



# Warrensburgh Historical Society Quarterly

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

While the Warrensburgh Historical Society's primary concern is about preserving Warrensburgh's past we should also be concerned with Warrensburgh's future. Will our generation leave a legacy to future generations as good as that which has been left to us? How will decisions being made (or not made) now affect our own future? In simpler terms, what will the town look like in 20 years?

These questions are being asked by members of a fledgling committee created by the Town Board to develop a comprehensive plan for the town's future. The committee meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM. (The next meeting will be in January.) Sadly less than a half-dozen people regularly attend; far too few to make decisions about where the town should be in the coming decade. Indeed, a well-publicized public forum and workshop held at the elementary school drew barely a dozen Warrensburgh citizens. A lack of interest could send a message to the Town Board that the community does not care.

If you are a resident of Warrensburgh or a business owner please consider joining this committee and help us prepare for Warrensburgh's future. Remember, this is your future as well. For more information please call either Sandi or Steve Parisi at 623-2207.

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## FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILES

By Sandi Parisi

2008 will be a leap year, and we all know that this is the time of year that it is perfectly acceptable for a woman to propose to a man. Bachelors, if you see a lady with a red slip showing beneath her skirt on February 29th, beware.

In 1904 the Warrensburgh News ran the following article. I have added [in brackets] additional information on these fine fellows:

### LIST OF LOCAL BACHELORS ON THE LEAP YEAR BARGAIN COUNTER.

#### BRIEF STATEMENT OF THEIR GOOD QUALITIES.

#### AN AID TO YOUNG LADIES IN MAKING THEIR CAPTURE.

This year, [1904] being leap year, of course the bachelors must expect to be made game of. And to be made game of means to be hunted down. In view of this fact, and with a desire of assisting the marriageable maidens of Warrensburgh, THE NEWS takes this opportunity of giving the charming young ladies of this village a few pointers – by publishing a list of the eligible bachelors.

The girls of Warrensburgh have become the objects of this paper's tenderest solicitude because of the

causeless and in fact almost criminal bashfulness which seems to affect these same e.b.'s.

Good qualities are for the most part apparent to the young men whom THE NEWS this week places on the bargain counter, so to speak. In printing the list a great opportunity is thus afforded the girls who are looking for a matrimonial bargain.

Choosing a husband is perhaps a difficult task, but a girl could make no mistake in laying siege to Tom O'Connor. [age 32] The many pleasing qualities of this popular young hotel man would show with added luster in a married state. [In 1906 he was still a bachelor, died in 1937, married.]

Will Reilly is a veritable "lily of the field." His is of tractable disposition and could well afford to devote all his time evenings to family affairs. Telephone call, "two short."

Milton N. [Noble] Eldridge [age 24] would be an exceptionally good catch. His is now of marriageable age. Photographs exchanged. [In 1930 he was still single.]

Walter K. P. Baumann [age 20] is worthy of any young lady's attention and would preside with grace at a family table.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The big news is that the mural project has been completed. Mary Lovendusky, our muralist, performed a highly professional restoration of the 1976 original work by the late Eva Cockcroft, who it turns out, is nationally famous for public art across the country. From a careful inch-by-inch cleaning to final protective coatings, Mary worked almost incessantly over a six week period.

We are grateful to all who generously supported the project. Due to the lateness in the season it was decided to hold a dedication ceremony in late spring, at which time an appropriate plaque will be installed.

The other "big" news is that John Hastings has taken over the editorship of the Quarterly. I am confident that, with his proven writing ability and competent computer skills there will be a seamless transition. We owe Sandi Parisi a huge "Thank You" for performing this formidable task since the Spring 2000 issue. Please remember that the Quarterly can be only as good as the articles submitted to the editor. You will find John's address and e-mail elsewhere in this publication.

October was Graveyard Walk month, culminating with the Dinner With the Dead at the Merrill Magee House. This year we added back the Luncheon with the Dead, also at the Merrill Magee House. We were delighted to be contacted early this year by a representative of the "Red Hatters" of Patter-sonville, NY regarding their scheduling a visit and decided to add the Luncheon. Subsequently a group from the Schroon-North Hudson Historical Society also attended. More than 70 people attended the Walks and about 68 more enjoyed the luncheon and dinner.. A hearty thanks to those who portrayed the characters.

With my best wishes for a happy holiday season and an enjoyable winter. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Steve

## SOCIETY PAGE

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## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

In addition to our hard working board members we are grateful to:  
...Liz Sebald and Linda Lamy for accepting challenges to write for the Quarterly,

...to Phyllis Jacobs and Liz Sebald for lovingly and patiently cleaning and boxing or hanging our sizeable clothing collection every week in what probably seems like an endless task;

...to Barbara Whitford for taking charge of our Past Perfect Museum database and "attaching" the photos to the descriptions (another endless task);

...to Donna Wood, Aurelie Mas-samine and Chris Carlsen for helping Rosemary with the archives;

...to Peter Haggerty, Gary Ferraro and Peter Wood (I know, he's a board member, but puts in time way above and beyond) for helping Mary Lovendusky with some of her grunt chores.

...to Maggie Bammert, Ruth Fruda, Dennis Martinez, Agata Stanford and Peter Wood for portraying characters in the Graveyard Walks.

**BERT MURRAY DVD**

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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***We welcome and encourage corrections, comments and additional information.***

Sam Sach's power of entertaining is well known, and what more is needed in a husband?

Counselor L. [Lewis] E. [Emerson] Crandall [age 33] is another eligible who would be willing to share his law practice with the right girl. [Married Helen Butler.]

Charles W. Hunt [age 26] would make an ideal life companion. [By 1908 he had married his second wife, Mabel R. Willson.]

John F. Ryan [age 23] would make a dandy protector for the damsel who entrusts herself to him. Great times would also be in store for future issues. "Quoins" are plenty with him, besides he would furnish "pi" as often as desired. [He was a printer, never married.]

Both "Cricket" and "Major" [Ernest Grant] Woodward [age 32] have claims upon the girls' considerations. [E. B. married Martha Jane Caron in October of 1905.]

Fred Patnode [age 27] [married Helen Hunt in 1905] or Percy Crandall would be all that could be desired in the line of husbands. Call early and avoid the rush.

Lee Stockton is regarded as one of the handsomest young men in town. His capture is only a question of time. [Married Clara Leland.]

In sending proposals to Bertram E. Murray [age 21] [married Adelia Wheeler] or Harry Beach, [age 21] [died at age 24] girls better enclose stamps for reply. Besides both are bashful.

A loving message over the phone would find H. W. Barber at the office of the Hudson Valley railway. If not there, stop the car.

The fair one who ensnares Harry Cunningham [age 31] will be kept

busy doing it. [Married Edith Lamb.]

A happy home awaits whoever becomes the life partner of Tom, [age 28 married Julia LaMountain], Henry [age 30 married Mary E. Latham] or Will McGann, [age 22]. Either one would make a model husband.

James Leigh Richmond is mentally gifted, believes in higher education and would make an ideal life companion.

The girls all know Jim Keenan [age 24] and Jim Hurley and its about time they were if they are ever going to be. Up to date it's been their fault.

Curtis Stone [age 21] is an industrious young man and would make a model husband. [Married Bertha Archer in 1905.]

Frank Hastings [age 25] would not be overlooked. He is what might be termed a "good risk". [Married Clara Lavonia Prosser in 1905.]

Abe Katz [age 21] [married Anna Clarey] and Julius Cohn are all business, but they might find time to entertain a proposition.

Jerry [Jeremiah] LaRocque, [age 29] [married Blanche], "Doc" Kirkpatrick and Ford Orton [age 18] [died in 1917] may be considered the catches of the season.

Dr. J. M. Griffin and Dr. J. [James] E. [Edward] Goodman [Jr.] [age 33] [married Julia Louise Howard in 1909] are skillful and hardworking physicians who have hitherto been too busy to select life partners. They are apparently wedded to their profession, but probably they would surrender to the assaults of Cupid if he approached them in a sufficiently attractive guise.

L. [Lester] C. [Coolidge] Dickinson, Sr., [age 43] although he has been eligible to matrimony for a considerable number of years, cannot yet be considered as incorrigible old bachelor, and his susceptible nature would, no double cause him to yield his affections to the right girl. [Married Jane Barkley.]

Seth A. Reed [age 37] is a level headed and warm hearted gentleman who would make life pleasant for the girl who consented to leave her happy home for him. [The 1910 census lists him as single.]

Edward Young [age 21] is a stylish chap and has a winning way that makes him popular with the girls. [Married Julia F. McCarthy.]

Joseph Archambault, [age 31] the affable prescription clerk in Hammond's drug store, is a newcomer in town and should therefore be popular with the girls who like the latest in everything. [The 1910 census shows him single, living in Cohoes.]

Down in Lewisville there are two young men named Louis Davison. You can take your choice, girls, either one is a prize package. [One of them is age 31 and married Daisy Langworthy.] [I also found a Louis, age 23, who was single in 1910.]

Herbert Fuller is another resident of our busy suburb who is young, handsome and unattached. [Married Alice Wood.]

Frank Farrar, [age 33] more familiarly known as "Cookie" is genial, musical and mirthful. He always has a pleasant word for everyone and is the king of many for a woman to tie to. [Married Gertrude.]

## CHRISTMAS BELLS

By Roscoe G. Hastings

As the Christmas season approaches we will be hearing and singing Christmas carols again. Have you ever looked to see who wrote the carol? What do the words of the carol really mean and is there a story behind them. In the following we shall go from genealogy to history and end with a Christmas carol.

I have been doing genealogical study for many years. I have found it to be a very interesting hobby. It is great fun to find out who your ancestors are and where and when they lived. I, however, find it equally interesting to learn about the people my ancestors lived around and the history that occurred during their lifetimes.

One of my Grandmothers is Jennie Maud (Cilley) Hastings. Cilley is not a very common name in New York State but if one travels to New Hampshire or Maine there are many Cilley families to be found. The Cilley genealogy is quite easy to trace. Thomas Sealey was a resident of the Isles of Shoals, off the New Hampshire and Maine coast, in the middle 1600's. There have been several members of the Cilley family who have achieved prominence but probably none more than Joseph Cilley. Joseph Cilley was a General in the Revolutionary War and is my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, seven times removed. (There have been several spellings for the name Cilley but it was after General Joseph Cilley that the current spelling was adopted and became most common.) General Cilley's wife was Sarah (Longfellow) Cilley. Sarah had a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin whose name was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. I want it to be very clear that I am not claiming any relationship to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow because there is none. He is

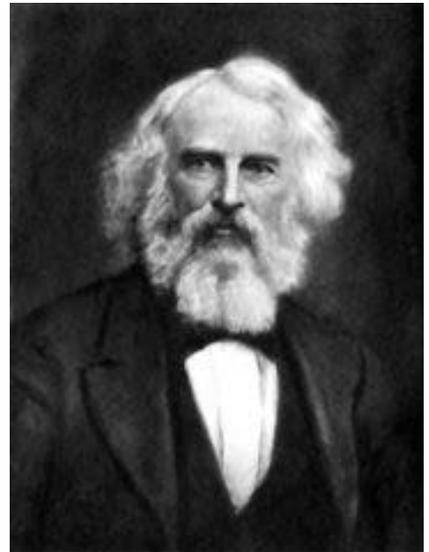
one of those interesting people that we occasionally stumble across in our genealogical studies.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 – 1882) was America's most popular and influential poet of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Longfellow presided over the Harvard College modern language program for 18 years. He left teaching in 1854 and was able to support his family from his writing. Henry's first wife, Mary died in 1835, while the couple traveled in Europe. In 1843 Henry married Frances Appleton. The couple had six children and lived in the Craigie House in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

It was Longfellow's habit to keep a journal recording events of the day and on holidays he often included some appropriate verse. There was a period of time from 1861 to 1864 when the entries in his journal are scarce. One can readily identify these dates as the period of the American Civil War. That is part of the reason behind the lack of entries. One must remember that in all wars, that the United States has been involved in, there has been a significant part of the population who has opposed the war. There was considerable controversy as the Civil War dragged on and many people in the northern states would have been very happy to have the southern states form there own country and thus end this dreaded war.

Tragedy struck both our country and the Longfellow family in 1861. The Confederate firing on Ft. Sumter, in April, signaled the beginning of the Civil War. In July Fanny Longfellow wrote in her journal that daughters Edie and Allegra were very droopy from the heat. The following day she cut their hair to help make the heat more tolerable for them. She decided to save some of the chil-

dren's curls so placed them in an envelope. Then, using a candle, she melted some sealing wax to seal the envelopes containing the curls. Engrossed in her work she did not notice the drops of hot sealing wax that had dripped into her dress. Quickly the light material of the dress burst into flames. To protect her daughters she ran from the room and into Henry's study. Henry frantically tried to extinguish the flames using a small rug. When this didn't work he used his arms and body to finally extinguish the flames. Both Henry and Fanny were severely burned. The family doctor was immediately summoned but alas Fanny died the next morning. Henry, severely burned and grief stricken was unable to attend his wife's funeral the next day. The classic picture of Longfellow is with a full beard. The scars on his face from his burns made it difficult for him to shave and thus he thereafter had a beard.



The first Christmas after Fanny's death, Longfellow wrote in his journal, "How inexpressibly sad are all holidays." A year after the incident he wrote, "I can make no record of these days. Better leave them wrapped in silence. Perhaps someday God will give me peace." On

December 25<sup>th</sup> 1862 Longfellow's journal entry was, "A merry Christmas say the children, but that is no more for me."

In March of 1863 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow received another jolt. His oldest son, nineteen year old Charles Appleton Longfellow had enlisted in the First Massachusetts Cavalry. As the young man's only parent Henry felt twice the responsibility for his son but he could not deny his desire to fight for his country. Charles Longfellow was a natural soldier and on March 27, 1863 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Cavalry. He came down with typhoid and malaria which left him at home, as an invalid, during the Battle of Gettysburg. He was back with his regiment in September. In the Battle of New Hope Church, Virginia, on November 27, 1863, Charles was shot through the left shoulder the bullet traveling across his back taking off one of the spinal processes. Several days' later word was received at the Longfellow house, in Cambridge, of Charles' serious injury. Henry and his son Ernest left at once for Washington to find and tend to his son's needs. He was found in a Washington hospital in critical condition. With the added care of his father and brother he was stabilized and gradually grew a little stronger. When Charles had recovered enough to travel he was removed to the family home in Cambridge. It was here that his long slow process of recovery continued.

The pages of Henry's journal are blank for Christmas 1863. Charles continued his recovery but was unable to continue his military career. He received a medical discharge in 1864. The year of 1864 saw one tragic battle after another in the Civil War. At years end it appeared that the end of the war might be in sight.

In fact it was only four months later that Lee surrendered at Appomattox. After a long silence Henry Wadsworth Longfellow posted seven verses entitled "Christmas Bells" in his journal on December 25, 1864. These verses were slightly revised and music added by John Baptiste Calkin in 1872. Now you know the author and the meaning behind the words to the Christmas carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."



I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had  
come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Till ringing, singing on its way  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the  
song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and  
deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail

With peace on earth, good will toward  
men."

*Historical Note:* The following two verses are not usually found in hymnals.

Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound the carols  
drowned  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn, the households  
born  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.



## GRAVEYARD WALKS 2007 By Steve Parisi

With biographies researched and  
written by Rita Ferraro

The seventh annual Graveyard Walks brought to 40 the number of historic figures portrayed since the first walks in 2001. This year, in addition to two nighttime walks at the cemetery (one was rained out and performed around the dessert table at the Mahers) and the popular Dinner with the Dead, we added back the Luncheon with the Dead.

More than seventy people attended the cemetery walks and about the same number attended the luncheon and dinner. A group of twelve "Red Hatters" from Pattersonville, NY and another group of eight from Schroon – North Hudson Historical Society attended the luncheon, a gratifying expansion of our outreach.

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Following are brief biographies of the graveyard characters for 2007.

**Frank W. Smith** (portrayed by Peter Wood), born in 1880 in Horicon, NY, he later moved to Warrensburg. Following a brief career as schoolteacher he became a very successful, keen businessman owning and operating a general store; bookkeeper in family's grist mill and grain store; President of Lake George National Bank and served three terms as Warrensburg Town Supervisor. During his tenure, he beautified the town with trees and flowers and always took time to listen to the townsfolk and hear their opinions. It has been said of Frank that "he was probably one of the greatest men this town has ever known". His funeral upon his untimely and tragic death June 22, 1931 required several automobiles just to carry all the many flowers.



**Bertha G. Baker Smith** (portrayed by Maggie Bammert) was the wife of Frank W. Smith. This daughter of a very prominent local merchant was born in Warrensburg and her many interests of social, charitable, political and business natures received her energetic attention. Her activities included work with the American Red Cross during World War I when she was awarded a medal in recognition of her work. Her claim to fame was to



become the first woman in Warren County nominated for county office in 1918 soon after ratification of the constitutional amendment giving women equal franchise. Numbered among her political friends, were NY Governor and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. She succumbed to death in 1937 due to bronchial complications.

**Hilda A. Smith** (portrayed by Agata Stanford), only daughter of Frank and Bertha Smith was born in 1906 in Warrensburg. Having inherited her parents' politically active spirit, Hilda became an accomplished political activist. In 1936 she was one of 29 women selected to represent the state at the Democratic National Convention, an honor for the youngest alternate delegate that year. Five years prior she had already established her reputation as a keen businesswoman becoming the youngest NY bank vice president and board of directors member of First National Bank of Lake George. Hilda was proud of a newspaper article in 1938 touting her as having enjoyed tea at the White House in Washington D. C. with the wife of America's president.



**John L. Tubbs** (portrayed by Dennis Martinez) born 1861, Oneida Lake, NY, into a long line of literary and musical people. At age 2, his family moved to Glens Falls



then to Lake George. He left school early entering into a widely varied choice of careers. He furthered his musical ability by studying the violin; also accomplished in piano, organ, bass fiddle, and tuba. His business acumen extended to operating then owning a bowling alley at age 19, which he traded for half interest as editor of a weekly, the "Lake George Mirror". Thus began his lifelong affair with the printed word. While he was editor of "The Warrensburgh News" for more than 40 years, that paper achieved its greatness. He died at home in 1937 while reaching for a sheet of music to do some fiddling.

**Winifred Messenger Hall** (portrayed by Ruth Fruda) was born in Warrensburg. Winnie's father, Milton L. Messenger, prominent businessman, built the family home at 53 Hudson Street, The Messenger House. Upon the death of her parents Winnie and husband Percy Hall obtained the house becoming boarding house proprietors in the 1920's through the 1940's. (Between September and June the Messenger House served as one of the few residences for unmarried teachers



"acceptable" to the Warrensburg School Board.) A short but stocky woman, always striving to give her guests the very best in comfort and down-home cooking, Winnie was proud that many of them returned every year for her hospitality and good cooking. Neighborhood children con-

**WARRENSBURGH  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
CELEBRATES  
200 YEARS  
John T. Hastings**

The First Baptist Church of Warrensburgh is celebrating its 200 year anniversary. It was first organized on the 26th of December in 1807.

The first Baptist Church in Warren County was organized in Thurman (now Chester) in 1796 with Elder Jehial Fox ordained as pastor. Eleven years later a group of members from the Bolton church and the Chester church gathered to organize a Baptist congregation. On December 26, 1807 this church was recognized by an ecclesiastical council convened at the house of Simon Fuller in what is now Caldwell. The newly formed Baptist church was composed of seventeen members; Richard Truesdell, Nathaniel Streeter, Asa Smith, Gideon Putney, Joshua Kellum, David Smith, Simeon Fuller, Asa Twichel, John Skiff, Elizabeth Fuller, Eda Smith, Lucretia Putney, Desire Burlingame, Mercy Grifis, Eunice Hough, Delight Skiff, and Sarah Otis. This was the beginning of the Warrensburgh-Caldwell Baptist Church.

The first meeting house was a framed dwelling owned by Nathaniel Smith standing on the farm now (circa 1875) owned by Capt. E. G. Hall. The first pastor was Daniel McBride who served until 1813.

In 1825 a new house of worship was built at the south end of the present Caldwell cemetery on the Chandler Hall property. This was used until 1877 when the current (1982) church was built in Warrensburgh. This building was constructed in 1876-77 at a cost of \$6,800.

During the 1840's the church be-



came divided among four geographic locations; Warrensburgh organized in 1847 on Harrington Hill, Truesdale Hill Church in 1848, the Beulah Church organized in 1851 at Richards Mills and the Caldwell Church organized on Truesdale Hill in 1852. This may have been due to the widespread disapproval of Free Masonry and the church's position not to receive anyone who was a member of it.

It was at this time (1855) that members began to think of a more complete education for their children beyond that of the common schools, which took them through the eighth grade. Most of them were prosperous and could afford it. Thus the Warrensburgh Academy became a reality and was financed by a stock company, with the instructors paid by the tuition of the students.

In May of 1874 a committee was appointed to select a site for a church within the village of Warrensburgh. After a year and one-half they recommended a lot between Mrs. King's and C. H. Dickinson's dwelling on Main Street being 5 rods by 10 rods (1 rod = 16.5 feet) which could be purchased for \$312.50. The lot was procured and after some difficulties financing construction, the church was completed in 1877. In

1878 it became the Warrensburgh Baptist Church, having *Caldwell* dropped from the name.

The church decided to purchase the first parsonage in 1889. The property selected was the Cunningham lot on the back street (12 Mountain Ave.). The property was conveyed to the church by Lucinda Tanner in 1903.

About 1887-89 a major improvement was made to the church building; a baptistry was built beneath the speaking platform in the sanctuary. Prior to this they had used two "old-fashioned" baptistries; the Schroon River and Echo Lake. An 1881 diary stated "Rev. George M. Muller, then pastor of the Baptist Church, baptized fifteen candidates by immersion in the Schroon River through a hole cut in the ice near Osborne Bridge."

In 1917 the steeple of the church was stuck by lightning and severely damaged.

It was at this time that the steeple was removed and replaced with a dome roof built to replace it.



*Photo by Abbie Hastings*

Other dates of interest include; 1933 A constitution and by-laws were adopted.

1942 Rev. Selleck suggests buying Burbridge property next door for use as a parsonage.

1951 A new Hammond organ was donated to the church by David Dugan.

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

Call John at 798-0248 with your answers or e-mail jthastings@roadrunner.com



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The photos in the last Quarterly were:  
 19. Mary Crandall 20. Walter Herman 21. Elizabeth Burch  
 The first two correct callers in the Fall issue were:  
 Sarah Farrar & Sharon Tar.

**Local Bachelors Continued**

Beneath the exterior of Tom Dealey's [age 28] attractive personality there is big, true heart which will make happy the woman who wins it. [The 1910 lists him as single.]

Will Heath [age 33] is another quiet fellow. He talks little, but when he speaks he says something. He would make a good Benedict and it will be a lucky girl that gets him. [Married Alice.]

Besides the above there are plenty of other vigorous youths in this village old enough to marry. There are also a lot of shelf worn numbers good as new, but they were marked down to ninety-eight [cents] last leap year. Then too, there are some that look like thirty cents, but they might do to go light housekeeping with. It is understood that several eligible bachelors named are as good as sold and ready to be led to the altar within thirty days.

If we haven't described the particular kind of man you want, girls make your wishes known and we'll produce him in short order.

**Baptist Church Continued**

1959 The current parsonage was purchased and the Mountain Ave parsonage was sold.  
 1971 saw the completion of rereading the stained glass windows which were installed in 1876.\*

The current church was built in 1998 after a disastrous fire destroyed the former church (built in 1877) on New Year's Eve in 1997.

Recently, Saturday November 17, the Church celebrated with a Harvest Dinner, and the next day, November 18, current pastor, Rev. Roger Richards gave a slide show followed by a sermon by Rev. Donald Aubrey, who served the church from 1955-61,

It was noted that Abbie (Davis) Hastings has been a member of the church for 81 years, having been baptized, along with her two sisters, Hattie and Elda, by Reverend Peck in 1926.

\* From: *A Historical Sketch of the First Baptist Church of Warrensburg, New York 1982.*

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**Historical Society**  
**2008 Calendar**

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

October 15, 2007  
 Warrensburg Historical Society

Thank you for (the) excellent picture book of Old Time Warrensburg I enjoyed the whole booklet.  
 Nat(halie) Menshausen

P.S. My husband's father Richard Menshausen came here as a gardener at Burhans. Marvin enjoyed Freddie; they grew up together, making Root Beer in Burhan's cellar. They sold the Root Beer at the Warrensburg Fairgrounds

N.M.

**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 likeminded people. Contact Steve (623-2207) or visit the museum at 3754 Main Street on Wednesday 10-4 PM.