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FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILES

By Sandi Parisi

A handwritten note by Helen Somerville, found in her papers reads:

"On January 30th, 1878 the first Warrensburgh News was established by John A Morris and his son Almon H. Morris, Editor (From Granville). In 1882 he sold the plant to Lester Coolidge Dickinson, uncle of Helen C. Somerville on June 1, 1900. It was purchased by my father, James M. Somerville. He died February 1, 1917 and from that time until 1932 it was owned by my mother, Grace and I, with John L. Tubbs as editor, who started in September, 1921.

Melvin Livingston purchased it in 1932 and sold it in 1938 to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bosse.

Mr. Tubbs was a prolific writer and we won a prize for having one of the finest County newspapers.

Sometime after 1890 my father built a new building at 62 Elm Street. (See drawing in continued column, 1899-1938 now a vacant lot).

Also we always had two copies of each newspaper for a year bound in leather. One copy remained at the office;

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JACOBS & TONEY: FOLLOW-UP

By Paul Gilchrist

In the last issue of our Quarterly, "The Story of Jacobs & Toney article told of three frightening fires that affected the family's business. Since that issue, Steve Parisi found two more photos that give dramatic visual effect to what words can only try to describe. In the first photo, notice the "Atlantic and Pacific" sign of the grocery store that was next door to the Adirondack Fruit Store. The day after the fire on May 4th, 1930, the A&P leased space in the stone building across the street, sent an army of employees to work day and night, and re-opened just four days after the fire.



The Adirondack Fruit Store a day or two after the devastating fire of May 4th, 1930. Fire did damage to the upper levels, but water and smoke ruined everything beneath.

The second photograph was from the Post-Star, taken of the Music Hall fire on the very cold night of December 27th, 1950, (see page 8). Fire-fighters made a miraculous save of the Jacobs & Toney building only 9 feet across a narrow driveway to the north of the Music Hall - a driveway so narrow that 1920s photos show it was just an alley without even a curb cut.

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WARRENSBURG FISH AND GAME CLUB

By Mark K. Brown

Outdoor recreation has always played an important role in the lives of many local residents. I recently came across minutes of the Warrensburgh Fish and Game Club.



Lauren Davis and Arthur Brown with a day's catch of brook trout. Photo from the author.

The first meeting of this organization was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Warrensburgh on March 13, 1941. According to the original constitution and bylaws, the objective of the club was to assist in the conservation of all our natural resources and to promote a better understanding by the individual sportsman in all matters of conservation, to encourage a keener sense of responsibility in the enforcement of conservation laws, and to foster increasingly friendly social contacts with one another and between sportsmen and landowners. At that first meeting, Robert Swan was elected President and Arthur Cunningham Vice-President. Others at that first meeting

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As the United States anticipated July 4th in 1976, we worked ourselves into an historical frenzy. Events officially began over a year prior to the big event when, on April 1, 1975 the American Freedom Train began its 21-month journey through the 48 contiguous states. That was just the beginning. What swept the nation in the next year plus can aptly be described as Bicentennial fever.

I was a teenager in 1976, and what I remember most about the bicentennial are the signs posted everywhere (even in Warrensburg) about what happened on that spot 200 years before. Commercials were crazy – every company with a product on the market jumped on the bicentennial bandwagon, from Kleenex to Kentucky Fried Chicken. History was everywhere, and everyone was excited about it. But then it was over. History was “just history” again. Why do we need a special event to make history something to get worked up about?

Milestones do come with a certain amount of “pizazz” attached to them. But when you think about it, every year in history is filled with interesting and exciting facts, no matter what year or how many years ago you look.

Here’s a milestone in Warrensburg’s history for you. It was in July of 2009 – ten years ago – that the Museum of Local History re-opened its doors after being closed for almost a decade. People who were (and are still) dedicated to the incredible history of our town invested their time and energy into making it accessible to everyone, both now and for years to come. That is something to be excited about!

Your Historical Society stays busy. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month – even in the summer! There is always so much to discuss and events to plan. Please join us – the meetings are held at the Historian’s Office at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to listen in.

We participated in New York State’s “Path Thru History” weekend in June with a talk by Delbert Chambers on the Architecture of Warrensburg. Members of our Education Committee provided a program for children in the Summer School program at the museum in July, and in addition have worked all summer to

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IN MEMORIAM

Staying Alive!

develop lesson plan packets for teachers as a resource for local history. The teachers will have an opportunity in September to visit the museum for lunch and see what is available to them. The summer ended in style with the Society’s 23rd Annual Sticky Wicket Event that took place on August 5th at the Fish Hatchery.

As we turn our thoughts toward fall, I’m especially excited about the Graveyard Walks this year. Be prepared to be transported back 100 years – to the people and events of Warrensburg in 1919. Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 27-29, and watch for details!

The Garage Sale Weekend is the first weekend in October, and marks the end of our kayak raffle – have you bought your raffle tickets yet?

Fasten your seat belts because our country’s 250th birthday is, unbelievably, only 6 years away. In the meantime, there’s plenty of excitement to be had in every moment of Warrensburg’s history! ♦

Beth Kinghorn

PRESIDENT

SOCIETY PAGE

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Mark K. Brown, Paul Gilchrist, Beth Kinghorn, Sandi Parisi, Steve Parisi, Liz Sebald, Serena Stone

BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR

A friendly call to writers, photographers & local history admirers alike:

Send us copies of Warrensburg artifact photographs and writings of yesteryear. Email Paul or Serena.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:

- ♦ September 27th – 7:00pm Graveyard Walk
- ♦ September 28th – 2:00pm Graveyard Walk
- ♦ September 29th – 5:00pm Dinner with the Dead @ Lizzie Keays
- ♦ October 13th – 3:00pm, Museum, Glacial Landforms in Warrensburg, Paul Gilchrist, PhD
- ♦ December 7th & 8th – Christmas in Warrensburg Weekend
- ♦ December TBA – 5:30pm, Lizzie Keays WHS Holiday Dinner

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WARRENSBURG 100 YEARS AGO

By Beth Kinghorn

*The backdrop for the Graveyard Walks,
September 27th - 29th.*

It's the year 1919. You are new to town and a neighbor has stopped by to answer any questions you may have and help you feel at home. "Welcome to Warrensburg! Isn't it beautiful here? I've been here for years and I never tire of the mountains and the river...and how the elm trees bend over the streets with so many beautiful homes nestled among them. The winters can be fierce, but this past one was the mildest since 1898. Folks are worried there won't be enough water in the summer as a result. We need all that snow and ice to fill the rivers and lakes! The 18th Amendment passed this year, so there's talk that "no water and no beer would make a great Sahara Desert indeed."

Now that the war is over the mills down on the Schroon River had a bit of a slump, but they seem to be doing fine now. What kind of businesses are down there? Well, let's see, there's A. C. Emerson Sawmill; D. E. Pasco & Sons Hardware, Grain Storage and Grist Mill; the Empire Shirt Factory; Warrensburg Woolen Mill and Pants Factory; the Pulp Mill; and Carding Mill. Thank the Good Lord for the Schroon River! We are glad that our Town Supervisor - Milton Noble Eldridge - has a firm grasp of business. Not too long ago he was manager of the Woolen Mill, and was even the Vice President of our own Emerson National Bank.

In town there are spaces for shops, assembly rooms and apartments in two and three story buildings that line lower Main Street and practically tower over the center of town. These buildings have such fine, upstanding names, like the Crandall Block, the Music Hall Block, and the Woodward Block. From these locations a person can find just about anything they might need in Warrensburg. There are two local pharmacies: Dickerson & Bertrand and Crystal Pharmacy - right in the center of town. Herrick's Corner Store, Wilsey's Market and Sturdevan's Bakery are fine places to shop for food. We even have our own water bottling plant in King's Addition.

Other supplies can be found at either Kugel's or Livingston's Department Stores. Rist Boot Shop keeps us all in

boots and shoes, and Billy Barlow the Blacksmith does the same service for your horse. But more and more people are going for automobiles these days. There are two garages in town - Warrensburgh Garage and New Adirondack Garage. Both seem to be doing quite a business.

Speaking of automobiles, our undertaker Berry W. Woodward just purchased the town's very first automobile hearse this year. He says that horses have become practically obsolete in the conduct of present day funerals. He should know. With the outbreak of the Spanish Flu last year, they had to add seventeen more acres to the cemetery this year. I hear there were only twenty-five plots left!

We have a wonderful school right here in town called the Union Free School. One of the Emerson boys, Albert Louis, graduated from the High School in June. He's going to college at Dartmouth, but I'll bet he'll be back. Warrensburg and the Emerson name go hand-in-hand. His father is a New York State Senator, and they say he and our Highway Supervisor Bertram E. Murray are working hard to get the truck highway built from New York City to Montreal. The road is going to go right through town!

Oh, I can't forget the library. It was established by the Richard's sisters, who have done so much for this town. They had a big fire 5 years back, but thank goodness everything was rebuilt and it is as good as new.

The Racetrack and Fairgrounds create quite a stir in the summer months. The hotels in town fill up in no time. I'm sure you have noticed the big, beautiful hotel right in the center of town. That's the Adirondack Hotel. The trolley ends right there in front so we get visitors from as far away as Albany. Down in the southern end of town we have the Maple Grove Hotel (they are a temperance hotel, with all this 18th Amendment business), Grand Army House and Warren House. Up near the fairgrounds we have the Agricultural Hotel and Messenger House.

What else do we do for fun? The Fairyland Theater has a new building on Main Street. Not too long ago I saw Theda Bara in "Cleopatra, the Siren of the Nile." Tickets are kind of expensive at 15 cents with a 2 cent war tax per person. But I have to tell you, seeing Theda Bara

was worth every penny.

Our baseball team, the Mud Hogs, disbanded this year, but we still have a debating Society that meets once a week. We are proud that the American Red Cross started a Chapter in town this year, as did the American Legion - Post 446. We have an active Agricultural Association, the Masons meet upstairs in the Woodward Block, and I hear that the Odd Fellows voted at their April meeting to purchase a lot on Main Street in order to build a lodge.

As for churches, the Methodists built the first church in town, but there's also Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, and Presbyterian, each with their own fine building. But you might be interested to know that there are smaller congregations as well - Christian Missionary Alliance, the Free Methodists and even Pentecostal.

We have all the modern conveniences a town should have. Our sewer system directs everything right down to the river - isn't that convenient? We also have electricity that runs by water turbine with a gas engine back-up. A commission was made for a volunteer fire department in 1891 but nothing has been organized yet.

So many fine young men come out of Warrensburg. One of our own, young Floyd Bennett enlisted in the Army last year and I hear he is currently working repairing planes. His family is so proud of him.

Warrensburg just had our 100th birthday a few years back - 1913. It seems like so much has happened since then. It really is a wonderful town. Did you hear that now we call ourselves the "Queen Village of the Adirondacks"? Such a beautiful name. Our Board of Trade adopted it about three years ago.

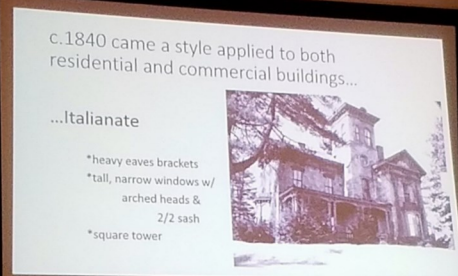
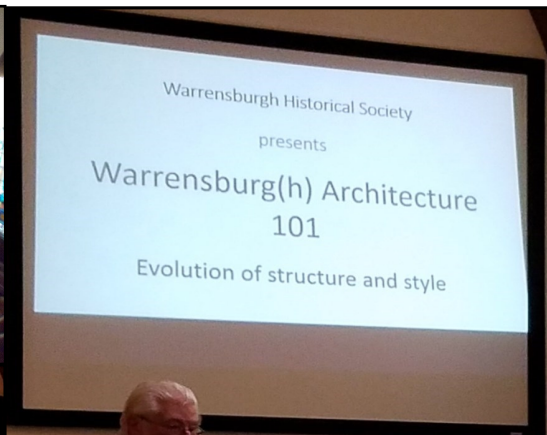
Well, I had better run. My neighbor Elizabeth Pasco has her hands full with her one and a half year old son, Delbert, and I told her I'd sit with him for a bit so she could get some chores done. Let me know how you are settling in! One night next week I'll bring you supper."



100 Years



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1. Delbert Chambers starts his presentation on structure and style of Warrensburg architecture on June 16th at the Methodist Church. 2. Beth Kinghorn, Historical Society President, introduces Past-President Delbert Chambers. Despite rain, attendance was good. 3. Delbert discusses the architecture of the old Burhans Mansion. 4. Delbert describes two local examples of Greek Revival style homes. Images 1, 3 & 5 by Beth Kinghorn. Image 2 by Paul Gilchrist.



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM ON JULY 11TH 2019

On July 11th, 19 children and 5 counselors, led by Clarissa Reynolds (black t-shirt), came to the Museum as an enrichment activity of the Town of Warrensburg Summer Youth Program. From 8:30 to 11:30 they participated in a number of history-oriented activities designed by Museum staff to focus their attention on the history of their home town, after which they had lunch furnished by the Town, prepared at the school. The Museum and Historical Society are keen to be involved with the school to educate children about local history. For several years the 4th grade class has come to the Museum in June, and the Society has conducted enrichment programs in glacial landforms, architecture, and historical artifacts for 4th and 5th graders. *Elaine Cowin photos.*



The coveted Sticky Wicket Trophy.

GRAVEYARD WALKS: 9.27.19 @ 7:00PM 9.28.19 @ 2:00PM
9.29.19- DINNER WITH THE DEAD AT LIZZIE KEAYS @ 5:00PM.
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BONUS MYSTERY PHOTO

Can you identify this photo and tell what is there now? For extra credit, give the make and year of the car. Remember the words to the Atlantic advertising jingle? Can you sing them? Over the phone? Paul's voicemail is: 518-623-3162, or email at prg12824@yahoo.com.



Karen Hanley receives trophy from Croquet Master Delbert Chambers.

Sticky Wicket 2019 Photos

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MYSTERY PHOTO ANSWERS FROM SPRING ISSUE:

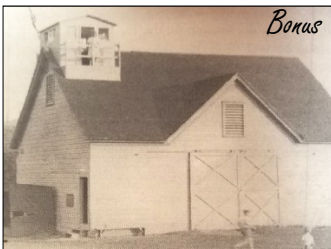


Serena Stone

The Mystery Photo in the last issue is located north of town on Sweet Road (old Route 9) just past the Route 28 turnoff on land formerly of the Sweet Lumber Company. It was identified correctly by Bob Underwood, whose grandfather

owned the property over 100 years ago. Jack Toney also guessed correctly (although he was a little bit tentative).

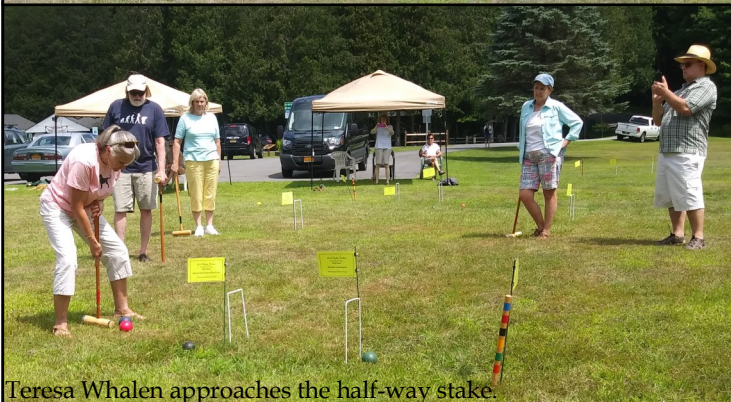
The building in the Bonus Mystery Photo in the last issue was the barn at the Recreation Field. It was the site of civilian airplane spotters in the 1950s in the early years of the Cold war, which explains the tower on the roof. Liz Sebald and Jack Toney identified it correctly. Liz served as one of the spotters.



Bonus



Croquet Master Delbert Chambers makes a crucial ruling.



Teresa Whalen approaches the half-way stake.



Jacobs & Toney: Follow-up Location of Doueir (pronounced "Dwyer"). Jimmy Toney's birthplace.



Brown (continued from page 1) included Ray Stone, Ken Nichols, Thomas Pratt, Joe Briggs, Sig Wachter, Frank Clayfield, John Knipe, Howard Hewitt, Lester Love, and Ralph Brown. Annual membership dues were \$2.50.



*Ralph Brown with catch of brook trout.
(Photo from the author).*

In 1946 Frank Clayfield was voted President and Roy Randall Vice-President. In December 1946 the club had 175 members and peaked in April 1947 with 200 paid members.

Following are some of the issues and items the club was involved in over the years.

- In March 1941, 11 pheasants were shipped from Union Grove Plantation, Wisconsin, in an attempt to establish pheasant populations in the area. These one-year-old pheasants were released at two sites: one near the Fish Hatchery and the other on Schroon River Road. Local landowner Ralph Brown planted buckwheat for the pheasants on the Schroon River Road site. This program was continued for a number of years.
- Raised snowshoe hare for release in the late 1940s and early 1950s.
- Gave support for an increase in New York State Conservation Department Game Wardens to enforce the fish and wildlife laws.
- Worked closely with the New York State Conservation Department in regard to supporting hunter safety laws and regulation changes regarding fish and wildlife.
- Assisted New York State Conservation Department in teaching Hunter Education classes to first-time hunting license buyers.
- Worked closely with other organiza-

tions opposing Higley Mt. Dam in North Creek, (1947).


- Sponsored the annual sending of young adults to Conservation Camp in Saranac Lake.
- Assisted the Warrensburg Fish Hatchery in stocking of trout in various lakes, ponds, and streams in the region.
- Built and maintained wood duck nesting boxes.
- Became actively involved in Warren County, Adirondack, and New York State Conservation Councils.
- Supported and politically helped establish a New York State Conservation department office on Hudson Street in Warrensburg, (April 1963). Today the office is called New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Sponsored an annual fishing contest. In January 1949 Marvin Menshausen received a plaque from the Warrensburg Fish and Game Club President Lester Love for catching the largest brook trout. The brook trout was caught in Puffer Pond, (near 13th Lake) and had a dressed weight of 2 pounds 2 ounces.
- In January 1963 the club was reorganized and renamed Warrensburg Conservation Club.

The minutes I have of the Club only go until April 1963. I am not sure what became of the Warrensburg Conservation Club, but it definitely had a positive impact on the fish and wildlife resources in the area.♦

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FROM THE MUSEUM

The Warrensburgh Museum of Local History was started in 1974— at a time when there was a heightened interest in history was because of the upcoming National Bicentennial Celebration.

The location at the "Odd Fellows Hall" was secured and a call went out to Warrensburg's citizens for artifacts and photographs. The Museum, operated by the Historical Society, opened in July 1975. It received many visitors, including an annual visit by the 4th grade, for the next 25 years.



Museum Director Steve Parisi shows local school children a display at the Museum.

Due to dwindling financial and volunteer support, the Museum was closed in 2001. For a number of years the museum collection sat dormant until a group of concerned citizens reorganized the Historical Society. The Town invited the Society to resume operation of the Museum, providing funds for full renovation and expansion of the space and funds for maintenance.

Members of the Society began the enormous task of computerizing the collection and creating all new exhibits. The Museum reopened on this day in 2009.

If you haven't been in to see the Museum in the past 10 years, let this be the year for a visit! We are open on Sundays 1:00pm to 3:00pm and Wednesdays 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

The Museum is staffed by volunteers— a wonderful group of people who love Warrensburgh and its history. Please join us! We need your help in order to expand the days we can be open.♦

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the other was given to Richards Library. It can still be found at the library (now in the Warrensburgh Museum of Local History), but the one at the office has also been destroyed. From those, Kathleen Goodman conceived the idea of writing articles "From Our Files, Fifty, Twenty Five and Ten Years Ago." She did a fabulous job and all her writing has been given to the library by her sisters Helen Goodman and Mrs. Franklin Pasco." (Now in the Historian's Office).

Historian's note: In 1958 it was sold to Robert F. Hall, and the name was changed to the Warrensburg-Lake George News. In 1971 Mr. Hall sold the paper to Denton Publications in Elizabethtown. By 1982 Thom Randall was editor and general manager. Thom and his wife Diane had started their own local newspaper, the Adirondack Journal in 1987. In 1990 Mr. Randall purchased the Warrensburg-Lake George News and in 1993 the Randall's entire publishing operation was sold back to Denton Publications, under the name of Adirondack Journal. In 2008 Thom Randall returned as the editor of the newspaper. He currently is a correspondent for The Sun. ♦



NEW EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM

By Steve Parisi

A survey of summer outdoor activities in the area is the topic of a new exhibit at Discover Warrensburg - the Museum of Local History. Entitled "Outdoors - Then and Now", the exhibit consists of historic photos from the museum's collection coupled with current photographs taken by area residents or borrowed from promotional websites.

Included are topics such as hiking and bicycling, driving and farm tours, horseback riding, rodeos and dude ranches. Since Warrensburg's borders are mostly rivers, water sports include canoeing, kayaking and whitewater rafting. Fishing is also a major historic as well as current activity.

Many current businesses that provide these activities are listed for the convenience of visitors to the exhibit.

The Museum is open Wednesdays noon to 4:00pm, Saturdays 11:00am to 3:00pm and Sundays 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The exhibit will remain on view through October. ♦

KING DESCENDANTS VISIT WARRENSBURG - FOLLOW-UP

By Liz Sebald and Paul Gilchrist

This is a follow-up to the story in our last issue that gave a brief account of the visit last May to Warrensburg by two sisters, descendants of Fred King, Minerva King, and Peletiah Richards, who wanted to learn all they could about those ancestors, their families, and the ancestral homestead built by Peletiah in 1832 on the site of the current Tops store. The two ladies, Pat Tomlinson from California and Kathy Kyte from Massachusetts visited here on May 1st - 3rd and stayed at the Cornerstone Victorian B&B.

Pat and Kathy arrived on May 1st, Wednesday, and spent part of the afternoon at the Town Historian's office with Sandi Parisi, who had prepared and gave them a great deal of information from her vast collection. They ate dinner with Liz downstairs at Lizzie Keays Restaurant where they took pictures of the many historical photographs adorning the walls of the dining room.

The next morning they came to the Museum where they met with Steve Parisi, Sandi, Paul, and Liz. They learned about Peletiah's house and farmstead from Paul, who grew up there, and saw other information, including diaries of their great-grandfather, Fred King, and by Grace Noyes, the black lady brought from Connecticut by Peletiah to live and work in the household with the family.

In the afternoon Liz drove them to the Warren County Clerk's Office to view old records and maps. She then took them on a tour of King's Addition streets— King, Oak, and Warren—the 30 acres of the King farm that were sold off by Fred King as building lots after 1896.



Kathy and Pat had dinner Thursday evening at the home of Liz Sebald (right) with Steve and Sandi Parisi.

Friday morning, they visited the Warrensburg cemetery and took pictures of the graves of Peletiah

Richards, his daughter Minerva, her son Fred and several others of the King family.

Errata.

Our previous story said that Pat and Kathy were granddaughters of Fred King. That was an error, the correction of which will lead us to another *erratum* in the previous story. Some genealogy will clarify things; it will also reveal Liz Sebald's special relationship to the story.

Fred King had two daughters. The first, Julia Eleanor King, married a man named Willett. They had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married a McDermott and had two girls, Kathy and Pat, who visited in May. Elizabeth died at 25 when Kathy was 3 and Pat was 1. They were Fred King's great-granddaughters. His mother, Minerva, was their great-great grandmother, and Peletiah was their great-great- great-grandfather. Julia also had a son, Robert, who never married. When he died, his estate went to Kathy and Pat, including much information about their great-grandfather, Fred. This led to their wanting to visit Warrensburg.

Now the Liz Sebald connection: Fred King had another daughter named Clara, 12 years younger than Julia. She married Charles Osborne, brother of Liz's father, "Hap" Osborne.

Charles and Clara Osborne had two daughters, Helen and Ruth, who are Liz's cousins and Fred King's granddaughters. Kathy and Pat, then, are related to Helen and Ruth as first cousins, once removed. Got it?

Charles, Clara, Helen and Ruth came back to Warrensburg for years and stayed in the Osborne homestead next to the Episcopal Church. Ruth and Helen knew their grandfather Fred. He died in 1941.

Helen and Ruth continued to visit for years along with their families. Ruth and her husband still come to visit and stay with Liz at her home next to the Episcopal Church.

Corrections of the two *errata* in the previous article are (1) that Kathy and Pat are Fred King's great-granddaughters, not his granddaughters; and (2) that it was an error to say no known descendants of Fred King have visited Warrensburg in the last 50 years. His descendants have indeed visited many times, and still do. ♦



Our story last *Gilchrist (continued from page 1)* issue told that Jimmy Toney was born in 1899 in a part of Syria that was predominantly Christian and which became Lebanon under French protection after World War I and the demise of the Ottoman Empire. Thanks to a recently-



Music Hall fire the night of December 27th, 1950.

found piece written by Arthur Draper in the Warrensburg News on February 27, 1947, we learn the town where Jimmy was referred to as "Dwyer." This looks more like an Irish Gaelic name from County Tipperary than an Arabic name, but a close inspection of Lebanese maps reveals a town name Doueir about 15 miles northeast of Tyre (see maps on page 5). Further research reveals that this name is indeed pronounced as "Dwyer." The Draper article also helps clarify that Jimmy Toney, Joe Shimas, and the three Jacobs boys were together for five years until 1922, at which time Jimmy and Louie stayed in Warrensburg as partners in the Adirondack Candy Kitchen, while the other three went off and started businesses in Glens Falls, North Creek, and Hague.

Our previous article contained a photograph from the 1920s that showed the Jacobs & Toney store along with the Crystal Drug Store next door, in front of which was a Texaco pump that might have been a gas pump or perhaps a kerosene pump. Jacobs & Toney sold kerosene from a tank in their basement in amounts of a pint, quart, or gallon up into the 1940s. It could be used for lamps, cooking, or heating – and still is in many developing countries. ♦



ORIGINS OF THE MASTHEAD PHOTO

At the start of the 1970's, shortly after the Environmental Protection Agency's conception, tens of thousands of freelance photographers were hired to document the environmental state at that time. One such photographer, author, and ecologist Anne LaBastille, captured a stunning autumn scene of a shirt factory building, the Emerson Saw Mill, and rock pilings that anchored the log boom. The saw mill is still intact. The area along the river in the side of the photo is the site of the Tannery Park Project. LaBastille was one of 100 photographers to capture over 80,000 photographs by the end of 1974.

Next time you find yourself strolling through the middle of Warrensburg be sure to check out how this view has changed over the years. Find it at the end of Richard's Avenue off of Main Street. Note how it's changed, and maybe even take a photograph of your own!

(More information about the EPA's photography project is available at: epa.gov). ♦



Serena Stone

MYSTERY PHOTO

This building in Warrensburg still exists. If you can identify it, please email Paul at: prg12824@yahoo.com or leave a voicemail at 518-623-3162.