

MHS NEWSLETTER

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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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1185 Macedon Center Rd.
and the Macedon Center
Meetinghouse/Macedon Grange
#326
1208 Macedon Center Rd.

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MHS, PO Box 303,
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The Gravestone Guy visits the Quaker Cemetery in Macedon Center

Written by Linda Braun, Macedon Town Historian and Macedon Historical Society Secretary

On Saturday June 7th, 2025, several residents from near and far, along with members of the Macedon Historical Society gathered at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse on the same site as the old Quaker Cemetery.

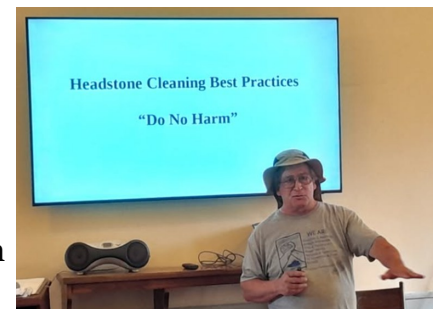
Located on the SE corner of Macedon Center Rd and Canandaigua Rd., this site is one of the oldest in Macedon. *"The land in the Friends' burying ground at Macedon Center was given to Asa Aldrich and Asa Aldrich, Jr., to the Society of Friends, through Johnathan Ramsdell, Joseph Pratt and Mead Atwater, as trustees and to their successors, on Sept. 25, 1817." (Pioneers of Macedon p.138)*

This event was co-hosted by the Macedon Historical Society, Farmington Historical Society and the Farmington Quaker 1816 Meetinghouse. Our guest speaker was Dave Bloom, he is affectionately known as the "Gravestone Guy." We began the day in the beautifully restored Macedon Center Meetinghouse. Dave presented a slide show with tips on how to approach the task of cleaning, preserving and repairing old cemetery stones. He shared all of the dos and don'ts of cleaning gravestones. The first rule is "Do No Harm." Do Not use bleach or other harsh chemicals to clean stones. He recommends plain water, and an environmentally friendly solution called D/2 Biological Solution. Never use hard brushes or tools.

Following the presentation we all went outside to the old burying ground. There we found many stones that were covered with moss and dirt. Some of the stones were lying down and buried. The



"Gravestone Guy" demonstrated how to spray the stones thoroughly with water and to start scrubbing. Once the years of debris were scrubbed off, and cleaned with more water, the stone was sprayed with the D/2. Then we moved on to the next stone. The rain and sunshine would continue to bring out the natural



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The Gravestone Guy .. continued



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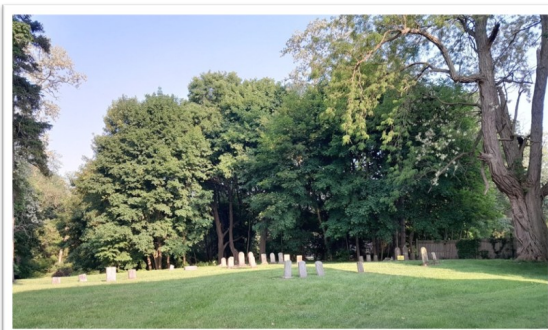
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Sandy Pagano
Linda Braun

color of the stones.

Not all stones were easy fixes. We came across some that had fallen and needed to be reset. Dave worked with the volunteers to show how this was done. He then demonstrated how to repair a broken stone. Our "work" continued through the afternoon. Some have gone back to continue the process.

This cemetery is no longer in use and the Town of Macedon maintains the grounds. Dave Bloom has helped to restore the Power Cemetery in Farmington. He has also assisted a local gal



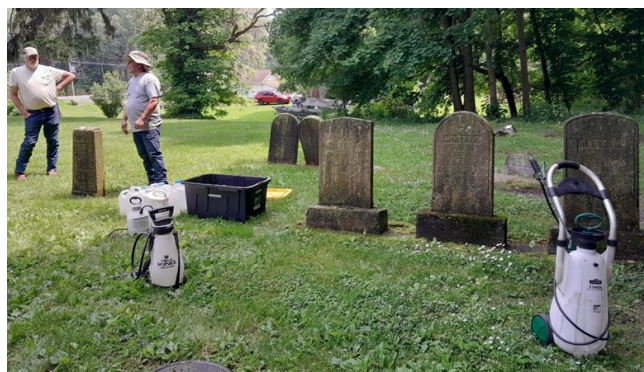
Brian Kelly & Dave Bruinix
unearthing a headstone.

named Erika Newcombe and her family who have been working on the Old Baptist Cemetery on Walworth Rd.

We encourage anyone who is interested in preserving our history to check out the Macedon Historical Society.

The MHS owns and maintains two buildings in Macedon Center, the Macedon Academy and the Macedon Center Meetinghouse. MHS meet at the Academy, 1185 Macedon Center Rd. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For more information check out our Facebook Page – *Macedon NY History* or contact us at macedonacademy@gmail.com. Macedon Historical. Call and leave a message at the Academy 315-538-0051, your call will be returned.

Macedon Historical Society's mailing address is P.O. Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502.



Dave Bloom is a passionate cemetery enthusiast and self-described "cemetery hound" based in Canandaigua, New York. He earned the nickname "The Gravestone Guy" through his extensive volunteer work restoring and preserving old cemeteries.



WHAT'S HAPPENING at the HISTORIC LAPHAM HOUSE



Anvo Property Management, in partnership with Gerber Homes, is proud to announce the launch of Lapham Estates, a premier residential community located right in the heart of Macedon, between the Town Hall and the Pal-Mac Intermediate School. This thoughtfully planned development represents the shared

commitment of both partners to create housing that enhances the neighborhood while honoring its historic roots.

The name Lapham Estates was chosen to honor the property's historic Lapham House, which serves as the centerpiece of the development and reflects the vision of bridging past and present. By preserving this iconic structure and thoughtfully integrating new construction, the project pays tribute to Macedon's heritage while delivering much-needed, high-quality housing.

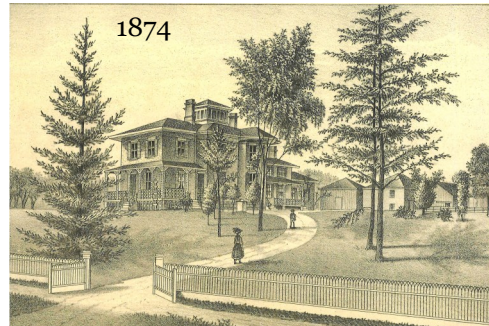
"Our commitment to the Macedon community goes beyond bricks and mortar," said Vlad Mirochnik, co-founder of Anvo Property Management. "Lapham Estates reflects our belief in revitalizing neighborhoods responsibly, offering safe and beautiful housing options that local residents can be proud of. Partnering with Gerber Homes ensures that our new townhouses meet the highest standards of quality."

The concept behind Lapham Estates is to offer a diverse living experience through three distinct housing options: The Lapham House, a beautifully restored Victorian mansion with six luxury apartments; The West Mac, formerly known as Summer Glenn, featuring eight updated garden-style units; and fifteen newly constructed, spacious townhomes built in partnership with Gerber Homes. Together, these residences create a vibrant, walkable community that appeals to a wide range of residents.

Construction of the townhouses is currently underway, and leasing opportunities will be available soon. This project represents a continued investment in the long-term growth and vitality of the Macedon community.

Linda Braun, Town Historian is working on obtaining a Historical Marker for the Lapham House through the William Pomeroy Foundation. These historic markers are scattered around the community. For a list of the historic markers in the Macedon community, check out the website.

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MHS appreciates all
types of donations.

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.

**Phone Number
for MHS at the
Academy**

**315-538-0051
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Macedon Celebration of the Erie Canal Bicentennial



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



**Cyclists taking a break with Hostesses
Gananda Rotary and the
Macedon Historical Society.**



Cycling on the Erie Canal - July 15th, 2025

MHS partnered with the Gananda Rotary by providing a snack station at Lock 30 in Macedon. About 600 cyclists stayed in Fairport the night before and were traveling to Seneca Falls. Each day they ride about 50 miles from Buffalo to Albany within 7 days. [Next years information](#)

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

Line Dancing...

**...in Macedon Center
is back!!**

With Terri Anderson

SUMMER/ FALL 2025



Macedon Academy's Auditorium
1185 Macedon Center Rd. (Rt.31F)

**Thursday Nights July 31 - Sept. 4th
(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, July 31 – 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 expe-
rienced dancers are welcome for a little bit
of something for

everyone!! Requirements:
dancing feet and smiling faces...
lessons structured for attendees!!
If you miss the first class you can
sign up anytime.

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



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

Email psb@rochester.rr.com to
keep informed if classes have
been cancelled.
A/C & Plenty of parking.

MACEDON CENTER FARM MARKET

Every sunday starting 8/10-10/12
from 9-1, Macedon Center Farm
will be selling fruits, vegetables
and flowers grown locally at the
Macedon Center Meetinghouse
Portion of the proceeds will go to
Macedon Historical Society.
macedoncenterfarm@gmail.com



Thank
you to
Lowe's
for the
donation of a French
Door Refrigerator. The
new refrigerator is in the
Academy Kitchen. This is
a great addition for the
cooking classes.

THANK YOU for their IN KIND SERVICE:

Alpco Employees
Joanne & Don Reeners
Noah & Jeff Orsburn
Carm & Sandy Pagano
Linda Braun
Dave Gardner
Kathy Murphy
Judy Longyear
Grace & John Mullard
Stan Daskiewicz

Volunteer to help, be it a 1
hour project, or manning a
booth, anytime you can
spare is appreciated.



Spades up for the Macedon
Garden Club that donated
and maintains the floral pots
at the Historic Macedon
Academy. Thank you !!

Thank you to Travel Alliance
Partnership (TAP) for
assisting with the website
Give a listen to the [Podcast](#)
Destination on the Left

AND a Big Thank you to Jeff
Orsburn for maintaining the
ever moving parts of MHS's
Website.

Welcome new Members:

Carla & G.A. Hankins
Cathy Contant
Sally McPike
Brenda & David Zariczny
Hugh Crowley

*Membership is the backbone
to our organization
There is NO PAID STAFF
All Volunteers*

MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY's Tentative Calendar 2025

Tuesday, August 12th—Stakeholders/Board Members meeting 5:30pm—Community Chat 6:30pm

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—2:00pm - 4:00pm Holiday Appreciation Open House and lighting of the tribute tree at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse. Performance by the Merry MisChiefs (Www.MerryMischief.net)

Santa and Mrs Claus will be on hand too. A cast of talented musicians who are minstrels of mischief unique to the Holiday Season.

For more information on these events call 315-538-0051 leave a message

Meet at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse



Looking for a venue to hold your parties, graduation, craft show, weddings or a place to hold lessons, meet and greet? Look no further. The Macedon Center Meetinghouse is your ticket. 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](#)



Is your organization looking for a place to hold their meetings? The Macedon Center Meeting House is the perfect location.



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

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



**KEEP UP TO DATE
with the Macedon Historical Society**

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

Thank you to Jeff & Noah Orsburn for their continued work on MHS's website.

Keeping all the parts moving is not an easy task. Their hard work is appreciated.

FINDING YOUR ANCESTRY and FOLLOWING YOUR PASSION

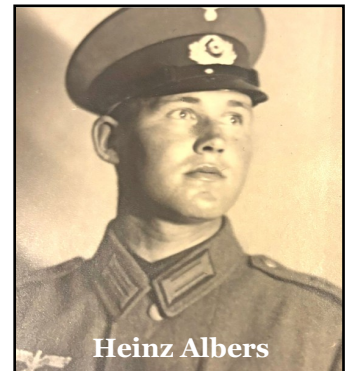


Birgit Albers photo credits
Times of Wayne County

Early in 2025 Birgit Albers contact Sandy Pagano to learn about the Macedon Creamery in Macedon New York. She had mentioned that her Father, Heniz Albers, was a POW incarcerated at the Marion Camps, at least that was one of his destinations. As a POW in Marion, he worked at the Macedon Creamery for a short time. Birgit met with Sandy on July 21, 2025 at the Historic Macedon Academy. She shared her story and timeline of her dad's diary journey. Her father wrote a very detailed journal while a POW. The Macedon Creamery history was in a news article in the Times of Wayne County about 10 years ago. She was able to make copies to add to her collection. The following is excerpts from the August 2, 2025 issue in the TIMES of WAYNE COUNTY newspaper.

Finding your ancestry, family photos, original documents, dairies and journals, is something that many family members treasure, especially as they grow older.

In the case of German-born Birgit Albers, learning of the existence of her father's diaries while he was a Prisoner of War in the 1940s was a story she was thrilled to find. Her sister and brothers were not at all interested.



Heinz Albers

Birgit not only devoured the words and stories from a historical look, but she hoped to get closer to knowing her father, and who he was as a person. She was just 19 when he died.

"What I did not find in his writing were the emotions I had hoped to see. He was an engineer and very factual. That part has helped me know him and what his life was like at that time," she pronounced. When she began reading his journals in 2019, she soon made a plan to follow his journey of captivity to see it through his eyes. In March of 2025, Birgit and her daughter, Yvonne flew to Los Angeles from Tasmania, where they now live, and began a journey through New York State POW camp sites.

Birgit visited all the sites of the POW camps her father cataloged. At some she was able to gain information about the camp and the timeframe of his incarceration. Some had military bases on site and no entrance could be given. Some no longer exist, and some have a few buildings remaining, like Camp Marion.

"I remember that at one camp nothing was left for me to see or take a photo of. But, I remember one huge tree on the spot where the camp had been, and I went over to it and threw my arms around it to hug it and feel my father's presence."

Heinz Albers was consigned to the German Army in 1943. It was a time during World War II when Hitler and Mussolini had made a pact to fight against the Allies. Heinz was sent with his division from Geneva to Sicily to fight when he was just 21 years old.

Sandy mentioned "Meeting Birgit, was an inspiration. To have the courage to travel, mostly alone, to follow in her father's foot steps is incredible" She will cherish that time with Birgit.

The full story can be found in the August 2nd, 2025 issue of the Times of Wayne County Newspaper

Macedon "As I remember it 1916 - 1976 by John Zimmer



Continued from the Summer 2025 MHS Newsletter:

At the outbreak of war in Europe, which led to World War II, the United States set up a draft system for men, so on October 16, 1940 all the men between the ages of 18 and 44 were required to register for the draft. I, along with all the qualifying men in the town registered in the office of the town barn, which is now the old village office (2025 - behind Twisted Rail) I thought this was a good place to wedge this in although it came much later.

I had a couple more early experiences

that I think are worth mentioning. I was in about the 4th grade in school when a twenty mule team (of borax fame) came through the village. The caravan consisted of twenty mules pulling a large wagon with 12 foot high rear wheels. Men



Stock image

were riding on top of the wagons throwing off boxes of borax samples. The kids all grabbed these boxes. School was let out for this and the next two experiences.

About this time, either before or just after the previous story, a walker came through town, walking from coast to coast. His name was Edward Payson Weston. He appeared to be quite an elderly man, but he walked a fast pace. He had quite a following, but I believe most of the people just followed him one town to another.

The next episode happened quite a few years later. Our class went to the New York Central railroad station north of the town to hear a candidate that was running for Governor of New York State. The man was Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. This was just our class that walked the mile to the station. This took place in 1923 or 1924. He was killed in France in 1944 commanding an infantry unit. He was one of the founders of the American Legion. At the time of his death he was a Lt. Colonel. He also fought in World War II.

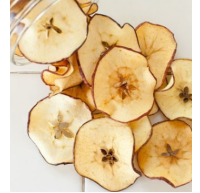
My grandmother used to tell me tales of the happenings around Macedon in 1882. At that time there were quite a few Indians here and there, but I guess they never caused any disturbance, at least she never mentioned it. She also told about the caravans of gypsies that traveled with horses and wagons. Many years later they kept up with the times and used automobiles. I can still remember several tribes at different times coming through town and camping on the creek flats east of the village, when they were traveling east and when they came from the east and got situated, they came to the village for supplies. The word soon got around that the gypsies were in town. They were pretty slick in their operations, the people would say watch your pocket book. They were noted for being good pick pockets. Another story she told me was when Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show came to town and put up their tents somewhere on Erie Street Road between the village and Mud Creek. I believe this was a yearly occasion. In the last years of the show a local man by the name of Allen Little traveled with the show as a trick rider. My father told me he thought that Little was the best trick rider with a horse anywhere. This took place around the turn of the century.

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Macedon I Remember - continued

On the village limits on Erie Street Road was a sign that read "Incorporated Village of Macedon" 15 M.P.H. The sign was there in the early 1920's. Another item of interest around that time was the loading of produce on the old Erie Canal at the foot of Erie Street and Railroad Avenue. I think there were barges loaded in the fall season with apples, potatoes, cabbage, carrots and possibly a few other vegetables that were not too perishable. These barges were shipped to New York City.

Also on the entrance to the Village on Erie Street Road stood a dry house for drying apples with a cider mill at the rear. At that time there were many apple orchards around Macedon. Most of the apples were brought here by horse and wagon. The best apples stayed by the dry house and the poorer ones went to the cider mill. The good apples were pared by men running paring machines and the women trimmed the pared apples for bad spots. The finished apples were cored and sliced by machine and put on kilns to dry. There were three coal furnaces that supplied the heat to dry the apples beneath the kilns. My father, Charles, was the night watchman for years, tending the furnaces and turning the apples. In the morning, as a very young kid, I looked for something left over in my father's lunch pail. This all happened around 1917 or before. The dry house ran for a few more years, how many I don't remember. The cider mill ran for quite a few more years. *The stories from John Zimmer will continue in the Winter Newsletter*



MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES an INTERN for the SUMMER

Local resident, 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 and interning with the Macedon Historical Society. Currently she is designing a 200th anniversary display of the Erie Canal in the Museum. She has continued scanning the archives in the Research room and Library. Hopefully the articles will be uploaded for patrons to search. If you see Danni around town or at the Purple Painted Lady, that her parents own, let her know you appreciate her volunteering for the Macedon Historical Society.



On Saturday, July 12th -
at the Genesee Country Village and Museum, it was a "**Hometown History Expo**" many Historical Societies were showcasing their museums. MHS was represented and had a great time. Even General John Bullis attended. For more information on GCV&M click:

[Genesee Country Village & Museum](https://www.gcv&m.org)

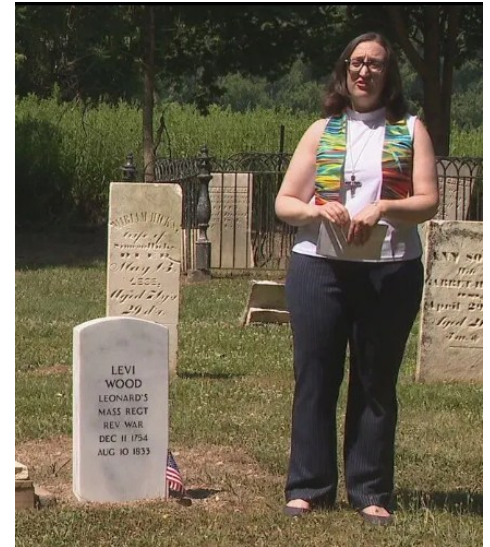


First Baptist Church Hard Work Celebrations and Dedications



Pastor Aleka Schuth from the First Baptist Church of Macedon spoke during a burial dedication ceremony at the Baptist (Bryant) Cemetery on July 13, 2025 on Walworth Rd. in Macedon. The First Baptist Church of Macedon, is celebrating its 225 years of continuous ministry in Wayne County. There will be events throughout the year in celebration.

To start off a homecoming-themed worship service followed by the dedication of a new grave marker for American Revolutionary War patriot Levi Wood at the “Old Baptist Burial Ground” in Macedon. Unexpectedly, Channel 13 WHAM News was there too! The church’s long history, our military veterans, and our cemetery restoration project were the focus of the celebration of the 225 Anniversary of the First Baptist Church.



The event included a brief, yet heartfelt service given by Pastor Aleka Schuth at the cemetery. Guests paid their respects to those that came before us and honored our military veterans which included 3 Revolutionary War veterans and 4 War of 1812 veterans. Earlier that week, with the help of Macedon grounds crew, a Revolutionary War veteran Levi Wood's new military headstone was put in place. The bright white granite headstone stands out from the weathered 200-year-old marble headstones that surround it. All but one burial in the cemetery is pre-Civil War. The Baptist church members graciously hosted a picnic luncheon after the cemetery service. Displays and information of the cemetery project were displayed at the luncheon. (Photo by Ken Sauer/WHAM)

Baptist Cemetery is On The Mark with Radar

Deanne “Dee” and Erika Newcombe, have been hard at work restoring the Baptist Cemetery. What had started out as a Girl Scout Golden Award project has grown into a life long journey with this mother and daughter team.



Dee submitted this article to MHS:

We had reached an obstacle at finding any additional below-surface headstones, footstones or pieces of either. We had been using metal probing rods for searching. Being that the burial ground is surrounded by mature trees and located right next to a stone quarry, you can imagine how many stones and tree roots we found. It quickly became evident that this

method was not going to be effective.

During a ‘field training’ headstone repair event at Webster Union Cemetery, cemetery associate and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) member, Cherie Wood told us that their cemetery committee had a local utility company, On The Mark, Inc. use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to scan the grounds surface to possibly locate headstones and burial sites beneath the surface. The committee was pleased with the GPR results.

After some phone calls, emails, meetings and coordination between the Macedon Historical Society, Town of Macedon Historian Linda Braun, and approval from the Macedon Board members, we then

asked a GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) company to scan our little hidden pioneer burial 11 ground. Monday, July 14th, 2025, the much-anticipated day had come! At the cemetery, Erika and I met at the cemetery with many supporters to see who this radar worked. The device would detect below ground soil disturbances indicating a possible burial or solid objects. The objects could be headstones, footstones, pieces of either, field stones, or even large tree roots. White ground flags placed in a rectangle formation would indicate a possible burial location and orange ground flags would indicate a possible object.

As we intently watched the scanning process, we got giddy every time we saw a ground flag get placed. The scanning now moved to the east side of the cemetery. In that location, last year we had placed all the broken headstone and footstone pieces neatly in the grass, where they waited for matching pieces. To be able to scan the east side lawn, the many heavy pieces had to be moved to the north side lawn where the scanning had been completed, and no ground flags were placed.

A huge thank you to Parker Maybe from [Gone Graving](#) and Helen Camp, for making the long drive and for helping us move the many, many heavy pieces.

Our main focus has been to find evidence of Revolutionary War veterans, Aaron Brister or Webb Harwood. Even a piece of headstone with their identifying information would help prove their burial within the cemetery, granting them a military headstone from the U.S. Veteran Affairs. Both of their wives are buried within the cemetery. Knowing Betsey Brister's exact burial location and then seeing white ground flags in a rectangle formation placed next to her headstone is exciting. Could this be Aaron's burial



location!? Could his headstone be nearby waiting to be unearthed just inches from the surface?

An interesting find, 3 possible burials OUTSIDE the fenced cemetery perimeter. All 3 matched the same size dimensions as the many possible burials found within the cemetery. One on the East side and 2 on the West side.

Due to the lack of rain in our area for weeks, exploring the orange flagged objects became difficult with the hard dry ground. Once the ground softens, exploring will continue.

Erika will continue to add updates and photos to the [Old Baptist Cemetery website](#). We are truly grateful to everyone that has supported us with the cemetery project.

Deanne "Dee" Newcombe and Erika Newcombe

The grounds of the cemetery are maintained and monitored by the Town of Macedon. Please respect those that came before us. If you visit this cemetery, please do not remove any of the marking flags.

Throughout this newsletter, you may see text in a different color. It should be a hyperlink and it should take you to a corresponding website. We hope.

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*

Remember to
check on "Share
my name" so
MHS can match
it to the pay-
ment.

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Macedon Historical Society

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF MACEDON, NY

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The Town of Macedon presents MACEDON HERITAGE FESTIVAL on the ERIE – Saturday August 16, 2025

Canal Park Lock 30, Macedon 12 - 9pm

Beer and Wine Tent, Food Trucks 12 - 8

Booths 12-6, Fireworks at 8:30

Parking across from the Lock 30 entrance.

Handicapped parking in the parking lot
across front of the firehall.



Music throughout the day!

Towpath Volunteers: 12-1

Lamay & Reese: 1-2

The Fakers: 2:30-4

Indigo Breeze: 5-8

Activities for all (12-6pm)

- ❖ Free rides on the canal
Colonial Belle
- ❖ KQ Horse and Wagon
- ❖ Kayak Rides
- ❖ Historic Pursuits
- ❖ Adventures in Climbing
- ❖ Butterfly Nature Trail



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200th Erie Canal Events around
Wayne County and beyond

EVENT LISTING



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