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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.

### Mailing Address:

PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

### Phone:

585-455-3798 leave a message

### Email:

macedonacademy@gmail.com

### Website:

macedonhistoricalsociety.org

### Facebook Page:

Macedon NY History

**If you'd like to make a donation to help keep the lights on, check out our Website at [macedonhistoricalsociety.org](https://macedonhistoricalsociety.org) and click the [DONATE](#) button**

### Or mail a donation to:

**MHS, PO Box 303,  
Macedon, NY 14502**

## Walt's Place General Store

*A collection of pictures and stories of the General Stores, the hub at the corner of Wilson Road and Route 31. Provided by their grandchildren.*

Linda Braun, the Town Historian and MHS secretary, was thankful when Lisa Power Norsen stopped by her office at the Macedon Public Library and dropped off several pictures and documents. They were from her parents, Ruth (Wilcox) Power and Wayne Power's collection. Later on Lisa emailed some very nice memories from she and her siblings.

"Yes, it was my Grandparent's store. Walter and Catherine (Moore) Wilcox. He built the store/house and they lived in the house until they went into a nursing home in the late 80's – early 90's. We lived in a house that he built also. (My Mom and her Sister, Dottie, were their only children.) It was the 5<sup>th</sup> house to the East of Wilson Road. He also raised chickens and guinea hens at his house and all of us kids went and helped him feed them at one time. We would go there in the mornings and their house was the



1952



“bus stop” for the neighborhood. I often helped in the store with stocking the shelves, waiting on customers, putting the ads in the Sunday paper every week (and I was paid 25 cents!). You could rarely stop at the store to purchase anything without chatting with Grampa. He knew everyone. I often hear of so

many that walked up to the store for penny candy. Grandma minded the store when Grampa was out building houses. He built many in Macedon but I am not the one that would remember which ones! He also held the mortgage for many of those that he built for. I learned

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## MHS OFFICERS

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Partners

## Message from the MHS President, Sandy Pagano

Check out the front page and pages 4 & 5. A special thank you to Lisa Power Norsen for donating pictures of her Grandfather's store and sharing her story. A legendary spot in 1940 through the 1980's. Step in their store and they knew your name. These are fantastic pictures. The stories would have been lost if Lisa had not shared them. Do you have pictures and stories to share. They need to be documented or they will just vanish away. Send them to [macedonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:macedonacademy@gmail.com). This is our secretary's email for MHS and who is also the Town Historian, Linda Braun. These pictures and stories are so valuable in preserving the history of Macedon. Pictures, documents and materials can be delivered to her office located in the Macedon Public Library.

We are saddened that we were not awarded a grant to install a new heating and air conditioning system in the Auditorium at the Academy. But we are strong in numbers and will resubmit a grant with support letters from the community. Please send support letters to [macedonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:macedonacademy@gmail.com)

In-Kind Service; we could not survive without the generosity of our community. There are wonderful people in our community. Baldwin Richardson Foods off Gananda Parkway has donated a fire escape to the Historical Society. Alpco Recycling will be moving it to their facility for the winter, to power wash it and spray paint it. We have volunteers that will frame and install the emergency exit. The platform will come in the spring of 2022 and the installation of the Fire Escape soon after. Thank you to the many blessings we have in procuring this needed structure. This will provide the capability of more people enjoying the Auditorium for performances and lectures.

The Summer/Fall Line Dancing finished in November. MHS has received wonderful comments from the attendees stating that Terri is a fantastic instructor. This was an example of how MHS had to be creative in fundraising for 2021. Thank you Terri for your professionalism and endurance on our rough stage floor. Let's put a new stage floor on the list.

## MHS Member Highlight - Stephanie Petty

Stephanie is MHS's Archivist, Archeologist and Curator where she spends countless hours at the academy documenting and categorizing all the material in the Library/research studio.

She graduated from Pal-Mac in 2011 and then attended SUNY Potsdam where she graduated with a BA in Archaeology and a minor in Geology.



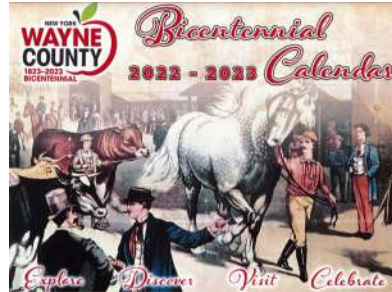
*"I've always been interested in history and growing up in South Macedon I spent a lot of my childhood outside so archaeology fit well. When not outside working the archival work with MHS is a really good fit for me. It's interesting learning about the history of the place I grew up. Where I have family who came from Europe and decided to settle here and to see through our pictures and other items we have at the museum what life was for them and the people of Macedon. It is really interesting getting to touch items that were important to people in the past including my Grandmother's band uniform and music from a group she was in the Kitchenette."* Stephanie

The Macedon Historical Society is very pleased to have Stephanie as an active member, even when she travels for work across the country, she is only a text message away.

## **BICENTENNIAL CALENDARS - GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE AT MACEDON TOWN HALL**

Bicentennial Calendars: This 2 year commemorative calendar contains around 800 historical facts related to Wayne County as well as over 300 images that represent all aspects of Wayne County Life. This is a keepsake that you will enjoy looking at for many years, AND it would make a TERRIFIC Holiday Gift! \$15, payable to the Macedon Historical Society. Available at the Macedon Town Hall.

For more information on the Bicentennial Celebrations or to learn how you can lend a hand website: [www.waynecounty200.com](http://www.waynecounty200.com)



## **Facebook in 1892, News Gatherer 12/17/1892**

### **MACEDON CENTRE NEWS**

**Miss Estella Flagler spent last week in Rochester visiting at Bernard Flaglers.**

**A nephew and niece of Dr. Ingraham from Albany county, are attending school here, living with their uncle.**

**Miss Etta Rice of Macedon, closed the fall term of school in the Centre district, this week. Everyone homes that Miss Rice will continue to teach the school.**

**Last Saturday evening officers were elected for the Macedon Grange. Arrangements were also made for a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. A supper will be served.**

**Miss Mabel Carman spent last Saturday with her grandfather Carman.**

**This week Tuesday a number of men and teams from this neighborhood, turned out and drew gravel on the roadways of the Cemetery. Everyone seems to take an interest in this cemetery which has made it one of the finest in the country.**

**Miss May Patten spent Saturday night and Sunday in Penfield, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Sprague.**

**Miss Henrietta W. Downing returned last Wednesday, from Holly Mich.**

**Misses Carrie and Mabel Harris of Mendon have been visiting their grandparents this week.**

**There will be a festival at Academy hall, on Friday night of this week for the benefit of the institution.**

**Miss Sarah A. Green is on the sick list. She was unable to attend the WCTU meeting on Wednesday of this week of which she was to take charge. Scientific Temperance Instruction, being the subject of which she is superintendent. The subject for the next meeting is Evangelistic meeting, December 28th, Mrs. Rebecca Naramore, Supt.**

**The Academy closes on Friday of this week, for the holiday vacation.**

### **BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:**

#### **LEADERSHIP: Co-Chairs:**

Gene Bavis, Walworth Town Historian

Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian

Consultant:

County Historian – Peter Evans

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Peg Churchill, Retired Wayne County IDA Director

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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 announced 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:

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](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org) and click the donation button, or drop down menu to membership.

*Thank you in advance for your continued support*

## Walt's Place, General Store continued -

how to "properly" rake leaves, plant a garden, feed chickens, put the "older" cans of food in the front and the "new" stock in the back. I have the cash register and an adding machine that he used in the store. I will always remember the display unit that held the candy and the smell of his "oil room" (he also sold gas). They went for a Sunday drive just about every week and if I got down there early enough, I went with them. Although Grampa rarely laughed and was always reserved with his feelings, we knew he loved us. He always gave us his time and we were able to go just about anywhere he was going. Grandma was always the one cooking and baking – Saturday lunches were one I attended



often. She had beautiful lilac trees

along Rt 31 side and before the house was sold, I took a cutting from it and have one bush growing in my yard. In the 80's Grampa had an accident where he hit his head and after that, they closed the store. He went in the nursing home first and Grandma went a few years later. Grampa died in 1992 and Grandma died in 1993.

In the store, Grampa had a meat case and always a large roll of brown meat wrapping paper behind it. They would wrap the meat or cold cuts the customer would order in a piece they would tear off. Once in a while Grandma would give us a piece to draw on. It was always fun to fill the candy case, of course. There was a big snowstorm that closed Wilson Road down and the banks so high across the road that we were able to walk right across them and on to the top of the store rooftop! We got to help collect the eggs from the chickens and guinea hens, but we had to be careful collecting eggs not to drop them. Also, the guinea hens would stand on the roof of the chicken house and squawk, they were so noisy!

Grampa's mother (our Great Grandma Wilcox), lived in the little house on the back of the property (we called it the cottage). Sandy used to bake All Bran muffins for her, and she would give her a little money for them. She always had coins in her bottom drawer by the door so that we could get one to buy a fudgesicle in Grampa's store. They let us ring things up on the big old cash register on the store counter. You had to figure the tax from a printed chart posted next to the cash register. Scott has memories of eating frog legs (all laid out on a paper towel) and Johnny cakes (which he loved) that grandma would make. He also remembered a hat stretcher that Grampa had.

*Remembrance from Lisa Power Norsen and her siblings*

*Macedon Historical Society would like to extend our condolences to the passing of Ruth & Wayne Power to their family.*

**COMMUNITY CHAT** series at the Macedon Academy  
Would you like to know more about the history of your community?  
MHS invites you to join your neighbors and friends at the "Community Chat" Series in 2022. In 2021 the series began. The information you don't find in the text books. This is a casual setting with people who are excited about sharing their stories. This series is recorded and uploaded to our website. Come and enjoy many stories and tales from people in the community.



# The construction of Route 31 near the current Wilson Rd. Macedon

Pictures taken in 1949. Donated by Lisa Power Norsen.



**New Bridge To Lock Under Construction**

Motorists traveling west from Palmyra no doubt have noticed much activity north of Route 31. Now under construction is a new steel bridge across Mud Creek to provide suitable entrance to Lock 29 of the Barge Canal. Heavy equipment and manpower from both New York State Department of Canals and Highways are speeding the work.

This new bridge will replace the old-wooden bridge that is now in use.

Palmyra Courier-Journal  
June 17, 1954

The Newark, NY Courier June 11, 1936

**WORK BEING RUSHED ON NEWARK-LYONS ROAD**

A fair sized army of workmen employed by Warren Bros., are forging ahead rapidly on the construction of the new Route 31 between Newark and Lyons.

The laying of concrete began Monday and by Tuesday noon nearly a half-mile of the south strip had been laid, starting at a point just east of the County Home and running eastward.

The Blue-Cut trolley bridge has been completely rechecked and painted and the new east pier is partially completed. Grading to the west of the bridge is now underway. The old underpass running beneath the trolley has been filled and a temporary roadway arranged across the new road. Two fleets of trucks are hauling grading material for the western end of the new road coming in from both directions.



**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](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org)

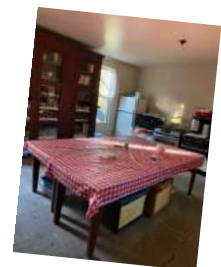
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Check MHS out under Education or Arts & Culture



Disclaimer, no disrespect for the 30 x 50 foot American Flag, MHS was drying it after being hung

## Mark your Calendars - ROC the DAY with MHS

- WHO:** YOU are the backbone of our community
- WHAT:** Giving Tuesday - look for your favorite Non-profits
- WHEN:** NOVEMBER 30, 2021 or before
- WHERE:** <https://roctheday.org/macedonhistoricalsociety>

MHS is an all volunteer non-profit. Incorporated in 1968, there is no paid staff. All monies raised go directly into projects. Fundraising was tough last year, we all had to be creative. MHS is pleased to be part of ROC the DAY. Please ROC the DAY with MHS

Renovation of the Academy kitchen will create a culinary learning experience, while teaching how it was performed in days gone by. The Macedon Academy has an auditorium on the 2nd floor. The Bicentennial of Macedon and Wayne County is in 2023. Plans are underway for performances in the auditorium. A renovated kitchen and a new HVAC is crucial. MHS needs: renovation of the kitchen and a new HVAC

Your legacy will rest at the Macedon Academy with your donation. You can donate on November 30, 2021, or donate anytime at [DONATE](#)

For more information, check out [macedonhistoricalsociety.org](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org) and see the wonderful pictures and historical information at your fingertips.

Thank you, from All of us at Macedon Historical Society

## Bickford Huffman Manufacturing - Grain Drill - major industry in Macedon

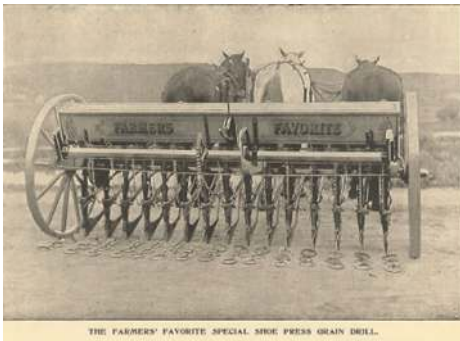
The Macedon Academy has a few pieces of what was once a major industry in Macedon; occupying most of the south side of Main Street. Under the direction of Lyman Bickford and Henry Huffman, the Bickford & Huffman Grain Drill Company came to be in 1842. As pioneer builders of fertilizer grain drills the company was very prosperous until 1861 when the Civil War broke out.



Trade was suspended, and many customers lived in the south. Trade was resumed following the war and the business was rebuilt. Henry Huffman died in 1870. His wife took over the business. She later re-married Geo. Kirkpatrick. In 1885 – Mr. Bickford retired from the business and Mrs. Geo. W. Kirkpatrick became the sole owner.

Where are they today?

**Bickford & Huffman** was sold to the Superior Drill Co. of Ohio in 1910.



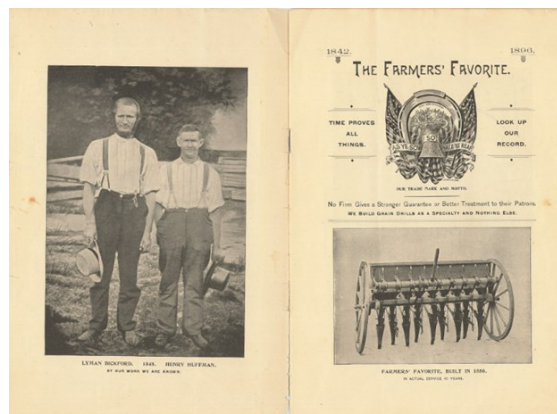
**American Seeding Machine Company** was organized in 1903 from a merger of 7 different manufacturers. They set up business in the Superior Drill Company plant in Springfield, OH.

**Oliver Farm Equipment Co.** is formed from a merger which included the American Seeding Company in 1929.

In 1960 **White Motor Corporation** of Cleveland, OH acquired Oliver.

In 1990 **AGCO** was formed by former Deutz-Allis executives.

The sideboards of a Bickford & Huffman grain drill are on display at the Macedon Academy. Thanks to John and Grace Mullard for their skills at displaying these historic artifacts in the stairwell at the Academy leading to the auditorium.



Interested in History?

**WINTER BREAK  
NO SCHOOL!**

Macedon Historical Society is looking for students, High School or College that would like to dip their hands and minds into the history of Macedon.

Volunteers needed for:

- ◆ Data entry into the software program Past Perfect
- ◆ Scanning material
- ◆ Categorizing
- ◆ Developing displays
- ◆ Developing programs

If interested contact:

Sandy Pagano,  
curatormhs@gmail.com or  
text 585-455-3798

*Christmas AD 1882*

**ISAAC DEAN**  
HAS A FINE LINE OF  
**CHRISTMAS  
GOODS**  
IN THE SHAPE OF  
**SLIPPERS & FINE SHOES,**  
AND A LARGE VARIETY OF  
**ELEGANT GLASSWARE,  
HANGING LAMPS,  
CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR ALL AGES**  
**ISAAC DEAN,  
MACEDON, NEW YORK.**

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.

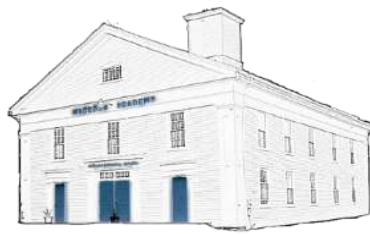
**Consider bequeathing to the Macedon Historical Society.** Check with your attorney or financial adviser on how to accomplish this wonderful acknowledgement of the importance in maintaining the history of your community for generations to come.

*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: [macedonhistoricalsociety.org](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org)
- 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](#)**



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PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF MACEDON, NY

Stories you will enjoy reading inside.



***Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all. I hope 2022 brings new found friends and passions for your community. From the Macedon Historical Society***



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