
PULTENEY'S MARCH HISTORY NEWSLETTER

Historians Report

I met with Sharon Daggett on February 27th to familiarize myself with my new duties as the town historian. Sharon is going to continue transcribing a journal and has also been gracious enough to help me with transcribing family records into Word documents. I have started scanning family files and records and backing them up on a flash drive so we have digital records available for whom ever may request them. I realize it is a bit of a lofty goal, but the plan is to eventually have all of our information in the computer, as well as backed up.

I will not be maintaining the weekly Tuesday morning office hours as before. However, I will be available by appointment most anytime. I can be reached by telephone at 315-730-7345. Or by e-mail at [ray.emery@Century 21.com](mailto:ray.emery@Century21.com).

Military Wall

Recognition and support of our veterans is a cause near and dear to me. Sharon has done a great job updating and expanding our veteran's wall in the town hall. Anybody from our town who has served our country belongs on our wall. If you are a veteran from our community, or know somebody else that is, and you do not have your name and picture up there, please contact me so that we can make it happen.

This Month in History

March 5, 1889--The thought of a few days past has made the snow skip. Poor sleighing from here to Penn Yan, in fact there is none, but from here to Prattsburgh it is good, excepting a few banks.

-- Mr. Frank N. Goodrich, Marion Brush, James McConnell, and Eugene Riley, are in Washington attending the inauguration. Many more who wish to go, but were short of stamps, like editors.

-- Most of the ice houses are filled with "splendid" ice, some 9 inches thick.

March 19, 1891-- last Wednesday and Thursday a few of those who have been breaking the temperance law were brought before Esq. Nichols and J. Foster, found guilty and fined \$50; Peter Ranson, guilty and fined \$25. Geo. Gibson asked for an adjournment of Thursday this week, we will decide whether he will plead guilty or not. The great talk among friends of these parties is that that no one dared to prosecute. How is this? It appears some dare. Others are guilty, follow them up, God will bless a good work, though we can't see it now. The future will tell.

March 8, 1894-- Sunday, February 25, 20° below zero and Sunday, March 4 so warm that a fire was not comfortable and so warm that snow melts and runs in large streams. These two extremes caused much sickness. Ravens in bluebirds heard today. They had better "git" for a lasting warmer climate, for March comes in so nice she will go out like a fury.

-- Linus Bennett has been sick in bed for a week past with grip. On Wednesday of last week he was much better and so was concluded to load some rifle shells. He had loaded several when one exploded in his hand. It tore the ball of his thumb and flesh from the forefinger to the second joint. Some of the shell it is ancillary cutting a hole in the pants and drawers, but not breaking the skin on his leg. But all he thinks he found among the loaded shells. Dr. H. B. Nichols dressed the wound on his hand.

March 20, 1902-- the Father of H. E. Holley, our enterprising blacksmith, died suddenly at his home in Bradford last Friday. This is of interest to Pulteney people as he had recently completed arrangements to take off his residence in or about April 1.

-- A large derrek has been erected in the corner of Dr. Wightman's Orchard, where it is proposed to put out a test well for gas. The promoters are proving their faith by their works, thus demonstrating that there is something more than "gas" behind the project.

