

**Marshall Historical Society**  
*Looking to the past to inspire our future*

**Newsletter**

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Greetings Members and Friends:

I hope you all enjoyed a happy holiday season and that the new year will bring you much happiness and success!

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**Next Meeting**

Saturday, Feb. 22

11-1

**POT LUCK  
LUNCHEON!!**

**Join!**

Provide your name and address (and email, if applicable) to the secretary and pay the membership fee:

Individual: \$10:00

Family: \$15.00

**Donate!**

Your donations to the Marshall Historical Society are tax deductible.

It's been a long time since we touched base with each other! We thought we would again have a pot-luck luncheon in February, and at the same time have our regular Show and Tell. We've had all kinds of delicious dishes to pass, and the things people have brought in which told a story of days gone by have been so interesting.

The date for the pot-luck luncheon will be February 22 from 11-1. We hope to see a lot of you there!

In November, Cheryl Pula was to give a presentation on Women in the Civil War, but the only person who attended was Lawrence Gilley (and the presenter)! Sickness and other complications prevented what we had hoped to be a welcoming group for Cheryl. She said she'd be glad to come again to speak for us, and that will happen in May.

Then in March, Oneida County District Attorney Scott McNamara will be the presenter. Scott, who grew up in Deansboro, is an eloquent speaker.

In April, Yvonne Brady will speak on genealogy, a subject we'd all like to know something more about, and which should interest a lot of people who want to learn how to trace their ancestry. She plans to select a former resident of the Town of Marshall and provide his or her lineage.

Cheryl Pula will be back in May to – finally – present her program on Women in the Civil War about the non-traditional roles women played during the Civil War: nursing, espionage, and more.

In June, we hope to have a presentation about the history of the Musical Museum of Deansboro, which was much-beloved and is missed so much.

Keep thinking about what you'd like for the July Adventure. Last year's trip to Chittenango Landing was so much fun – let's make this year's Adventure as special.

See you on February 22!

## NATIONAL GATE COMPANY

Does anyone remember the National Gate Company? It was a concern started in 1903 for the manufacture of an invention by Mr. George S. Patrick of Dicksville in the Town of Marshall. That invention was described as a "self opening and closing gate," made of iron pipe and wire. The gate was constructed so that the wheels of a wagon passing over a small iron hoop which, when pressed down, pulled a small chain fastened at the bottom of the hinge end of the gate. This caused the latch to lift and the weight swung the gate inward. When the wagon had passed through, the chain was released and the gate closed.

The National Gate Company was in the old cheese factory on Route 315, where an engine and other machinery for the manufacture of the gates were installed. The capital stock was \$15,000, and the officers were as follows: president, Robert Hadcox; vice-president W.F. Kimball; secretary and treasurer Abram Van Vechten; superintendent of construction, George S. Patrick.

Mr. Patrick, who was a prominent hop grower and farmer, secured a patent for his innovative design through patent attorneys in Utica. He exhibited the self-opening gate at the Brookfield Fair in 1903, which captured the attention of many people, including W.C. McAdam, who termed the invention an important industry for the Town of Marshall and became its attorney.

The only other mention of the National Gate Company was notice of the dissolution of the company in 1915. Mr. Patrick, after serving the Town of Marshall in one capacity or another, passed away in 1928.



View from Day's farm (Rich Dibble's apartment house) of Route 315 going north. The white building in the back is the cheese factory – later headquarters of the National Gate Company. Also visible is the rear of the original grist mill, and, of course, Oriskany Creek.



Day's  
House  
built  
1840

DEANSBORO NEWS NOTES – September 12, 1984 by Shirley Warriner

Donna Morelle and Vi Ingersoll spent a week in Wilmington, N.C., visiting. Vi's sister, Mrs. Moore and nephew, Dr. Ralph Moore. After returning home Norm and Vi Ingersoll celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Sept. 3. They went out for dinner and had a family get-together after.

Lillian Skinner is doing quite well. She is currently at home, but will be spending some time with her daughter, Bette, in Old Forge a little later.

Members and wives of the Barton Hose Company enjoyed the annual clambake last Saturday at Zombek's grove. Some folks who had birthdays in the last couple of weeks: Ted Whaley on Sept. 1; Bill Goodson, Sept. 2; Ella Ingersoll, Sept. 5, and Sue Williams. Sept 7.

Mike and Carol McLaren celebrated their wedding anniversary of September 4. Congratulations and best wishes to everyone!

DEANSBORO NEWS NOTES – MARCH, 1959

A triple birthday celebration was held on East Hill Saturday evening when Mrs. Dan Rockwell gave a party for her husband Dan, son Jim, and granddaughter Nancy, all of whom were born on March 10.

Mrs. Hugh Roberts has returned home from the hospital with the couple's new baby boy, Hugh Roger. The Roberts' have three others children: Freddie, Kenneth, and Joan.

Sympathy is extended to Warren Nelson, Waterville Road, whose mother, Mrs. Fred Nelson, died March 2. Mrs. Nelson attended school in Deansboro and also taught here. She was active in the Congregational Church.

Drivers in the know negotiate the curve on the hill by the Walter Day house with caution, especially when coming from Deansboro. Unfortunately, this was the scene of an accident last Wednesday when the car driven by Mrs. Morris Sturdevant, coming from Waterville, was side-swiped by a car driven by Eugene Swalgin of Waterville, with considerable property damage on both sides.

The Barton Hose Company has just installed a new telephone alarm system. In case of fire, residents in the Deansboro district are advised to call the Waterville operator and ask for Phone 54. The fire department was called to a fire at the home of Edward Clemens, Waterville Road, but returned in time to continue preparations for the Palm Sunday Ham Dinner. About 750 were served, and the food was delicious.

The total money from Deansboro turned over to the Heart Fund by Mrs. E.E. Carpenter was \$115.75. Mrs. Carpenter wishes to thank all those who helped make the drive so successful.

The new president of the Little Town Club is Robert Dawes, who was elected at the meeting of February 27 at the Congregational Church House. Mrs. Mike McLaren was elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Eisenhut have a new baby granddaughter, Laurie, born on February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zweifel. She joins a sister, Debbie.

Baptized at the Methodist Church on Palm Sunday were Thomas John Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Williams; and Mark Moyer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Moyer. At the Congregational Church, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Benedict presented their son, Kevin, for baptism.

On Good Friday evening, there will be a joint service at the Congregational Church, where a combined choir will sing Mozart's *Ave Verum*. Easter Sunday should see full congregations at both churches for the regular morning worship.

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