady of Canandaigua donated several items of clothing owned by and a scrapbook about Minerva Pierce Nott (1875-1914) and family. Minerva was Sibley Nott’s daughter-in-law, married to his son Charles. She also was the grandmother of “Mickey” Nott O’Connor mentioned above. She and her husband lived and worked on “Idlenot Farm” on West Lake Road where Minerva had a house built by local contractors from plans produced by the Radford Architectural Company. They moved into the house in 1910 and within three years had three boys. Tragically, Minerva died from gallbladder disease in 1914, but the family remained in the house for several more decades. Minerva’s clothing includes a handsome wool coat made by “La Vogue” a popular store brand c.1910. Mary Brady and her family have lived in the Nott family home for almost 30 years and have enjoyed connecting with Nott family members over the years. Thank you for your donation!

Our New Look

Readers of our quarterly newsletter will notice a new look to our 42-year old publication. There is a reason. Now that our exhibit on the early history of Western New York is up and being appreciated by a growing number of visitors, we have shifted our educational focus here at the society.

Our educational mission will now have the tag line, “Connecting our Community with its Past”. This is an important shift for our organization. It comes at a time when we have a new Educator, Ray Shedrick, and a newly adopted education master plan, “A Blueprint for Education”.

We believe that bringing history to a community serves an important function. By better understanding its past, people can better understand how we got to where we are and hopefully make better public decisions on the future of the place they call home. Our past is the guide to our future.

In addition to our traditional exhibits, lecture series and children programming we are looking to digital ways to bring appreciation of our community’s past to new audiences. Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter now supplement our internet site to connect with the world in ways we never were able to do before the information age.

So, enjoy the new look; like us on Facebook (Ontario County Historical Museum); follow us on Twitter (@OCHSMuseum) and subscribe to our YouTube Channel (NYSHistoryGuys). But don’t forget to renew your membership on time and attend our great programs.

Connect with your past.
A Problem Statement

The Ontario County Historical Museum was constructed in 1914 and has served as the Historical Society’s archives, office and exhibit space during that time. They own and operate the structure. This year we celebrate the 100th birthday of our beautiful landmark designed by the famed 19th century architect, Claude Bragdon.

When the building first opened on July 16, 1914, the Wood Library Association leased the south side of the building as a way to occupy unused space and to help offset building operation and maintenance costs. In 1972, when community demand for its services increased, the Library Association moved to its current location on North Main Street. The Historical Society, at considerable cost, renovated the building, installed an environmental control system, additional storage facilities and exhibit space and created an atmosphere required for curatorial management and presentation of its collections for exhibitions.

Over the years, the Historical Society received high marks from the museum community for its quality management of the storage and care of its ever growing collections. In 2014, the Historical Society now owns and manages an extensive collection of 2 and 3 dimensional artifacts that tell the story of Ontario County and its county seat, Canandaigua, that has served as its center of government for its entire 225 year existence. Over the years donations to the museum relevant to its collecting mission have been selectively accepted. The museum’s collection now includes the following:

- 35,000 Photographs
- 1,000 Maps and drawings
- 10,000 Three dimensional objects and textiles
- 10,000 Ephemeral items
- 30,000 Manuscripts and rare documents
- 4,000 Historic books and reference materials
- 120,000 Genealogical records

Little by little, the space available to store the donated artifacts, books, photographs and records made to the Historical Society has lessened to the point that boxes stacked to the ceiling has drawn the attention of the Canandaigua Fire Department who recently cited the Historical Society with a violation of code and required 24 inches of space between the artifacts and boxes and the ceiling. To avoid a formal citation, we worked diligently to relocate many of the boxes in an effort rectify the situation before the inevitable re-inspection.

Given this situation, at their December 2013 meeting, the Board of Trustees directed me as the Director to study the problem and to look into options that would solve the storage space issue.

To this end, three options are being studied:

- Lease additional space for storage
- Purchase property and renovate for office space, storage and educational programming
- Build an addition on the museum

We will keep the membership abreast of this matter as the year progresses.
The Educator’s Post
by Ray Shedrick, Museum Educator

With several public and school-oriented educational events already marked on our calendar and with a few others still in the works, 2014 is shaping up to be a very busy year for us here at OCHS. I am excited to say that we are currently developing enrichment programs for 4th graders at the Canandaigua Elementary School as well as continuing our relationship with Canandaigua Kindergarten and Pre-K teachers and students. We are also hosting the Finger Lakes Regional National History Day Competition on March 14th. And by the time that you read this, we will also have struck out on a new venture as partners with the Salvation Army’s afterschool program. Last, but not least, we have been happy to welcome several local Boy Scout troops that have paid us a visit in recent weeks. While we are certainly excited about what we are currently doing for the children in our community, we are even more excited by the knowledge that all of this is just the beginning.

The recent donation campaign that we started on our Facebook page has provided us with the initial funds needed to purchase new replica artifacts that will help to make our programming more exciting, hands-on, and memorable for our student participants. Our current educational materials date back to the 1980s and have become artifacts in their own right. Most of what we have been using is either broken, missing pieces, or worn-out as a result of decades of use. We can’t thank the community and our membership enough for their support of the Facebook donation campaign and we hope that they will continue to give as little as a dollar via the secure web-link so that we might continue to give to the children in our communities without charge. I also need to personally thank my predecessor, Nancy Parsons, and also Linda Collins, who serves a member of our Board, for their continued help and guidance as I get comfortable in my relatively new position as Museum Educator. They are an invaluable resource to me and I hope that they know how much I appreciate them. I should also take a moment to thank our new intern, Lauren Nevil, for all of the time that she has been spending here at the Museum helping me to scan and transcribe documents, create emailing lists, and serving as my creative advisor as we attempt to create all of the Museum’s new enrichment programs. Thank you ladies, I couldn’t do it without you.

Before I close, I want to mention the amazing opportunity that we will have when, thanks to the NY Council on the Humanities and a generous donation by Constellation Brands, five renowned Historians come to Canandaigua on April 12th to talk about why Tolerance, Respect, and Community Purpose mattered as individuals, communities, and empires all did their best to survive in the 18th-century wilderness of Upstate New York. The day-long event will also incorporate key elements of our current Western NY exhibit and will focus community discussions on how we might learn from the historical examples provided by our invited scholars. We invite you to follow us on the OCHS Facebook page or to check out the “Clash of Empires” link on the official OCHS website to learn more about the day’s events. You must pre-register for the April 12th event by going online to http://tinyurl.com/oly6sgc.

Revival came in 1853 when the Canandaigua and Niagara Falls Railroad built a line through the town south of the settlement. The location became known as Bloomfield Station. Around this rail stop inns, retail businesses, mills, a tannery and a blacksmith shop were established. Thus, two population centers emerged, the original East Bloomfield and the new rail stop that became known as Holcomb. The railroads attracted commerce and once again the town grew and prospered. Another station stop was established in town, Wheeler Station, which served farmers east of the villages. In the late 20th century, the two villages merged into a single corporate entity now named Bloomfield. In the center of East Bloomfield on the north side of New York State Routes 5 and 20 is probably the most prominent Civil War Monument in Ontario County. This 45-foot tall granite and limestone obelisk is engraved with the names of 39 men from Bloomfield who gave their lives to save the Union. The monument is topped with a Union Soldier at attention facing south toward the enemy. It sits proudly and prominently in the village square that was planned by the town’s founder, Deacon John Adams.
Meet Our Interns

Hello, my name is Lauren Nevil and I am from Phelps, NY, where I am a senior at Midlakes High School. My hobbies include reading, listening to music, interacting with my friends, going to the movies, and, of course, studying history. I spend my time at the museum assisting the Educator, Ray Shedrick, with many tasks including helping him to create enrichment programs for children. Currently, we are working on ways to teach children about the pioneer settlement period in western New York as well as the history of settler interactions with the Haudenosaunee peoples of the Iroquois Six Nations. I really love working at the museum. Everybody is really nice and it’s been a good experience for me. I will be attending Finger Lakes Community College in the fall where I will get a degree in Liberal Arts before eventually moving on to a four-year school. I may be interested in working in a museum setting after college, but I’m still unsure at this point.

Our Curatorial Intern

Since mid-January we have had the pleasure of hosting Julia Magnuson as a curatorial intern. Julia is a native of Fairport and a 2008 graduate of St. John Fisher College. She is currently completing additional coursework there, including this internship, to receive a certificate in Museum Studies. She also is employed at RIT’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute as a Program Assistant. She plans to attend graduate school for museum studies in the near future. While Julia is here, she will be focusing on learning all the ins and outs of our museum software database PastPerfect, the industry standard for small to medium sized museums. She also will be helping with various curatorial activities such as collections care and storage, as well as being involved with the many day to day activities at the museum. After her time here, she will be putting her new skills to work in the second half of her internship at Valentown Museum. Welcome Julia!

Your Historical Society

Love Your History Day — Park Rangers from Women’s Rights National Park share stories

Love Your History Day (Feb 15) — A large group of historians attended and enjoyed coffee and cookies

Love Your History Day — OCHS Architect Claude Bragdon — Rich Morgan tells his story

Pioneer life taught to Cub Scouts by Educator Ray Shedrick

Cub Scouts watch video on Native American culture

Cub Scouts enjoy a scavenger hunt in the Western New York exhibit
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Membership Survey Results Report — A Summary

In October of 2013, over 500 members of the OCHS were surveyed for their feedback and suggestions on our efforts here at the historical society. We appreciate the time you all took to fill out the survey and return it to us. We read every returned survey, tabulated the results, and discussed the findings in our membership committee and at our board meeting. Your comments and suggestions will be incorporated into our planning for 2014 and beyond. Some of the highlights of those that responded:

- 70% of our membership is over 65
- Most popular museum display was the Backyard of Canandaigua (we still have a few books for sale)
- Our members prefer paper Chronicles
- Unending praise of our museum staff and director
- Vintage photographs are very popular – especially on Facebook
- Critical comments were non-existent
- Most members do not use our website or Facebook

Some repeated suggestions were:

- Include staff biographies in the Chronicles
- More focus on 20th century topics
- Upgrade website (we are currently working on this)
- Access to Ancestry.com (currently being explored)
- Have workshops on how to do house histories
- No suggestions, just keep doing what you are doing
- Update interior use of museum space

The full record of the survey results is available on our website, Facebook, and at the OCHS. Thanks again for being helpful members of the Ontario County Historical Society.
Announcements

- The Ontario County Historical Museum celebrates its 100th birthday this year! On July 16th, 1914, the museum opened its doors to the public. The Wood Library jointly occupied the museum building with OCHS until it moved to its present location in the early 1970s. Yes, a birthday bash is planned.

- To celebrate, this year we will have five Museum Awareness Events. The first was held on Saturday, February 15th. Historians from across the region came to take backside tours of the museum and network with their fellow historians. The next scheduled event will be Family Day on Sunday, March 23rd and don’t forget our Mother’s Day Event on May 11. Others are in the works. Kathy Nevin is our event coordinator.

- Did you know that our museum was designed by famed 1900s architect Claude Bragdon? A contemporary of Frank Lloyd Wright, Bragdon also designed an elaborate sunken garden for George Eastman’s home in Rochester and the New York Central Railroad Station in Rochester. Canandaigua is privileged to have such an historic piece of architecture gracing its Main Street Historic District.

- The Historical Society continues with its relationship with the New York State Council for the Humanities. In 2013, we received a grant to sponsor the City of Canandaigua Centennial Speakers series. This year the council will fund our April 7th lecture at Finger Lakes Community College by Robert Spiegelman, on “The Clinton Sullivan Campaign”; and a $3000 council grant will fund the speakers at our day-long April 12th forum on community values entitled: “Clash of Empires, Why Tolerance, Respect and Community Purpose Matter”.

- In case you missed any or all of the Centennial Speaker Series last year, the presentations are available online at http://vimeo.com/channels/588728. Special thanks to Lenore Friend, Kyle Krenzer, the City of Canandaigua, the FLCC Foundation and all our speakers for making this possible.

- The History Committee from Sonnenberg Gardens continue their weekly gathering in the museum’s library as they sort through our archives for information of F.F. and Mary Clark Thompson. They are developing an amazing annotated timeline that is revealing the personalities and lives of these two historic Canandaigua benefactors. Sonnenberg board member, Barb Stahl, is leading the effort.

- We want to thank the Canandaigua Rotary for funding the purchase of two tablet computers for the museum’s education programs. We need to stay up on technology to work effectively with the schools in the county.

- 2014 marks the 15th year the Historical Society has served as the regional coordinator for the National History Day Competition. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we will provide Barnes and Noble gift cards to the best entries. This year’s theme is “Rights and Responsibilities in History”. The event takes place on Friday, March 14th at the historical museum. Students from a five county area are invited to participate.

- We’ve gone digital! Do you have a Facebook page? Please take the time and “Like” the Ontario County Historical Museum. Follow us on Twitter @OCHSMuseum. Subscribe to our YouTube channel, WNY History Guys. Join the growing number of people who enjoy history online.

- A special shout out to Marc Sulkes who is photographing our special collection of jewelry for inclusion in the museum’s archival database.

- The Historical Society will publish the popular series of articles on the City of Canandaigua in the 1900s that were printed weekly in the Canandaigua Daily Messenger last year. Please watch your mail for an advance sale offer.

- Finally, we want to note the passing of Roy Johnston. Roy was responsible for donating the glass plate images that graced the museum’s popular exhibit, “The 1858 Backyards of Canandaigua”. Roy’s joyful approach to life, his love of collectables and dedication to the Historical Society will be missed.
City of Canandaigua Centennial: 1913-2013 is a historic keepsake of the commemorative articles published in the Daily Messenger written by City of Canandaigua Historian, Lynn Paulson. The 100-page book is a compilation of the articles that appeared weekly in the Sunday Messenger Paper celebrating the City Centennial. It contains both color and black and white images. The retail cost is $19.95 and it should be available by the end of March with a book signing by the author on Saturday, April 5, from 11—2.

Another new arrival in our bookstore – Memories of the Heart II, is an armchair history of the Town of Canandaigua written by Ray Henry, Canandaigua Town Historian. This work was funded by a grant from the Town of Canandaigua.

After a decade of conducting oral histories and interviews with longtime Canandaigua families, historian, Ray Henry, writes of lesser known facts and lore of the town’s historical sites, blended with recollections of longtime residents that have emanated from the “Oral History Project”. Every effort has been made to include a snippet of many of the historical and culturally significant sites of the town, as well as various interests in the town, including agriculture, the lake, commerce, and the hamlets. These were exciting times of change in almost every aspect of life, including school life, transportation and all other experiences of daily life. Strong religious beliefs and morals, family unity, and living life with rich qualities without high material richness were the norm.

This 180-page, soft cover book is full of stories told by Bill Andrews, Janice Eames, Rose Marie Brown Pearsall, Helen Pierce Gerlock, and others who reveal a story of farming, dancing, coping with winters and the enjoyment of childhood.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 14: 8am – 3pm – National History Day Competition at the museum
March 23: 11am – 2pm – Family Day at the museum – Community Open House
March 29: 3pm – Centennial Exhibit closes
April 5: 11am – 2pm – Book Signing, Lynn Paulson, City of Canandaigua Centennial 1913 – 2013; compilation of articles printed weekly in the Daily Messenger in 2013
April 7: 6:30pm – Robert Spiegelman lecture on “The Sullivan Campaign”, at FLCC Stage 14 Funded by NYCH; in conjunction with Ganondagan State Historic Site and the FLCC History Club
April 12: 8am – 6pm – Clash of Empires Forum on Community Values Support from the New York Council for the Humanities; for tickets visit www.ochs.org or call the Historical Society
April 26: 11am – 12:30pm – Michael Worden, author – Murder for Hire in NY; book signing to follow talk
April 30: 7pm – 9pm – Meet Claude Bragdon, Architect of the Ontario County Historical Museum; talk by “Claude Bragdon”; and reception at museum
May 10: 3pm – 5pm – Historical Society’s Annual Benefactor’s Reception and Exhibit Opening “Tying the Knot: 200 Years of Wedding Traditions in Ontario County”
May 11: (Mother’s Day); 11am – 3pm – Public Exhibit Opening of “Tying the Knot: 200 Years of Wedding Traditions in Ontario County”
May 14: 7pm – 9pm – Speaker, Ray Henry, “Memories of the Heart; Taking Oral Histories To Record Your Community’s History”
May 17: 11am – 3pm – CANANDAIGUA DAY Museum and Education events in conjunction with the Town of Canandaigua Community Day
May 21: 7pm – 9pm – Memorial Day Reflections; Museum Educator, Ray Shedrick, “The War Years in Ontario County, WW I, II”, a multi media presentation
May 28: 7pm – 9pm – Speaker, Richard Palmer, “The Black Diamond Ltd.; History of the passenger train that ran from New York City to Buffalo”
June 1: 8am – 12pm – A Run for the Past – 5K run to benefit the Ontario County Historical Society; registration 7am – 8am at the museum

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