



# Warrensburgh Historical Society Quarterly

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## WARRENSBURG POST OFFICE

*By Sandi Parisi*

Since rates for postage went up on May 14, 2007 to 41 cents, this seemed to be an appropriate time to reflect on earlier days of the Post Office... On July 1st, 1938 the Warrensburg Post Office inaugurated mail delivery. At that time, postage for a letter was 3 cents.

Two carriers were scheduled to leave the post office at 8:15 AM for the first delivery of the day. The second and final delivery would start between 1 and 2 PM. The carriers would collect outgoing mail as they made their trips for delivery. Parcel post would be delivered only once a day, between 4 and 5 PM. (In 1885 a service called "Special Delivery" had been instituted, which provided immediate



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## NINE BUILDINGS DESTROYED, SEVEN FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS AND DAMAGE OF NEARLY \$100,000 RESULTED FROM THE FIRE SUNDAY

From the Warrensburg News:  
September 23, 1926 by *John Hastings*

Leaping through the roof of Herbert L.



Photo by Sumner Cowden, courtesy of Warrensburg Museum

Wood's restaurant, in Main Street downtown shortly after midnight Saturday, great tongues of flame spread rapidly and before they were conquered had consumed nine buildings, made seven families homeless and caused property damage estimated at about \$100,000. Only through the efficient work of the Warrensburg Fire Company, most ably assisted by a part of the Glens Falls department, was the fire controlled and the greater part of downtown section of the village saved from destruction.

The buildings destroyed were the big business blocks owned by R. D. Baker & Son, occupied by their department store

and the Economy grocery store, and their living apartments; H. L. Wood's restaurant and apartment; the Swan block, owned by the Bakers and occupied on the first floor and basement by the Adirondack Power and Light Corporation's Mountain district offices, and on the upper floors, by two families; the residence properties of Carter Pasco and Miss Lillian K. Ross; the old Swan laundry building, used as a storeroom by the power corporation and on the upper floor as an apartment, and three barns owned by the Bakers, Mr. Wood and Mr. Pasco.

Two alarms were telephoned to the central office almost

simultaneously, the one from Rev. G. H. Purdy being the first. Mr. Purdy said he and Mrs. Purdy were awakened by an

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Photo by Sandi Parisi taken from 2nd floor of HHHN Dentist Office (approx. same location).

**President's Letter:**

**I started out my letter in the last issue** with a "good news – bad news" scenario about how we'd received \$7,000 from the Charles R. Wood Foundation for the restoration of the Warrensburgh Mural but had to raise an equal amount to complete the job. Well now I am able to report the fantastic news that you (and others) have come through with about 50% more than we *thought* we needed. The not so good news is that expenses we hadn't anticipated, such as insurance and wall preparation, will require all of that additional amount. I hope that by the time you read this the project will be under way. We have great confidence in our muralist, Mary Lovendusky and look forward to celebrating the project's completion.

**We welcome new Board members,** Lenore Smith, Paul Gilchrist and Dennis Martinez. They have already proven themselves as earnest and hardworking additions to the Board. Remember that nothing happens – programs, the Quarterly, the Museum scholarships – without considerable effort on the part of volunteers. *Please come forward and volunteer.*

**Elsewhere you will read the results of** our student competition and we congratulate the winners. We are seeking ways to increase participation and would welcome your thoughts. (Contact either Rosemary Maher or myself with your thoughts.) Our thanks again to Glens Falls National Bank for its support.

**We enjoyed a cozy Artifacts Night in** March (money was a major topic!) and in April learned, from Amy Godine, some interesting connections between local history and the "bigger picture" taking place nationally and beyond.

**I'm looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.** They promise to be especially interesting.

*Steve*

**HELP WANTED**

Persons interested in helping to organize and preserve the collection in the museum. All skills are useful but training can be provided. Rewards: personal satisfaction and camaraderie with like-minded people. Contact Steve (623-2207) or visit the museum at 3754 Main Street on Wednesday 10-4 pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, June 20 – A stroll Up Main Street Mid-20th Century,** with Herb Smith, Moderator. We'll talk about Oscar's, Jacobs & Toney, Engle's Department Store, Don's Drive In (now Hometown Skillet) and others.

**Sunday, August 12, 11 AM to 4 PM. The Annual Sticky Wicket Croquet Competition and Picnic.** At the Fish Hatchery. Free admission, \$5 to compete. Please come early if you wish to compete. There are a limited number of spots. We supply the chicken and cold drinks. Bring-a-dish is appreciated, but optional.

**Graveyard Events**

**Friday October 19, 7 PM Graveyard Walk at the Cemetery,** followed by desserts at the Mahers (just up Hudson Street at 2 Cloverleaf Drive). \$6. Reservations 623-3436

**Tuesday, October 23, Noon Luncheon with the Dead,** Merrill Magee House. \$21. Reservations 623-2449.

**Friday, October 26, 7 PM Graveyard Walk at the Cemetery,** followed by Dessert Buffet at Cornerstone Victorian B&B, 3921 Main Street. \$10. Reservations 623-3436.

**Sunday, October 28, 6 PM Dinner With the Dead,** Merrill Magee House. \$31. Reservations 623-2449.

**Friday, Nov. 16, 7 PM CCC Camps** by author Marty Podskoch. Location to be announced.

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A limited number still available. One hour of 16 mm footage shot between 1927 and 1931 by Warren County's first highway superintendent \$5.00/\$6.50 with postage.

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*Photo by Sumner Cowden, courtesy of Warrensburg Museum*

explosion and on looking out the window saw flames shooting through the roof at the rear of the Wood restaurant building.

At the start of the battle Chief Ticknor attached a hose to the hydrant in Main Street, near the buildings, but in five minutes, there was no water to be had,



*Photo by Sandi Parisi taken from Episcopal Church lawn, approximate same location as above photo*

the pressure being so low that there was not sufficient stream to permit the firemen to reach the buildings from their position some distance away made necessary by the intense heat.

The residence properties of Mr. Pasco and Miss Ross were sacrificed when the local water works system failed the firemen and they had to rely entirely for their water supply from the Schroon River, pumped by their own equipment.

A group of Warrensburg firemen became too daring at one stage of the fire and in pushing forward to attack the

flames became trapped and it was by a close margin that they escaped unhurt. About 500 feet of cotton hose was destroyed, however. The incident happened when the firemen went over a burned area to get closer to the flames and the fire behind them; that was believed dead, blazed up again.

The local company was short seven of its members Sunday morning, but the boys and men of the village volunteered their services and under Chief Ticknor's command aided materially in laying hose, saving property and helping in other ways. Chief Ticknor was loud in his praise of this assistance and said his orders were promptly obeyed by everyone.

So intense was the heat from the burning buildings that the big trees on the opposite side of the street caught fire several times, but the flames were extinguished with chemicals. The heat was great some distance away and the Episcopal Church and residence opposite the fire were somewhat damaged, paint being blistered and discolored.

### **The Trials of Miss Lillian K. Ross**

When fire swept through downtown Warrensburg on September 19 of 1926, Miss Ross' residence was destroyed when the "local water works system failed the firemen." The streams of water

were limited (from the Schroon River) and efforts were concentrated on keeping the fire from spreading to the buildings further south. So, when Miss Ross' (and Mr. Pasco's) residence caught fire, any effort to extinguish these fires would have resulted in much greater damage to the Crandall block and other building south of the fire.

Less than 5 months later (February 9, 1927), the Crandall and Dickenson blocks were destroyed by fire. The Warrensburg News of February 10, in its description of the fire, notes that "Miss (Lillian K.) Ross and her mother, Mrs. Mary Ross, had moved a portion of their goods into the flat (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Crandall block) yesterday and were staying there for the first time, last evening. Miss Ross had gone to Mrs. Lila Dickenson's house on Water Street, where they had been living, and was there when the fire broke out. Mrs. Ross saw the flames and although an invalid, calmly made her way to the stairs and was nearly to the sidewalk when her daughter met her and assisted her to the street. They have returned to their former quarters in Mrs. Dickenson's house."



### **Warrensburg Post Office**

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delivery to a person's address once the mail was delivered to the nearest Post Office. The Special Delivery stamp indicated that an extra fee had been charged.)

Francis Thayer was given a permanent appointment as one of the carriers. For the other three carriers postmaster Stewart Farrar made temporary appointments of Andrew Aldrich, James Farrar and Marvin Menshausen. These positions were to be filled permanently after a Civil Service examination.

Not only did they have to plan routes, place boxes and hire employees, they had to renovate the post office facility. As soon as the office closed at 6 o'clock on June 30th, 1938, employees of the office, aided by two carpenters, tore out



a large portion of the existing boxes, cutting down the size of the outer office to give additional room in the rear for the carriers' sorting racks and other necessary equipment. This job was completed before the office opened on July 1st. In order to expedite the delivery of the mail, storage boxes had been installed by local post office employees in eight locations throughout the town.

About 170 post office boxes were retained for patrons residing outside the area to be served by the carriers, for business places and others who desired to receive their mail in that manner instead of by carrier. Residents were reminded that with the inauguration of free delivery service, the one-cent "drop letter" was to be eliminated. Letters mailed in Warrensburg to post office boxes also in Warrensburg would now cost two cents. The out-of-town postage rate, of course, was three cents.

Postmaster Farrar urged the patrons of the office to be patient for a brief time while the service was being started and the difficulties which undoubtedly would arise were overcome. It was his desire, as well as all of his assistants, to have the delivery service working most efficiently at the earliest possible moment, and they planned to make every effort to bring that about.

A major task had been previously completed, which was the numbering of all homes in the village. This was the first time that all residents had a street address. (Thanks to John Hastings, who typed the list from the original newspaper article in the Warrensburg News of June 30, 1938, a copy of the "new" addresses and the residents names is available at the Town Historian's Office at the Town Hall.)

Over the years we have had many changes to our post office facility and location, along with changes in rates. Although we no longer have two deliveries a day, it really doesn't seem that going from 4 cents in 1938 to 41 cents in 2007, 69 years later, is such a large increase if you take into consideration the fact that a loaf of rye bread cost 23 cents in 1938 and now costs \$3.29 [measuringworth.com].

For additional information on the

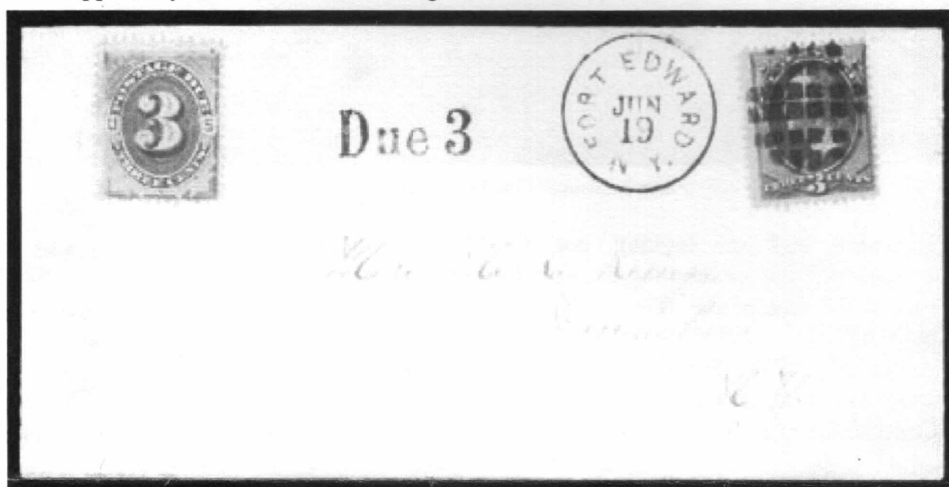
Warrensburg Post Office see the Warrensburg Historical Society Quarterly article "Warrensburg Post Office Celebrates 200 Years" in the Summer 2003 issue.

## SPEAKING OF THE COST OF POSTAGE

On May 14th an envelope dated June 19, 1879 sent from Fort Edward to Warrensburg appeared for sale on eBay. It was addressed to the King residence and apparently did not have enough

Service, when insufficient postage is put on a piece of delivered mail. Postage Due stamps are plain and very functional, and usually have large numerals indicating the amount of postage owed.

The eBay listing stated that the envelope is estimated to be worth between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The minimum bid asked was \$4,500, and a 20% buyers premium would be added. Since the stamp is usually worth up to \$250 to collectors, I wondered what made this



postage. A 3 cent postage due stamp was affixed with an imprint on the envelope which reads "Due 3." It was advertised as "A highly important United States postage due cover, the unique pre-first day usage of the first U.S. Postage due issue." Postage due stamps were authorized by an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1879 to become effective July 1st of that year. Its use indicates an amount due the Postal

one so expensive. It is the fact that it was used before the July 1st effective date. The envelope sold for \$6,500 on May 23rd! How many old envelopes have you thrown out?



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

If you were a little confused this year about Daylight Savings Time, imagine what it was like in 1922. On May 7th of that year, Warrensburg adopted Daylight Savings Time. Many of the surrounding towns and cities had adopted it on Sunday, April 30th. For one week, Warrensburg ran on it's own time. During that week The Hudson Valley Railway operated at the new time, causing considerable confusion as the trolley cars arrived and left an hour earlier.

Some residents of Warrensburg changed their clocks on April 30th, while others waited until May 7th. The industrial plants continued on the old time, while a few of the stores used the new time.



## CLASS OF 1957

By Liz Osborne Sebald

The class of 1957 will soon be gathering for its 50th reunion. It doesn't seem possible that fifty years have gone by so fast. I've been reflecting on those school years and have so many fond memories.

One of the earliest of those memories is Mrs. Kathleen Baker's first grade. Much to the delight of all the little girls – there was a large dollhouse in the classroom that we all looked forward to playing with during our activity time.

In those days each class took a turn putting together an assembly program during the school year. Our performance was "The Tom Thumb Wedding" and to

to ride the bus home with her.

In fifth grade we began fund raising for our senior trip to New York City and Washington DC by selling flowers and vegetable seeds. This was just the beginning of many fun projects to raise money for that goal.

Sixth grade is one of my fondest memories. Mrs. Bernice Maxam was my teacher. If we worked hard and behaved during the week we were rewarded most Friday afternoons with a game period. I'm sure it was all educationally motivated, but to us it was a party. We played various board games and performed in front of the class, speaking into a pretend microphone. Our reward,

way.

Junior and Senior High went by in a blur. Aside from all the required academics there were a wide range of activities available to us – instrumental and vocal music, sports and a long list of 8th period and after-school clubs such as bowling, photography, projection, Future teachers of America, chefs, literary, rifle, knitting and ski clubs to name a few.

We all loved to dance and looked forward to the Saturday night canteens after home basketball games, and all our school dances.

I'm so glad I grew up in those times – the 40s and 50s. We went all the way through school, K-12, in one building with mostly the same classmates every year. We knew everyone and made lasting friendships. We had plenty to keep us busy. We were expected to do our best and we did! We had respect for our teachers, and they for us. Those were the Best of Times!



Tom Thumb Wedding – Back Row: Ellen Carpenter, Richard Clayfield, Elizabeth Osborne, David Harp, Katherine Maltbie, John Potter. Front Row: Charles Wheeler, Richard Raymond, Harry Rich, Ruth Combs, Barbara McElroy, Sandra MacRae, Ruth Burch, Caroline Draper, Ellen Nickles, Patricia Hayes, Anne Frye, Betty Jean Thayer, Chris Sprague, Tom Baker.

Photo courtesy Liz Osborne Sebald

us it was a big deal! David Harpp (a third grader, because he could read) was the minister. Kaki Maltbie was the bride and John Potter the groom. Everyone in the class participated in some capacity. Much preparation went into practice and costumes. It was really beautiful!

In second grade my teacher was Miss Cook. She was new to our district, and very young and attractive. We all loved her very much. I remember most vividly memorizing multiplication tables, and missing Patty Hayes' birthday party because I was ill.

Around this time I took my first ride on a school bus. Living across the street from school, I walked each day. So you can imagine how thrilled I was to be invited to Ann Frye's home and being allowed

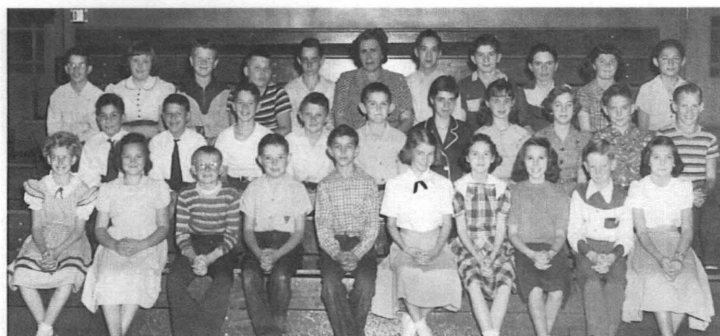
Mrs. Maxam's home-made butterscotch candy. Her daughter, Dorothy Maxam Mosher, recently shared her recipe with me and with her permission it is printed here.

Perhaps my biggest disappointment in grade school was never being in the same class with my best friend, Mary Geraghty. I'm sure the teachers and my parents planned it that

### Mrs. Maxam's Butterscotch Candy

- 3 c. sugar
- 1 lump butter (size of an egg)
- 1 c. water
- 1/4 c. vinegar

Stir until all dissolved and boiling starts around edge. Take spoon out and keep it out!!! Cook until it becomes brittle when tried in cold water. Sugary edge forms on sides. (Do NOT stir it in or the entire mixture will become sugary.) Spread mixture in 9"x13" pan, cooled. Hit pan on bottom with knife handle – makes broken pieces



Mrs. Maxam's 6th grade class. Back Row: ?, Barbara Straight, Carson Parker, Dan McCarthy, Leo Reynolds, Mrs. Maxam, ?, ?, Thomas Charles, ?, Larry Buerger. 2nd Row: Harry Rich, Bradford Mundy, ?, Richard Raymond, Fred Stone, Ellen Suprenant, Margaret Reynolds, Gloria Scripture, Leslie Carpenter, Gerald Twiss. Front Row: Ruth Burch, Janet Reed, Charles Wilsey, John Potter, Harry Robinson, Katherine Maltbie, Joan Thomas, Elizabeth Osborne, Fred Potter, Anne Frye.

Help us identify the ??s

Photo courtesy Liz Osborne Sebald.

## SUMMER OF 1905

By Rosemary Maher

Looking back over past issues of The Warrensburgh News I came across the August 14, 1905 issue. For nostalgia sake I thought I would share a little of that news with you. Oliver Wendall Holmes, son of the poet, was appointed associate justice of the United States Supreme Court by President T. Roosevelt and Edward VII was crowned King of Great Britain and Ireland.

Here in Warrensburgh Charles Reirden, William Ashe, Henry L. Smith, Halsey Herrick and Silas Bennett were placed in a jury pool for the upcoming murder trial of John L. Creedon. He was accused of killing Powell H. Brace [about 42 years



Powell H. Brace, photo courtesy of his granddaughter, Leah Brace Hadley

old]. The murder in question occurred at the Riverside House here in Warrensburgh. [The 1900 Warrensburgh Census shows Powell, his wife Ellen, sister Emma and his two children, Gernal age 7 and Mina age 8. The 1900 census shows Creedon living in Glens Falls with his mother, and the 1910 census shows him in Dannemora Prison.]

The same week the home of George Moore on Horicon Ave. was destroyed by fire. No injuries, thank goodness.

On the economic front McGinn's store was having a big shoe sale as was E. S. Crandall in his shop. All shoes were priced from \$2.00 to \$3.50. Wilsey's Market was looking to buy "hens, veal calves and fat cattle" from anyone selling such. And a big sale on clothing was going on at The New York Store on

the Crandall Block. Men's suits were as low as \$3.50; men's soft hats were \$1.25 and yards of wool and taffeta could be bought for as little as 40 cents a yard.

Summer is a time for visiting and in 1905 Mrs. E. M. Martin and her daughter "Miss Edith," formerly of Stony Creek and now residing in Florence, Italy, came to Warrensburgh to visit Mr. and Mrs. Messenger. Also visiting were the Rawsons from Staten Island, N. Y. who came to spend time with Mrs. M. N. Dickinson of Warrensburgh.

The biggest social event in the paper was the upcoming Friday night dance at the old music hall. Music was by A. M. Burdett, Jr. of Glens Falls and admission for both ladies and gentlemen was 25 cents.

So summers don't change much - sales, visits from old friends and a little entertainment. Are things really so different?



### WARRENSBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES HISTORY CONTEST WINNERS

"Warrensburgh: The Rise and Fall of Mills and Factories" was the topic for

this year's history essay contest. Students in grades 7, 8, and 9 were to select two former mills or factories and grades 10, 11 and 12 were to select three. They were then to discuss the history of those chosen and the reasons they no longer exist.

First prize of \$100 and second prize of \$50 were awarded in each division. Prize money was provided by The Warrensburgh Historical Society with matching funds from Glens Falls National Bank. Maran Dunn Bookstore donated gift certificates for each of the winners and The Luck-E-Star Cafe will treat all of the participants to a free ice cream.

First prize in the Senior Division went to Alissa Carlson who felt that the time of the mills and factories provided a much better economy for our town. First prize in the Junior Division went to Allyssa Ferraro who detailed the history of the Grist Mill and the Emerson Sawmill. Chris Carlson captured second prize in the Senior Division. His essay about the Shoe Peg factory and Empire Shirt factory talks about "the history buried deep in the vaults of Warrensburgh's past." Garrett Ferraro was the Junior Division second prize winner. His essay about the Empire Shirt factory was enhanced with photos and illustrations.

Honorable Mention goes to 6th grader Tyler Wilcox who wrote and illustrated an essay about the tanning industry and several mills. Although not eligible for a prize since he is a sixth grader, he will receive a membership in The Historical Society and a free ice cream.

We were disappointed in the limited number of students who entered the contest and will reconsider the parameters for next year.



Left to right: Allyssa Ferraro, Chris Carlson, Alissa Carlson, Tyler Wilcox.  
Missing from picture: Garrett Ferraro.  
Photo by Rosemary Maher





## WINNIE & PERCY HALL BOARDING HOUSE PROPRIETORS

*Interviews with Ruth Fruda and  
Martha Ross. By Rita Ferraro*

During the early 1900's it was not unusual that the village of Warrensburg with all its natural charms would become a summer tourist attraction. Established earlier in town were numerous hostleries. To name a few, the Adirondack House, the Warren House and the Grand Army House, all well situated and enjoyed not



*Percy and Winnie Messenger Hall in front of the  
Messenger House. Photo courtesy of Steve Parisi.*

just by travelers passing through, but by vacation seekers as well. With the disappearance of many of the hotels due to devastating fires, change in proprietors, etc., local villagers stepped right in to accommodate the work-weary vacationers who would come north to the majestic, healing Adirondack Mountains for serenity, boating, swimming, fishing, and most of all, the unique Adirondack cuisine (read here, good, down-home cookin'), by taking in tourists and boarders in the summer months.

Percy and Winnie (Messenger) Hall entered into the boarding house business by purchasing the Messenger House on Hudson Street. Newcomers are deprived today of the privilege of looking upon

this wonderful homestead, since it was destroyed by fire about twenty years ago. However, remnants of the barn are still visible and can be seen pastorally resting next door to Tom and Linda Apple's home. Winnie and Percy operated that business during the summer months from around 1920 to the late 1940's.

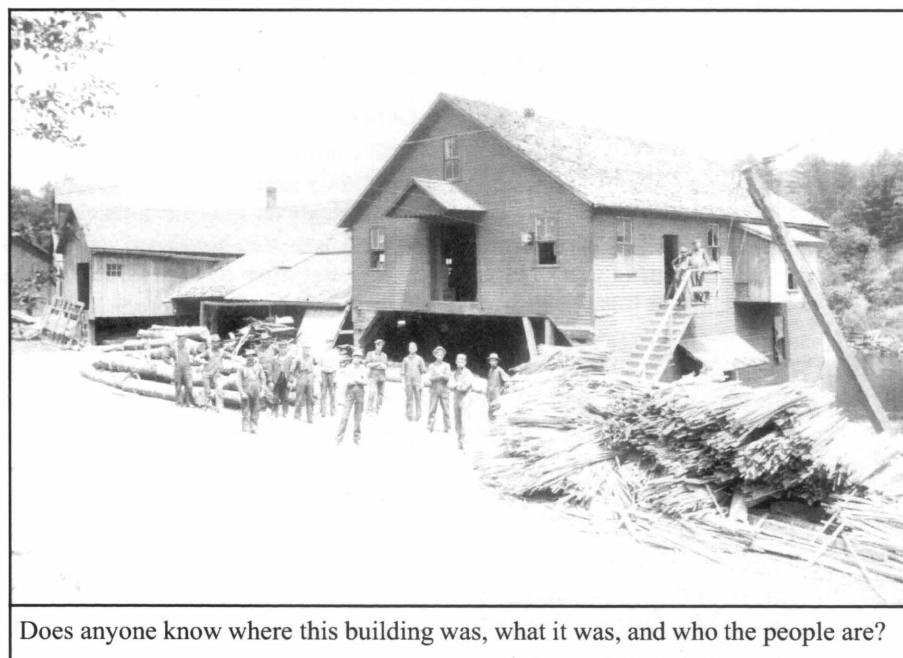
Percy was born in Warrensburg, growing up on Hackensack Avenue. Martha Ross, longtime resident still residing on Hackensack Avenue, remembers him well, since he was her mother's cousin. Winnie was from Stony Creek. Having no children of their own, they were especially affectionate to the many children in town who called her "Aunt Winnie". In winter months Percy would flood a large field on the property with water to make an ice skating rink for all the neighborhood children. Sometimes in the early evening he built a bonfire while Aunt Winnie served hot chocolate and cookies.

Ruth Fruda, another longtime Warrensburg resident, enjoyed many a summer afternoon on the back porch of the boarding house with other children of the neighborhood munching on the huge, soft cookies Winnie baked and watching as she prepared meals for her guests. Winnie was petite, and spunky; she was also very frugal and "ran a really tight ship" according to Ruth. Her frugality in the kitchen was extended to substituting water for milk in a recipe.

Obviously many of her discerning diners never suspected they were being short-changed, for they came back year after year not only for the romance of the country, but the "great cookin'". Young Martha Ross was cautioned by her mother not to say a word about the bacon grease Winnie used in making some of her cookies. They were not her favorite.

Often guests were picked up at the train station by Percy and brought to the boarding house in his huge "woody" station wagon. Tourists usually stayed for two weeks. When he wasn't transporting guests, he was often seen chauffeuring around town a young newlywed, Mrs. Grace Merrill Lown, (later she became Mrs. Grace Merrill Magee). Percy also never failed to take time off to indulge in his favorite sport, playing golf. Unfortunately he was stricken with coronary thrombosis while playing golf with then Fire Commissioner, Maurice Ashe and Assemblyman Harry A. Reoux at the Queen Village Golf Club in the year 1947. Thus ended "Aunt" Winnie's and Percy's wonderfully happy and successful years as the Messenger Boarding House proprietors. The end of an era had arrived.

Shortly afterwards, Winnie remarried and spent her remaining years dividing her time between her homes in Warrensburg and Bradenton, Florida.



Does anyone know where this building was, what it was, and who the people are?

1956-1970

# F. K. Wheeler, Warrensburg Negative File "Guess Who"

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



16. \_\_\_\_\_



17. \_\_\_\_\_



18. \_\_\_\_\_

The photos in the last Quarterly were:

13. Linda Carpenter

14. Sonny Needham, Jr.

15. Linda Carpenter

## Letter to the Editor

Little did I know the exhilarating and adventurous path my life would take following that night in February 2004 at the Society's annual meeting when you, dear Editor, literally twisted my arm behind my back to accept a nomination from the floor for me to serve as a two-year term board member. Since I have always been incapable of withstanding pain, I readily "gave in", especially having your assurance that "you won't have to do much, just attend the monthly meetings. It's fun". Your convincing smile (still holding my arm in that awkward position) resulted in a resounding, albeit highly-pitched reply from me, "I graciously accept..." to much laughter and confirmation from the membership attending.

You were so right. It really is fun. I'm grateful to you for your "strong-armed" encouragement because of the benefits I continue to enjoy in researching the settlement of our wonderful town, especially with the work the Society has undertaken in the restoration of the Town Museum. I look forward to the reopening of the museum in the near future so that all residents and visitors will also gain a respect for all the many industrious pioneers of long ago that settled the town. That perseverance continues today with my fellow board members and their inspiring dedication to this project. Kudos to all, and especially to you

Sandi, and, thank you for that other "hat" you wear, Warrensburg Town Historian.

Sincerely, Rita Ferraro  
02/08/07

## HISTORIAN'S TIDBITS

By Sandi Parisi

A headline in a 1939 issue of the Warrensburg News reads: **"Fourth member of family is Winner of Valedictory Honor in Warrensburg High School."**

The article says that the fourth child of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Guiles has been named valedictorian of a Warrensburg graduating class. They are as follows: Mary Guiles, 1935; Charles Guiles, 1936; Benjamin Guiles, 1938 and June Guiles, 1939.

Ordinarily that would be pretty impressive. However in a 1966 article the following was the headline: **"Four Farrars Attending Syracuse University."** These were the children of Mary (Guiles) and James Farrar: Sarah, James, Stewart and John. Two of them were Valedictorians (Sarah and Stewart), but they were all members of the National Honor Society and all four won Regent scholarships.

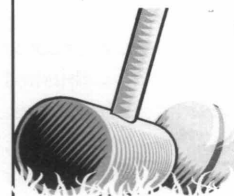
Makes you wonder what's in the water up there on the hill.

# WARRENSBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Eleventh Annual*

**STICKY WICKET**

**CROQUET  
GAMES &  
PICNIC**



**Sunday, August 12, 2007**

At the Warren County  
Fish Hatchery  
11 AM through the afternoon

*In the beautiful setting on  
the banks of the Hudson River  
we turn back time for this  
"old-fashioned" affair.*

**Admission is FREE**

(WITH SINCERE THANKS TO OUR  
SPONSORS) We will supply the  
chicken and the cold drinks...  
You're welcome to bring some  
fixin's to share (optional).

*Period dress encouraged.  
Wear your Garden Party Hat.*

PLAY FOR THE COVETED AND  
PRESTIGIOUS  
**STICKY WICKET TROPHY**

Tournament play is open to all for a  
**\$5.00 entry fee.**

WHS Rules of play  
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