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Macedon Historical Society (MHS)

MHS is a 501c3 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 MHS

The Historic Macedon Academy
1185 Macedon Center Rd.
and the Historic Macedon Grange
1208 Macedon Center Rd.

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School Days, some buildings remain others are just in our memories. Come share your stories with MHS on September 15th at the Macedon Academy at 6:00pm



Alderman Rd. School District #1 Before and After (approx. 2002)



Picture 1951 aprox.

Science Hill School Macedon Center Rd. School District #8



Walworth Rd., School District 6
The Pioneer cemetery sits behind this school where Winston Churchill's Gr.Grandmother is laid to rest.



Hance Rd. School District 16



Macedon Academy drawing of 1850, pictured Class of 1899
Last graduating class was 1902.



Do you recognize any names pictured? Seated in front - Edna Geraldine Brennan, First row, Carrie Allen (Vice Pres), Isaac Jay Furman, Helen Thayer (Treasurer) and Stewart Hoxie Breese (President) Second row, May Gardner, Charles Thomas fuller, Clementine Hoag(Secretary) and George Gallup. *resource NYHistory.com*



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Message from the MHS President, Sandy Pagano

This newsletter is focusing on the School Districts in Macedon prior to the formation of the Palmyra Macedon School District in 1952. Macedon Town Historian, Linda Braun has researched this subject and provides our readers with an interesting article. Do you recognize any of the students?

A special shout out to the Macedon Baptist Church for their generous donation of a Projector and 12' Screen. MHS will be able to fulfill the concept of showing performances on the 2nd floor Auditorium to patrons on the first floor that can not make the stairs. Coupled the projector system with our newly installed ADA bathroom, the Academy can facilitate the many needs in our community.

I am very proud of our membership, we have been growing and as they say, "Many hands make lighter work". It takes a lot of volunteers to maintain the 2 buildings that MHS owns. Grace & John Mullard are new members of MHS and have graciously donated their time in fixing up the interior of the Academy. They have hung our Heritage Builder Display in the front foyer of the Academy. It may not sound like much, but it is a welcomed feature for our visitors.

We continue to work on the kitchen in the Academy to begin cooking and baking classes. This will be a partnered journey with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Again John has volunteered to help with the construction of shelves, once we get the kitchen painted, electricity installed and new countertops. We will be looking for donations to set up the kitchen.

Please let MHS know if you'd like to continue to receive the quarterly MHS Newsletter. email: macedonacademy@gmail.com

The new Heritage Builder Display in the foyer of the Academy - Is your company or the company you work for listed? Maybe it is time you asked them to support the Heritage Builders, preserving the Macedon Heritage for generations to come.



MHS would like to thank the following people who have chosen to support MHS with their in-kind service and donations:

Mert & Jean Bartels
Linda Roeland
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Luda Drouin & Kevin Kolby
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Carm & Sandy Pagano
Don & Lisa Fox
Grace & John Mullard
Debbie Basile & Peter Jackson
Otto Roman
Macedon Baptist Church

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MACEDON CENTER

Unless stated, events are at the Macedon Academy, 1185 Macedon Center Rd.

Limited Parking at the Academy, so please use the Church parking lot, 2 houses west of the Academy.

Tuesday, September 14th come join us at 6:00pm for our "Community Chat" series. September features, stories about School Days. Featured speakers are retired principal, Dr. Carman Pagano and Retired Teacher, Dave Taber. A casual conversation with members and guests, sharing stories and documenting our heritage. **All are welcome.**



Sunday, September 26th, 1:00pm Performance on the "Porch" series finishes the year with Heart Strings, Kathie & Denny Brunner will perform on the 2nd Floor Auditorium at the Academy. Come listen to them strumming and fiddling with all our favorite tunes. A beautiful way to end our series.

Tuesday, October 12th, come join us at 6:00pm for our "Community Chat" series. this month, featuring Farming and the Harvest. Macedon is an agricultural town, Local farmers will share their stories, documenting our heritage.

Tuesday, November 9th, 6:00pm, join us for the last "Community Chat" for 2021. Highlighting Christmas and Thanksgiving stories of the past. Come reminisce with friends & family. Brief General meeting prior to sharing stories.

These stories and performances will be uploaded to macedonhistoricalsociety.org website, when available.

Another session of Line Dancing September 15th through October 20th. Every Wednesday night with Terri Anderson. See page 7 for details.



Facebook in 1919 "Palmyra Courier" April 2, 1919

MACEDON NEWS

Born to Mr. & Mrs. William Marks a daughter March 28

Mrs. Charles Allen is ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gratton

Mrs. Kenneth Lyons and her son spent Sunday with her parents in Newark

Mr. Hurley and his daughter have moved into their new home on Main St.

Mrs. W. Williams of Fair-

port has spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. I I Blazey

Mrs. Julia Quigley and Miss Helen Crowley of Fairport, spent Sunday with their brother, John Crowley (President of the Village of Macedon)*

Miss Allen of the High School Faculty spent the weekend at her home in Spencerport, Miss Boynton at her home in Walworth and Miss Farlo in Rochester.

Last Saturday evening Macedon defeated the basketball team of East Rochester with a score of 26 to 18. Next Friday, the fourth of April the high school team will play the Alumni and a dance will follow.

On Thursday evening, Asher Lawrence was given a very pleasant surprise party by a number of his classmates. It was in honor of his birthday.

nyshistoricnewspapers.org
*noted in a different article



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SAVE THE DATES in 2023

April 11 - Dedication Ceremony
Lyons, NY (TBA)

August 14—18 Two hundred mile
Torch Relay through each Town in
Wayne County. Details will be an-
nounced as they are developed

August 31 – Sept 05 World Fife and
Drum Festival

Our Mission Statement

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

General Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:00pm
April - November at the Historic Macedon Academy
1185 Macedon Center Rd. (31F)

February & March at the Macedon Town Hall - 32 Main St., Macedon

Community Chat is held directly after the General Meetings at approx. 6:30pm. Please contact MHS if you'd like to share your Macedon Stories. MHS records these stories.

All are welcomed at MHS meetings. Members are able to vote on procedures and projects. We encourage you to become a member.

Membership

All Members are encouraged to partake in contributing suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in support of the continued efforts of MHS. We also urge all members to vote on policies and procedures and projects.

Membership dues:

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| Individuals | \$25 |
| Family | \$30 |

Dues and donations are used to maintain the buildings. MHS applies for grants for projects, such as painting the buildings, shoring up foundations, ADA Bathrooms, etc.

If you'd like to donate or become a member you can mail a check to: Macedon Historical Society
PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

Or use the donation/membership buttons on our website.

macedonhistoricalsociety.org
and click the donation button, or drop down menu to membership.

Thank you in advance for your continued support

DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN MACEDON:

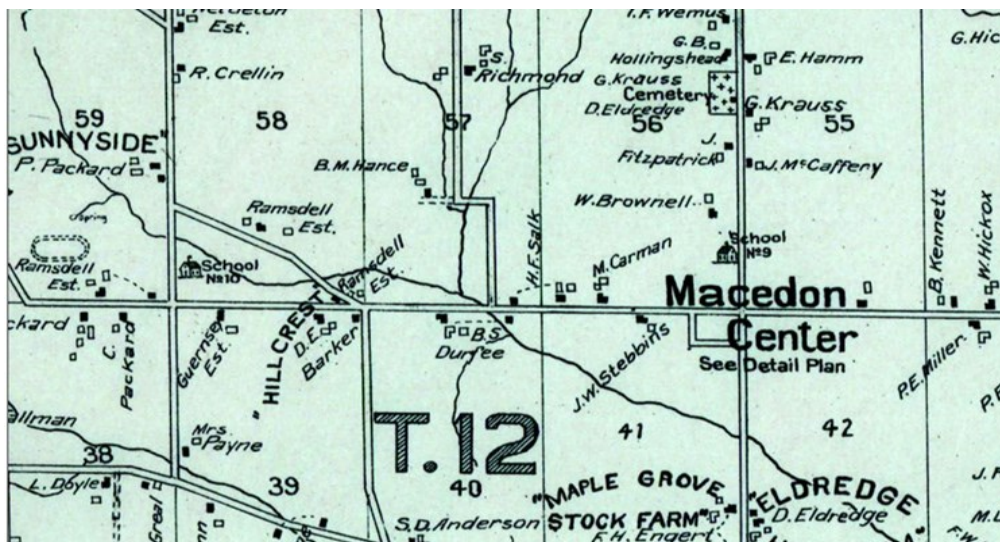
By: Linda Braun, Macedon Historical Society Secretary and Town Historian

If you attended Palmyra-Macedon during the 1960s-80's you might have had the pleasure of being a student in Mr. Dave Taber's Social Studies Classes. One of the main projects of the class was to complete a local history essay. Students were required to interview local residents in order to gain first-hand information about a topic. Often the essays included pictures and drawings.

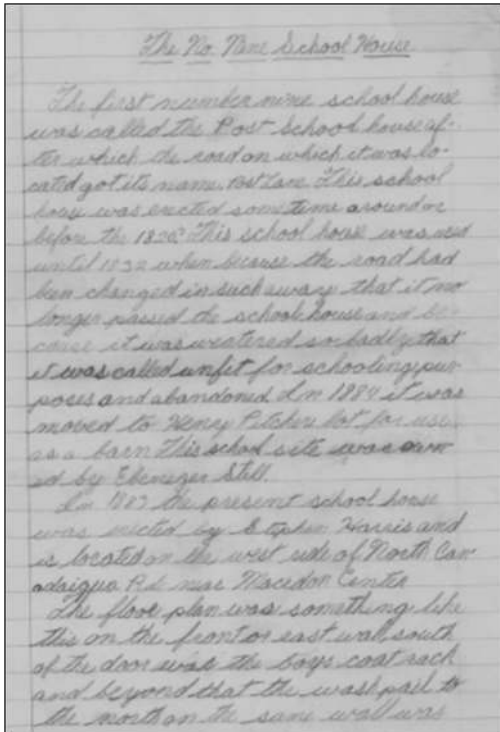
One of the most common topics was that of District Schools. New York State had set forth laws establishing schools back to 1795. In 1812 "a landmark law established a statewide system of common school districts." (Source: www.nysl.nysed.gov) Many of these laws defined the various ways that the state and communities were to pay for the schools, but that is not the topic of this article.

Prior to the establishment of the centralized Palmyra-Macedon School District in 1950, children attended "district" schools. There were 16 district schools in Macedon, within walking distance of residents. In fact, students would often go home for lunch. Many of these buildings are still standing as private residences. Check out the Wayne Historians website for more information on these buildings and other topics. (<https://waynehistorians.org/Places/index.php>)

This map is a portion of the 1905 Map of Macedon, NY. It shows Macedon Center with Macedon Center Rd. running east to west. Notice the District 9 School just above the words "Macedon Center". It is located on Canandaigua Road. You will also notice No. 10 School further west by the Ramsdell estate and the Packard farm. For orientation purposes, the site labeled *B.S. Durfee* is the current site of Alpcos. If you are curious, the T12 stands for Tract 12 of Range 3 of the Phelps-Gorham purchase. Surveys divided the tract



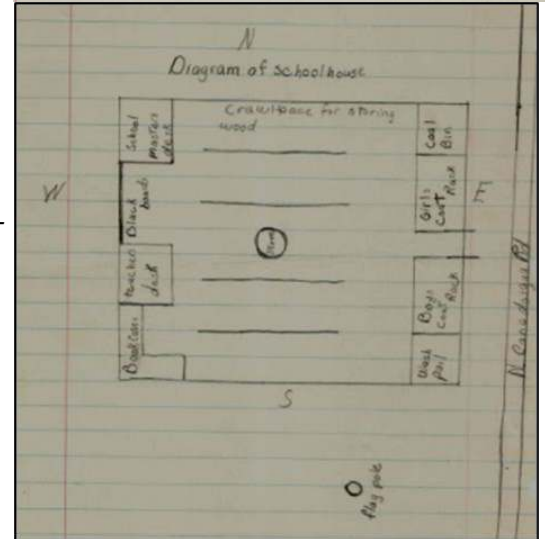
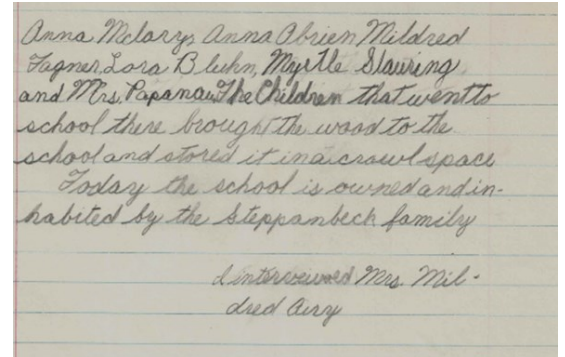
into lots. Each lot was numbered. You'll notice District No. 9 in Lot 56 and No. 10 in lot 58. Mr. Taber is the Vice-President of the Macedon Historical Society. When asked why he never returned his student's papers, he said that "they would probably just throw them away." Well, as the Macedon Historian and member of the Macedon Historical Society, I am so glad that Mr. Taber never returned these papers to his students! Our collection of student essays provides an insight into early Macedon with first hand accounts of people, places and things that happened in Macedon. It is also an interesting look at academic requirements of previous generations. Almost every paper is written in cursive, some typed. Check out the collection currently on display at the Macedon Academy.



The No. 9 School House

By: Andy Murphy, Excerpts from pg 1 and 5

The first number nine school house was called the Post School house after which the road on which it was located got its name, Post Lane. This school house was erected sometime around or before the 1820? This school house was used until 1832 when because the road had been changed in such a way that it no longer passed the school house and because it was weathered so badly that it was called unfit for schooling purposes and abandoned. In 1884 it was moved to Henry PETERS lot for use as a barn. This school site was owned by Ebenezer Still.



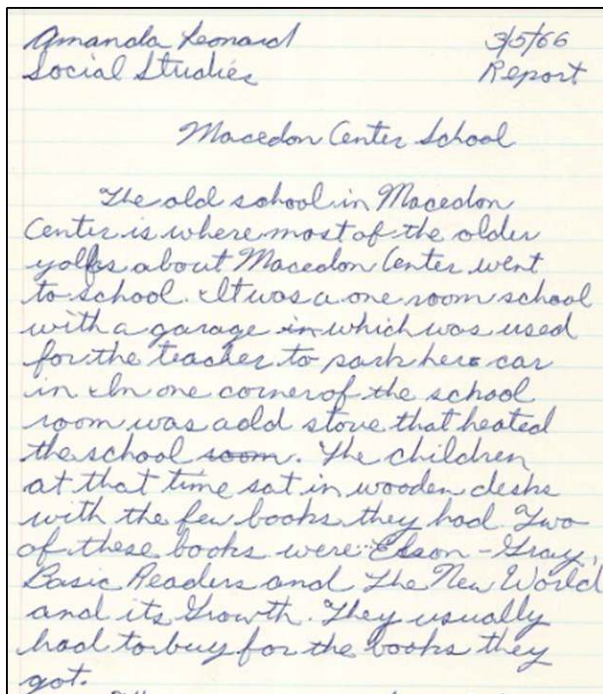
In 1883 the present school house was erected by Stephen Harris and is located on the west side of North Canandaigua Rd near Macedon Center. The floor plan was something like this on the front or east wall, south of the door was the boys coat rack and beyond that the wash pail ...

This last page was referencing the teachers who had taught at the District 9 school. In it Andy Murphy acknowledges his interview with Mildred Airy.

This drawing was also part of the report.

Amanda Leonard

3/5/1966 Social Studies Report



Macedon Center School

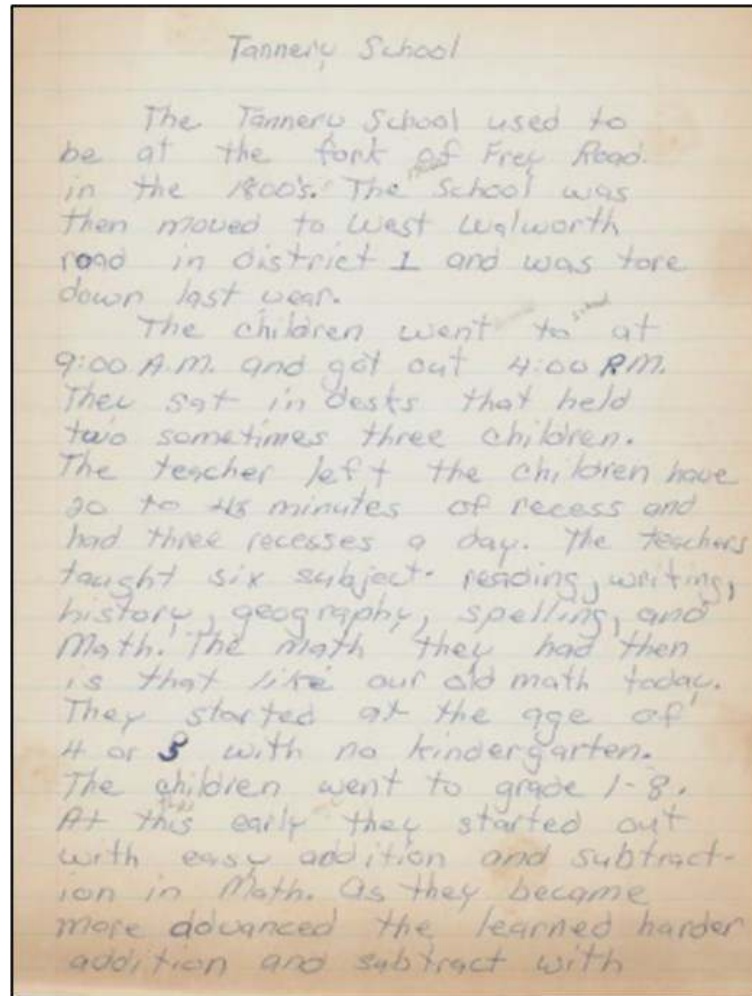
The old school in Macedon Center is where most of the older folks (folks) about Macedon Center went to school. It was a one room school with a garage which was used for the teacher to park her car in. In one corner of the school room was a old stove that heated the school room. The children at that time sat in wooden desks with the few books they had. Two of these books were Elson-Gray, Basic Readers and The New World and its Growth. They usually had to buy for the books they got.....



Heritage Builders

To become a heritage builder, donate \$500 or more to MHS. Your name will be posted on our Heritage Builder Wall of Fame at the Macedon Academy and posted on our website as a sponsor macedonhistoricalsociety.org

The Tannery School: This report was written by Dale Tougher. It not written in cursive and is quite easy to read. Enjoy



For more information about the Individual Schools prior to 1952, check out the website macedonhistoricalsociety.org



Multiplication, division, and rule measurements.

For enjoyment they played pop-pom pole away, hiding go seat, and bare ball. In history they studied mainly New York State but eventually went to the United States.

They had one teacher for all grades. The teacher didn't have to have a college education or have a high school education. For punishment the teacher had a rubber hose he spanked with.

The holiday they had off were Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, and election day. They also had Lincoln's or Washington's birthday off which ever the children and teacher decided on.

Dale Tougher
reminisence by Miss Grace Frey



***LINE DANCING continues at the Macedon Academy
with instructor Terri Andersen***

***Macedon Academy Auditorium (with A/C)
1185 Macedon Center Rd., (Route 31F) Macedon***

***Fall Session – Line Dance
Wednesdays – 6:45 – 8:45 pm***

September 15 – October 20 (6 weeks)

6:45 – 7:45 pm: New Beginner to Beginner
7:45 – 8:45 pm: Beginner-Plus to Improver

In each time frame, we will have new lessons, some reteaches or reviews if you have danced before – at that level!! Join us for a FUN night of dancing with a little bit of everything for everybody – new dancers and experienced dancers welcome!! Bring your smiling faces & happy, dancing feet!!

Please note – you may wear a mask if you are more comfortable, but not necessary. Please DO stay home if you are not feeling well!!

Drop-in Cost: \$10 per person, per evening – payable to Terri Anderson...or

Paid in Advance: \$50 for full 6-wk session

Call to reserve your full 6-wk spot: 585-455-3323

About the instructor ...

Terri decided she loved line dancing after her very first lesson and has been dancing ever since! She has been instructing at various local venues and Rec Centers (Perinton & Palmyra) for the past 25 years and has been invited to teach at many Line Dance Workshop Events, both regionally (Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse) and also in Canada. It is a great way to get some exercise with upbeat music and fun energy – and no partner is required! Music includes everything from country to contemporary... and more!!



Gananda Rotary Becomes a Heritage Builder

Gananda Rotary at their July Meeting made a generous \$1000 donation to the Macedon Historical Society.

The Gananda Rotary has met at the Academy over the last 4 years. They have access to a storage area for all their paper files and use of the kitchen.

It is a wonderful partnership, as the Rotary continues to assist the Historical Society with clean up days and social events.

Gananda Rotary is celebrating it's 32nd year as a club with their charter members, Rich Messenger, Bruce Niven and Chip Rieck as remaining original members.

MHS is proud to have this strong partnership. Gananda Rotary is only one of the many Heritage Builders and partners. MHS thanks all of their Heritage Builders.



Rotarians, Sandy Pagano, Terri Nichols, Treasurer & Elisa Friedl, Secretary



MHS has established a wonderful partnership with Western Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Macedon Historical Society will be engaging WWCC with a variety of events in the coming months and 2022. MHS continues to grow with their valued partnerships with Alpo Recycling and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Watch for upcoming events and classes on FB: Macedon NY History or on MHS website: macedonhistoricalsociety.org



Please contribute information regarding the Village of Macedon. Send stories, pictures and information to macedonacademy@gmail.com



Macedon Hotel formerly at corner of N Erie St & Route 31 - Burned in 1910.



Macedon Creamery portions of this building are still visible at the ABX plant across from Gravino Park.



This red shed sat on the McLouth property. The shed was a "section house" for the trolley that ran through Main St. The Shed was donated to MHS to be moved to Bullis Park. Unfortunately when it was time to move the shed, it had deteriorated beyond repair.

The Macedon Historical Society owns 2 buildings of significant history. The Macedon Academy and the Macedon Grange. The survival of these buildings counts on community support financially.

Consider bequeathing to the Macedon Historical Society. Check with your attorney or financial adviser on how to accomplish this wonderful acknowledgement of the importance in maintaining the history of your community for generations to come.

Every generation leaves behind a legacy. What that legacy will be is determined by the people of that generation. What legacy do you want to leave behind.
John Lewis

There are several ways to donate:

- 1) directly using the donation button on our website:
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- 2) mailing a donation to:
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TAX SEASON will soon be upon us, please consider a donation to the Macedon Historical Society, a 501c3 non-profit org. [DONATE](#)

Over the Labor Day weekend, Macedon Historical Society was proud to pay tribute to the 13 Service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice in August 2021. Thank you to the American Legion Post 494, Kathy & Ken Halloran for this display



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