

Marshall Historical Society

Looking to the past to inspire our future

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Newsletter

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Next Meeting

Story of the Horseless Carriage by Robert Taylor

Thursday, August 18 at 6:30

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:

The June 16 meeting was about the history of the Deansboro Library and Reading Center. If you were unable to make the meeting, here is a brief synopsis.

Early on, a 500-book Library was housed in the Deansboro High School on West Hill Road, now the home of the Ruias at 6815 West Hill Rd. It was called the John C. Dean Library. The school, and the library, burned in 1931. In 1932 the library was established as a branch of the Waterville Public library, an alliance which lasted almost 70 years. It was housed in the home of Daisy Pughe, who lived at 2792 Route 12b where Amy Buchholz and John DeForest now live.

In 1949, the library was moved to the annex of the Dean Homestead, at the invitation of Floyd and Eloise (later Beerhalter) Harrington, who lived there. That used to be the office of a former owner, William Hovey, and also of John Dean, the original owner.

That lasted until 1965, when the water building on Route 12b was offered. It was larger, which was necessary, since Waterville and by extension Deansboro became part of the Mid-York Library Service.

In the fall of 1975, the old elementary school on Route 12b became the Town Hall, and the library moved there, where it remains today. The library is no longer affiliated with the Waterville Public Library or the Mid-York Library system, but is open every weekday: Monday 6-8, Tuesday 1-3:30, Wednesday 1-3, Thursday 9:30-11, and Friday 9:30-11:00.

Following the talk, the group came over to the library where some checked out a few books.



Deansboro Library in the 1950s in the Dean Homestead annex ←
Library 2022 →



Renovation 1976

In July, Cheryl Pula spoke Oneida County's role in the Civil War. The New York 146th regiment, also known as the Fifth Oneida County regiment, consisted of many from the Town of Marshall and Deansboro and nearby communities, particularly Companies E and K.

The New York 146th was involved in the 1864 Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia, where they came face-to-face with the Confederate soldiers who were heading north. The terrain of the wilderness was difficult for the men, who were unused to it, and the two parties were joined in battle on what was called Saunders' Field, where, due to the fierce fighting, a horrific fire took place, hence the title of Cheryl's presentation *Field of Fire*. The 146th lost the battle and over half the regiment, but they fought bravely and heroically.

Cheryl Pula is a great speaker. She made the listeners feel the horror of the battlefield and of the many casualties and injuries. She was very knowledgeable about the subject, to the gratification of her audience.

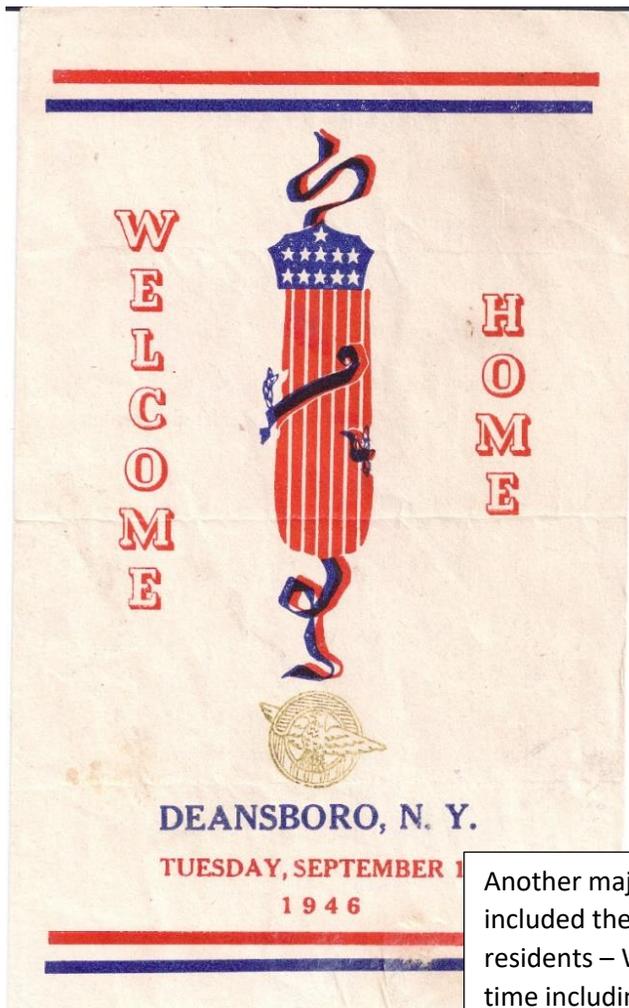


An attentive audience listening to Cheryl Pula's talk titled *Field of Fire: the New York 146th in the Battle of the Wilderness*.

Cheryl also brought along books she and her brother wrote called *With Courage and Honor – Oneida County's Role in the Civil War*. They sold for \$10.00, and are very interesting to read, from the anti-slavery movement through descriptions of the various battles and personalities in the War which incorporated Oneida County.

Cheryl Pula, presenter on July 21 on Oneida County in the Civil War, most specifically the NY 146th which consisted of men from the Town of Marshall





DEANSBORO HONOR ROLL	
ARMY	
John Adams	Clarence Keller
Wilmer Birdsall	James Kimball
William Brashear	Robert Lloyd
Hans Christeler	Stanley Lyszczarz
Armin Christeler	Frank Lyszczarz
Frédéric Converse	Otto Luenberger
John Conklin	John Mara
George Conklin	Clifford Mace
Howard Clute	Anthony Pasiak
George Cloute	Spencer Palmer
Robert Catlin	Stuart Risley
Robert Dawes	E. Roberts
Alfred Eisele	George Sweet
Kenneth Fuess	Paul Sweet
Harry Goodson	William Seelow
Rolland Givens	Ernest Stricker
Robert Greene	Howard Steinman
David Hughes	Stuart Taylor
Harold Hitchcock	Charles Thompson
Howard Hitchcock	Walter Tritten
Herbert Hitchcock	Werner Tritten
Robert Ingersoll	Clyde Uhlig
William Jones	Robert Uhlig
George Kennard	Victor Warriner
Raymond Kennard	Theron Winfield
Willard Kelsey	Harold Waterman
Robert Kelsey	John White
Alton Kimball	Harold Zieres
NAVY	
Levis Clifford	Robert Blunt
William Diehl	William Montigny
Leo Finch	Gerald McMullen
Alton Hinman	Gilbert Steinman
Norman Kelsey	Harold Spencer
Thomas Mara	Paul Uhlig
Edward Montigny	Donald Williams
	Byron Wilmot
MARINES	
	Jack Welch
WAVES	
Isabelle Cichon	
Myrtle Finch	
WACS	
	Mary L. Miller
	Myrtle Waterman

Another major conflict which included the Town of Marshall residents – World War II, this time including women. The Welcome Home ceremony was held at the Maccabee Hall in Deansboro 9/10/1946

We are very proud of all the veterans of the Town of Marshall

Our next meeting will be August 18, 2022, at 6:30 at the Marshall Town Hall on Route 12B. Robert Taylor, a member of the Society of Automotive Historians, built prior to the 1930s, will speak on Frank Snell of Waterville, who built what was called a horseless carriage in 1900. Snell was a mechanic and a carpenter who took a real interest in working with iron and steel. It was said that whatever tool he needed to make the car work he fabricated himself. A paragraph in the November 9, 1900 issue of the Waterville Times states, "Frank Snell, who has been building an automobile during the past few months, had it far enough toward completion to give it trial on Tuesday. It ran nicely but was rather too fast for everyday use on our roads. He is remedying the defect." The article went on to say that the top speed the "horseless carriage" reached was 15-20 miles an hour. For more about this fascinating man, be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, August 18.

We will see you then!

The Deansboro Cemetery was organized on November 11, 1861, although in 1801 the first recorded person, Eunice Hovey, was buried there. A tract of land 1 ½ acres in the Town of Kirkland was purchased by the Cemetery Association. Three quarters of an acre was deeded to the Cemetery Association by John Dean, son of the late Thomas Dean, after whom Deansville (Deansboro) was named, and Isaac Miller pledged to sell the Association grounds on the north side of the Cemetery. Later more land was secured from Henry Hadcox, who sold additional grounds on the south side of the Cemetery.

The large chapel and Memorial Vault, called the Ely-Kimball Memorial Vault, was built between 1935-36. The lettering on the bronze plaque states:

ELY-KIMBALL MEMORIAL VAULT

DEDICATED TO

CARRIE B.K. WATSON

MEMORY OF

ELY-KIMBALL FAMILY

It is believed Ely-Kimball refers to Belle Ely who used to live in the Town of Marshall and died in 1903. She married William Kimball; they had no children, and so Carrie B.K. Watson may be a cousin or a niece. She died in 1949 and left \$5,000 to build the vault. However, since it already had been built, the plaque was placed and the money went into the general fund, with the approval of the attorney for Mrs. Watson.

The little building on the south side of the cemetery was used to “shelter the sexton and people waiting arrival of funerals.” Now, it is used as a place to keep tools and the lawn mower.

The Cemetery was incorporated as Deansville Cemetery, and an article in the Oriskany Valley Gazette on 1899 states that name will remain until “some other name is selected.” Apparently the present name was selected, because in 1894, the name of the hamlet was changed to Deansboro.



Deansboro Cemetery 1912



Ely-Kimball Memorial Vault

Deansboro Cemetery 1998