

*THELMA ROGERS GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
And NATHANIEL DYKE MUSEUM  
118 EAST DYKE STREET, WELLSVILLE, NY 14895  
November 2008*

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Nov 6** - Who Was Thelma Rogers and Why Did We Become a Genealogical and Historical Society?

**Dec 4** – Annual Election of Officers, Dave Pinney on The History of the Wellsville Fire Department

**Jan 2009** – No Meeting

At our October meeting, Craig Braack gave a slideshow speech on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC. Craig is always a welcomed speaker, and we look forward to hearing more from him.



**October at the Museum:** Painting finally got started this month. It will probably not be completed now until next spring, but what is done looks great!

Jane spoke with the Gold and Silver Templers on the History of the Broad Street Church of Christ and the Christian Temple.

Jane and I were invited to speak at the Belmont Rotary Club this month. Our topic was Wellsville Tanneries, a subject that Jane and Shirley Engle researched.

About 30 people visited our Open House this month, many saying they had lived here all their lives and had never visited the museum. It was a beautiful COLD day.

The Historian Preservation Round Table met at the museum on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The group is finalizing a calendar that will feature pictures from all towns in Allegany County. The calendar will be ready for sale in December. Anyone with an interest in history is also welcomed to join the group.

We have been enjoying many photos of the Wellsville area that were rescued from the trash at the Cuba Patriot. Jean Milliman, a historian and mother of the Patriot's editor, rescued them and doled them out to the historians that meet monthly at the Round Table. These are photos that the Patriot took/used over the past several years. The Patriot does not have the room to store them. Our gain. Thanks Jean (and the Patriot)

**Thank you for your Donations:**

**American Legion** - \$250.00 donation – thanks to Don LaForge for asking them!

**Bob Ackerman** – Copies of deeds, papers from Ackerman family; old receipts.

**Joanne Allen** – Pictures of a Erie shipping crate mailed to Everybody's store, Wellsville NY.

**Richard Bartlett** – A bullet mold with conical and round shapes, found locally (32 cal?); Vanity Set, two pieces.

**Craig Braack** – A DVD of Ron Thomas' funeral.

**Carmine Ceglia** – An 1857 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment Military Bank Note of \$25.75 to Thomas J. Parker.

**Ann Comstock** – 100 sheet protectors; a Mead Student Expanding File; two Andover Silk Mill shuttles and two silk spools; Collectable information of DAH Nancy Howe Auditorium's rededication.

**Eleanor Cott** – Shelf sitter – Trinity Luther Church on West Genesee St.

**Donna and Dominic Di Girolamo** - \$100.00 donation

**Creative Writers of the Southern Tier** – Anthology for the Millennium (2000); Anthology Silver Anniversary (2003). Donated compliments of Andrea Schoenthal and Rosalie Ames.

**Cuba Patriot** – Many photographs from 1992-1995.

**Dresser Rand Energy Systems** – Two commercial grade file cabinets.

**Dick Golas** – Two Terry name plates dating prior to 1974 (boiler plates); a book on Edward Clinton Terry.

**Betty Green** – Wellsville Daily Reporter newspapers (Misc); Teletype received by The Reporter re: President Kennedy's assassination.

**Linda Hausauer** from Wyoming County – Pedigree View for Minnie Maude Dyke.

**Ralph Hills** – Babble-On Bible Volume 1,2, and 3

**Pat Jung** – Two wool women's bathing suits; One 1918 woman's dress; a non-commercial grade file cabinet; USO poster; Moore Steam Turbine Army-Navy E award booklet 1943 (also includes the invitation); Eye glass frames belonging to Mable Millard (in TR Fleschutz case; 1954 Sinclair Refining Co. Safety Award belonging to Philo R. Richardson; photograph to copy of "Breaking Ground for new Christian Temple April 13, 1913."

**Jane Pinney** – A Wellsville, New York throw blanket. (It looks great on the old sofa upstairs)

**Wellsville Town Clerk** – Photographs to copy.

**Out of the Archives** - *The early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw so many changes in Wellsville, most notably the emergence of the automobile. The papers were filled with stories about families purchasing their first horseless carriage, and it was also filled with stories of friendly rivalries spawned by owning them:*

*From the Allegany County Reporter of July 8, 1910:* "On my trip over the road to East Aurora a few days ago, I met with rather a funny incident. About twenty five miles north of Cuba there is a fine watering trough and of course I stopped to fill the radiator. A farmer came out and talked, among other things he remarked that I had, just ahead, a very high hill to climb and said he always had to pull Fred Ward up this hill. I told him I expected to get there without the help of his horses, and I did. On my way back I stopped again to refill the tank, and my farmer was there too. He said he thought I was running away the day I went up the hill. I told him I knew Fred Ward well and he had a fine auto. He said, "Oh shucks, it can't do anything on hills; when you see Ward tell him he ought to get one like yours, it's the real thing on these roads". Now, how this farmer got on to our friend Ward away off there I do not know unless Mack Fulmer was giving him a turn in his jumper, and we all know Mack never stops on account of hills. Now, Fred what were you doing away off there? Were you exercising the car, trying to make a hill climber of it, or were you fishing up on the hills? Tell us all about that trip Fred, and the other hills you had a team pull you up – Jim" (could that be Jim O'Day? I think so, see below)

*From the Wellsville Daily Reporter of August 6, 1910:* "Last night at 7:40 p.m. the mellow tone of an automobile whistle rolled the length of Main Street. No one had to look up to know it was Jim O'Day's wonderful "calliope" with Jim sitting at the wheel, aglow with contentment. Suddenly something went wrong and the car came to a dead stop in front of Central Drug Store [87 N. Main St – site of Dragon House Restaurant in 2008] and Jim was astonished. He yanked at the clutch lever, stabbed the brake pedal, twisted the sparking control, opened the muffler and blew the whistle... but there was nothing doing. Suddenly a great cloud of dust was seen from the south and up came Fred Ward. Fred was mean enough to laugh very boisterously. Ward had been called no less than three times and told of O'Day's plight; it was supposed that Fred could suggest a remedy, having had experience with balky machines. Ed Brown, Win Duke and Charlie Youngs were present to offer suggestions to O'Day. Ward suggested what O'Day had prescribed to him a few days before: "pattern after the reliable Erie and have a pusher follow him." After the crowd carried Fred Ward home in a state of collapse from laughing, the car was pushed and pulled by 30-manpower to Youngs and Palmers for an overhaul."

*Happy Thanksgiving !!*

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**Museum Hours – Wednesday 1 – 4 PM from May 1 to October 31, or by Appointment.  
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