

Marshall Historical Society

Looking to the past to inspire our future

Newsletter

Marshall Historical Society
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President

Janet Dangler

Vice President &

Inventory

OPEN – ANY TAKERS?

Secretary/Treasurer

Yvonne Brady

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Amy Buchholz (2020)

Gen Cornelius (2021)

Gary Ford (2022)

Lawrence Gilley (2023)

Joan McNamara (2024)

Website:

www.marshallhistsoc.org

Next Meeting

Business Meeting – 6:00

Presentation on the

Haudenosaunee by Kate

Marquardt – 6:30

April 21, 2022

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.

Greetings members and friends:

On April 21, we will have a program on the Haudenosaunee, which were called The League of Five Nations (later Six Nations) by the English, and the Iroquois Confederacy by the French. The word means “people of the long house.” The Haudenosaunee Confederation includes the Oneida Indians, which our own Kate Marquardt will speak about. She will share with us some items she acquired and stories she heard regarding them. Because most of us live on land that was once Oneida territory, this talk should be of interest to everyone.

Also on April 21, we will elect a Trustee to take the place of Amy Buchholz, whose term ended in 2020 but who had been kind enough to stay on during the pandemic and beyond. We also need to vote on a president and secretary/treasurer, and hopefully fill the position of vice-president.

The business meeting will begin at 6:00, and the presentation at 6:30.

We had voted that money for refreshments for the meetings would be taken out of the treasury. Please let us know if you have anything in particular you would like to see for refreshments, and if there is anything you’d like to contribute.

The Business Book has been reprinted and is on sale at the Superette, Kristen’s Kounty Kafe, and at the Marshall Town Hall.

Our annual pot luck luncheon was on April 19. Although there were only a few of us, it was good to get together.

We are fortunate to have many sources of information about the history of our area. Check out our website for a feast of articles of historical interest and links to other historical societies. www.marshallhistsoc.org. Follow Yvonne Brady's postings on Facebook on the Marshall Historical Society of Oneida County, NY page. Read Richard Williams’ articles under the heading, Kirkland Scene in the Waterville Times. And don’t forget the History Center in Utica – the people who work there have so much knowledge which they are eager to share.

Many members of the Brothertown Indian Nation are travelling east on May 14 for a service remembering Esther Pouquenup and Prude Harry, who are buried in the Deansboro Cemetery. Their grave stones, which are old and crumbling, are now enhanced with flush markers giving their birth and death dates, and detailing the inscriptions. There will be a reception following the service of dedication at the Congregational Church. Hope to see you there!

We will see you all in April. The mask mandate in the Town Hall has been lifted, but if you feel comfortable wearing a mask, that is fine. Many people feel that same way.

In the meantime, stay safe, healthy, busy and happy.

The following newspaper articles underscore a really poignant and disturbing chapter in the history of the Town of Marshall. I found the story to be really sad and instructive. It's not the first time this has happened, and unfortunately probably not the last. Note the change in jurisprudence, too.

FROM THE ROME DAILY SENTINAL August 4, 1910:

Deansboro, Aug. 4—A distressing accident occurred in this village about 9 a. m. in the store conducted by Lynn Hamlin, formerly owned by his father, when a young man named Jesse Lewis, aged about 15 years, received a bullet wound just above his heart. The circumstances of the accident are said to have been substantially as follows: Young Hamlin, who is about 18 years old, and his friend, Jesse Lewis, were in the store together making preparations to shoot rats. Mr. Hamlin was handling a revolver, 22 caliber, when the weapon was discharged and the bullet entered young Lewis's body just about an inch above the heart. Dr. Wright of this place was hastily summoned and did what he could for the victim, but found the wound such a dangerous one that he advised the removal of the young man to Faxton Hospital, Utica, whence he was taken on the 11:10 a. m. train over the Ontario & Western Railroad. The condition of young Lewis was considered very critical, but the full extent of the injury could not be determined until a more thorough examination could be made at the hospital. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lewis, his father being a well-known blacksmith here. There is one other son, who resides in Baltimore Md. Hamlin and Lewis were chums, and the former is greatly grieved over the unfortunate affair.

FROM THE WATERVILLE TIMES, August 5, 1910.

Jesse E. Lewis of Deansboro, aged 14, died at a Utica hospital this morning about 1 a.m. from a bullet wound inflicted by his friend, Lynn Hamlin, aged 17 years, also of Deansboro. The shooting was accidental as the boys had been close friends since childhood. The accident happened at 9 o'clock yesterday morning when they were alone in the store. Young Hamlin made the following statement in regard to the affair: "Jesse came into the store which I have been running since my father died last May. There was no one in the store but us two. He picked up the rifle, and looked to see if it was loaded. It was not, so he pointed it at me. I had a little .22 caliber target pistol in my hands, which was loaded. I didn't intend to shoot, but before I thought of what I was doing, I pulled the trigger. I saw him stagger and picked him up in my arms and carried him into Dr. Wright's office nearby. Then I went across the street to Jesse's father where he was working in his blacksmith shop and told him what had happened and then told Jesse's mother. I didn't mean to do it, but I forgot. We have always been good friends and never had any trouble, and there wasn't any trouble today." At the hospital Dr. J. H. Glass and Dr. George R. Wright performed an operation yesterday afternoon and extracted the bullet, which had penetrated just above the heart on the left breast. The operation was a serious one but he stood it as well as could be expected, but never fully rallied, dying at an early hour this morning. Coroner Dodd was unable to get the statement of the injured lad as his condition did not admit of conversation. Jesse E Lewis was the son of Jesse B. Lewis, a blacksmith of Deansboro. Besides his parents he had two brothers, Guy Lewis of Utica and Dr. Ralph Lewis of Baltimore. The accident is merely another of those unfortunate affairs which have cost so dear. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis do not blame anyone for the accident and believe it to have been purely accidental. The unfortunate boy who was the cause of the fatality is inconsolable in his grief at the result of his carelessness.

FROM THE UTICA HERALD DISPATCH, August 6, 1910:

Coroner Dodd this morning held an Investigation regarding the fatal shooting of Jesse E. Lewis of Deansboro by Lynn C. Hamlin of the same place last Thursday. There were present at the examination Assistant District Attorney Bradley Furner and Clarence Stetson, who represented Hamlin's interests. Hamlin made the following statement to the Coroner on the advice of his counsel: 'I am 17 years of age; by occupation a clerk, employed by my mother. Jesse E. Lewis came to the store where I work, August 4 at about 8:30 o'clock He

bought a can of paint and then left but soon came back. We talked about automobiles. We went into the office, where I kept a 22-caliber single shot rifle. Jesse picked up the rifle. I picked up the pistol which I show you. It is a 22-caliber short. (Pistol shown Coroner.) Jesse had the butt of the rifle about to his hip; the muzzle was pointed towards me. He snapped the rifle; It was not discharged. I had the pistol in my hand pointed towards Jesse Lewis. I snapped it and the pistol was discharged. I was dazed for an instant, then I saw Jesse's eyelids drop and his eyes glassed a little. As quick as I could, I carried him to the office of Dr. Wright. I remained there about two minutes, I then went across the road to Mr. Lewis's blacksmith shop, I told Mr. Lewis what had happened, I then ran back to the doctor's office. The doctor told me to get an automobile and take Jesse to a hospital. After getting one, the doctor decided to bring Jesse to Utica on the train. I came to Utica in an automobile, before I left Deansboro, I notified Dr. Glass by phone to meet the train. Jesse was brought to Faxton Hospital at a quarter after 12. While at the hospital. I made a statement to Coroner Dodd just as I have given it here. I never had any ill will towards Jesse E. Lewis, when he pointed the rifle at me I did not get angry, he had no ill will against me. When I discharged the pistol at Jesse I had no intention of doing him harm." Coroner Dodd paroled Hamlin in the custody of William R. Small of Deansboro until further notice.

FROM THE WATERVILLE TIMES, August 10, 1910

—The funeral of Jesse E. Lewis was held from the house on Monday afternoon and was very largely attended. The services were in charge of Rev. C. J. Oleson, pastor of the M. E. Church, and the choir of that church rendered several selections. There was a profusion of flowers. The following companions of the young man were bearers: Lynn Gallup, Lynn Hamlin, Walter Brooks, Harry Keith, Harold Small, Barton Miller. The pall bearers were Misses Belle White, Edith Small, Lizzie Williams, Bertha Brower, Eunice Hovey, Elva Reckard. On the way from the house to the grave the bearers walked on each side of the hearse while the pall bearers followed behind the remains of their schoolmate.



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**MARSHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT
2020-2021**

Officers for 2020-2021- Elected at the May 20, 2021 meeting

President - Janet Dangler

Vice President/Inventory – OPEN

Secretary/Treasurer - Yvonne Brady

Trustee – no trustees were elected this term

Programs for 2017-2018

April – NO MEETING DUE TO COVID CONCERNS

May 20 - "Musical Museum" - Janet Dangler

June 17 - "First 10 District Attorneys in Oneida Co." – DA Scott McNamara

July – NO MEETING DUE TO LOW ATTENDANCE

August 19 – “History of the Deansboro Fire Department” – Dave Parda

September 15 - "Airplane Tales" – Jim Coulthart

October - "Show and Tell"

Visits

October 30, 2021 – Visit and luncheon with 5 members of the Brothertown Indian Tribe, who came east to "old Brothertown" to inspect the grave sites of their ancestors, particularly the one on Bogusville Hill Road, where Samson Occom is presumed to be buried.

Completed Endeavors This Year

The Business Book, detailing businesses in the Town of Marshall both past and present was sent to the printer in August, 2021, and was ready to be purchased by the end of November. The first printing was 100, and they sold so well we ordered a second printing, and they are available now.

The Brothertown Indian Cemetery on Brothertown Road was cleared of brush and fenced in the spring of 2021. Dowser Susan Murray-Miller, who located bodies and determined the perimeter of the area, as well as members of the anthropology department of Hamilton College and Syracuse University who worked on the area using magnetometers and ground penetrating radar devices, were instrumental in the successful completion of the project.

- Miscellaneous Items to Discuss:
 - Annual Report
 - Budget
 - Slate of Offices
 - Election of new Trustee(s)

# Books	Printing Cost	Amount
	Books Sold as of Feb. 28, 2022	\$3,500.00
1 st printing	printing cost for 100 books	(2492.50)
		1,007.50 PROFIT
	2nd printing March 7, 2022 – 20	497.00
	Collected money to date:	\$140.00

MARSHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUDGET	FOR APRIL 2022 - March 2023	
	Data as of Feb 28, 2022	
	22/23	
Donations	\$	40.00
Dues	\$	60.00
Interest	\$	10.06
Sales	\$	400.00
Total Income	\$	510.06
Projected Expenses		
Yearly Outing	\$	100.00
Misc Items - ex cookie tray for an event	\$	100.00
Office	\$	250.00
Programs	\$	150.00
Marshall Historical Society Award	\$	150.00
Projects	\$	100.00
Conferences/Workshops	\$	50.00
PO Box	\$	62.50
Total Expenses	\$	962.50
Excess expenditure over income		
(Expenses more than income)	\$	(452.44)
Purchases		
	From March 1, 2021 - Feb 28, 2022	
Projector - 2021	\$	505.67
Printing Business Book (120 books)	\$	2,989.50
Reprint Hanover Book	\$	81.50
	\$	3,576.67
Book Sales		
December 2021 - Feb 2022	\$	3,500.00
<i>Note first 100 books (1st printing sold out)</i>		
Banking		
	Banking as of March 25, 2022	
Checking Balance		924.24
Savings	\$	3,730.99
12 Month Certificate	\$	1,971.04
	\$	6,626.27