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From the Desk of ACHS Executive Director, Ron Taylor

More Great Happenings!

Yes, we just had another great happening, and from it will spring even more.

It all took place on the evening of October 26 as 57 people filled the Museum to hear the educational and entertaining words of Dr. William Paquette, speaking on how to ***Discover Your Roots!***

Everyone who attended the genealogical workshop conducted by Dr. Paquette was in agreement that a fun-filled message was delivered with a lot of facts, examples and many research suggestions. The talk left people wanting more and that is just what will happen next.

Dr. Paquette has offered to tentatively return in Spring, probably May, for another visit. It is thought by that time our new "Genealogy Group" will be formed and underway and he will sit in with us & listen to questions and try to offer assistance to reach the goals that we seek in our family history research.

New group to form

So many good things have happened at ACHS in the last 10 months since we opened our new Museum January 14th, 2017! We had a very busy summer, serving people locally and from many different states who visited us at

the Museum as well as requested internet and mail response. We are way beyond 1,400 visitors to the Museum since January.

Now we are asking the public to support us by joining us as we expand our presence in the genealogy research community. Two new things will be started, both occurring this week. We are going to start an evening meeting and a "Genealogy Corner Column" in the newsletter. Again, all accomplished by volunteers and free!

Weekly, or perhaps every few weeks, decided by the participants in "the group" at the first meeting, we will get together and talk about how to conquer some of the stumbling blocks in your personal genealogy researching. I will have the Center open and start the conversation at 6 p.m. and open it to the group to carry the talk forward. Bring your own tools, we will have the lights on upstairs in the meeting area. We will be practicing some of the things talked about by Dr. Paquette in October for the purpose of coming together to help each other. Parking behind our building and on streets.

The first evening will be Thursday, November 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The rules will be come as you

are, come and go as you please!
New column in this newsletter

The second new item is our Genealogy Corner in this 4th quarter newsletter you are presently reading. Dr. Paquette has written this one (see page 8), so please read his submitted remarks and email him with your questions.

We have changes

We tore the Museum apart and set up 60+ chairs for the October 26 gathering. We have installed a couple of new showcases and rearranged different displays. Now we await another in a long line of happenings, winter months and the building of our "highlight" display case to arrive as soon as our craftsman-member, Bill Lynch of Andover, creates it. Visit us and view the renewed look and items.

Thank you all for your support and please, ***VOLUNTEER TO HELP US.*** We need you!!

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THANK YOU!

ACHS is thankful to the Steuben County Historical Society for allowing us to receive many materials which came from the closed Hartsville Historical Society.

Included in the gift were several sections of steel shelving which fulfill our current needs for storage in the basement level of the Historical Center. We are sharing a few of the shelves with the Andover Historical Society for their storage use.

Additionally, we received several cemetery documents which will be placed in our files of listed burials and several school yearbooks and town histories which have been shared with Andover Historical Society.



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Years in the making: a gift to Angelica by Allegany County historians

It's finally here! And, according to area residents, it was worth the wait. Angelicans are buzzing about the new sign on the Park Circle.

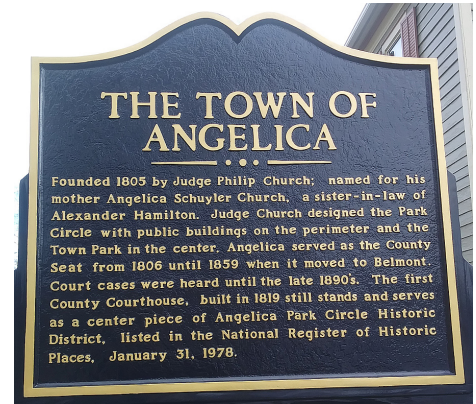
The Town of Angelica Supervisor, Bob Jones (pictured below, with Rosemary Feenaughty, Bolivar historian) received a check from the ACHS a couple of years ago. The money originated from the History Preservation Roundtable of Allegany County, which is an informal group made up of primarily county historians that began meeting in 2006. In the ensuing years, others have joined and now regularly take part in their meetings. The group, according to Kathryn Ross in the *Wellsville Daily Reporter*, "also sponsored the Allegany Historical Awareness weeks and Museum Tours across the county".

The Roundtable wrote a \$1000 check to the ACHS about five years ago, expressing their desire to have an historical marker placed on the Park Circle in Angelica. The funds were safely held, until the plans coalesced and the sign was ordered.



It finally arrived earlier this year, and the Angelica highway department crew installed the sign on the Park Circle, coincidentally on the same day that the Roundtable group met in Angelica at a local diner.

The historic marker was formally unveiled at a brief meeting on Thursday, November 9. But it made the rounds, so to speak, on facebook shortly after its installation. If the response there is anything to go by, the citizens of Angelica are indeed grateful to the Roundtable historians for their generous and thoughtful donation.



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<http://www.psnrrhs.org/>

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Anne Yannie Corrado Celebrates 105th Birthday

by Evelyn Smith, Andover Historical Society president

In September, 2017, friends and family of Anne Yannie Corrado of Andover celebrated her 105th birthday with a birthday celebration



Anne Yannie Corrado

at the Andover Community Center in Andover. Born the second of nine children of Emilio and Maria (Serio) Yannie in Belmont in 1912, the family moved to Andover when she was 15 and Anne graduated from Andover Central School. Anne studied music and art at Fredonia University and graduated with a degree in music. She then taught music and art in Angelica for five years during the 1930s.

After leaving Angelica, Anne Yannie then moved to New York City where she continued to study music at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart. She became organist and choir director at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Yorkville, Manhattan, a position she held for 41 years. During this time she continued to teach music and art at local Catholic schools.

Anne developed her interest in painting during the 1940s, and she painted for over 60 years. Her paintings focus primarily on still-life subjects in oils. Her paintings

have won many awards and are held in several private collections in the U.S. and European countries.

In 1957 Anne Yannie married Alfred Corrado, a French horn musician for the NBC Orchestra. Alfred died in 1965. In the following years, Anne continued to paint and compose music and poetry, and she spent many relaxing summers at the family home in Andover.

Anne Yannie Corrado served for a number of years as the national president of the Composers, Artists, and Authors of America, and served as the national chairwoman for the National Society of Arts and Letters. Anne has published two books of her original poetry, "No Season" and "Entity", in 2008.

While she no longer paints, Anne is continuing to enjoy life at 105. Some of her paintings are on display for several more weeks in the Andover Historical Society display area. The hours the Museum center is open are posted on the door.



*Notes and news
from the*



*Andover
Historical Society*



Bouquet in Red, shown above, and many other of Corrado's works are on display at The Fountain Arts Center in Belmont, where you can see them by appointment or online. Call 585-268-5951 for more information.

Memorial

The Allegany County Historical Society gives thanks to **Suzette Barber Pondillo** for a donation in memory of her grandfather, who was born and raised in Allegany County:

SELIN C. BARBER

Another find: *Palmer Cemetery update*

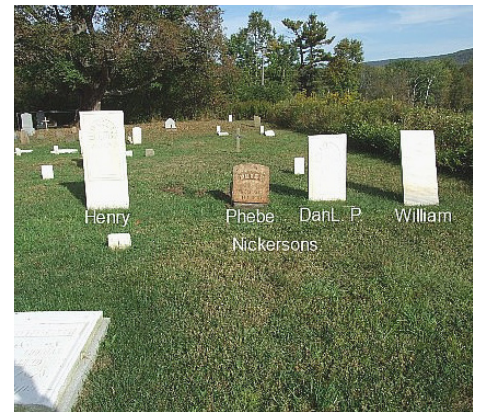
As we reported in an earlier article in "The Recorder", Bob Heavener of Back River Road, Scio, is a gentle man who enjoys restoring a cemetery (Palmer Cemetery) as his hobby and his calling! He puts in a ton of time and lovingly cares for every plot in the cemetery. He asks for no recognition for this, but, if anyone deserves recognition it is Bob!

September 22 of this year he wrote, "Today I found the top of the stone for Phebe Nickerson, wife of

Henry. Date of death is not included. I will send a photo soon."

Being a man of his word, we now have photos to describe the "find" which he discovered and his comment, "That is probably less than half of the original stone. It measures about 18 inches by 18 inches and must weigh 100 Lbs."

We are proud to share a couple of pictures he supplied to us and you can see it takes a lot of time and



effort to locate, recondition and then re-set the stones.

THANK YOU, BOB!



On August 15, members of the Kanestio Historical Society and their friends from the Greenwood Historical Society traveled to Andover to visit the Allegany County Historical Center & Museum which houses the Andover Historical Society along with ACHS. They were treated to a delicious lunch and toured the building where many volunteers turned out to show them around the building and answer their questions.

Town Historians

*Alfred - Doug Clarke
 Allen - Brenda & Sam Norton
 Alma - Ron Taylor
 Almond - Almond Historical Society
 Amity - Belmont Free Library
 Andover - Kimberly Haswell
 Angelica - Jonathan Makeley
 Belfast - William Heaney
 Birdsall - Howard Hann
 Bolivar - Rose M. Feenaughty*

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 Wellsville - Mary Rhodes
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 Willing - Christina Wightman
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For corrections or additions to this list, email ACHSRecorder@gmail.com.

Recent Acquisitions

The chart below details donations to the Allegany County Historical Society. Thank you, everyone, for your generous contributions. This is not a complete list but it will give you a flavor of the wonderful contributions we are receiving. Though we do not have room to display everything, please accept our humble thanks for your donations.

Beekeeper head protector	Sharon Stout
Allegany County map (physical & political); published by Thrall Map/Survey Company of Perry, NY; shows types of schools in 1941	
Toolbox (owned by Roy Breadon of Angelica) & three block planes	Zona Pierce Hitchcock
Original Artwork for poster done in 1989 of Allegany County Minuteman ; never published (includes all rights & copyright)	A. Thomas O'Grady
Pennysaver scrapbooks	Karen Dickerson
Two history books (Re: WWI and Russo-Japanese War); six magazine covers showing propaganda from WWII; one WWI Lest We Forget poster; 1914 London News	Richard Searle
10-volume set of Photographic History of the Civil War by Miller (in excellent condition)	
Amish Schoolhouse Model, Centerville, NY	Eugene & Peggy Ann Watts
Circa 1918 U.S. Marine Military Blanket gifted to M&M Watts by Mark & Kay Heaney of Angelica, NY	
1915 handmade wedding dress made and worn by Edith Stout for her wedding	Lorna (Stout) Mowatt
The Story Gettysburg in Pictures; Personal Memiors of U.S. Grant, Volume 1 (1885) published by Charles L. Webster	Richard Ives
Glass dish depicting Citizens National Bank; Limited Edition 1991 Andover Christmas Ornament	Mattie Lounsberry
Family bible - Sortore/Moses families of Amity, Cuba, Friendship; 1847 gifted from father of Mary Sortore at her marriage	Cliff Moses
Andover movie theater seat (on permanent loan to Andover Historical Society)	Roger Ford
Genealogy Research Binders with 20+ family names	William A. "Bubba" Greene
Andover in the Civil War	
New York at Gettysburg, Volumes 1-3	Bill Heaney
Yarn winder & flax beaters used in Allentown (Drum Road); Town of Scio history items; Vincent family artifacts	Sandra & Sidney Cleveland
Album of aerial photos of Wellsville, NY	Ludden Realty
Box of genealogy books	Sidney Emmons collection
Family history book: The Descendants of Samuel Marryott Newport, RI, 1720 and Allied Lines	Bill Marryott
Egg separator	Kandy Hirsch
January 1919-1921 Youth's Companion magazines, formerly belonged to Francis J. Fosbury of Genesee, PA	Phyllis Johnston
50 Indian arrowheads mounted in frame, recovered from farm fields	Delwyn Arnold
Allegany County tourism guides; two Belmont senior D.C. trip photos; one Belmont Lodge No. 474, F. & A. M. Centennial Celebration booklet	Mary Rhodes
Fanton genealogy ; Photo album of Allegany Barns	Darwin Fanton
Andover History from the years 1961, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, & 1969	Betty Empson
1905 map of Allegany County previously owned by Dale Billings	Terry Billings

In Memoriam: Edwin Bradford Hall

The article below is from the Wellsville Daily Reporter, researched and transcribed by Mary Rhodes. E. B. Hall built the Pink House in Wellsville.

Dying in the evening of Friday Sept 11th [1908], Mr. Hall had almost arrived at the venerable age of four scored years and three. He would have been 83 years of age Oct 25th. These late years were in pathetic evidence to the Psalmist's plaint.

"The days of our years are three score years and ten,

Or even by reason of strength four score years.

Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow;

For it is soon gone and we fly away."

He was born at Bridgeport Conn., of the best New England stock, and there is no better in the world. The name Bradford in his Christian name indicates that on his mother's side he was a direct descendant of Governor William Bradford, the second governor of the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts.

Recognizing the opportunities offered by the opening of the Erie Railroad in 1852, Mr. Hall, then a young man of 27 years, came to Wellsville and started the drug store that has been so well and favorable known for more than half a century.

On the fifth of June 1860, he was married to Antoinette Farnum, the daughter of the late Hon. E. J. Farnum. Miss Farnum, intelligent and beautiful, was a worthy bride to a worthy bridegroom. As husband and wife in the sacramental unity of marriage, their lives have been happy and blessed. Their only child was a daughter, the present Mrs. Fannie Hall Carpenter.

Intelligent and well educated, Mr. Hall's life naturally made itself known and felt in several spheres of experience. His life was a long one and useful in many ways. As a citizen he was quietly patriotic. Retiring and

modest in disposition he did not come forward and take an active part in civic or national political affairs. Socially in those early years of Wellsville, when there was such a lively circle of young people, when everybody knew everybody, Mr. Hall was beloved by all.

He was known prominently as a Free Mason from the beginning. He was a member of Lodge and Chapter when he came from Bridgeport and he became a member of Lodge and Chapter here by affiliation when he first came, and has since then been most faithful in every Masonic duty. At his request he was buried with due Masonic honors by Wellsville Lodge F & A.M. No 239, William F. Spargur, Worshipful Master.

In his family relations he was singularly and worthily most happy. He was a congenial addition to the family circle to which his wife belongs, and was like another welcome son and brother. In the beautiful home he prepared he was a faithful and loving husband and father, and he leaves with the family the benediction of a beautiful memory.

In business matters Mr. Hall was honorably known by all, not only as scrupulously honest and upright, but also as invariable kind and courteous in all his dealings. He was trained in the drug business and started a drug store on the ground where the present brick store now stands. He was twice burned out. After the first fire he started his store on the opposite side of Main Street. When that was burned he erected the brick store on the present site. Even here the building was again scorched, when the store on the south was burned.

Religiously Mr. Hall was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was baptized and trained in that church and never lost his appreciation and love of its beautiful service. But when

he came to Wellsville there was no Episcopal Church organized, and he became an attendant of religious services in the Congregational church, of which for family reasons he was a supporter until his death, tho he never became a member of it.

That there were strong forces on the esthetic side of his nature is evidenced in the attention and care bestowed in the building of the mansion and the laying out of the grounds of his late beautiful residence. He was also a great lover of beautiful things of nature, of trees, shrubs, flowers and birds.

There is still another side of his nature that made his name known and honored among Geologists in all the world. He has a special name and place of honor in the Geological work of New York State.

The special story of Mr. Hall's geological work is an interesting one, but is too long to give in this brief sketch. Suffice it to say, now that he was the finder of over eighty new and distinct species of the order of Dictyospongidea. These are fossils of siliceous sponges, Paleozoic forms of an extinct group of organisms, representing the "glass sponges" of the existing seas. Later some account of this interesting work of Mr. Hall's may be given.

In the few later years Mr. Hall's growing infirmities have kept him mostly retired in his hone; but at last came the expected release. He leaves the stage of active life and steps behind the curtain into the unknown and uncharted land of the spiritual life. With due religious service, and honorable carefulness, his body was gently restored to the bosom of mother earth. Where he is, released from the body of flesh, we may not now know, only we may believe him with the Lord Christ and with his own loved ones gone before.

The Town of Angelica and the People on our Money

by Jonathan Makeley, Angelica town historian

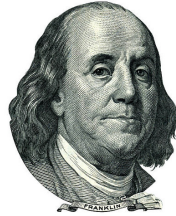
The Town of Angelica is rich in history, and people from our town have been connected to plenty of important figures and events. Over time I came to think about the fact that the town's founder, Philip Church, had Alexander Hamilton as an uncle, and found it interesting that Hamilton is on the \$10 bill. But as I got to thinking about it, I recognized that the town had historical connections with a number of people who are on U.S. Currency. So I decided to do research to see if I could find connections between Angelica and all the people on U.S. Currency from the penny to the \$100 bill. Now I'll describe the connections which I have found.



To start off, as mentioned, Alexander Hamilton (\$10) was the uncle of our town's founder Philip Church. The Church family had been one of the prominent families of the early post-independence United States. The family knew major figures such as George Washington



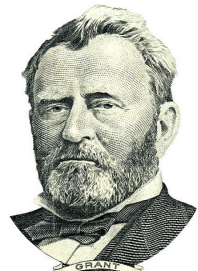
(quarter and \$1), Thomas Jefferson (nickel and \$2), and Benjamin Franklin (\$100).



The town of Angelica was once home to Rev. Calvin Fairbank, an abolitionist who helped 47 slaves escape on the underground railroad, and spent 17 years in Kentucky prisons. He was released from prison with the help of Abraham Lincoln (penny and \$5), and the two grew to become friends. It is believed that Fairbank was the last person to deliver a sermon heard by the President.



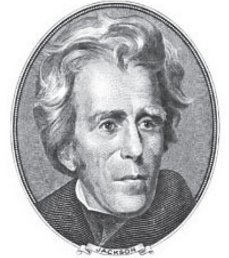
During the Civil War many from Angelica and Allegany county served in the Union Army. Some of the units that were formed in this region ended up under the command of general Ulysses Grant (\$50).



Franklin Roosevelt (dime) had two indirect connections to Angelica. Since he had been governor of New York (1929-1932), he had thus governed over Angelica and produced policies which affected the lives of people in the town. In addition, his wife Eleanor was a descendent of the Schuyler family. Yes, the same prominent family in which Angelica Schuyler Church, mother of Philip, was born.



Finally there was Andrew Jackson (\$20). While I couldn't find a direct connection to him individually, there is a political connection. On September 23rd, 1828, a group of Jackson supporters in the 28th New York congressional district held a conference in Angelica to support the election of Jackson as president and to support the reelection of Jacksonian congressman John Magee of Bath.



These connections to Angelica, and the people depicted on our money, help us see their relevance in our lives.

Urgently needed:

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If you would care to make a donation of items, time, or money, come see us at our new location, 11 East Greenwood Street in Andover. Here are the things we need:

- local people who can volunteer for simple office duties
- an experienced carpenter to volunteer for picture framing
- coffee & tea K-cups for our Keurig
- made-in-Allegany County artifacts to display
- a sealed concrete floor in our cellar

If you can volunteer time for us, that would be great! Thank you.



GENEALOGY CORNER



The Genealogy Corner is a new feature in our newsletter, and it kicks off herewith! Dr. William Paquette has submitted the following for your research needs.

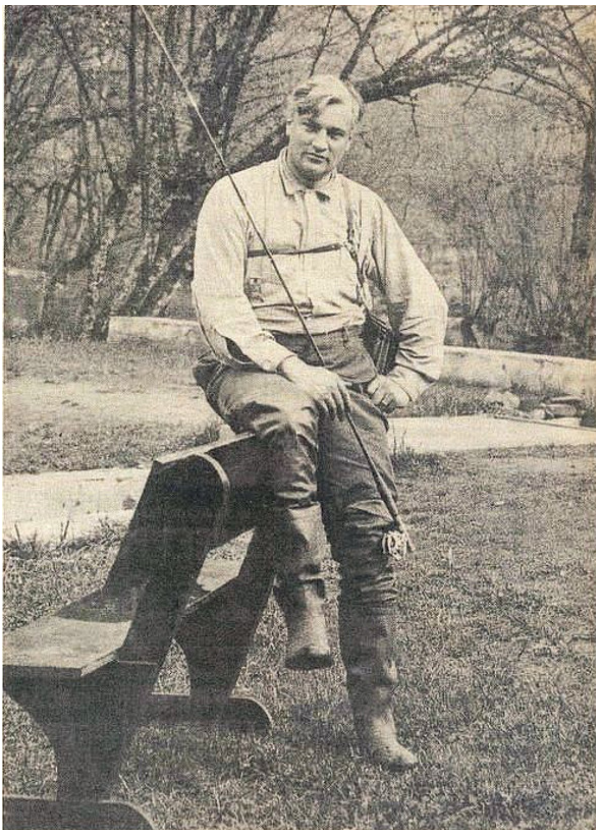
[The Erie Railroad Internet Employee Archives](#)

The website for the Erie Railroad is very complete and offers Personnel photos, Employee rosters, Accident Reports, Operating Department, Police and Fire Records, Erie Lake Line Records, Erie Bands and Ball Team Records, Safety First Information, DL & W Employees, NYS & W Employees, Historical News Articles, Depot Photos, Forms and Paper, Information about the website, FAQ, and Links. The employee search is based on last name by letter of the alphabet.



November 16th marks the beginning of a group meeting to sit around the table and talk about our own personal needs for help and to share ideas with others of how to solve them.

Send your genealogy questions to Dr. William Paquette at williampaquette@yahoo.com or to ACHSwebmaster@alleganyhistory.org, with **Genealogy Corner** in the subject line.



AMORY STEWART of Stewart's Photo Studio, well known in this area as an ardent fly fisherman. Picture taken about 35 or 40 years ago. Loaned to us by former Wellsville mayor, Tom Martin.

From the old Wellsville PennySaver: Does anyone remember Amory Stewart? He was a fantastic photographer based in Wellsville. He produced almost all of the old and excellent panoramic shots of Allegany County.

Do you have items of interest to share in our quarterly newsletter? We would love to hear from you! Send an email to achsrecorder@gmail.com, or through the post office to ACHS, PO Box 252, Andover, NY 14806.



How many of these great old barns with square silo are in the county today? This one is located about a mile west of Andover on Route 417. ACHS was just given a second album of barn photos, courtesy of member Darwin Fanton. Stop by and see these barn photo albums which display the rapidly decreasing population of barns in Allegany County.