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Sticky Wicket 2006 TENTH ANNIVERSARY



Croquetmaster and Sticky Wicket founder Delbert Chambers awards the coveted trophy to this year's winner, Brendan Hanley.

Started in 1997 by the fledgling "reborn" Society, the Sticky Wicket was conceived as a fun event harking back to a recreational game of a century or so ago. Attendees were encouraged to wear period clothing, a traditional "bring a dish" picnic would be held, and the event could be used as a fundraiser. The period outfits sort of fell by the wayside and the dish to share became mostly desserts (!), but the fundraiser aspect soared.

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THE HEFFRONS or A Tale of Two Taverns

By John Hastings

On a cold night in December of 1888, a fire swept through the Warren House on lower Main Street, completely destroying a landmark that had been there for nearly 100 years. A little over a month later in February of 1889, the Adirondack Hotel, located in the north end of Warrensburgh, also succumbed to fire. Although the loss of two major hotels in this small Adirondack village was a blow to the community, the burning of the Warren House also noted a major transition for the Heffron family.

In the 1850's, John and Mary (Ennis) Heffron boarded a ship and set sail for America. Originally from King's County, Ireland, John and Mary set off for a new life. Whether this was a result of the potato famine in Ireland, or some other reason, history did not record. The exact date they came is not clear. In Smith's History of Warren County, John reportedly came over in 1857, two years after his parents came to Fort Ann, Washington County. The first record of the Heffrons in America is in the town of Bolton in 1860. John (60) was listed as a farmer, along with his wife Mary (54) and their three sons, Patrick (24), Andrew (18) and John (13). Another son, Joseph (15) was farming and staying with John and Evaline Westcott.¹ In the 1900 census, Patrick has been in this country for 48 years (1852) and Joseph, 45 years (1855). Patrick's obituary states he came to the United States in 1856.

In 1862, with the Civil War going in full force, Joseph (17) and Patrick (26) were off to enlist. Both enlisted with Company

I of the 96th New York Volunteer Regiment. Company I inductees were almost exclusively from the town of Warrensburgh. Their commanding officer was Lt. Col. Charles Gray, who was killed at the Battle of Kingston, North Carolina in December of 1862. Patrick was at his side when he passed away.²

Shortly after the Civil War, Patrick married Mary Keenan and around 1866 they had a son, John K. In 1870, Patrick was working as a sawyer in Glens Falls and living in a boarding house with his wife and three children, Mary (16), Michael (14) and John K. (4).³ Since the 1900 Census states that Patrick and Mary have been married 34 years, Michael and Mary may be children of Mary from a previous marriage. The 1875 New York Census has Mary and Patrick living in Bolton with their son John, age 9. Patrick's mother, father and brother (Andrew), were living next door. The 1870 Census lists Andrew as an invalid. By 1880 Mary was living at the Fred Burhans residence (owner of the Burhans Tannery) and working as a servant. Patrick could not be found in the census records for 1880. This is interesting since Patrick's obituary states that "He came from that country (Ireland) to Warrensburgh in 1856 and entered the employ of Burhans and Gray, tanners, with whom he remained until the spring of 1862 when he enlisted..." Also, "On his return to Warrensburgh after the war, Mr. Heffron entered the employ of B.P. Burhans and Son." If Patrick was employed at the Burhan's Tannery in Warrensburgh, why is he listed in Bolton (1860, 1875) and Glens Falls (1870); and cannot be found in

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President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this at the end of August I have a hard time accepting the fact that "summer" is almost over. (I know, not until 9/21...but tell that to the kids and those of us in the tourism biz.)

Your Society's first calendar, included with the mailing to members of this Quarterly, is only the first of what we expect will be an annual occurrence. What a super added benefit of membership! Additional copies are available for purchase – making great holiday gifts.

We had another successful Sticky Wicket at the Fish Hatchery, thanks to all those who attended, all those who worked to make it happen, Brian Engle's fantastic barbecued chicken, and the weather.

The event prior to that was Herb Smith's "expose" of life at the Colonial Arms, c. 1950. Well attended by a lot of people who were there at the time, and the rest of us voyeurs. The new Merrill Magee House provided a great location, with its expanded tavern that brought back memories of "the Arms". We could do other similar events about Warrensburg life in a previous era — any thoughts? Hey, that's one of the pleasures of history, reminiscing about the "good old days".

There are some great events coming up this fall – a talk by Dick Nason, Graveyard Walks and Dinner, Artifacts Night, and more. Check the Calendar of Events elsewhere in this issue.

And speaking of this issue, hasn't Sandi done another great job? Of course thanks to those who have contributed to its content. How about that article you were thinking about writing, or even suggesting? Even a letter would help. Blank pages are very disheartening to an editor.

We need more participation by members, especially with the museum project. Please come out – attend a board meeting or a museum meeting. Check the schedule. Get involved!

Steve

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two long time supporters of the Society's work. Walter Kennedy and Raymond Whalen will be missed.

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November 1st*

MUSEUM UPDATE

The Museum Committee continues to plan its exhibits, the floor plan and exhibit cases and display walls. Great fun but we need your help.

In late June conservator Gwen Spicer spent a whole day reviewing our apparel collection as part of our \$5,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant and in October she will conduct a workshop on proper storage.

Thanks to our proposal, the Town was awarded a State Education Department grant of \$4,863 to create archival storage for the museum's documents and photos. We will be fulfilling the requirements of this grant during the winter.

If you are interested in helping with any phase of museum work, or just curious about what's going on, please contact Steve Parisi at 623-2207. We meet at the Museum most Tuesdays from 11 AM to 12:30 PM and Wednesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM. During those times you can also reach us at the museum at 623-2928.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

Thurs. Sept. 21, 7 PM Dick Nason, retired Finch Pruyn forester, Historical Logging in the Adirondacks. Masonic Hall, Main Street. Refreshments.

October

Friday, Oct. 13 7 PM Graveyard Walk, Warrensburg Cemetery. Refreshment location to be announced.

Friday, Oct. 20 7 PM Graveyard Walk, Warrensburg Cemetery. Gourmet Desserts at Cornerstone Victorian

Sunday, Oct. 29 6 PM Dinner with the Dead – at Merrill Magee House.

November

Thurs. Nov. 9 7:00 PM Artifacts Night, Senior Center. Refreshments.

December

Holiday Dinner – Date and location to be announced.

Membership Information

Student \$8.00 Individual \$12.00 Family \$25.00 Senior (62+) \$8.00
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1880? Was his work drawing hemlock bark to the tannery? Or procuring woodlands (which would be the source of future supplies of bark)? Or was he traveling to "The Swamp" near New York City to procure contracts for the Burhan's Tannery? Or was he involved with some other business for the tannery which would not require him to live in Warrensburgh? As yet, we do not know.

THE SWAMP. Located near New York City, this was the original location of most tanners shortly after the Revolutionary War. As the tanning industry moved north due to the availability of hemlock bark and water supplies, these tanners turned into leather merchants, importing hides, supplying them to the tanneries that sprang up in the Catskills, Pennsylvania and the Adirondacks, and then selling the finished leather for a fee. The leather merchants built fancy homes as well as trading halls in the Swamp. The tanners expanded their sphere of interest beyond trading and soon many prominent men lived and had stores and offices in the Swamp. Many made fortunes. For a century, the Swamp controlled the country's tanning industry. Col. Burhans was known to visit this area often.⁴

After Andrew's death in 1876,⁵ things started to change for the Heffron family. John married Bridget Ashe of Thurman (the daughter of James and Joanna Ashe) in 1876.⁶ Then, in 1878 John moved to Warrensburgh and purchased the Warren House. The following year (1879), Mary (Ennis) Heffron, John's mother died.⁷ By 1880 Joseph, his wife Mary and three children, H.E., Elizabeth and John were living in Warrensburgh.⁸ His father, John was living with them, but by 1881 he has also died.⁹

So, by 1880 the three remaining brothers (Patrick, John and Joseph) were living in Warrensburgh. Patrick was working for the Burhan's Tannery and Joseph was farming. John was running the Warren House which was one of the oldest buildings in Warrensburgh. It was first built and used as a tavern by James Pitts in 1789. After Jasper Duell owned it for

a few years, he sold it to James Warren in 1804. The Warren family ran or leased it until 1866. It was then sold to Joseph Russell and Henry Chapman. Henry bought out Joseph Russell and eventually sold it to John Heffron in 1878. John thoroughly renovated and repaired the house.¹⁰ In the 1880 Census John Heffron is listed as a hotel keeper and has 3 people working for him; May Ryan (34), Mary Golden (15) and Charlotte Kelso (22). The Warren House was a noted resting place for tourists and travelers.

After running the Warren House for nearly 10 years, tragedy strikes. On March 29, 1888, John's wife, Bridget died.¹¹ The cause is unknown. In October, her brother, Will Ashe became the manager of the Warren House.¹² But then, as noted earlier, on December 20, the Warren House catches fire and burns to the ground. John decides not to rebuild, but instead sells the property to Alfred Brown. By 1892, John has remarried (Anna Haley) and moved to Glens Falls. However, John does return to Warrensburgh for visits. The December 7, 1899 Warrensburgh News

and his son, John K. ran the adjacent store. When the Warren House burned in the night, it was noted that the guests went across the street to stay at Patrick's boarding house.¹³ This was quite symbolic of the turn of fate of the two brothers. For John it was the worst of times; for Patrick it was becoming the best of times. The following year (1889), the January 24th Warrensburgh News notes "Grand Army House is the name Pat Heffron has christened his hospitable hotel. There the veterans, as well as others, will be made welcome and feel at home at once."

In August of 1893 the Warrensburgh News states "One of Warrensburgh's Most Popular Hotels Enlarged. The capacity of that popular hotel, the Grand Army House, has been greatly increased by the extensive addition completed this week. The building is now a three story structure with French roof.... Eleven commodious and pleasant sleeping rooms have been added and a well lighted dining room, 14 X 40, extends across the entire width of the building on the south end. Bath rooms have been put in on the second floor with hot and cold water.....The house will be lighted



The Warren House circa 1898, at the approximate location of Stewart's Shop today.

notes "Mr. and Mrs. John Heffron and daughter Gabrielle of Glens Falls, were in town on a visit to Mrs. Heffron's father, James Haley & family."

In 1887 Patrick Heffron bought a small boarding house and store which were previously owned by Henry Fuller. Patrick boarded shirt factory workers

with electricity throughout."

From the Souvenir Edition of the Warrensburgh News (1898), "The Grand Army House is one of the best and most favorably known hotels in this vicinity. The proprietor and landlord, Patrick Heffron, has been a widely known hotel man for many years, and is distinguished

for his cordiality and hospitality. The table is excellent, and it is Mr. Heffron's constant aim to so conduct his hotel that if one has once been a guest there, he will be one again."

By 1900 the Grand Army House is well established and well known throughout the north county. "Uncle Pat" and "Aunt Mary" are well known. Although it has been recorded that Mary did the cooking, the 1900 Census cites three employees; Tilie Gifford (19) - dining room worker, Lewis Janack (19) - hostelier and Esther Pratt (29) - cook. Patrick and Mary have been married 34 years, but only 2 of 6 children are still living.

Due to health reasons, Patrick sold the Grand Army House around 1904. T. J. Smith and Mac Smith are the purchasers. The November 25th Warrensburgh News notes that "Uncle Pat" Heffron is seriously ill, suffering from heart troubles which were aggravated by the shock of a severe fall." On February 7th of 1906 Patrick died. His obituary notes that he had been in declining health for 2 years. He was a member of Charette Post G.A.R. since its organization in 1885. He was survived by his wife Mary and two brothers, Joseph and John. (Mary died 11 years later on December 7, 1917).



Patrick Heffron's Grand Army House circa 1898, where George Henry's is today.
(His son, J.K. Heffron's grocery store is to the left)

Adendum

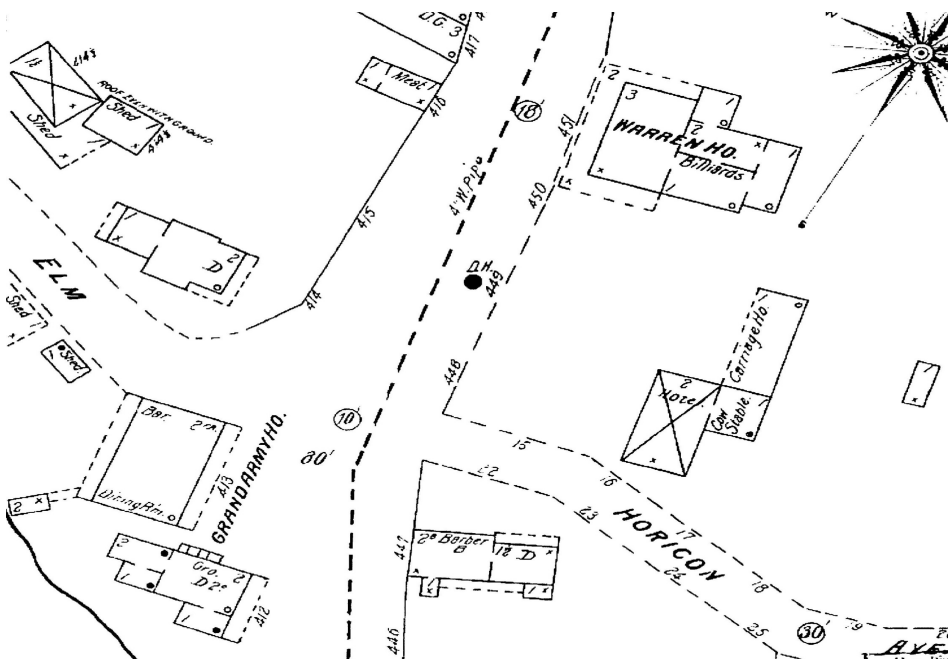
Alfred Brown rebuilt the Warren House in 1892. It was run by various people until it was destroyed by fire in 1921.

After the Grand Army House was sold in 1904, it was operated under a number of different ownerships. Sometime prior to the fire in 1929, it was renamed The Warren Inn.

The 1895 Glens Falls Directory lists a John Heffron whose business of Heffron-Linehan were manufacturers of shirts (26 Warren St.) and by 1910 (Glens Falls Directory) he was in business as Heffron-Collins (176 Glen St.). John Heffron's daughter, Gabrielle

was born about 1893.¹⁴ She married Hugh Lavery about 1914. He was a lawyer.¹⁵ His second wife, Anna died December 14, 1929. After this, John lived with his daughter until his death June 12, 1933.¹⁶

Joseph moved to Glens Falls somewhere between 1892 and 1895. He appears in the 1895 Glens Falls Directory and the 1900, 1910 and 1920 Census. He has at least nine children; Edward, Elizabeth, John, Anna, James, William, Francis(?), Bernard and George.¹⁷



Sanborn Insurance Co. Map of Warrensburgh circa 1901

Heffron, the Grocer,

ONE PRICE STORE.

STRICTLY CASH!

Thanking my former Patrons for their past favors and soliciting their future patronage, I guarantee satisfaction FOR CASH

Very Respectfully,

J.K. Heffron,

Warrensburgh, N.Y.

1890 ad for grocery store owned by J.K. Heffron, son of Patrick. Store shown in photo, left of Grand Army House.

John K. Heffron ran the grocery store that was next to the Grand Army House for many years. He married Mary Cunningham. He retired about 1928 due

to poor health and passed away October 28, 1943. He was 76.¹⁸

The Fuller Boarding house and adjacent store were the original home of B.P. Burhans and Thomas Gray. James Fuller purchased the property and then left it to his son, Henry. James' daughter, Ella married Louis W. Emerson.¹⁹

James Ashe, Bridget's father, came to Warrensburgh around 1888 and along with his son Henry, built the Agriculture Hotel. Henry's son Maurice would eventually take over and run the Hotel.²⁰

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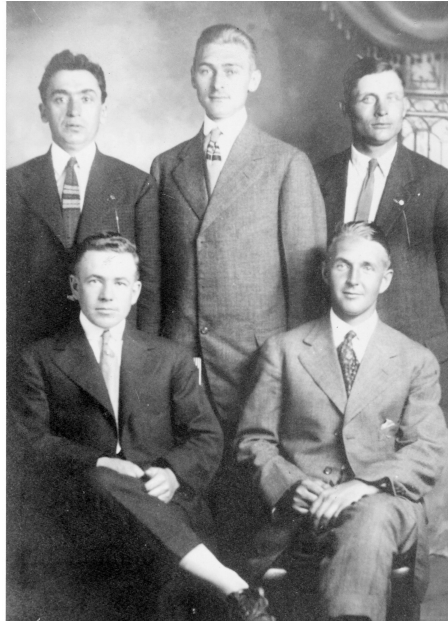
WARRENSBURGH NEWS TidBits

Bohemian Club

November 4, 1915. A young men's club was organized in this village Saturday night with 12 charter members. The following officers were elected: Albrecht F. Rusack, William Hadden, Milford Baker, Lewis Hamilton, Joseph Aiken, Francis Saville. Rooms have been engaged in the second story of the Swan block downtown. The organization will be known as the "Bohemian Club."

January 20, 1916. The Bohemian Club last night organized a hockey team with

John F. Ryan as manager. Practice will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings



Although some of the gentlemen in this photo belonged to the Bohemian Club the editor has been unable to determine if all were. Identified on the back of the photo: Abe Katz, William Hadden, Percy Hall, Walter Weaver, Earl Stewart.

Photo courtesy of Jean Hadden

on the Hudson Street rink. The men of last year's team are members of the club and with these as a nucleus Manager Ryan hopes to build up a strong seven.

November 2, 1916. The Bohemian Club observed its first anniversary last night with a supper in the club rooms in the Swan block. There was a full attendance of the members. The after dinner speakers dwelt on the prosperity of the organization. Francis Seville, president gave a brief address on the growth of the club and the good work that has been accomplished in the last year. The club started in two rooms; it now occupies an entire flat. The expectation was to have about 20 members, within 3 weeks, 40 were enrolled. William Hadden acted as toastmaster and the speakers, in addition to Mr. Seville, were Walter Weaver, Charles Stewart, Edward L. Patrick, Rev. C.S. Agan, Rev. S.R. Brown, M.J. Livingston and Chauncey Orton.

January 4, 1917. The new officers of the Bohemian Club, installed at the regular weekly meeting, are: Pres. Milford J. Baker; Vice-Pres. C.H. Underwood; Sec. Edwin Patrick; Treas. Edward O'Connor.

Editors Note: The name of this club intrigued me so I did some research on the internet and found the following information: The Bohemian Club's name goes back to its founding in 1872 by artists and journalists in the San Francisco Bay area. The club has a national membership and is among the most prestigious of affiliations in neoconservative circles. It's membership is known to include Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Gerald Ford, William F. Buckley, Jr., Merv Griffin and a large proportion of the directors and chief executive officers of the Fortune 1000.

Would love to know more about the local club and what they did.

Warrensburgh Signal Service 1891

Owing to the enterprise of George Davison, the popular proprietor of the Cash Shoe Store, Warrensburgh has been placed in direct communication with the government signal service bureau at Washington, D.C., and a telegram is received everyday giving the weather forecast for the ensuing 24 hours. This report is given to the public by means of signal flags, which are flung to the breeze in front of Mr. Davison's store each day immediately after the report is received.

Editor's note: On February 9, 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed a law that required the U.S. War Department Signal Service to record weather observations. This was the start of the U.S. Weather Bureau, which later became known as the present day National Weather Service.

Explanation of the signal flags: White flag indicates clear or fair weather; blue flag indicates rain or snow; blue and white flag (parallel bars of white and blue) indicates local rains or showers; white flag with a black center indicates a cold wave; black triangular flag refers to temperature. If placed on the west side of the weather flag, it meant warmer, if placed on the east side, colder.

Now we just turn on the TV or dial the weather station. Convenient, but we've lost the social life.



Architecture of a Small Town by Delbert Chambers

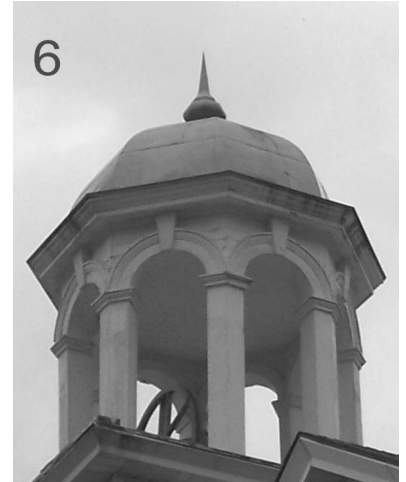
LOOK UP!



Near 3934 Main St. – Bonnie Brae barn
cupola – Style: Utilitarian



3826 Main St. Style: Italianate
A later addition to the original building
which is of Greek Revival style.



3890 Main St. First United
Methodist Church steeple. This is the
third Methodist Church building to exist
on this spot.



3806 Main St. St. Cecelia Catholic
Church steeple. ca. 1874.
Style: possibly Gothic Revival



3764 Main St. Church of the Holy Cross
Episcopal Church. ca. 1864-65. Style:
Gothic Revival. Castellated tower raised
in place ca. 2000 to facilitate reconstruc-
tion of its failing support structures.



3785 Main St. First known as The Elms.
This tower contained a water tank to
feed the house with running water.



3921 Main St. tower
ca. 1904 – Style: Queen Anne



7 Mountain Ave.
Style: Victorian
Private residence.



2 Stewart Farrar St. Presbyterian Church
steeple. ca. 1887-88
Style: Queen Anne. A later addition to
the original building.



Stewart Farrar St. Presbyterian manse.



29 Fourth Avenue. Style: Shingle.
Private residence.



3850 Main St. First Baptist Church
steeple. ca. 1998



3824 Main St. tower ca. 1860
Style: Italianate. A later addition of the
original building. Believed to have once
contained a water tank so the home
could have running water.



250 River St. Free Methodist Church
steeple. Style: Modern. Fabricated off
site.



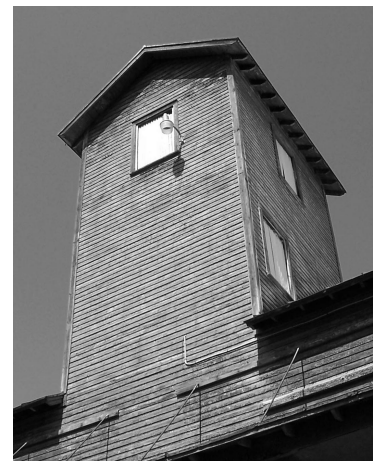
3990 Main St. Assembly of God church
steeple. Style: Modern. Fabricated off
site..



11 Thomson St. cupola.
Style: Utilitarian. This view from about
3929 Main St.



63 Hudson St. ca. Modern. This view
from Woodward Ave.



(behind) 99 River St.
Style: Utilitarian. Warehouse. This
view is from Mill Street.

As you walk through Warrensburg, be sure to stop and look up. You never know what you may find.

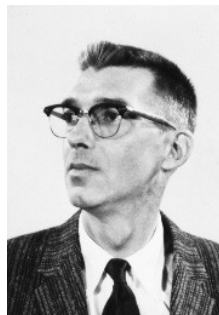
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1956-1970 F.K. Wheeler, Warrensburg Negative File "Guess Who"

Call Sandi at 623-2207 with your answers or e-mail sandi@countryroadlodge.com



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The photos in the last Quarterly were:

4. Dr. Patrick Huntington, 5. Fred Beauchene, Jr., 6. Grant Smith

*Thanks to the
nearly 60
people who
attended and
the two dozen
brave souls
who competed in the*



2006 10th Anniversary STICKY WICKET

A Special Thank You to Brian Engle, Chef Extraordinaire
and Delbert Chambers, Croquetmaster!

and Thank You to our Sponsors . . .

Croquetmaster's Circle: Cronin's Golf Resort
(The other game where you hit a ball on a field of grass.)

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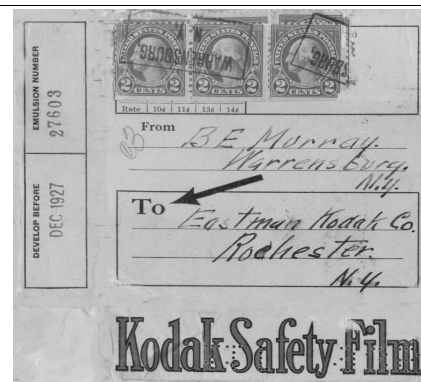
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The support of this community for the preservation of the town's history is overwhelming! Croquet may not have become ubiquitous around town (we have an idea!) but "Sticky Wicket" is a recognized "handle" that often elicits a smile.

Attendance for the last several years has reached 60 people. Just under half that number actually compete in the competition. Several years ago a group of young people from a church in Brant Lake saw our notice and attended. Now they are regulars and have raised the level of competition a notch. This year several real veteran players, notably from Glens Falls, have thrown their hats in the ring. There were some serious discussions as to rules and interpretations! Bring it on! We may be entering a whole new era!



BERT MURRAY DVD



Chuck Wheeler, our very creative resource of Warrensburg historical artifacts and photographs, has converted to DVD, some old 16mm home movies taken by his great uncle Bert Murray between 1927 and 1931. Murray was Warren County's first Highway Superintendent from 1909-1939. (See WHS Quarterly, Summer 2004).

This is fascinating history as it happened! The DVD, about 1 hour long, includes scenes of early snow plows, road construction, town views, boating on Lake George, as well as Murray and Wheeler family homes and outings. Chuck has donated copies of the DVD to the Society. They are available to members at Society meetings or events for \$5 (inc. sales tax) or by mail for \$6.50 inc. postage.