

Town of Pulteney Historian Report

March 2014

I just had an interesting call from Mary Fagner. She lives in Newark, NY and is the daughter of Herm & Minnie Perry. She was looking for information regarding the old Gallagher Road/ Gibson Hill schoolhouse at the top of Gibson Hill. I answered her questions and we had a nice visit because I remembered her parents.

I miss the volunteers that I had. (Edna Snyder Tears, Pat Stratton Gowin, and Dennis Vai) Most of the work that is left to do is computer work, so I can't utilize their skills because I don't have other computers to work with. I also need a volunteer that has organizational skills to start getting the files in better order. If you or anyone you know is interested, please let me know. It's fun and very interesting work but is not my area of expertise.

An interesting advertisement in the Elmbois column March 24th, 1902:

If members of the "Hay Fever Association" would use Dr. Kiug's New Discovery of Consumption, the club would go to pieces, for it always cures this malady,---and Asthma, the kind that baffles the doctors---it wholly drives from the system. Thousands of once-hopeless sufferers from Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis owe their lives and health to it. It conquers Grip, saves little ones from Croup and Whooping Cough and is positively guaranteed for all Throat and Lung troubles. 50 cents, \$1.00. Trial bottles free at C. F. Hayes, Prattsburgh, and A. J. Nichols, Pulteney.

Pulteney News March 2, 1982 by Conny Tears

Some birthdays during the month of March are: Kim Stone, 3/1; David Stone, 3/2; Laura Champlain, 3/3; Loren Medrek, 3/6; Randy & Rusty Darrin, 3/17; Donny Stone, 3/18; Sandy Romig Mulholland, 3/21; Jack Drumm, 3/22; Judy Romig Stone, 3/24; Denise Stone, 3/26; and Bret Snyder's birthday is March 26th.

The Pulteney "69er's" 4-H Club would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Tears, Mrs. Darlene Basinger and Miss Dorothy Tyler for chaperoning the dance that was held Friday, Feb. 12th.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Daggett celebrated their anniversary Feb. 29th. They have been married 4 ½ years. **(This year is our 50th, so if there had been a Feb. 29th this year, it would be our 12½ year anniversary !!!!!!!!)**

Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Gibson will celebrate their 13th anniversary March 29th.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Daggett and daughter, Tina, went to dinner at the Dresden Hotel Feb. 21st, given by the parents of Jolynn Daggett to celebrate her first birthday. Jolynn is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Daggett.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Thompson are the parents of a new baby girl, Laura Beth, born Feb. 20th and weighing in at 9 lbs. 11 oz.

Michael Mulholland is home on leave from the Navy, for 2 wks., visiting family & friends. He was stationed in Chicago, Ill., where he finished school as an honor grad. Mike is now a machinist mate. He returned home Feb 23rd. After his stay, he will go to Virginia where the Navy will fly him out to ship for a Mediterranean cruise.

We are sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs. Barbara F. Fellow, 69, of Ithaca. She is survived by her husband, Rodmond Fellows; 2 sons, Arthur of Pulteney of Bruce of Trumansburg; 1 daughter, Hope Johnson of Panama City, Florida; 6 grandsons, 4 granddaughters and 1 brother, Arthur Stearns of Brantingham. Mrs. Fellows was

secretary of the Tompkins County Republican Club and was a former commissioner of elections.

Pine Grove News March 5, 1891

Pine Grove has stood the hard winds of winter and is still here.

George Rippy has moved onto West Hill, where he expects to work for Willard Merritt.

Fred Sisson has gone to Hammonsport to work a few weeks for Mr. McDowell.

Not much sickness in the vicinity just now.

Pine Grove has a Farmers Alliance, numbering about forty members. They meet every week.

The Ladies Aid of this place, with Mrs. Bacon as president, is doing good work. Their next meeting will be at the parsonage March 5th.

Rev. R. W. Pickett has begun a series of Sunday evening temperance lectures.

Every Sabbath brings a goodly number out to church where the word is preached by Rev. R. W. Pickett.

Mrs. Martha Brink is giving good satisfaction in our school as teacher.

Catawba News March 20, 1919

Mr. Floyd Lewis has been spending a week in Rochester.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gibson visited his mother at the Gibson House one day.

Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Simonson and son Fenton, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schuyler and daughter Winefred, and Madaline & Mrs. Alice Genung were in Penn Yan Saturday celebrating the home coming of their brother John H. Sanderson who has been in France for nearly a year.

Miss Maggie Faucett visited Mrs. W. J. Brown a few days last week.

The South Pulteney Grange is going to have a postal card social at the hall March 21, 1919. Everybody come and have a good time. Each girl should bring a postal card and find out who will take her to supper.

John Rau is seriously ill. His daughter Mrs. Ernest Robison of Rochester is here taking care of him.

Mrs. James Ransom of Prattsburgh spent a few days with her father J. C. Albright last week.

Charles LaRoy spent a few days in Rochester last week.

Mrs. Duty Thomas and son Harlo are visiting her sister Mrs. Alfred Harris of Corning.

Miss Carrie Milspaugh of Elmbois is spending a few days with Mrs. Wm. D. Brown.

South Pulteney Grange held a very interesting session Tuesday. An excellent dinner was served at the noon hour. There was an attendance of 100 and the subject, "The Grape Grower's Association," led to a very interesting discussion between Herbert Stone and Willard French, also one of our new members, James Wilson, participated. Fifteen candidates took the first and second degrees: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Omer Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Cole, Mrs. Chas. McConnell, Mrs. Will Draper, Mr. & Mrs. James Wilson, Miss Elma Pierce, Mrs. Bert Stone, Miss Florence Lattier, Mrs. Herbert Bedell, Miss Lena Smith. The music and singing was excellent. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening March 25th. The lecture program will be St. Patrick's Day, led by Mrs. Helen Prentiss. **(Notice the attendance of 100 people!!!!!!! This shows that the South Pulteney Grange was very active back then)**

Information about the South Pulteney Grange:

The only information I have about the Grange Hall is a type written paper in the file cabinet saying; "August 22nd, 1917 was a red letter day for South Pulteney Grange, it being the occasion for the dedication of their new hall, which is a monument to the sturdy farmer of that locality. We expect that this Grange will grow and flourish and live on and on through time. The State Master, S. J. Lowell, of Chautauqua County, was present to assist in the dedicatory service, it also being the annual County Grange picnic. All in all, South Pulteney Grange held the reins for that day, at least. It is one of the young Granges of the county, but for all its' youth, it has shown wisdom in making for itself a home and has erected a hall which many of the older Granges might well pattern after. State Master Lowell was the principal speaker of the day. He enlivened the occasion with his wit and good common sense and brought to the company many valuable thoughts. S. E. Harding, of Hornell, District Deputy of the county, Past District Deputies Cone and Powell, of Hornell, A. S. Cook and W. H. Babcock of Prattsburgh, and Rev. French, of South Pulteney, all spoke briefly. The dinner in a way "basket" and in other ways was a "table" dinner, and it is not necessary for us to say anything about it, for it was a farmers' dinner before the food restriction. A solo and duet by members and a reading by Mrs. Ida were worthy of comment.

My memories of the South Pulteney Grange Hall:

Eleanor Frisk and Roy Snyder sponsored a twist contest there. Bubby Gowin (my cousin) and I won the \$10.00 prize. \$5.00 each was a lot of money for us.

I tried out for Pulteney Fire Queen on that stage. I came in second behind Nellie Giles.

I went to many square dances there as a young adult. The best "twirlers" were George Doty, Gerry Gibson, and Charlie Egresi. Charlie was also a very good polka dancer.

50 years ago on February 29th, Ernie and I had our wedding reception there. We had a square dance band up on the stage, Gip and Geraldine Gibson put on the reception and made the cake, the food all donated by relatives and the Gibsons, and the champagne fountain was lent to us and champagne donated by the Fourniers and Gold Seal Winery because Ernie worked there at the time.

If anyone has any memories or pictures of the Grange for the file, they would be greatly appreciated.

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Town of Pulteney Historian

Donations given to Town of Pulteney March 2014

None given this month.

