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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 Quaker Meeting House/Macedon Grange #326
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Hotels of the Past: Macedon, Walworth & Marion

One of the first Taverns in Macedon stood on the north east corner of Erie Street and Main St. It appeared to be built in sections as new owners added their own touches to the property. Citing practicality, versus esthetics.

The first owner was Mr. Northrup who owned several acres of land around the hotel. It was sold shortly after to Abianthar Powers in 1792. The hotel was then sold to Bostwick & Sons who in turn sold it to William Porter in



1830, who was the proprietor for 10 years. The Hotel had more proprietors than any other hotel in the county. It was said that the hotel had a bad influence on young men. Years passed and Mr. Henry Breese purchased the hotel. In March 1883 the barns and hotel burned. It was rebuilt in the same year with a more pleasing architecture.

The Macedon Hotel was a gathering destination for travelers. Fire took it twice, the last one in July, 1910.



June 1896, Woman in horse-drawn buggy. Unusual view east side of Macedon Hotel with barn. Reverse inscription: "Gussie and her white hoss" In a different hand: "Gussie



Brundage who married Henry Little (Henry's second wife.)" Probably should be Henry Littell. In yet another hand: "Horses could be left at barn where they would be taken care of while you went to city in the trolley in the barn where Henry Little kept his horses in old Village Hall."



HOTELS CONTINUED: ATLANTIC HOTEL - Marion

Atlantic Hotel on the corner of Buffalo St. and Main St. in Marion. The first picture is after the Victorian renovation in 1896 or 7. The second is of the Federal-style building built around 1820 which was the second building on that corner, the first being removed to make way for the 1820's model.

The first building was run by Major Samuel Todd in what was then Galloway's Corners. He fought in the War of 1812. For over a hundred years the building served as a center for community activities as well as a rest stop for local travelers. Surveyors for the potential railroad to run west to Walworth stayed



there, as well as traveling salesmen. Local weddings and other celebrations, as well as political rallies and auctions of

local real estate holdings, were held there too.

Business for the hotel began to wane after the First World War and in 1922 it was purchased by partners LeRoy and White to become a department store. Other commercial enterprises in this location have included a hardware store, legal offices, a home decor store, a tattoo parlor, and a hair salon. The building has recently been renovated by local developer, Tom Salviski, and resembles its original appearance on the front facade. We hope it lasts another hundred years! If anyone is interested in renting space in this building, please contact Tom.

PACIFIC HOTEL - Walworth

This was the old tavern that stood on the site of the present Temperance House erected by the liberality, and largely sustained by the public spirit of, the Honorable T. G. Yeomans and known as the Pacific." • Named Pacific Hotel because there was a hotel in Marion to the east called the Atlantic. • Business center for many salesmen stopping to show their merchandise. Twice a year salesmen arrived with yard goods and patterns; displays were set up in the hotel parlor. • Stage from the hotel met each train that stopped at Walworth Station, three miles south of Walworth. • Dinner cost 25 cents, breakfast and lunch 15 cents, and

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BICENTENNIAL - JOIN THE 200 CLUB

(CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE)

To commemorate our 200 year celebration, the Bicentennial Committee is launching an exclusive WC 200 Club.

By donating at the \$200 level, you will be joining a special group and the first 200 members will receive a handcrafted engraved Crystal Apple from The MacIntosh Company as a token of our appreciation

Wayne County and the Bicentennial Committee are getting ready to celebrate 200 YEARS. You read that right, **200 years!**

Don't miss out on your chance to celebrate and hold a collectible for years to come. Visit <https://www.waynehistory.org/bicentennial>



HOTELS CONTINUED - PACIFIC - Walworth

night's lodging 75 cents. • Some of the managers: Glen Petty, Frank Sanford, Louie Furman, Madison and Sophia Reynolds (1888-1891), John Franke and John Rosen-crans

Grange Hall 1929: Walworth Grange #289 members purchased the hotel when their building (the original Walworth Academy) was torn down.

Grange meetings were held upstairs. First floor areas were rented to businesses (photo page2). 1931: Grange



Hall dedicated. Newspaper story: "One glance at the picture reveals a Grange Hall of unusual worth and no wonder the Walworth members are delighted over their precious possession." 1985: Grangers sold building due to declining membership and donated significant amount of proceeds towards construction of Walworth Historical Society's museum. Grangers completely disbanded in 1992. American Pool 1985: Grangers sold to David Kords, owner of American Pool Supply and American Hobby Shop (photo page2). South side and middle section used for his businesses. 2009: David moved businesses to former fire department building on Walworth-Penfield Road across from Orchard Street. Vacant 2015: Vacant building (5,504 square feet) sits on .30 acres and is for sale. Memorial, erected on front lawn many years ago, recognizes our military: "In memory of those who gave their lives in service. Crane-Engert Post American Legion."

More information regarding the Pacific Hotel:

<https://waynehistorians.org/Places/site.php?site=713>

<https://waynehistorians.org/Places/site.php?site=1161>



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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

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

Thank you in advance for your continued support

Macedon's Hidden Jewel: Towpath Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps

The Towpath Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Macedon, NY, were formed in 1978 and has become one of the elite fife and drum corps in the country. The Volunteers



have made *Bringing Our American History to Life* using sight and sound as its trademark. Starting with the Militia, dressed in hunter frocks and firing black powder rifles to the powder blue colonial style uniforms worn by the fifers and drummers, spectators are transported back to when our country was born. The musical repertoire covers the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and more recent patriotic songs including "Yankee

COMMUNITY CHAT series continues 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.

Community Chat's are scheduled after the General meeting at 6:30pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month. This series is recorded and uploaded to our website. *Come and enjoy many stories and tales from your neighbors from the community.*

Macedon's Hidden Jewell - *continued*

Doddle", "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Liberty Tree". A volley from the Black Powder Rifles fired just as the fifers start "Old Dan Tucker" on the shrill sound from the six hole fifes, takes the listener back to days gone by.

2023 marks the group's 45th anniversary. Many of its membership live locally, in the Palmyra – Macedon and surrounding counties, but, the corps has members all around the state and in other states as well. The group contributes this success to its family friendly environment. With musicians as young as 7 years to a member in the 70's, the group is one of a few opportunities that parents, children and grandchildren kids can participate together on the same level.

The Volunteers past performance list includes appearances at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida; Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City; St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia and the Gasparilla Parade of Pirates in Tampa, Florida. The group has performed internationally with performances in Saint Tropez, France for the European Fife and Drum Festival; in Ivrea, Italy for Historic Carnival and Brussels, Belgium for the World Fife and Drum Festival. It is easy to see why this group, which has the reputation for Excellence in fifing and drumming, has continued to grow.

The Towpath Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps will be hosting a World Fife and Drum Friendship Festival in September of 2023 with fife and drum corps from Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland scheduled to attend. (contact information below)

MACEDON VILLAGE TRIBUTES



August, 2005 Judge Keukelaar passing the gavel to Judge John Reid, Top picture: Judge John Reid, Mayor Jim Hoteling, Judge Keukelaar and Court Clerk, Sally Robinson

*photo furnished
by Dave Keukelaar*

TOWPATH VOL. FIFE & DRUM CORP - Contact Information

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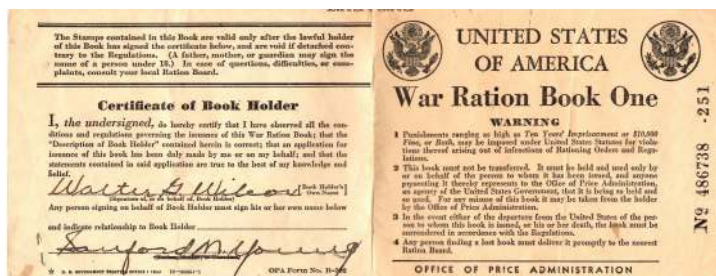
Mailing Address - Towpath
Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps,
PO Box 31, Macedon, NY 14502

Practice Wednesday Evenings at
Intermediate School in Macedon,
6:30 - 8:00 PM

For Info - (315) 986-2632

War Ration Books were produced by the United States Office of Price Administration in 1942 after the United States officially entered the Second World War after Pearl Harbor. Shortages of essential war materials such as rubber, gasoline, and sugar were initially anticipated,

but soon rationing grew to include food as well as fuel and sugar. Most commodities were removed from rationing by the end



of 1945.

The exception was sugar, which continued to be rationed into 1947.

Thank you to the
*Norsen Family for
this donation.*



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

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PALMER HOMESTEAD

corner of Daansen Road and Macedon Center Rd.

Noah Palmer was born in Tiverton Rhode Island, August 25, 1759. Served in the Rhode Island Militia during the Revolutionary War. He settled in what was Palmyra in 1810, he was 51 years old. He was married twice, Elizabeth and then Betsey. He had 16 children, 3 who died



before the age of 3. He was a Deacon at the First Baptist Church in Macedon. He died on March 13, 1838.

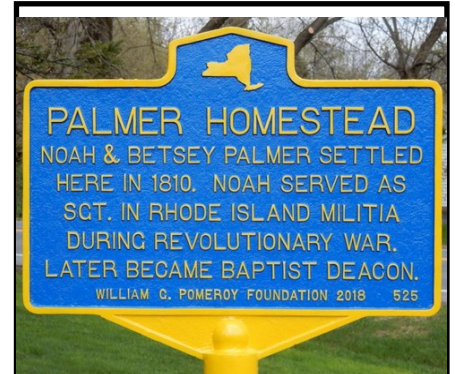
In 2021, arrangements were made to transfer the portraits of husband and wife Adoniram Judson b: 12/10/1823, d: 6/27/1896 and Mary (Carr) Palmer b: 12/08/1822 d: 3/12/1903. They were married February 19, 1851. Adoniram was the son of Noah Palmer one of Macedon's original settlers. The Palmer homestead still stands on Macedon Center Road and has a Pomeroy Marker noting it's history. See <https://waynehistorians.org/Places/site.php?site=987> for more information.

The portraits of Adoniram & Mary Palmer, were donated by Richard Palmer. He wanted them to be displayed down the road from where they once lived. Both portraits are a beautiful chalk and charcoal design. They were completed based on the photos below.

The portraits were transferred to the Macedon Academy from the Wayne County Museum. They are now on permanent loan. The portrait of Adoniram is in it's original frame. Mary's portrait was not framed. A grant from Thrivent Financial Inc., MHS was able to have it framed in a historically accurate frame with museum quality glass. With the help of MHS members John and Grace Mullard, the portraits are displayed for all to see and admire.



Adoniram and Mary Palmer Circa 1890's



The town of Macedon received a historic marker from the WG Pomeroy Foundation. It recognizes one of our earliest settlers, Noah and Betsey Palmer. It is located at 2649 Macedon Center Rd. At the time of Noah's arrival the section of land was considered in Palmyra, Ontario County. In 1823, Macedon and Wayne County were established. For over 100 years this property was in the Palmer family, until 1942, when it was sold to the Frank Keck family. The property is now owned by Maureen and Michael O'Connor. It was their initiative that brought this property to the attention of the Macedon Town Historian.

MHS Member Highlight - David Taber

One of the original members of MHS since 1967. Dave has been past President of MHS, succeeding Charles Packard. He currently is Vice President of MHS. Dave is a retired history teacher from Pal-Mac and during that time was coordinator for the Pal-Mac Yorkers Club. There are several projects the Yorkers did that can be seen at the Historic Macedon Academy.

"I was born on December 12, 1934 in the Town of Perinton, New York. Both parents, born in Macedon, NY, moved to Fairport with their families in the 1920's. My father, Merritt S. Taber, was born in 1903 at the north-east corner of Route 31 and Canandaigua Road. My mother, Anna L. Arnold, was born 1908 in the red brick Durfee House on Macedon Center Road.

Henry Wilbur came to Macedon in 1790, Jacob Arnold about 1835, Gideon Taber about 1840 and William Barker about 1835. Also related to Lapham and Packard families.

I graduated from Fairport High School in 1953 and Franklin College of Indiana in 1957. After two years in the Army (18 months in Germany), I attended classes at the University of Rochester, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Oswego to earn my teaching certificate.

I joined the faculty of the Palmyra-Macedon Central School in September 1960 as a seventh grade social studies teacher. Besides teaching, I sponsored a Yorkers club (student members of the New York State Historical Society in Cooperstown}. I retired in 1994.

Following retirement, I volunteered for twenty-five years delivering Meals-On-Wheels in Rochester five-six days a week. I participate in the Perinton Food Shelf program.

I joined the Freemasons in Fairport in 1960 and in Palmyra in 1963. I have been the presiding officers in all the local groups. I am a past President of the Perinton Historical Society, Historic Palmyra, Macedon Historical Society and the Wayne County Historical Society. I am a life-long member of the First Baptist Church of Fairport serving as moderator, deacon, trustee and teacher. For a number of years, I represented the church on the Perinton Lay-Clergy Council. I was a Boy Scout in my youth. I served as President of the Wayne County Retired Teachers Association for three years.

In the near future, I will leave Fairport and join my family (five generations) in the Macedon Center Cemetery (date unknown)."

Dave continues to be a valuable leader and resource for the history of Macedon, which he is so passionate about. The Macedon Historical Society is grateful that Dave is a member and looks forward to his sharing of all his knowledge, and memories of our community.



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Interested in History ? SCHOOL BREAK

Macedon Historical Society is looking for students, High School or College that would like to dip their hands and minds into the archives 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,
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text 585-455-3798

Volunteering/community service hours, looks good on your resume or college application.

CARD OF THANKS

A special Thank You to the Hoffman grant.

MHS was awarded funds to purchase a printer and scanner. This equipment will be a valuable asset in conjunction with the other equipment MHS has for documenting all the materials that are at the Historic Macedon Academy.

UP COMING EVENTS

May 30 - Memorial Day Hosted by Macedon Historical Society - NOON
Starts at the Macedon Town Hall - VIP Tent sponsored by VanBortel Group

June 14 - Flag Day - Historic Macedon Academy 7:00PM - Presentation by the American Legion Post 494, "the meaning of the Flag and its folds" Music accompanied by Townpath Vol. Fife and Drum All are invited

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.

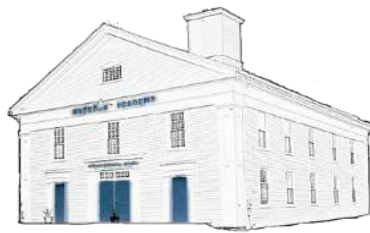
Consider bequeathing to the Macedon Historical Society. Check with your attorney or financial adviser on how to accomplish this wonderful acknowledgement of the importance in maintaining the history of your community for generations to come.

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
- 2) mailing a donation to:
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Thank you to Dorothy French, Gene Bavis, Walworth Historian, Caryn Devlin, Marion Historian and Linda Braun, Macedon Historian for providing information on the Hotels in our communities.



Show your colors on Monday, **May 30th NOON**, for the Macedon Memorial Day Parade. Parade route begins at the Macedon Town Hall, east on Route 31 to the Macedon Cemetery on Erie St. Listen to the presentations, stay for the reception for our Veterans and participants. VIP Tent sponsored by VanBortel Group. **Refreshments available.**



Look at these cuties. Check out their story inside.



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Memorial Day Parade 5/30 NOON

Flag Day 6/14 7:00PM at the Academy

Quaker Days 6/18 & 6/19

The Academy is open the Last Sunday of the Month, April through October

“Community Chat” series begins April 12
Come join us at the Macedon Academy and share your stories and heritage with family and friends - ALL are welcome.