



# Macedon Historical Society

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# MHS Chartered in 1968

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The Macedon Historical Society has been the responsibility of being the steward of the archives and artifacts collected through out the years of Macedon's history. Documenting and researching our community's heritage.

In 1968, MHS purchased the Historic Macedon Academy from the Macedon Center Methodist Church. Shortly after in 1970, MHS became the owner of the Historic Quaker Meeting house, owned by the Macedon Grange #326.

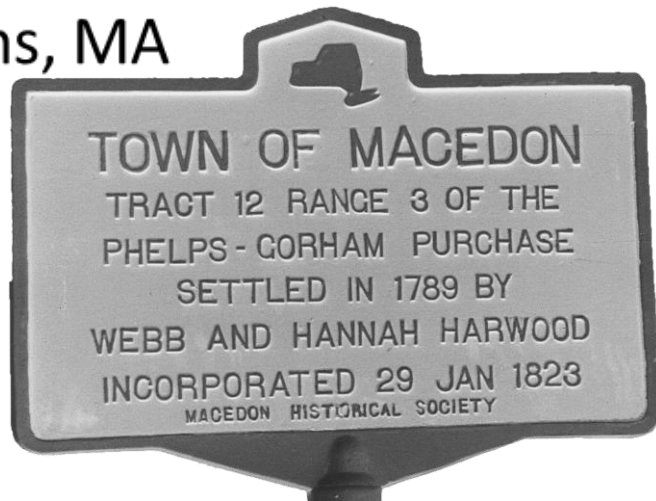
MHS has the responsibility to preserve 2 Historic Buildings in the Community. The Academy is the Museum for the Town of Macedon. The Quaker Friends/Grange Building in the Center is reserved for community use.



## Town of Macedon



East Hoosac House  
Adams, MA



In a brief history, the first settlers of Macedon in 1789, were Webb and Hannah Harwood. They established a residence at the southwest corner of Macedon.

Soon after Ebenezer Reed came with his family. Most of the settlers came from Adams Massachusetts. They were of the Friends (Quaker) Religion.

In 1823, Palmyra divided up its holding and gave Macedon a 6 square mile portion of its southwest corner.





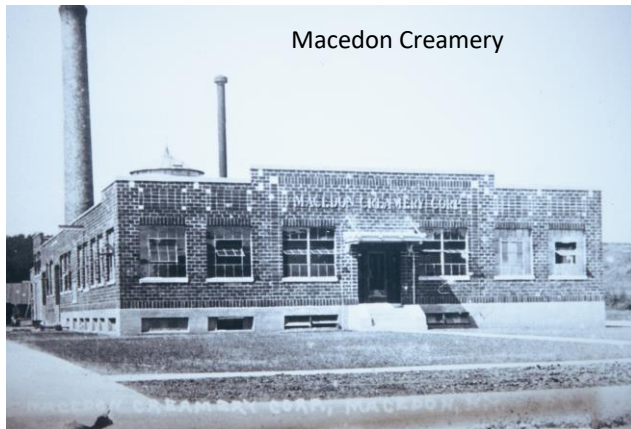
Purdy's Store  
Main St.



Hick's Print  
shop  
Macedon  
Center



Macedon was known for its fertile land and natural resources

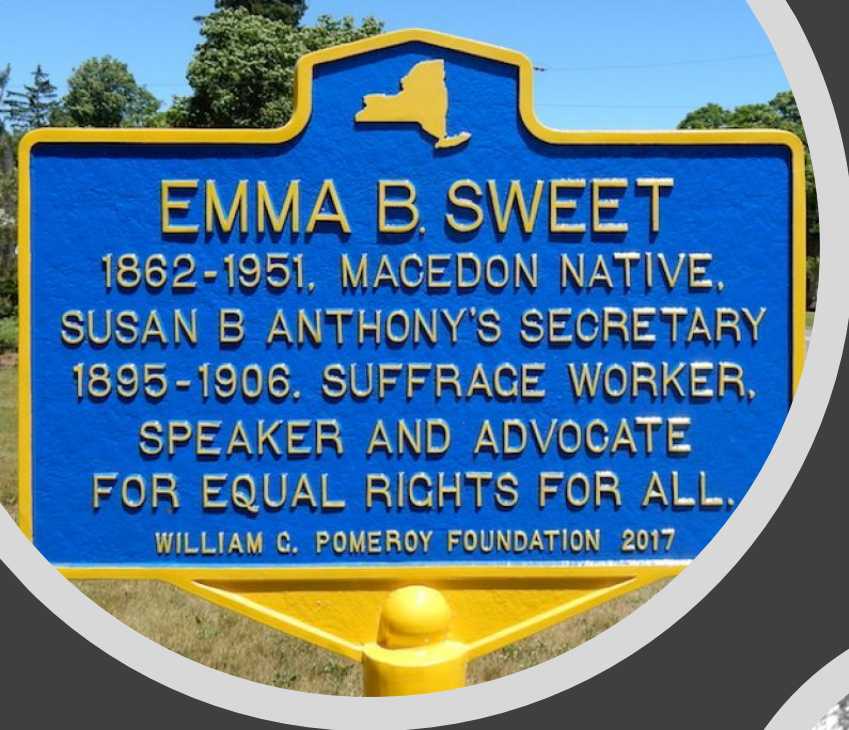


Macedon Creamery

# Macedon thrives

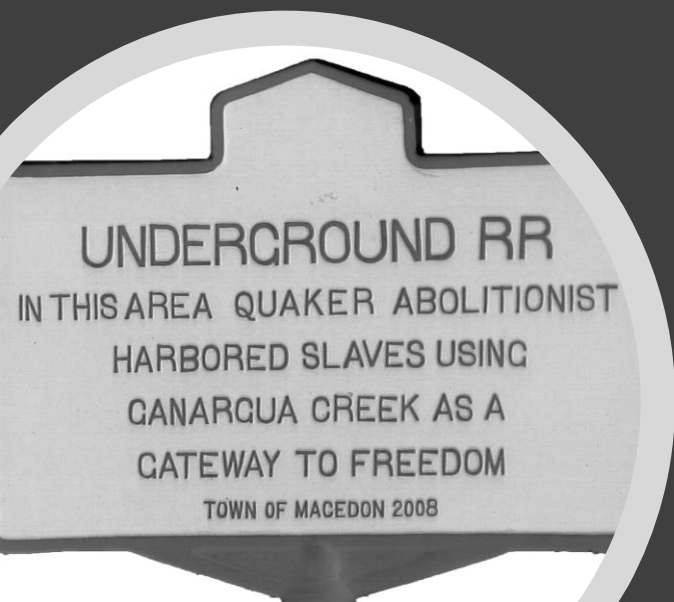
Information can be found at [macedonhistoricalsociety.org](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org)





Frederick Douglass spoke at the  
Academy in 1861

Macedon is rich in  
progressive movements

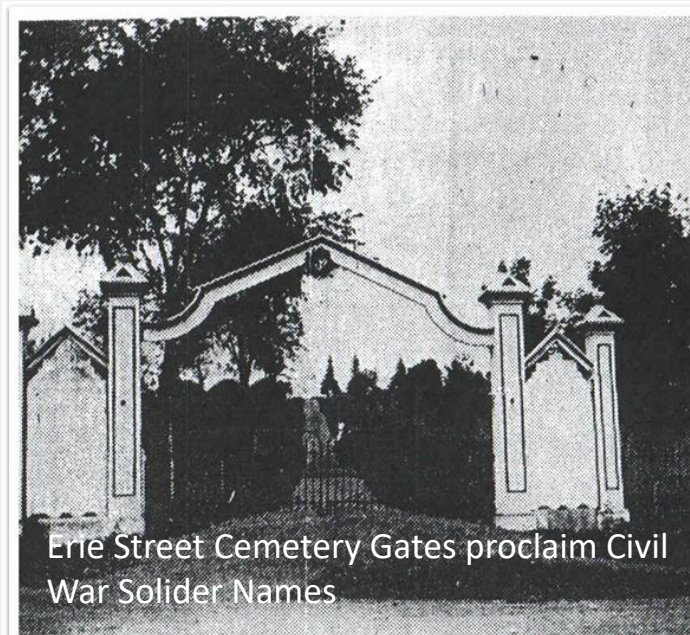


Temperance Monument movement in 1845  
 Located in Macedon Center



William Smith's home was an integral  
part of the Underground Railroad, in  
Macedon. Smith had a school and taught  
the blacks that came to Macedon.  
Located on Victor Rd., Macedon

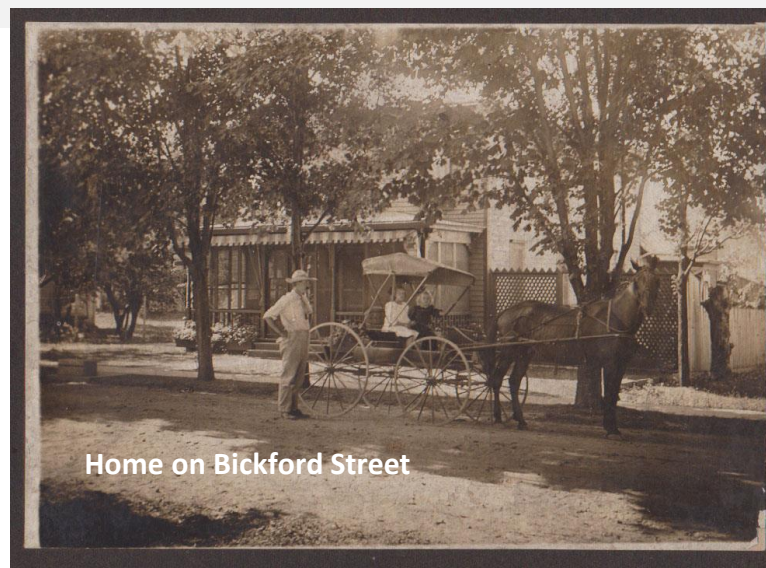




Erie Street Cemetery Gates proclaim Civil War Soldier Names



Village of Macedon  
1856 -2017



Home on Bickford Street



Main St South side looking East



# Macedon is a 4-lock Town – 29, 30, 60, 61



Above lock 30 (repainted)  
Below Ariel view of Lock 29  
shared with Palmyra



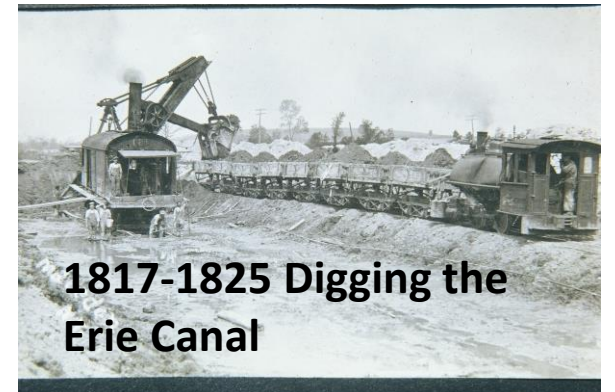
**Lock 29 located in  
Pal-Mac Aqueduct  
Park**  
**Lock 30 located  
in the Canal Park**



Lock 60 is off Quaker Rd.  
Above is the foundation that  
volunteers cleared away.  
Lock 61 can be seen from  
State Route 350 looking east  
behind ABX Division.



The Butterfly Trail in the Canal  
Park is home of the 3 canals  
coming together. Clinton's Ditch,  
Barge Canal and the Erie Canal







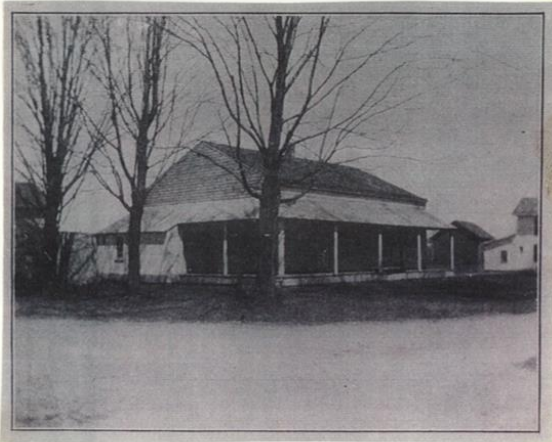
Macedon Historical Society's property

## Historic Quaker Meeting/Grange Building in Macedon Center

The Quakers built it in 1868, when they broke away from the original Friends meeting house across the street. The Grange #326 purchased it in 1910 and used the building as their meeting place. Macedon Historical Society bought it in 1970

Original Quaker Friends Meeting house on the Northeast corner of Macedon Center Rd and Canandaigua Rd. (It no longer exists)

MHS owns this historic 1868 building on the SE corner of Macedon Center Rd. and Canandaigua Rd.



**Today, this building has become the Macedon Center Meetinghouse.**

MHS plans to develop the historic building for the community to use for craft fairs, small weddings, showers, presentations, engaging the community at a local destination. Space can be rented out for the day, month or year.



## MACEDON HISTORIC SOCIETY - property

### Historic MACEDON ACADEMY

- Built in 1853, the first class was fall of 1854. Last graduating class was 1902. The building's use as an academy was ended in 1903 when NYS stopped sending aid to Academy's across the state.
- District – while the Districts were being formed, the Academy was used as one of the district schools until the building on West St, in Macedon, was used for K – 12. In 1950 the Palmyra Macedon Central District was formed.

The academy was used by the Macedon Center Methodist Church as a social hall in collaboration with the Historical Society of Macedon Center. In 1968 the building was given to the newly incorporated Macedon Historical Society.

The Academy is ready for the community to use it as a gathering spot for meetings, presentations, theatre and presentations.

- Wi-Fi available
- Kitchen use
- ADA bathroom
- Large Auditorium to fit 150 people
- Able to cast 2<sup>nd</sup> floor productions to 1<sup>st</sup> floor making the building accessible to all
- 2 meeting rooms



# Macedon Historical Society TODAY



Annual Flag Day presentation  
Memorial Day a display of the missing Military personnel.

**Today,** The Macedon Historical Society is busy preparing the Academy to become a destination hub for history for years to come. The theme is “Meet, Learn and Grow”

- “Performances on the Porch” with several concerts and children’s programs delivered on the porch or in the 2nd floor auditorium. MHS appreciated those that supported this program and MHS hopes to continue this in the coming years.
- “Community Chat””. Families are invited to come and share their stories. The first was Dave Taber, a retired teacher from Pal-Mac, who gave the history of Macedon. His power point presentation was very well attended and very informative. MHS will continue the “Community Chat” series. This series has been very enlightening, stories you won’t find in the textbooks, but hands on.
- The Academy has been very creative in showcasing the building.
- Line-Dancing in the auditorium was taught this year for several sessions. The Auditorium is air conditioned for the comfort of the attendees
- Refurbishing the Kitchen for cooking/baking classes and in the main rooms, quilting classes and crafting classes are being developed.
- Partnering with organizations to hold their meetings at the Academy.
- The Academy is home to patriotic events. The American flag is flown at Academy on Patriotic National Holidays.
- Memorial Day a display of the missing Military personnel.
- June 14th an annual event of commemorating Flag Day, American Legion Philip Steiger Post 494, Sons of the Legion perform a flag ceremony at the Academy with Towpath Vol. Fife and Drum Corp accompanying with patriotic music.
- August 2021, a tribute was displayed for the 13 service men and women, who paid the ultimate sacrifice. 13 American Flags with corresponding Military flags beneath the American Flag.
- MHS has updated the website with the help of many volunteers and in-kind service. The Performance on the Porch and the Community Chat series are recorded and posted on the website..



# COME VISIT THE MACEDON HISTORIC ACADEMY

ADA Bathroom



Erie Canal Displays

Museum and Meeting Room



1950's High School Band Uniforms,  
Class pictures and school readers



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium and  
Foyer of the Academy



Over the years, the Macedon Historical Society has applied for several grants to maintain the property and for supplies to preserve all the documents, artifacts and tangible items at the Academy.

The Rochester Area Community Foundation – through the Bullis Fund has provide the Historical Society with funds to preserve the Academy.

2018 – Foundation, exterior repairs and painting the Academy

2019-2021 – ADA Bathroom in the Academy

2022 – Eastside Fire Escape at the Academy

Grants from other sources, such as: Hoffman, W. Pomeroy, GVRR, and Thrive Grants, have provided: historical markers, cameras, scanner, printer, computer, mannequins and various preservation materials.

In 2022 – MHS has applied for new Doors at the Grange, HVAC and an Elevator in the Academy.

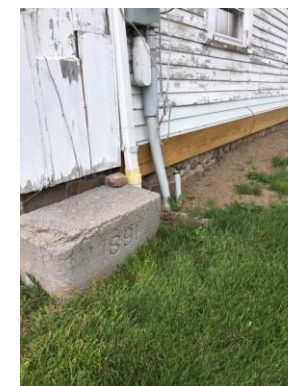
## SHOW ME THE FACTS

The Macedon Historical Society is the steward in keeping the archives and artifacts preserved for future generations. The cost is \$10,280.00/year

Property Maintenance	\$2,950.00
Property Insurance	1,756.00
Web Hosting	480.00
Internet	1428.00
Utilities	2,250.00
District Taxes	166.00
Organization Dues (MANY)	65.00
Programs/Events	600.00
Office Supplies/Mailings	650.00
Paid Salaries	.00
	<u>\$10,280.00*</u>

*MHS is a 501c3, incorporated in 1968*

*\*does not include inflation*



Academy East Wall

2017



2018



2021



## HOW CAN YOU BECOME AN ADVOCATE for PRESERVING THE 2 HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN MACEDON?

BASICALLY, the Macedon Historical Society needs your commitment in preserving the history of this community. Maintaining two historic buildings for the betterment of the community.

Through:

**MONETARY DONATIONS  
INKIND SERVICES and  
VOLUNTEERS**

For more information check out MHS's website  
**[macedonhistoricalsociety.org](http://macedonhistoricalsociety.org)**

Donations can be made through the website  
or mail to:

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

**Ask for a tour of the Academy 315-538-0051**  
Attend our "Community Chat" programs, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday of the Month April – November at the  
Historic Macedon Academy 1185 Macedon  
Center Road 6:00pm

The Macedon Historical Society is passionate on preserving the  
heritage and history for generations to come.

March 2022 – Pal-Mac History Bowl Students touring the  
Academy

