



CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holiday

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President's Message

The Candor Historical Society formally came into existence in May 1997, which means we are now 21 years old. During that time we have seen several of the people who were charter members and were involved in promoting and preserving Candor history pass on. Because of their interest and efforts the Society was able to grow and thrive. Now we need more like them to fill in the spots they left behind.

One of the major evidences of that growth is that we now have our own building where we can concentrate all of the material that has been accumulated over those years. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our Board and some of our volunteer members, progress is being made to identify, catalog, and file hundreds of Candor news items, obituary records, and genealogies. Even though it is a daunting task, they are enjoying all the interesting things they are discovering from the past. If this sounds interesting to you, please consider coming in and helping.

By taking possession of a building that was built in the mid 1800's, we find that there are several tasks that need to be done to maintain and improve the building. Currently, the Society is involved in identifying what needs to be done and are seeking ways to fund those projects, including applying for various grants. Membership dues and any additional contributions that are made will help to pay for ongoing expenses and improvements. Tax deductible donations can be made directly to the Society, or by using the "donation" button on our FaceBook page or web site.

Recently, at our Fall Fest sale and open house we got an indication of the increased interest in our plans as several visitors made donations for our building fund with one very generous donation coming from the estate of one of our founding members. That is the kind of support we are excited about and expect, with your help, to see it continue and grow.

My wish for all is that each one will have a happy and joyous Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

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Candor History Center

RECAP OF MEETINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IN 2018

JANUARY 31, a 2006 video of the late Mary Lou Raish Field talking about her life in Candor from girlhood through adulthood.

MARCH 28—the program for the March meeting was an open roundtable type discussion among people who shared their remembrances of growing up and/or living in and around Candor. Pictured is Elsie Klinger holding a toy elephant manufactured at the Candor Glove Company.



APRIL 25, Tom McEnteer gave a slide show of Tioga County communities at the turn of the 20th century.

MAY 30—Jean Hefft gave a brief history of the settlement of the Germany Hill community and the founding and continuing existence of the Germany Hill Church.

JUNE 27—Dick Anderson, having grown up in Catatunk, gave a talk on “The History of Catatunk”.



JULY 4, Candor History Float featured Roger Westgate, Gary Henry, and Fishing on the Catatunk. And, on **JULY 13 & 14** the Historical Society participated in the 96 Flea Fix yard sale at their location in Catatunk.

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JULY 25, Beekeeping by Alan Tremblay. Beekeeping has an important history in the Candor area. Early pioneers learned the benefits of keeping bees for the honey, as well as the pollination of the crops they depended on.



AUGUST 18, Picnic at Moyer Park. Historian Carol Henry presented a short quiz on the history of Candor.

SEPTEMBER— 26, Richard Quest gave a talk about his book “I Held Lincoln”. Quest taught history and was a principal at Candor Central School. He served as Tioga County Historian, and became interested in the history of Lt. Benjamin Loring an Owego resident who was present at the assassination of President Lincoln, and assisted in caring for him. Quest’s book details many of Loring’s experiences during the Civil War.

OCTOBER 6, Candor Historical Society participated in the Annual Fall Festival and the NYS Path Through History Weekend. The Society opened the History Center with an open house, and a tour of the facility, which included several displays prepared by the Town Historian.



OCTOBER. 7, Phillip Jordan gave an informative and entertaining talk/walk at Maple Grove Cemetery to a well-attended group. Then, On **OCTOBER 24** he presented a talk on the Mill Stream Inn at the Candor Fire Hall.



I REMEMBER WHEN Stories still needed!

Remembrances of living in Candor—short or long, are needed for the next “I Remember When” booklet. People love to read about “The Good Ole Days.”

Email your stories to: carolhenry@frontiernet.net or mail them to:

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Candor, 75 Years Ago—1943

by Don Weber

(Based on the Candor Courier Items)

- ◆ Movies were shown at CCS on Friday nights. Admission was 11 cents for students (1 cent war tax) and 22 cents for adults.
- ◆ The Courier published letters from servicemen and women who received the paper free and highly appreciated it, especially Editor Art Beebe's "Rambling Around..." column.
- ◆ The "Lane Hall" lately known as the Willseyville Hall was sold to Harold Roberts of Candor who tore it down and used the lumber in building a chicken house and a large barn on his farm at Hubbardtown (627 Owego Rd.).
- ◆ Mervyn C. Meservey died and his interest in the G.L.F. mill was bought by Candor Cooperative GLF Service patrons. M.C. came to Candor in 1916 when he and his father purchased the "upper" and "lower" grist mills from Willson S. Moore. In 1920 "junior" sold out to Holmes and Haight (later Haight & Ward and then Ward & Van Scoy). Returning in 1932, M.C. M. ran a feed business out of the old "Bostwick Hay Barn" on Rich St. That became the Grange League Federation (GLF) and occupied the old Sam Eastham gristmill that was moved piecemeal from West Candor to the Lackawanna rails off Jackson St. in 1933 (now Dick Zavatto's residence).
- ◆ Mildred Heath sold her coal business off Water St. to Mrs. Clifford Hull who called it the Candor Coal Co. and employed her father, Walter Elmendorf, as manager.
- ◆ The Honeypot "Aircraft Spotting Station" located near the present Craig house was having difficulty finding enough volunteers to keep it "manned."
- ◆ The job of Tax Collector was abolished and given to the Town Clerk.
- ◆ Sgt. Irvine Schoonover, one of the first draftees from Candor, was the first Candorite to receive the Purple Heart for wounds he suffered in North Africa.
- ◆ An Honor Board with 195 names of armed service people from Candor was erected at the Ball Park and dedicated on July 5th. A dancing party at CCS raised \$125. Toward the coast.
- ◆ Candor Glove Co. commenced two shifts to meet its military orders. "Sam (Willson E. Moore) can't say much as the Government doesn't want any publicity."
- ◆ Staff Sg.t. Arthur "Dick" Howell was confirmed as a prisoner of war in Germany after bailing out of a crippled bomber. He and his father Arthur L. Howell were the "third" father and son team from Tioga Co.

NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

The Candor History Center will now be open to the public every Monday starting
November 12, 2018, from

9:00—12:00 a.m. and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

for anyone wanting to know more about Candor history or information about specific
people who lived in Candor.

Some of the items we currently have include

Hundreds of old photographs, Hundreds of newspaper clippings, Candor Central School
Yearbooks, Family histories, Books about growing up in Candor in the 1900s, Obituaries
of past Candor citizens, and
Old newspapers



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YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

The History Center needs renovating to make it more Secure, safe, energy efficient, and handicapped accessible.

Although grants are being applied for and estimates from contractors are being sought, the need is great now, if we want to remain open to the public.

Funding is needed to replace the current electrical, plumbing, insulation, and heating systems, and work on the exterior of the building calls for replacing doors, windows, front porch, downspouts, and gutters.

Your Tax Deductible Donations can be made in several ways:

- ◆ Mail a check directly to the Society at PO Box 585, Candor, NY 13743
- ◆ From our website's DONATE Button at candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com
 - ◆ From our FaceBook Page DONATE Button at:
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