



CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

President's Message

A Merry Christmas —
Happy New Year to all!!

The first settlers that moved into the Candor area in the early 19th century were a hardy bunch. It is hard for us to imagine today what it must have been like moving into an unsettled wilderness area, building a rough log cabin and eking out a living while trying to clear land so crops could be raised. One of the first families to have this experience was the Woodford family and they not only survived but were successful in Candor for several generations.

Robert Woodford, a direct descendent of the original family, possesses several records kept by his great-great grandfather and is anxious to share information from them. To that end, we introduce in this newsletter an article submitted by him. The article is self explanatory, and I believe you will find it interesting and informative as you get a glimpse back 183 years in area history.

Several names in the article are still familiar around Candor today and I would be interested to know if any of you have a connection to any of the families mentioned. If you do please let me know.

During this year the Society presented some interesting programs that were quite well attended. The highlight of the year was the award winning float "Yellow Submarine" that Roger Westgate and Gary Henry did such a great job building. It won second place in the "Prettiest" category. We have some tentative plans for programs for 2015 but the Board is facing a challenge to find new topics and we need your help. If you have suggestions for topics that would make an interesting program, write it in the space provided on the newsletter membership form. We will appreciate your ideas.

Our Yard & Bake Sale during the Fall Fest was successful again this year. I want to express my thanks to everyone who had a part in it. Delicious baked goods were supplied and sold well, useable items were donated and customers found some great bargains. My special thanks go to the faithful workers who set up and took down the tables full of items and transported them from and back to the Catatonk Hall.

Thank you for your support.

—Milton Dougherty

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75 Years Ago (1939) by Donald F. Weber (Based on Candor Courier Items)

- ◆ The newly reorganized Board of Trade arranged with Albert Ferris of Willseyville to pick up garbage in the Village once a week in winter, twice in summer; 10 cents per week per household.
- ◆ The Oneka Tribe of Red Men sponsored an entertainment in the new CHS auditorium/gym that starred Pie Plant Pete and Bashful Harmonica Joe of WHAM Radio fame, with a large “array of local talent” that drew an “over-capacity” crowd of “600 plus”, and netted Oneka some \$100.
- ◆ A Gospel Mission Church (Pentecostal Tabernacle) was built on Smith St. (No. 10; the Sheffields for many years; now the Naughtons).
- ◆ Druggist Carl Baker (Postmaster for many years) sold his Candor Cut Rate Drug Store (83 Main) and soda fountain to Elmer and Clara Kilpatrick. Baker continued to “take care” of the prescription dept.
- ◆ The Village Board voted to go on Daylight Saving Time, which solved some confusion as the bigger cities were already on it, but created some, because most farmers and residents outside the Village chose to stay on “old time”. CHS changed to DST after a month of confusion. The Lackawanna trains stayed on Standard Time, which affected a few students who still came by train.
- ◆ The Maxwell Dairy (10 Water Street) installed pasteurizing equipment and sold both Grade A Pasteurized and Grad A Raw milk.
- ◆ Dr. Hamsher, the dentist, added X-ray equipment.
- ◆ Candor Central School Dist. #1, held their first annual meeting. Two of the 10 remaining rural school districts, Hubbardtown and Crines Corners, had voted to close and send their pupils to CCS. Charles Marshall agreed to bus about 290 students for \$44.47 each regardless of distance. Later, he bought six new Mack buses, making 7 in his fleet: four 43 passenger, two 55 pas., and one 12 pas. He sublet Union Hill Dist. 18 and Cass Hill Dist. 23, to Emil Kanne. The CCS budget for 1939-40 totaled \$60,366.
- ◆ The Dairy Farmers Union fomented a milk strike. At a mass meeting on the Borden’s (Quick-Crete) lawn, the Grange Hall being too small, hecklers, arguments, and accusations prevailed. Crowley producers held a meeting in Willseyville and voted to continue delivering milk for \$2. per cwt. Sheriff Douglas Grant and a group of deputies escorted some milk trucks to the Borden plant in Candor. DeForest Doane (site of Candor Fire Station) was taken unawares near the Cemetery and had his milk ruined by kerosene. The Union settled for \$2.15 per cwt.

FOOD COSTS AND ROAD BUILDING IN MID 19TH CENTURY CANDOR

Robert C. Woodford (great, great grandson of Romanta)

Overview . . . Among the earliest settlers of Tioga County were seven Woodford families that relocated from Farmington, Connecticut to the Candor area in 1804 and 1805. Truman Woodford, Sr. and his wife, Lucy were one of these pioneer families. Truman purchased 200 acres at 2 dollars per acre, built a small cabin and established his farm. His original cabin was later replaced with a larger more permanent house that served as home base for five consecutive generations of Woodfords. This house has survived through the years and is now owned by George Williams.

Following Truman’s death in 1828 his son, Romanta, took over farm operations. In addition to farming, Romanta was active in various capacities within the community. He worked with the Democratic electors during the Presidential Campaign of 1840; he was appointed as Commissioner of Highways and he helped found the First National Bank of Candor serving on its first Board of Directors.

Records kept by Romanta dating back to 1831 give us some insight into what life in Candor was like during the mid-19th century. Although most of these records relate to crops, livestock and food production there are also records relating to farm labor, local road construction and work on the Catatunk Creek dams.

Over 250 individual names of Candor residents are found within these records. These 250 names include 225 instances of both a first and last name and 139 unique surnames. A comparison of these 19th century surnames with the names found in Candor’s 2011 Community Directory shows a surname match of 49 current Candor households who may be able to trace their Tioga County roots back nearly 175 years. When you consider name changes due to marriage as well as changes in spelling over the years there are likely many more names to add.

On a personal note discovering my family history with such documented links to the past has been very rewarding . . . in the process I’ve been accused of spending too many hours trying to recreate the 19th century!

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03/20/1831	Lucius Humphrey	128 lbs beef	.045/lb	5.76
12/01/1832	Samuel Teal	6 bushels buckwheat	.375/bu	2.25
03/16/1834	Gershom Hollister	3 bushels wheat	1.00/bu	3.00
03/10/1837	Ansil Hubbard	12 ½ lbs pork	.125/lb	1.56
07/06/1839	Ezra F. Martin	18 ¾ lbs veal	.050/lb	0.94
04/20/1840	Nathaniel Ketchum	for one codfish		0.19
11/15/1840	Martin Rich	for two lb of cider	1.00/lb	2.00
07/15/1841	Jonathen C. Mix	cow in my pasture 6 week	0.25/wk	1.50
04/15/1843	Stephen Hart	leather for 1 pr. shoes		1.00
05/12/1844	Josiah Pierce	one peck of seed corn	0.25/pk	0.25
06/04/1845	Josiah Rich	For 8 bu of potatoes	0.25/bu	2.00
03/15/1848	Roderick Meade	1 ½ bu oats	0.37/bu	0.56
11/10/1848	Latimer B. Gates	32 bu of ears of corn	0.25/bu	8.00
05/08/1855	Stochalm Barber	for wintering cow		10.00
08/03/1856	William H. Sackett	1 lamb & 3 skins		2.75

Below is a sampling of entries relating to Romanta's work as Commissioner of Highways. He charged \$1.00/day for himself and \$0.75/day for labor by others

03/21/1838	for making out road warrants two days and a half
06/08/1838	for one day chaining road from E. Johnsons to J. Bacon
07/08/1839	for going over to Honeypot to see a road
07/12/1839	for going over to Alfred Williams to see about a road
03/06/1840	for going over to Irish Settlement one day to lay out a road
06/07/1841	Samuel Bingham for two days labor on the road
10/25/1842	Martin Rich for two days & a half on the road
03/01/1845	for making out road warrants & for going to the corner
02/22/1848	for one day notifying D. Bacon, Ansil Hubbord & J. Light
06/02/1848	for one day going up to W. Hart's with jury to take up a road
11/08/1848	John Light about a road running across their lands
03/02/1849	for one day going over to L. Bangs to see about a road
04/06/1850	for two days laying out road over on the creek for Wm. Kinney
06/04/1850	for one day to R. H. Sackett to alter road
07/15/1850	for going over to L. Courtright's to see bridge

Other entries give recipes for home medicine and for preserving beef brine:

Recipe for Beef Brine . . . (for 100 lbs. beef) . . . boil & skim & pour on hot
6 gallons of water, 6 lbs. of salt, 3 oz. of salt peter, 1 ½ oz. saleratus, 2 lbs. sugar

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Happy Holidays to You and Yours from the entire Board of Directors at the Candor Historical Society. All the very best for the coming year.

Please take a moment to complete the enclosed membership form for 2015. Don't forget to include suggestions for programs that you'd like to see covered at our monthly meetings, including suggestions for trips. We appreciate your continued support and participation.

2015 Membership Enrollment Form
Please complete and return with your check
(made out to the Candor Historical Society)

to
Candor Historical Society
P.O. Box 585
Candor, NY 13743

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

\$10 - Senior Citizen (65 or older/per person)

\$15 - Individual \$25 — Family \$50 — Contributing

New Member Renewal Gift for: _____

Dues are payable January 1, annually, and no later than April 1 to remain a voting member.

- We are still looking for pictures, remembrances, and accounts from all around the town of Candor.
- We are still looking for tales of growing up or living in Candor for Volume Two of the “I Remember When...” history book series. If you have an interesting tidbit, picture or story to tell, contact historian Carol Henry (carolhenry@frontiernet.net or send them to her at 90 Drybrook Road, Willseyville, NY 13864)
- We continue to record oral history. If you , or someone you know would be willing to spend some time talking to us about their time in Candor, let us know.

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Holiday Shopping

Need a special gift for that special someone who has everything? Here's your last chance to get your hands on a one-of-a-kind item from the Candor Historical Society while they're still available. Some of these items will not be available once the supply is gone. Contact Milt to find out how you can purchase one before Christmas. Items noted with an asterisk (*) are available at the Candor Town Hall.

*Cookbooks - \$15

*Afghans - \$54

Candor Crocks - \$17 (4 left)

Candor Notepads - \$7

*I Remember When (book) ... - \$15

*Church & Railroad Depot tiles: (\$15 each)

Special Offer

DL&W MILEAGE MARKERS OWEGO TO ITHACA BRANCH

The number on the marker indicates the mileage from the terminal at New York City. The numbers available are:

213, 214, 216, 217, 218,

221, 222, 228

231, 232, 234

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Each Marker is \$20.00