

# Town of Pulteney Historian Report

August 2014

We received a letter from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation stating that the Philip Argus House & Winery at 9683 Middle Road, Pulteney, NY has been listed on the State Register of Historic Places. It now will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, DC to approve the nomination to the National Register. We will be notified if it is approved.

Three more pictures have been added to the "Military Wall". They are Byron Overhiser, Francis Overhiser, and Ronald Emery. We now have 108 pictures out there. If you have a relative or yourself that did or is living in the Town of Pulteney, please get a picture of any size to me. I'll get it to the photographer to prepare for the wall.

Conny Tears was paid \$.20 an inch for her submissions to the newspaper. For the month of August ( 4 submissions) she earned \$7.80 !!!!!!! The articles are well worth the money to us for our enjoyment now, but obviously Conny didn't get rich on this endeavor, so our heartfelt gratitude goes out to her for giving us something so interesting to read.

## **Pulteney News August 25, 1981 by Conny Tears**

The Pulteney Jr. League had a game on Tuesday, August 11, with D.L. Kennedy Farms winning with a score of 9-4 over Smith's Septic System.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Smith's Septic System won the game with Fred Wright's Dairy with a score of 6-4.

The Jr. League Picnic that was scheduled for Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, was canceled because of bad weather. It is rescheduled for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

George & Helen Dunn have returned home after a week's vacation in Kingston, North Carolina, where they visited their son, Duane, and his family. On the return trip home, they visited some Southern Plantations, Burkley's Plantation, and Shirley's Plantation. They also visited President John Tyler's "Sherwood Forest" on the James River. They also went to Carter's Grove in Williamsburg, Wax Museums, Leesburg, Oatlands, and in Pennsylvania, they went to Gettysburg & the Miniature Horse Farm.

Tina Daggett, daughter of Ralph & Ethel Daggett, spent a couple of weeks visiting her brother, Daryl Daggett and family of Dresden.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Love have bought Barbara Strait's house on top of Boyd Hill in Pulteney. We all hope they will enjoy their new home.

Mr. & Mrs. David Stone & family and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sprague spent Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at Darien Lake Park.

Don't forget that this is the last week for the story hour at the Pulteney Free Library. It is Thursday from 10-11 a.m. The movie hour will still be on Saturdays from 1-2 p.m.

## **Pine Grove News August 8, 1894**

William Clark injured his foot by falling from a scaffold on the side of a hay stack.

Everett Dean is singing the mower's song to the click of the mower. It is a pleasant occupation but a little late. A few others are keeping him company.

James Clark has purchased a valuable bull pup. Good thing for the bears and wild cats they didn't stay.

Elmer Riley has his new house nearly completed. Girls, put on your best smiles; he can't keep house alone.

Hiram Bacon is giving his father's house a new white dress. A good pastime for vacation, Hiram, it will help to brighten up your ideas for the fall term at college.

Frank Alexander has given his house a new coat of paint. Frank has a good housekeeper, but maybe if he could find one just suited to his matured bachelor taste, he would make a change. Old maids and widows needn't apply.

Mrs. Van Ness has been staying with her mother while her husband Aaron Van Ness works for E. Dean.

Huckleberry pickers find employment at John Dean's; some are afraid of the hogs. Don't be afraid girls, if they come at you just step one side, they have to go with the wind and can't turn.

Quite a delegation of Pine Grove people attended meeting at Keuka Park last Sabbath.

The Pine Grove pastor gave out that there would be meeting in the church every Sabbath during the Assembly.

Albert Sisson and wife were with his father Sunday.

Pine Grove needs a barber.

Joe Cincebox is among us once more.

E.C. Brush started his sawmill again Monday, after being shut down a couple weeks on account of dry weather.

J. Clark was in Penn Yan on business the first of the week.

If a certain midnight marauder who is staying in this vicinity doesn't be careful, he will hear something drop.

George Sullivan is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Beach.

Mrs. Alfred Rice and daughter of Mitchellsville visited here last week.

Miss Anna Watkins of Rochester is visiting friends in this place.

Oscar Tenney, who has been very sick, is improving slowly under the care of Dr. H.B. Nichols.

The spraying gang will meet in Everett Dean's barn Friday night at 7:30. All interested in the sanitary condition of this place are wanted. Boys, look out, for O.T. has both eyes open.

#### **Catawba News August 4, 1904**

About 50 guests are now at the Gibson House.

Howard Cogswell is visiting his uncle Samuel Coryell.

Leon Lewis, of Prattsburgh, was at the lake Sunday.

Miss Mae Hopkins spent Sunday with Miss Mary Halliday.

Mrs. Mary Jones is visiting her son, R. H. Jones of Bath.

A party of twelve from Bath, are stopping at the Phillips cottage.

Miss Judie Jones spent Sunday with Iva Cobbs of South Pulteney.

Mrs. L. Bertrand visited her mother, Mrs. Drew, at Pine Grove Sunday.

A party of young men from Bath, are camping in a tent on Sullivan's point.

Mr. Dean and Edward Ringrose and wife of Prattsburgh, spent Sunday at the lake.

Mrs. J. Van Amburgh spent from Thursday until Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Will Youngs at Crosby.

One of the largest excursions of the season came down from Buffalo Sunday, taking two boats to carry them.

The Misses Sherman and Miner, of Hornellsville, spent Sunday with Miss Mary Cross at E. S. Cross' cottage.

#### **South Pulteney News August 23, 1894**

Farmers report the oat crop light.

Again the threshing machine is heard.

J. H. Gibson is painting his barn. Ira Horton has the job.

Miss Anna Retan of Pulteney is visiting her aunt Mrs. Carmon.

Mrs. Elmer Sullivan visited friends in Geneva last week.

Mrs. Betsy Lyon has returned from an extended visit with her daughter in Bath.

Satie Pickett is on the sick list.

Mrs. Parker of Cameron is visiting her daughter Mrs. Byron Drew.

#### **Pulteney News August 5, 1886**

Mrs. Ann Watkins was born in Cayuga Co., N.Y. November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1825, and died in the town of Pulteney, N.Y. , June 30, 1886, in the 61<sup>st</sup> year of her age. Her father's name was Absolom Hadden. She was united in marriage with Mr. Charles Watkins, Jan 24, 1854, and became the mother of seven children, three boys and four girls, all of whom, together with her husband, survive her except one daughter, who passed on before her several years ago. Sister Watkins was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for twenty-eight years. She was warmly attached to the church of her choice and adorned her profession by a godly walk and conversation. She was a true and constant friend to the pastors of her church, and they were ever made welcome to the hospitality and cheerful sociability of her home. She was a kind and helpful neighbor, and her loss will be felt keenly by all her friends. A loving helpmate to her husband and a wise and affectionate mother to her children, the Scripture eulogy may be fittingly applied to her: "Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, as he praiseth her" In their great bereavement they are assured of the sympathy and prayers of the church, while at the same time they sorrow not as those without hope, but rejoice even through their tears in the glad prospect of a happy reunion above in God's good time. **(In today's world, an obit is charged a certain amount for each character. This would cost an absolute fortune to be put in the newspaper today.)**

#### **Elmbois News August 4, 1904**

Mrs. John Bailey visited at Pulteney last week.

J.E. Watkins attended camp meeting at Savona last Sunday.

Master Vere Covell has been on the sick list the past week.

The social on Friday evening last was well attended. Proceeds \$14.

Services next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday-school at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Abigail Townsend spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. John Wright.

Mr. Charles Watkins attended camp meeting at Savona Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Walter Dynes, of Hornellsville, called on old friends in this place today.

Miss C.M. Lines, of Rochester, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Lines.

Miss Candace Bailey of Rochester has been visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Bailey, the past week.

While painting the roof of his residence last Friday, H.D. Tyler met with a very painful accident, caused by falling and striking his hand on a projecting piece of tin, severing his fingers on his right hand nearly off. Dr. Scott has the case in charge.

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Town of Pulteney Historian

**Donations given to Town of Pulteney**  
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Mark Wright has given the town some information regarding the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees. ( He gave us forms, by-laws, revised ritual books, a metal press for putting an official seal on paper) It appears to be a group (called a tent, Tent # 356 was Pulteney) dealing with rituals and laws that are tied in to a sick and accident insurance. The person has to be between 18 and 51 years of age and examined by a medical doctor and pronounced healthy before they can join. Once they're approved they must pay 50 cents certificate fee and 50 cents advance monthly rate. Thereafter, they must pay 50 cents per month. If the fund gets low, there are provisions to request more money from each member. (I believe this was their downfall) It appears that Clarence Fox was the Recording Knight. These records were going to be burned and Mark realized the historical importance and rescued them. **A huge thank you to Mark.**

I will try to write more in the next monthly report regarding this odd group.