

MHS NEWSLETTER

200th Anniversary of the Erie Canal | 2025 EVENTS | [DONATE](#)

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(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.

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The Historic Macedon Academy
1185 Macedon Center Rd.
and the Macedon Center
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#326
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Macedon "As I remember it 1916 - 1976 by John Zimmer

Over the next few Newsletters, I will be pulling stories from John Zimmer's stories of living in Macedon. This writing was donated by Fuzzy Taber to the Macedon Historical Society among many photos and documents of the Macedon Fire Dept in the "Village".

"Macedon - As I remember It 1916 - 1976" words by John Zimmer

My story on the history of Macedon goes back to 1916 or 1917. That is the time I began to learn what was going on around me. I cannot vouch for the accuracy of some of the dates or the authenticity of some of the places or things. I hope some of the readers of this narrative may visualize what Macedon was like six decades ago: or possibly in the second part of this story.

My grandparents, Henry and Katherine Zimmer, moved to Macedon from Brighton, New York in May 1882. There were six children in the family: Joseph, Margaret, Charles, William, Minnie and Mary. The irregularity of names is the order in which they were born. Charles was my father. A short time after moving here, Henry died at the age of 44. My father, being in the middle, had to quit school to help his mother take care of the younger three. The two youngest sisters died at quite an early age around 30,, more or less. I was born in August 1911 in the house that I am now living in. (First house on Jupiter Way, north side).



Young John Zimmer

There were two doctors in the village around the period of 1917: Doctors Jennings and Rodenberger, both of whom would come to your home in an emergency, if possible, at a moments notice. This was about the end of the horse and buggy days and the early automobile age. I have to wedge in a story here because it refers to Dr. Rodenberger. I call it a human interest story. The story is about myself at the age of 16. I was struck by an automobile in the Village of Macedon and had a fractured leg. I was taken to Dr. Rodenberger, then taken to the hospital in Rochester where my leg was put in a cast from my toes to my chin. I had a callous or corn on one of my toes, which were completely covered. The pain from this was more severe than the break. I was brought home after two weeks in the hospital. Dr. Rodenberger was told about this before hand so that evening he came to our house with his bag and tools. He went to work with a saw and cut the cast so all my toes stuck out. When he finished the pain was gone. The conclusion of this little store is this. When everything was completed, my father asked "how much do I owe you, Doc?" His answer was "That's OK Charlie". In those days we had charity. Where is it today? Gun Smoke's Doc Adams and Doc Rodenberger would be twins as look a likes.



I believe the next experience was the one most outstanding. I had so far; that being when we celebrated the Armistice of World War I on November 11, 1918. Before this happened by parents told me there was a great war on, but I never realized what war really was. There was a great parade that started at the western end of the village continuing down Main Street to the eastern end. A band or two played some lively marches. That day I remember they dressed me up as Uncle

As I Remember It.. continued



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Sam and put me on a float mounted on an old truck. There was a girl dressed up as Miss Liberty also on the float, I was told the reason I was picked was because I was the tallest kid in the room. If I remember correctly this was a false Armistice. A true one came up a few days later. It was a good thing that the people did know that the first one was false because there was much celebrating and everyone was in such a joyous mood. There wasn't as much celebrating the second time around. There were only a few days between the first and the true one.

It was the following year (1919) on May 30th, Decoration Day or later called Memorial day. A bunch of Veterans of World War I gathered in front of a service board and held a memorial service. On the board was inscribed the names of all the Veterans from the town of Macedon. A name that stood out was that of Philip Steiger, who died in the service. His name was inscribed in gold letters. This board was located where the Dodge Agency one stood. The Veterans that participated in this service later formed the Philip Steiger Post of the American Legion in Macedon.

Continuation of John Zimmer's "As I remember" will continue in the next newsletter.

MEMORIAL DAY May 26th, 2025



will be held at the Macedon Center Cemetery at 10:00pm hosted by the American Legion Post 494, Sons of the Legion and the Auxiliary.



Meet at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse

Looking for a venue to hold your parties, graduation, craft show, a place to hold lessons, meet and greet? Look no further. The Macedon Center Meetinghouse is your ticket to a fun time. Large main floor, Kitchen access, heated, A/C and ample parking. Call 315-538-0051 leave a message or email president@macedonhistoricalsociety.org. Check out MHS website under Facility Use, or click: [Facility use form and Reservation Request form](#)



Member's Highlight - The Kuntz Family

Steve Kuntz has lived in the town of Macedon his whole life. His parents Ted and Kathy Kuntz live on Wilson Road, where they sent 8 kids into the Palmyra-Macedon school system. All of them are interested in local history.

Steve and his wife Tricia, along with their daughter Dannahe, live on Yellow Mills Road. Tricia owns The Purple Painted Lady on Route 31, and hosts The Purple Painted Lady Festival on Yellow Mills Road every September. The festival donates over 50K a year to local charities and organizations.

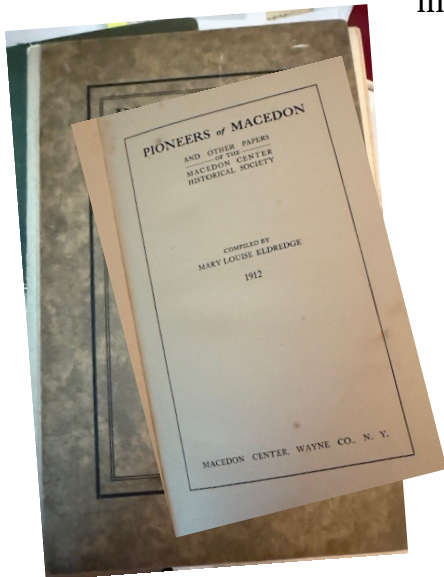
Their house was built in 1890 by Irvin "PegLeg" Johnson, who ran Brookside Nursery, selling trees and fruit bushes all throughout the country. Their yard still sports old pear and apple trees and an abundance of blackberry bushes that are remnants of the old orchards.

They also own an 1860 house across the street from their home. There is an old horse stable that came with the property. People told them they should tear it down, but they have preserved this barn with it's large indoor arena and 26 horse stables, and host weddings and events there. The venue is called Fig Hollow.

Recently the Kuntz family purchased an 1840 farm house on Creek Road. They are trying to preserve these old houses that have been in the town for years. Based on old maps, it is believed that the house on Creek Road, which is on a bluff over looking Ganargua Creek, is the site of an old Seneca village called Genegwah (or Ganargua).

Dannahe Kuntz is a museum studies major at RIT. She has worked at Historic Palmyra as a docent, and often acts in the Historic Cemetery Tour put on by Historic Palmyra. This summer she will be working for Historic Pittsford.

Steve has been a member of Macedon Historical Society for 15 years. He feels that "Pioneers of Macedon" should be required reading for everyone living in Macedon, and would love to someday work on an expanded version of that book! He is grateful for all the people who have contributed to local history and who have preserved photos and articles that tell the stories of those who came before us.



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Our Mission Statement

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

Membership

Update Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Board of Directors Meetings

(all members are welcome)

Membership Meetings

& Community Chat

Feb 11, May 13, August 12,
November 11,

Membership

All Members are encouraged to partake in contributing suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in support of the continued efforts of MHS.

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.

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for MHS at the
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Macedon Celebration of the Erie Canal Bicentennial



**COME CELEBRATE
THIS ANNIVERSARY
with the MACEDON
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY'S Main Events
May 17th, July 16th and
October 19th, 2025
admission is FREE**

It's the 1830's and the Erie Canal has changed everything. Business, invention, travel... it's all exploding with excitement and Macedon is in the middle of the action. But what about life or the young? What if you were one of

THE CANAWL KIDS



Join us for some interactive excitement as we experience the chores, games, schooling, food and dangers of a kid living on the Erie Canal.

Saturday, May 17th, 2025 11:00am - Noon.

Macedon Center Meetinghouse
1208 Macedon Center Rd., Macedon
Refreshments available.

Sponsored by the FRIENDS of the MACEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY co-hosted MHS, 1816 Farmington Friends Quaker Meetinghouse Museum and the Farmington Historical Society
Admission is FREE. Donations are graciously accepted



Chris Blomgren
Performer and Teacher

Merry Mischief Wednesday, July 16th 5:30PM

Historic Macedon Academy
1185 Macedon Center Rd.,
Macedon, NY 14502
A cast of talented musicians who are minstrels of mischief unique to the Erie Canal tone and adds personality



Dave Ruch

performer and teacher
October 19th, 2:00pm
at the Historic Macedon Academy
1185 Macedon Center Rd.
Dave is a special musician and performer widely noted for his ability to engage audiences of all kinds.



Sponsored by the Boehmler Community Foundation



July 12th - July 20th,
2025
Stops in Macedon at
Lock 30 on Tuesday,
July 15th.

Macedon Historical Society and the Gananda Rotary will be on hand to greet the cyclists with fresh fruit, water and information about the Community.

[For information](#)

Plenty to do in your community! Check these events out!!

Line Dancing...

...in Macedon Center
is back!!

With Terri Anderson
SUMMER 2025



Macedon Academy's Auditorium (with A/C)
1185 Macedon Center Rd. (Rt.31F)

**Thursday Nights June 5th - July 10th
(6 weeks)**

7:00 - 7:45pm New Beginners
to Beginner Plus

7:45 - 8:30pm Beginner Plus
to Improver

Join us in Macedon Center for a 6-Week Session of Line Dance starting on Thursday, June 5 – for 6 weeks!! Two classes/levels – each time frame will have lessons at that level! Join us for a FUN night of dancing – new dancers and experienced dancers are welcome for a little bit of something for everyone!! Requirements:

dancing feet and smiling faces...
lessons structured for attendees!!

Cost is \$50 for all 6 weeks
(paid at first class) or \$10 per class

Two classes/levels - each time frame will have lessons at that level. Join us for a FUN night of dancing - new dancers and experienced dancers are welcome for a little bit of something for everyone!! **Please note – if you are not feeling well, please do stay home... your dance friends thank you in advance!**

Register with Terri at
tanders8@rochester.rr.com

**Sunday, June 29th
2:00pm
Historic Macedon
Academy
Preston Pierce
presentation on the**



Parcel Post System -
Mailing children
wasn't the only thing
strangely mailed.
3rd grader, Paxton S.
is reading
"Mailing May"
by Michael O'Tunnell



**Saturday, July 12th - 10:00 - 4:00 at
the Genesee Country Village
and Museum,
Mumford, NY ([directions](#))
"Hometown History Expo"**



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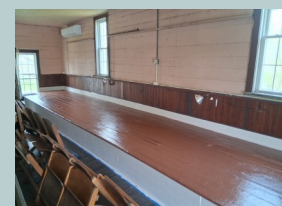
John & Grace Mullard
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Noah & Jeff Orsburn
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Mike Breed
The above gave their time and talent



Charlie & Gabe Parulski for installing the sign over the doorway, Gina Landry Reybrouck for the artwork and David Bruinix for supplying the lumber



Thank you to Gabe Parulski & Don Reeners for erecting the temporary sign at the Meetinghouse and Premier Sign Systems for donating the sign. It will be installed permanently in the summer 2025



Thank you Kathy Murphy for painting the Auditorium riser

Eastside Scottish Dancers

Eastside Scottish Dancers - dancing classes each Tuesday from 7:00 - 9:00 at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse 1208 Macedon Center Rd, Macedon NY 14502 (for GPS)



RSCDS certified Scot Graham-Raad leads beginner classes
Singles and couples welcome ★★ Kick up your heels and have fun

Requested donation \$5.00 per dancer per evening to cover the cost of the hall.

For more Information contact Psb@rochester.rr.com

If the weather is bad, please email psb@rochester.rr.com to keep informed if classes have been cancelled due to weather. A/C & Plenty of parking.

MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY's Tentative Calendar 2025

Saturday, May 17th - Historic Pursuits with Christopher Blomgren sponsored by the Friends of the Macedon Public Library partnered with 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum and Farmington Historical Society

Monday, May 26th- Memorial Day Observance Macedon Center Cemetery, 10:00AM

Saturday, June 7th—10:00am—David Bloom Graveyard Guy - Field Training session at the Quaker Cemetery east side of the Macedon Center Meetinghouse - pick up a brush and learn how to care and repair headstones (Rain date June 28th)partnered with 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum and Farmington Historical Society

Friday-Sunday June 20, 21, 22—MHS Garage Sale Fundraiser Friday & Saturday 9:00am—4:00pm, Sunday 9:00 - 1:00pm at the Meetinghouse Lawn.

Sunday, June 29th 2:00pm Preston Pierce presentation on the Parcel Post System - mailing children wasn't the only thing strangely mailed.

Saturday, July 12th - 10:00 - 4:00 at the Genesee Country Village and Museum, Mumford, NY ([directions](#)) "Hometown History Expo" On this special day we'll be inviting 20+ local small museums, house museums, historical societies, genealogy groups, and town historians, to be on-site and table. Our visitors will learn about the wide breadth of local historical organizations, find new community connections, and plan their visits to your sites during this new special event. Other participating Museums/Organizations as of this date:

Franklin Hinchey Homestead & the Gates Historical Society, Greece Historical Society, Representatives from house Clan Baird, Representatives from house Clan Wallace, 1816 Farmington Quaker Meeting House, Heritage Square Museum, Livonia Historical Society, Webster Museum

Wednesday, July 16th - 5:30pm at the Macedon Academy - Merry Mischief Minstrel entertaining with an Erie Canal tone

Sunday, July 27th 1:00pm—4:00pm Ice Cream Social- Music performed by Crossmolina at 2:00pm - Free Admission

Tuesday, August 12th—Stakeholders/Board Members meeting 5:30pm—Community Chat 6:30pm with the LeMoyné/Zimmer Family All are welcome.

Saturday, August 16th - Lock 30 Heritage Festival Noon til Dusk

Sunday, September 28th - Academy Open House 2:00 - 4:00pm

Sunday, October 19th 2:00 at the Academy Dave Ruch Musician, performer, teacher. Sponsored by the Boehmler Community Foundation

Sunday, November 2nd 2:00—4:00pm Authors Forum "A novel idea" MC Meetinghouse

Tuesday, November 11th—5:30pm Stakeholders/Board Members Meeting 6:30pm Community Chat

Sunday, December 7th—Holiday Appreciation Open House and lighting of the tribute tree

For more information on these events call 315-538-0051 leave a message or check out MHS's website: macedonhistoricalsociety.org

MONTHLY MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS 2025

2nd Tuesday of the Month 5:30pm

Monthly Board of Directors

(all members are welcome)

Stakeholders/Membership Meetings

& Community Chat 6:30pm on

May 13, August 12, November 11

April through November

Historic Macedon Academy

1185 Macedon Ctr. Rd., Macedon

February & March

Macedon Center Meetinghouse

1208 Macedon Center Rd., Macedon

All meetings and Community Chats are open to the public - Refreshments available



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with the Macedon Historical Society

macedonhistoricalsociety.org or

Facebook: [Macedon NY History.](https://www.facebook.com/MacedonNYHistory)

What's new at the Museum

Over the last month MHS has had several donations that are being sorted and cataloged. One series MHS was thrilled to have donated was from Fuzzy Taber, a former Macedon Resident and volunteered for the Macedon Fire Department (former Village FD. Fuzzy donated an abundance of papers and photographs.



Bernie Quinn and George Alderman (Year unknown)



Bill Zimmer Bob Gorman Bernie Quinn,
Eddie Paquet and Eldred Youngman (L to R)

A list of the calls the Macedon Fire Dept. responded to:

Nov. 28, 1852	Macedon Academy's Barn Burned	Oct 21, 1885	Wesley Baker's barns burned
Mar. 14, 1856	John F. Packard - House burned	Dec. 23, 1885	Pat Cullin's barn burned
Sept. 27, 1856	Asa B. Smith barn burned	July 19, 1890	Old Hotel at Macedon R.R. Station burned
Sept 16, 1859	A portion of the Macedon Academy burned	Mar. 26, 1892	B.S. Durfee Farm house burned
June 20, 1860	Fire discovered in Macedon Post Office, extinguished before great damage	Aug. 17, 1895	Haydon's grain barn struck by lightening and burned
April 19, 1863	Charlie Dean's house burned	Oct 27, 1895	Fire of Swamp at Steffer & Briggs
Sept. 10, 1863	Myron Bosworth's barns burned	Jan 27, 1896	Thomas Bridges barn's burned
Aug. 29, 1865	Field Fires running on forty acres, also on Abraham Hance Farm	Oct. 27, 1897	Fire ran in the Dean Field
Mar. 26, 1868	Chris Dorn's Warehouse burned	May 11, 1898	D.C. Lapham horse barn struck by lightening and burned
Sept 1879	Cy Emory's house burned	May 15, 1898	Benjamin Blaker's dwelling house in Center burned
Nov 6, 1874	John Schrader's house burned (Rush Place)	Sept. 1, 1902	Will Thistlethwaite residence burned
Aug. 8, 1881	D.C. Lapham's barn, grain filled, burned	Dec. 28, 1902	Fred Engert's dry house burned
Sept. 6, 1881	Beal's Barn, Schrader's house and barn burned	Sept. 14, 1903	Horse barn and crib on Old Packard Farm burned
Mar. 26, 1883	Old Hotel and Barns burned	Nov 27, 1903	Engert's dry house burned second time
Aug. 28, 1884	Mallory's barn on the old Tillow place burned		1st Frame house in Wayne County, southeast corner of Wayneport & Route 31 built by Henry Wilbur III before 1800. burned during the 1930's
Sept. 2, 1884	Duggan's barn burned (Ramsdale Place)		
Mar. 15, 1885	John McCanne Grocery and Barn Burned		
Mar. 15, 1885	Nathaniel Mead's barn burned		

Macedon Academy Alma Mater

*"May the wreath you have won never
wither, nor the star of your glory
dim.*

*Published in the 1841-1891 Academy
History*

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Become a member of the Macedon Historical Society - Chartered in 1968. See page 6 for the upcoming events. As a member, you will have a front row seat.
[Website - Membership](#)
- Volunteer your time as an Academy Museum volunteer or on a committee
- Donate artifacts to the Academy Museum that pertain to Macedon
- Donate to the MHS through state bequests, planned giving, IRA charitable giving, memorial and honor gifts, employer matching contributions and ROC the DAY



The Graveyard Guy/ Dave Bloom "Headstone Repair"

*Hands on field training with
Dave. Learn how to care
for and repair headstones*

**Macedon Center
Meetinghouse
Quaker Cemetery
1208 Macedon Center Road
Macedon June 7th 10:00AM**



Jane Milem presented the Town of
Macedon with the custom Erie Canal
200th Anniversary Banner at the
May 8th Town Board Meeting.
(L to R) Town Supervisor, Kim
Leonard, Town Historian, Linda
Braun and WC Historian, Jane Milem.

The banner is now hung at the
intersection of Rt's 350 and 31. See
page 4 for programs dedicated to the
Anniversary Celebration

