The Town of Richmond

by Edward Varno

One of the earliest towns formed in our county was Richmond. The lands that were to eventually become the town were first discovered by soldiers when the army of General Sullivan marched through the region in the late 1700s.

The Town of Richmond was originally called Pittstown named after Captain Peter Pitts, the bigger than life pioneer and founder of the settlement in 1790. Pitts, a surveyor by trade, made an early claim on 3000 acres at the head of a lake called Honeoye in the newly formed Ontario County. Much of the activity in the early settlement of Pittstown was centered on the home of the Pitts family, located in what is now the hamlet of Honeoye on New York State Route 20A.

The Pitts family was aristocratic and came from the Hudson Valley. They were fond of entertaining friends in their fine home. The Wadworths, founders of Geneseo, were often guests. Many international dignitaries who came through the frontier settlement of Pittstown while visiting the Genesee Country were entertained by Captain Pitts. Several international dignitaries enjoyed the Pitts’ hospitality. They included: the French leaders, the Duke de Ligncourt who stayed in 1795. In 1805, Louis Philippe, the future King of France, accompanied by Charles de Talleyrand-Périgord, one of the most versatile and influential diplomats in European history, visited the Pitts.

In the beginning, the residents of Richmond had difficulty deciding on a name for their township. At first it was called Honeoye, after a Seneca Indian word Ha-hyan-yeh meaning “finger laying over there”. The citizens at the first town meeting in 1796 changed the name to Pittstown, after Captain Pitts, its first settler. Then in 1808, when the boundaries of the township changed, the people returned to the name Honeoye. In 1815, the name was changed for the final time. The people named it Richmond, after Abigail Richmond Pitts, Captain Pitts’s wife who died in 1807. Today, only the busy hamlet located on NYS 20A, at the head of the lake is commonly referred to as Honeoye.

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Good Things Are Afoot

Hard work and dedication to our mission has paid off lately. The Historical Society has been recognized in several ways for its program ideas and the work it has done in promoting our county’s heritage and connecting our community with its past.

History Videos
You might remember the mini-video series, Our History — Our Museum, we developed last year working with 1809 Studios. There were 12, two- to three-minute video shorts created and posted on YouTube and Facebook, then promoted on social media. The innovative project reached 51,000+ viewers and was awarded a 2016 Certificate of Commendation from the Museum Association of New York. The award was presented to the Ontario County Historical Society in front of the state’s museum community at their Annual State Museum Conference in April. The videos were also aired on FLTV, our community access station adding to an even greater audience. The award caught the attention of Congressman, Chris Collins, who sent a congratulatory letter to the Society for the achievement. The whole thing was quite an honor. Success breeds success, as they say…. This spring, we were awarded a grant from the Kyrias Foundation to produce another set of history videos. Although we are still working to finalize the subject matter, our concept will find the video history series filmed at historic buildings and locations across Ontario County. We will present the stories of these special historic places and again, present them to our cyber and television audience. These projects that support our mission are a fun and creative way to reach a wide audience.

2017 Education Theme
A recent commission formed by Governor Cuomo will fund the celebration and commemoration of the centennial of New York granting women the right to vote. The New York State Council for the Humanities will be the central focus of programming and funding for the centennial events. In preparation for this celebration year, we applied for and received a planning grant from the State Humanities Council. The project will have the Historical Society work with historians and historical societies throughout the county in researching and developing the suffrage movement stories in their local communities. Museum Educator, Preston Pierce, will lead the research effort and assist the local historians in finding and refining their stories. Many communities, particularly, the City of Geneva, have a rich suffrage heritage. In the fall, once the stories are refined, Dr. Susan Goodier, a SUNY Polytechnic Institute Professor of Women’s Studies and author of the book, No Votes For Women: The New York State Anti-Suffrage Movement will meet with our local historians and the public to discuss their stories in the broader context of the movement. It will be a rare opportunity for our local history and events to be put into historical perspective. Information and research developed during the grant process will be incorporated into the Historical Society’s programming strategies for our 2017 program year. We hope to tap into some of the celebration funds that the State of New York will provide to pay for programs and exhibits celebrating the “2017 Suffrage Centennial”.

Funding Projects vs. Operations
Speaking for the staff, I can say that these projects make our work here at the Historical Society exciting and challenging. Exciting, in that we are uncovering new stories about the county’s history; challenging, in that we are creating new and innovative ways to bring these stories to the public and preserving them for posterity. This is our mission, “To Preserve and Promote the History of Ontario County”. The grants we are fortunate to receive help to move our organization forward. The programs and events they fund are not paid for with the museum’s operational account. Keeping the doors of the museum open, staff salaries and other operational costs are paid for by fundraisers, your donations and membership dollars. If you, the members of this great organization will generously fund the operation of the museum; we as staff, will continue to seek state, federal and foundation program funding to move the organization forward making it a center for historical learning and community pride. We are not for profit; we are for history.
Viral Leanings  
*by Maureen O'Connell Baker, Social Media Czar*

In the previous issue of the Chronicles, I mentioned how social media sites have ramped up our exposure that stretches far beyond these walls. Our efforts to connect people with their past is as much fun for us as the nostalgia is for them. Here is another example I would like to share with our Chronicles readers.

A recent post I did of a mid-60s image of the Seneca Dairy Bar triggered many fun-loving memories of this Canandaigua landmark. Non-stop chatter about early morning coffee stops to late night eats, favorite ice cream sundaes and first dates filled our Facebook page. There was a common bond that needed to be shared. Our Facebook family is fast becoming a bandwagon with 145 new followers jumping on board. Perhaps it’s time to get a bigger wagon!

In addition to social media, our newly designed website adds another dimension to our “Museum Without Walls”. New features and a user friendly format offer a bit more information to the viewer. Recently we received a genealogy research request via email. It was from a woman in Germany, who had family living in Ontario County during the early 19th century. She searched her family name on our website, and discovered there may be some information in our holdings that could possibly locate those missing puzzle pieces. With the excellent help from volunteer Betty McMahon, several puzzle pieces were discovered and put into a document for our German researcher. We scanned the 15 pages of material as well as our latest edition of Chronicles and electronically sent them off to Germany. Within minutes the research fee had been sent through PayPal and a few more branches could be added to this woman’s family tree. We love helping people find their roots.

At times the concept seems hard to grasp. Our world is zooming through cyber space at breakneck speed. This digital age has no boundaries. It can create endless possibilities and open so many doors. OCHS is excited and prepared to continue its journey beyond these walls......perhaps even further than across the pond.

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

Ontario County Historical Society recently received a modern oil painting by local Phelps artist, James Sawdey Smith. Entitled *Vision Quest* and done in an expressionist, surreal style in bold colors, this striking painting reflects the artist’s Native American heritage and his military service in Vietnam. There are 81 figures to be found hidden in the artwork.

James Lee Smith, who died in 2012, created hundreds of oil paintings under the name James Sawdey Smith. According to his obituary, “he proudly served in the US Marines in Vietnam, but returned to his hometown of Phelps, NY and advocated an end to the war. He graduated from Finger Lakes Community College and SUNY New Paltz. Jim, known as ‘Strongbear’, was very proud of his Mohawk heritage. He was predeceased by his son Adam, and his parents Lee Gene Smith and Irene Sawdey.”

Smith’s artwork has been exhibited at FLCC and at the Phelps Art Center. We are very pleased to have received the artwork *Vision Quest* into our collection.

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*Vision Quest* by James Sawey Smith
Hidden in Plain Sight: Our Transportation History Reflected in our License Plates

We pay very little attention to them, unless something tragic or suspicious has just occurred. Or, unless we see something very unusual. License plates — we all have them — we’ve seen them forever, it seems, but we just don’t think about them much. They are very much a part of our history, and our heritage of tourism, in particular. New York was the first state to require the registration of motor vehicles in 1901. A few European countries had begun the practice of requiring a visible auto registration by then. It would take more than a decade for the use of license plates to become common in the United States. New York at first required only the initials of registered vehicle owners to be displayed on their cars. As the number of automobiles increased exponentially, that system soon became unworkable and numbers were required. Vehicle owners had to supply their own “plates” and affix their numbers in a manner very similar to the way power boat owners do today. In fact, the New York requirement to display a registration number really followed up on the local side-path tags many municipalities required for bicycles starting in the 1890s.

The first state-issued license plates appeared in 1910. For many years they were embossed steel. The 1912 plates were heavy duty steel plates covered with porcelain enamel, not embossed. There is one on display at the museum. For a long time, our license plates were longer or wider than they are today. The standard plate size used today was developed in 1930. While our license plates changed color annually for many years, the gold and black combination began in 1929, ended in 1965, and then began again two years ago. Not until 1966 did New York license plates carry the full name of the state. The slogan, “Empire State,” that we now use once again, was previously used from 1951-1963. No one knows who registered the first automobile in New York in 1901. The records have been lost. However, the first person for each letter of the alphabet has been identified by the Secretary of State’s office in Albany. D.J. Van Auken of Geneva was one of those people and appears to have registered the first vehicle in Ontario County.

For many years, it was possible to identify locally registered vehicles by the alphanumeric prefix of their registration numbers. For nearly half a century, all vehicles registered in the County Clerk’s motor vehicle office in Ontario County included the letters “GU,” “6J,” or “9J,” the latter shared with Wayne County. That system ended in the 1980s when a new numbering system was developed that provided hundreds of thousands more combinations. In fact, it was the rapid spread of automobiles, the increased cost of good roads, and ultimately the need to extend law enforcement to the highways that prompted many changes in our license plate system. In 1900, there were 8000 cars in the nation. By 1910, that had grown to more than 458,000. A decade later April 27, 1919, the Ontario County Times reported a “Remarkable Growth in Motor Vehicles.” A 14% increase in automobiles in New York that year alone had resulted in more than 1300 cars a day traveling the “turnpike,” as Routes 5 and 20 were then known. During the same time in September, 1919, only 174 horse-drawn vehicles were spotted and 154 trucks were counted according to a Times article on Sept. 10, 1919.

As you might guess, there is actually a national Automobile License Plate Collectors Association (ALPCA). Check out their website to see what they do. They publish a very interesting magazine called Plates. Recently, it featured the license plates of New York.

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For many years (starting in 1941), the Disabled American Veterans, the B. F. Goodrich Co., and the War Amputations of Canada, produced miniature license plate key tags that were used to raise money or provide advertising. You would receive a miniature set of your plates through the mail and could put them on your car keys. If the keys were lost, the DAV or its Canadian counterpart, would return your keys to you. New privacy concerns after 1975 ended that practice. However, you might be surprised to know that those old key tags are a prized collectible today.

A popular game that can keep youngsters (and those young at heart) busy on long trips is license plate bingo. You can find several websites offering cards that can be printed out. Save yourself some trouble, come in to the museum, enjoy the new transportation exhibit, and just pick up some license plate bingo cards you can use this summer. It’s great fun and a real learning experience. The bingo cards will be available at the front desk. If you would like to know more about our license plates, an interesting article was published in the October, 1987 issue of New York History. Stop in and pick up a free copy of The Dawn of New York State Auto License Plates by Keith Marvin.

Your Historical Society

Full house for our Boy Scout American Heritage Merit Badge Class

Cub Scouts enjoy a tour of our museum’s archives

Registration for our History Day Event in March

History Day

Student exhibits ready for judging on History Day

These History Day students win and advance to the State Competition in Cooperstown
Agriculture has always been an important source of income for the residents of Richmond. In the early days of the settlement, wheat was the principal crop grown. The high cost of transporting the crop to market by horse and wagon and abundant fresh water prompted the processing of the wheat to sour mash and then into whiskey. Pittstown was known throughout the county as a producer of good distilled spirits. In 1811, there were no less than 15 distilleries in the town. Wagon loads of alcohol in barrels constructed in local cooperages were transported over crude and rough roads northeast to Canandaigua and west to Geneseo where the popular product was sold and distributed.

Hops were also a crop grown by many pioneer settlers in Richmond. They grew up poles then dried and sold to a brewery in the hamlet. An early anecdote tells the story of a quantity of beer that was mistakenly run into the pigs’ community slop bath. The matter was complicated by a 1796 town law that allowed pigs to legally wander anywhere. The “pickled porkers”, as reports called them, created quite a stir. Observers of the event wrote in diaries found in the Historical Society archives, that the pigs provided “great amusement” to the citizens in the hamlet for several days.

Richmond’s early farmers were good at raising sheep. An annual agricultural fair for sheep called “Sheep Show Days” was held in May each year. Over one thousand people came to the hamlet of Honeoye for this annual event. Farmers herded their sheep down the dirt roads into town and placed them in sheds behind the church on Main Street. The highlight of the “Show Days” was the competition for the best sheep raised. In the late 1800s, Richmond farmer, John Ray, raised fine Merino sheep. He was presented many national awards for their quality. Mr. Ray received considerable notoriety for the time he supplied the wool from which the suit worn by President McKinley at his first inauguration was made.

There are several other hamlets in Richmond that contributed to the development of the town. The first business conducted within the town was in Richmond Center, a settlement started in 1802. An active Congregational Church dating back to the early 1800s still stands in the hamlet. It is located at the corner of County Road 37 and Ashley Road. The hamlet of Allen’s Hill is located at the intersection of County Road 40 and Belcher Road. This small community was settled by Moses Allen in 1796. He was a farmer and grew wheat. His son, Nathaniel Allen, was a blacksmith and joined him in this early settlement. There is an Episcopal Church there and a pioneer cemetery.
Richmond is known for its community celebrations. On May 31, 1879, the Pittstown Centennial was celebrated. A bad rainstorm forced the event into the Congregational Church. Mrs. Eva M. Pitts read *A Hundred Years Ago*, a poem she wrote for the occasion. The community’s bicentennial was recognized in 1979 with a large celebration.

In 1895, there was a 100 year celebration of the settlement in Dennison Corners. The anniversaries of several churches in town were also celebrated. The Congregational Church of Pittstown celebrated 100 years of service in 1902. The Allen’s Hill Church celebrated their centennial in 1961.

The settlers of Pittstown were described by resident, Mr. Elihu Mason Morse, as “stalwart and fearless”, in an address given at the 1889 Pittstown Centennial gathering. He said they were of a strong mindset and that the settlers held opinions so inflexibly, that sometimes opinions held them. Early pioneers honored God and were rugged. These descriptions of pioneer settlers were likely shared by others in the new land of Ontario County. Those who came to the western frontier and stayed created the foundation for a county that over 100,000 people call home today.

Richmond today is a wonderful lake town with an active community. Its history which began with the visitation of General Sullivan’s army lives on. A visit to this community on Route 20A is well worth the drive especially if you join them for the annual “Memorial Day Fire Department Carnival” in Sandy Bottom Park. They have midway rides, a craft show, live music and of course a great fireworks display.
Announcements

- The opening of new exhibit, “Train Planes and Automobiles, 20th Century Transportation in Ontario County”, on Mother’s Day, May 8th, was a big success. We were visited by several families and mother/daughter couples who browsed the displays. Positive comments and thanks for the opportunity were given. One person asked for the museum to be open on Sundays during the summer months…. An interesting thought.

- Work on our largest fundraiser the “Fall Foliage Trail” is progressing under the leadership of board member, Marty Potter, and her committee. In addition to the “Bristol Mountain 5K Run” on Sunday, October 2nd, we are planning something for your family and friends to do every Saturday in October. Watch for the detail in the coming months and in the September issue of the *Chronicles*.

- We want to call out and thank board members, Nancy Hayden and Louise Radak for their hospitality work for the May 15th “Benefactor’s Reception”. The little cardboard 1950s era automobiles were a real nice touch and reflected the theme of our new exhibit.

- “Town of Canandaigua Day” on May 14th was a success. We needed to make a last minute change to the speaker line-up. Richard Palmer, who was scheduled to talk on the “Auburn and Rochester Railroad” needed to call in the substitute after he fell and broke his elbow. Paul Schenall gave a great talk on the same subject. Ray Henry presented on the “2016 Jake Repard Memorial Tour of Barns” and Michael Mrozinski gave free antique appraisals.

- The museum’s new online books shop is growing in offerings. Check it out. It is easier to purchase books than before. Remember, only seven *Roseland* books remain in our inventory.

- We want to congratulate our Curator, Wilma Townsend, and her husband, Jeff, on the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Sarah. The nuptials will take place in August.

- We bid a fond farewell to our Spring Intern, Sarah Landschoot, who completed her work here at the Historical Society on April 28th. She will be completing her Master’s Program in American Studies at Nazareth College this spring. She will be missed. The good news is that she promised to come back this summer and assist with our research on the suffrage movement.

- On May 11th, the Historical Society welcomed the Canandaigua Scientific Association for their monthly meeting. Nearly 40 members and their guests enjoyed beverages, truffles and conversation in the research library before their meeting which included the vote on their upcoming leadership, selection of speakers for the coming year and an entertaining talk by Eric Alden. A number of positive comments were expressed on our new exhibit.

- We would like to express our sorrow on the recent passing of two longtime members of the historical society:
  - William (Bill) Rayburn was longtime society benefactor. He died peacefully at his home on April 12, 2016, at the age of 91. His great personality, life perspective and counsel will be missed.
  - Jane (Jewett) Stickler passed away at age 87 after a short illness. Jane was a member of the Jewett family that were among the founders of Canandaigua. She was a great lover of our community’s history and during her life made many contributions of ephemera and artifacts to our museum.

The Historical Society’s Oliver Phelps Fund is accepting memorial contributions in both their names. Families will be notified of the donations.

- Finally, don’t forget to stop by our booth and say hi at the “Canandaigua Lake Arts Festival” the weekend of July 30th. Information on society events and our fall fundraiser will be available.
June 2016

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Director’s Note: Here is a nice note we received from the clients at Happiness House in Canandaigua after I visited them and told stories about our history.

Book Shoppe Corner
by Maureen O’Connell Baker

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May 1: Museum begins summer hours; open Wednesday evenings until 9 p.m.

June 10: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. — Historical Society hosts the “Finger Lakes Plein Air Festival Judge’s Painting Demonstration and Lecture”; tickets through the “Plein Air Festival”; call 585-394-0030

June 25: All day — “Path Through History Weekend”; free self-guided walking tours through Canandaigua’s North Main Street and downtown historic districts

July 30 – 31: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. — “Canandaigua Lakefront Arts Show”; meet and greet for visitors, friends and neighbors; book sale; free, no admission

August 17: 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. — “Transportation Mystery Trip 2016”; join us for this year’s driving tour to places of transportation interest in the western part of Ontario County; secret dinner venue at end

August 24: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. — Introduction meeting for the “Ontario County Women’s Suffrage Centennial Project”; project introduction by Ed Varno and research presentation by Preston Pierce; project funded with a vision grant from the New York State Council for the Humanities