

MHS NEWSLETTER

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Macedon Historical Society (MHS)

MHS is a 501(3)c non-profit organization. We proudly undertake stewardship of preserving and keeping the vast historic moments captured from our community of Macedon relevant.

Historic Sites Owned by the MHS

The Historic Macedon Academy
- Home of the Macedon Historical Society

The Historic Macedon Grange
- Home of the Marketplace & Galleria at the Macedon Grange

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different yet the same

MANY NAMES- A COMMON PURPOSE

Memory Quilt, Remembrance Quilt, Signature Quilt, Mourning Quilt, etc. - different names yet these quilts serve a common purpose... Quilts have been used for centuries during funerals, viewings, and burials; whether it be a family owned quilt or a special one belonging to a church, for all these situations, quilts conveyed a sense of comfort. In the early 1800's, before modern medicine the loss of beloved friends & family members to disease and illnesses was all too familiar. Wars & accidents took the lives of loved ones, sadly even childbirth was dangerous; thus it was rare a mother who hadn't lost a child or children during this time. Bereavement became a part of everyday life and quilts became even more important in dealing with all this loss. As time past these quilts evolved to include not just grieving but many facets of life from honoring a loved ones achievements to memorializing a friendship, still to this day as a means to convey comfort.

Signature Quilts are typically made from remnants of cloth/fabric signed by individuals. These remnants given to the quilt creator(s) used to create "quilt blocks," often times are from clothing or home linens/ tapestries which typically hold meaning to the person(s) being memorialized or that of the contributor. In present times, Signature Quilts are often created for the purpose of fundraising, one can make a donation to have their name (or to sign) on the quilt, the quilt then once complete, raffled off. It is very typical in these types of fundraisers that the winner donate the quilt back to the organization to preserve or to raffle off again at a later fundraiser.

Such an extraordinary hand crafted meaningful quilt can be seen on exhibit at the Macedon Academy. The quilt displayed portrays a seemingly act of remembrance to those whose names appear on it. A few of those names include Doty, Carpenter, Baker, Chapman, Weeks, Fisher, Roger, and many more. We have yet to solve how the names on the quilt are linked together yet one can speculate many reasons based on the names that adorn this beautiful quilt. One can also assume based on the fact that all of the names are written with the same hand that this quilt was curated and created by one individual and may or may not have been a collaborative effort yet one with a set outcome.

The Quilt exhibited was donated to the MHS by Mrs. Catherine ("Kitty") Maloney MacGuire, a native of Macedon. Born in August of 1895, she was the 6th child born to John (born in Canada) and Elizabeth (born in NYS) Howe Maloney and resided on Leno Rd. What is her relationship to the quilt? How did she become the keeper of the quilt? We have yet to learn the answers to these and so many more questions... **READ THE FULL ARTICLE ON OUR WEBSITE**





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women's history month

WOMEN OF HISTORY FROM MACEDON, NY

March is Women's History Month and many of these Female Pioneers, Leaders, Teachers, Activists, and many more who have paved history as we know it today, were from Macedon, NY. Here are a few that stand out:



Ella Salome Wilcoxon 1865 - 1933 . A native of Macedon Mrs. Wilcoxon resided on Main Street, across and slightly west from the Baptist Church (where she was very active). It is there that you can see the Pomeroy Historic Marker erected in her name.

She made history by being the first female graduate of the University of Rochester! The U of R opened its classes to women in the year 1900, after Susan B. Anthony raised \$50,000 to support the program. Prior to even attempting enrollment, Ms. Wilcoxon had to complete special endorsements facilitated by U of R faculty members. She transferred from the Geneseo State Normal School her senior year. She then graduated in 1901 with a Ph.B.- a Bachelor's degree of Philosophy. In 1901 thought to be her thesis, Ella Salome Wilcoxon may have published a work titled "The motive of religion in the colonization of the United States: And its influence on colonial development." This work is attributed to her, unfortunately, no copies are available, and no more information has been found.

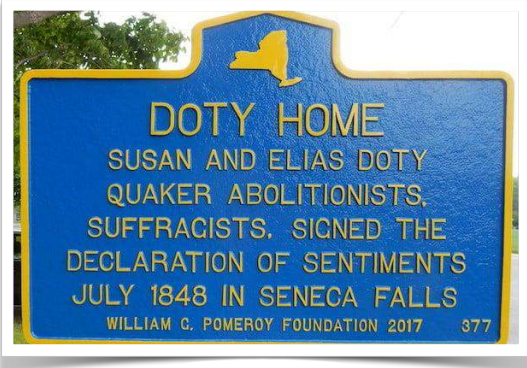
A timeline of Ella Wilcoxon's life and contributions to our community and women in general:

- July 17, 1884 at age 19, became a member of the First Baptist Church.
- June 1888 participated in the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society meeting in Newark NY.
- 1893 served as clerk for the church.
- 1897 served as a vice President of the Western Wayne Christian Endeavor.
- 1900 entered the University of Rochester and is named president of a new college fraternity – Students Association for Women – which all 33 female students joined. On Friday, February 22, 1901, the Students Association held a reception in Anderson Hall with Susan B. Anthony as their guest of honor.
- 1903 to 1905 continued her education at Illinois Wesleyan University
- 1906 and 1907 taught Biology at West High School in Rochester, now the Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School.
- August 18, 1927 attended a Bible Conference at Fair Haven.

Speaking Engagements:

[READ MORE ABOUT ELLA S WILCOXEN ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

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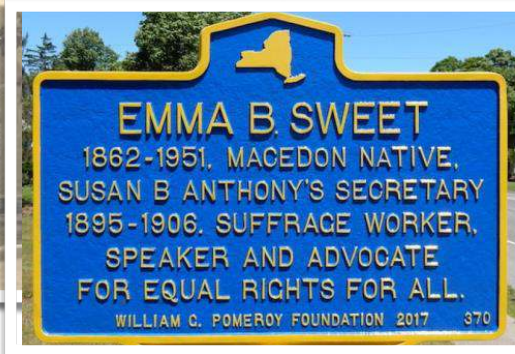


Susan and Elias Doty Home

Located on the Northeast corner of Canandaigua Rd and Cockle Rd, Macedon, NY

It is there you can see the Pomeroy Historic Marker erected in their names.

Susan R. White Doty (1807-1852) and her husband **Elias J. Doty** (1799-1871) were part of the core group of abolitionists, Underground Railroad supporters, and women's rights activists affiliated with Farmington Monthly Meeting of Friends. They were friends of Frederick Douglass and signers of the Declaration of Sentiments at the nation's first Woman's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, July 19-20, 1848.



Emma Biddlecom 1862-1951 A native of Macedon, Emma was a cousin of Susan B. Anthony, and is best known as Anthony's secretary during the last years of the famous suffragist's life.

She married Fred G. Sweet and lived in Rochester, New York. Emma Sweet was an active member of the Unitarian Church. In the early 1890s, she served as secretary of its "Social Topics Class," a division of the Unity Club. The Class, a discussion group, studied topics such as city government, public education reform, tax reform, labor unrest, race relations, divorce, co-education, and Populism. (Populism is the political doctrine that supports the rights and powers of common people in their struggle with the privileged elite.)



This text reads: "LINES FORM ON BOTH SIDES – Young mothers and older mothers, busy shoppers and wives turn up at the entrance to the Monroe County League of Women Voters, where information is available on all facets of the current election. Laden with bundles, herding a child, the ladies with the vote intend to make intelligent use of their franchise. Left to right are Mrs. Warren Hamilton, Mrs. Ezra A. Hale, Mrs. Paul E. Smith, Mrs. James Sebaste and Mrs. Henry A. Reich. To the right of the door (left to right) are Mrs. Milton Karz, Mrs. Fred G. Sweet, Mrs. Raymond Lander Jr. with her son, Tommy, age 17 months; Mrs. Robert M. Goodrich with Mrs. E. Mount Norris, end of line. They are representative of Rochester Women Voters.

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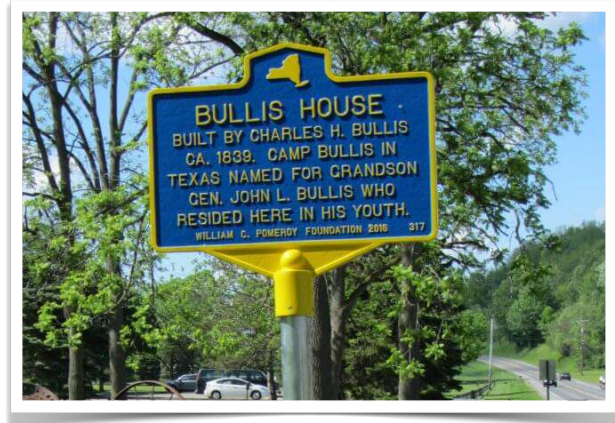


Jeanette Auerelia Bullis (“Nettie”) 1893 - 1979

A native of Macedon who resided 1727 Canandaigua Rd., next to what is now Bullis Park.

Valedictorian of her high school class in 1911 Nettie eventually became the personal secretary to James Gleason, President of the Gleason Works. She was a very intellectual woman, who invested wisely and left a remarkable legacy following her death. It was her generosity that brought the Bullis Book Collection and the personal papers and photos of the family to the Macedon Public Library.

These are but a few of the remarkable women that have served Macedon, thus setting the path for others to follow.



The Historic Markers depicted in this newsletter and those seen throughout our town were procured by grants from the William C. Pomeroy Foundation through the vigorous and dedicated work of the Macedon Historians, the late Helen Burgio, June Hamell (retired) and Linda Braun (current).

A special Thank You to these Women who are/were pioneers of preserving the History of Macedon.

MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Spring is just around the corner...

mhs news

MESSAGE FROM THE MHS PRESIDENT:

Spring is just around the corner and we've been very active in planning many exciting projects and events for the Community. "Performance on the Porch" continues. We have begun scheduling musicians and entertainers in an effort to drive community not just from surrounding areas, but from our home town itself. So Join us for our "Performance on the Porch" events held at the Macedon Academy beginning May 23rd.

See our [Calendar of Events on page 6](#) for a listing of some of our upcoming community events.

GROWING OUR COMMUNITY OF PARTNERS

I am pleased to announce that the Gananda Rotary has committed to partner with the Macedon Historical Society on future events and have donated funds for the purchase of equipment that is vital to the new MHS virtual classes initiative. The Gananda Rotary currently uses the Macedon Academy as a meeting space and event space.

The excitement doesn't end there... I've been working with the Cornell Cooperative Extension and am elated to announce that they have agreed to a collaborative partnership with the Macedon Historical Society. We will be working together on the overall concept for our teaching kitchen initiative, from kitchen design & layout to the academic agenda. The goal is to revitalize the Academy and bring it back to its original roots of an educational facility. This partnership will bring hands on learning as well as virtual classes to the community. We are grateful to have them as partners on this venture, for their knowledge & expertise are world renowned. Their guidance will not only help us achieve our goal of providing educational culinary classes to the community but agricultural teachings as well. Stay tuned for updates. We welcome you to get as excited as we are and [donate in support](#) and/or volunteer for this project.

*******MEMBERSHIPS*******

The Macedon Historical Society membership drive is underway. Membership dues provide the necessary funds to run the organization and the two buildings MHS owns. Thank you in advance for your continued support. New membership registration or membership renewals can be done either by visiting our website www.macedonhistoricalsociety.org/membership/ or for alternative options contact us at macedonacademy@gmail.com - MHS accepts most major credit cards via our secure Paypal page.

Renew or consider a membership pledge today. Your membership, allows you to vote on policies, procedures and overall direction of the MHS. Most of all, your membership supports the stewardship of preserving our Community, its History, and Historical Sites.

We urge you to attend our meetings and share your story. These stories shared are documented and preserved for generations to come.

Sandy Pagano, President of the Macedon Historical Society

P.S. Don't forget to explore our updated website! Bookmark it! and visit frequently for up-to-date information on events, and news.

Our Mission Statement

to promote and encourage historical research and preservation regarding the community of Macedon, NY and to disseminate that information.

Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

From January through March at the Macedon Town Complex Aldrich Room

From April through November at the Historic Macedon Academy 1185 Macedon Center Rd

All are welcomed as MHS meetings are open to everyone. **All Members** are encouraged to partake in contributing suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in support of the continued efforts of the MHS. We also urge all Members to vote on policies and procedures as well as during Board Member nominations & elections.

We abide by all COVID regulations to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Masks are required and social distancing is enforced. Sanitization station available for your convenience.

Thank you in advance

calendar of events

BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

April 10th - 10am: *Work session at the Academy*

-Student's requiring Community Service hours are welcome.

April 22nd - 4pm-6pm: *"Earth Day Clean-Up"* Join the Marketplace & Galleria at the Macedon Grange. We will be picking up debris on Macedon Center Road west of rt350 all the way to Alpo. Refreshments and snacks will be available following strict covid guidelines. All packages will be handled by staff and will be distributed by staff only. *to register visit our website at www.macedongrange.com

April 24th 11am: *"Earth Day Weekend"* Let the clean up continue as we celebrate Earth Day. This time we will be picking up debris starting at Lock 30 in Macedon and continuing along the Canal Trail. Bring a hat and/or poncho. Rain or shine, we will do our part in keeping Macedon clean.

April 25th 2pm: *"The History of Macedon"* Presentation by Dave Taber, retired Pal-Mac History teacher, to be held at the Macedon Academy. *"Open House"* immediately following.

May 23rd 2pm: *"Performance on the Porch"* Musical performance by the "HeartStrings" with Kathie and Denny Brunner.

May 30th 2pm-4pm: *"Open House"* at the Macedon Academy.

May 31st: Memorial Day - "Activities TBA" - Display your American Flag with honor.

June 13th 1:00pm: *"Flag Day"* Presentation by the Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Post 494 of Macedon, at the Macedon Academy. Presentation on the history of the American flag, followed by a demonstration on the folding of the flag. Note there will be a special Flag retiring ceremony at the conclusion.

June 14th: *"Official Flag Day"* - Display your American Flag with pride and honor.

June 27th 2pm-4pm: *"Open House"* and *"Performance on the Porch"* with Laurie Leenhouts Musician and vocalist singing songs of praise.

June 27th 3pm: *"Long Acres Farm"* Presentation on the Lawrence/Allen Families History and Macedon.

SAVE THE DATE:

July 25th 2pm: *"Performance on the Porch"* with Mike Kornrich, Children's performance for kids and the young at heart...

Reminder, we abide by all COVID regulations to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Masks are required and social distancing is enforced. Sanitization station available for your convenience. Due to COVID restrictions, please register by emailing us your name, total number in party joining, a contact phone number and date of event you wish to register for. Please send Email to macedonacademy@gmail.com or call 585-455-3798 for more information.

Stay up-to-date on our community events by visiting our website at www.macedonhistoricalsociety.org

HELPING HANDS:

- A heart felt **THANK YOU** to two inspiring companies for their support in bringing our new website to life. **Break the Ice Media** who designed the updated website, and **Reliant Community Credit Union** financial co-sponsor.
- MHS has received a grant from the Hoffman Foundation to purchase mannequins to showcase the Uniforms donated to MHS displayed at the Academy. **We THANK the Hoffman Foundation for their generous gift & support!**
- We are applying for grants to make the Academy ADA compliant, including the installation of a wheelchair elevator for 2nd floor access. [Donate in Support](#)
- Funds have been appropriated through the Bullis Fund for a portion of the additional fire escape needed. MHS is in need of donations for the additional construction expenses associated with this essential project. [Donate in Support](#)
- A GoFundme account has been set up in support of the Kitchen updates needed. Emma Kett, of the Cornell Cooperative Extension recently toured the Academy and has already begun sharing thoughts on bringing this project to life. We look forward to this partnership and the communities participation. [Donate in Support](#)
- MHS applied for a grant to replace the doors at the Macedon Grange. The Marketplace & Galleria will be painting the building exterior in their efforts of preservation. Keep your eye out for the transformation. [Donate in Support](#)
- To enhance our Grant applications, MHS is seeking letters of support from the community. letters can be mailed to MHS, PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502. See our website for additional details.



Wayne County Bicentennial Updates
 By Gene Bavis, Wayne County Co-Chair
www.waynecounty200.com

The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee and subcommittees continue to move forward with plans for the 2023 celebration of Wayne County's History and Heritage.

Please visit our website at www.macedonhistoricalsociety.org/Bicentennial for recent updates from the Wayne County Bicentennial Committee Co-Chair Gene Bavis

Macedon Historical Society wishes to extend their condolences to the family and friends of Larry Ann Evans. Larry Ann was a mentor to many of the Historians and Museum Directors in the Area. Her talents and visions of preserving history and her passion surrounding heritage will surely be missed.

BICENTENNIAL CONT.

A BOOK OF WAYNE COUNTY MEMORIES

Submission Guidelines

In 2023 Wayne County will celebrate its 200th anniversary. Many efforts are underway to make this historical milestone memorable for all of our county residents. One of these efforts is to compile a book of non-fiction memoirs, photographs, poems, essays, artwork, biographical pieces, and news articles which will be published in a book that commemorates the vast history of the communities we call home, the values we live by and the many accomplishments that have paved the way for history as we know it today whether big or small.

Only submissions related directly to Wayne County will be considered. Visit our website at www.waynecounty200.com for deadline date and event updates.

Submission topic ideas:

- Write about a person/place in Wayne County that had a profound influence on you/others or your community?
- Write about a story passed down to you about your ancestors who came before you who lived in Wayne County.
- Write about nostalgic traditions you had while growing up. Can even be a family holiday tradition or recipe.
- Write about your childhood, things you played, places you roamed or about a home or friend that is no longer.
- Did you ever work on a farm in WC? Write about what it was like. Do you miss it? What did you learn?
- Write about a loved one gone to war, about a family book written, a famous relative, or about yourself.

Submission Requirements for writers and artists:

- Email submissions to amberlinson@gmail.com
- In subject line put "WC book submission and indicate type (ie. fictional story, poetry or artwork)"
- Include contributor's bio: written in third person; up to 100 words; contact information
- Artwork or photographs should be submitted with the artists last name as the file name. Also include a brief description of the image in the body of the email.
- Word count:
 - Fictional Story- up to 2500
 - Poetry- Up to 30 lines; counting blank lines

Any individual or group needing help with a submission, the writing of a submission, or a question on a submission should email amberlinson@gmail.com.

All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of fellow writers and residents. Upon reviewing, we will notify you if your work has been selected to be published in the book.

Add your voice to our local history!

THE MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



thank you!!!

We can't thank you enough for all that you contribute. We once again invite you OUR COMMUNITY; to contribute in any aspect that you can. Whether donating your time through voluntarism and/or by means of the much needed financial donations/contributions, we greatly appreciate your support to these needed efforts in support of the Macedon Historical Society's commitment to preserve the heritage and stories of our community. Help us keep the past from being forgotten, for without the past we would not have today..

MAKE A DONATION TODAY, we now offer many ways to make it convenient for you:
For Debit or Credit Card donations visit our website at: www.macedonhistoricalsociety.org
Or simply click here: **DONATE TODAY** (*digital readers only*)

To request a pick-up/drop-off - Call Otto Roman at 212.255.8111 for cash donations, artifact donations, art donations, gift donations, etc. We take your health seriously! Pick-ups are made wearing masks, disposable gloves, and prior disinfecting.

open house

Open House is held the last Sunday of the month From April through September 2pm-4pm
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