



# Phelps Community Historical Society Newsletter

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## Howe House Museum

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## **President's Message**

Mart VanKirk

As we look forward to the new year with the hope of seeing an increase in the number of visitors to the Howe House, there has been some discussion of long-term projects we might undertake to enhance the display of our collections.

One suggestion being considered is changing the kitchen to create a space reminiscent of an earlier time in Phelps. The new design could allow us to bring our kitchen exhibit downstairs - creating more display space upstairs - while also being functional for events, hosting and staff use. Moving our antique Kalamazoo wood burning cookstove from the Carriage House into the kitchen would create more space for our transportation collection, which includes the 1912 Ford Model T and 1924 Essex.

If we decide to go ahead with this project we would like to include a working farm sink. An icebox and Hoosier Cabinet would be historically accurate, and interesting pieces.

Any of our items that have a Phelps connection help us to fulfill our mission - telling the history and stories of Phelps. We are asking for your help. If you could assist in any way by providing or locating a farm sink, a Hoosier Cabinet, or an icebox, please contact our office at 315-548-4940 or email [histsoc2@gmail.com](mailto:histsoc2@gmail.com).



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### **Included in this issue:**

**2021 ANNUAL ELECTIONS BALLOT**

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

## Phelps Town Hall Tower

Due to structural issues that caused the roof to leak, the Phelps Town Hall clock tower, weighing 6200 pounds (originally a bell tower, the bell is inside), was taken down Thursday November 19, 2020. The structure will be evaluated, options and estimates considered, to determine if it will be restored, repaired or replaced. It may be a while before a decision is made. The PCHS will report on the outcome in a future newsletter.

Photos submitted by Dennis King



## Waterside Wine Bar Building Damage

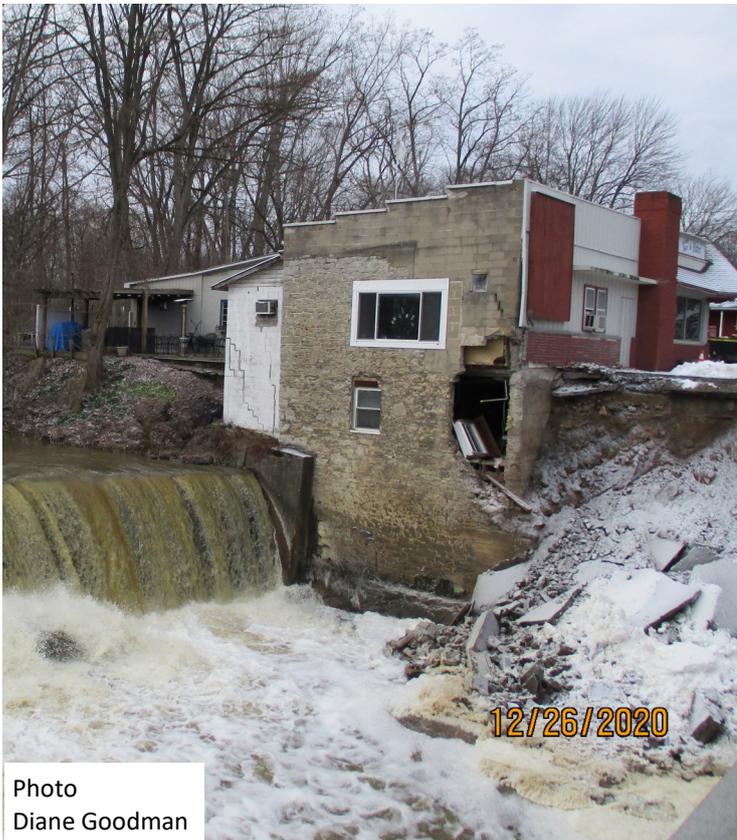


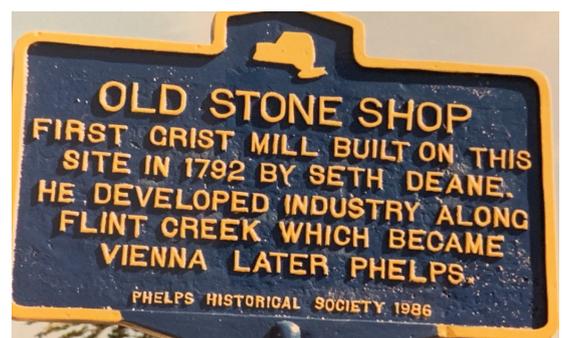
Photo  
Diane Goodman

Christmas Day brought an unwelcomed surprise to Don and JoEllen Miller, owners of the Waterside Wine Bar on the site of the Old Stone Shop in Phelps.

The entire retaining wall collapsed, taking with it a corner of the lower side of the building (under the dining area), and a chunk of the parking lot that fell into the creek.

The building has been condemned by the Village of Phelps but that does not mean the building must be razed, only that it can not be occupied until repairs are made.

According to an article by Samantha Goodman for *FingerLakes1.com*, Don Miller made it clear the Waterside will find a way forward.



# The Old Phelps Grist Mill

by F. Lee Johnson 2021

Merry Christmas December 25, 2020. Sometime during the early morning, the retaining wall of the Old Mill collapsed taking with it the entire wall and part of the parking lot above, plus part of the main structure of the mill itself (see photo page 2). Prior to that we had heavy rain and snow melt causing higher water flow over the dam. The cause is under investigation. A structural engineer was on sight to assess the damage. Awaiting his report, the village code enforcement officer, Jim Murphy, has issued a condemnation order.



**Earlier photo of the Old Mill**

I retrieved an earlier picture of the Old Mill showing the wall and the mill structure. As you can see in the picture, the entire wall from the Main Street bridge back to the mill looks to be very porous. To my knowledge this wall has never received any routine maintenance over the years, such as repointing of the rocks in the wall. It is a wonder that the wall stood this long. I believe that the wall was saturated and fatigued, and it finally collapsed. I guess no one ever thought of preserving it or our heritage. It is my hope that this historic landmark can be rebuilt and saved for our future generations.

After viewing what is left of the wall foundation and part of the mill structure, it appears that the wall was built at the same time as the mill (up for debate). The wall thickness of what is left of the mill's foundation is (a guess) 12" to 18". This wall, if built in 1792, could be about 228 years old! The old-time mortar mix used was made of burnt limestone, sand and cow hair - so hard it would not crumble! Over the years this historic structure has served many businesses.

Many of you probably know that this was the first grist mill in the village of Vienna. It was built by Seth Deane (Revolutionary soldier) in 1792 with the help of his son-in-law Philetus Swift and his son, Isaac Deane. Seth and his helpers had to first build a wooden dam to power the mill; it also powered his sawmill nearby. Luther Root bought Deane's Mill in 1803. He changed it into a

plaster mill and later, about 1810/1812, into a cloth mill. The dam had to be rebuilt several times over the years because of winter ice breakup and other debris (logs/trees) in the creek, plus the high volume of water flowing over the dam. The present stone dam was built by Henry B. Whitney in 1860.

Still later, part of the mill was renovated as a dwelling and became the home of Squire Redfield. About 1900, the mill was used as a basket factory operated by Oscar J. and Henry B. Whitney. Then about 1920 Frank DePauw had an auto garage there until the 1940s. Bud Maslyn's Red and White grocery store was located in the west side of the mill during the same years that the Milk Bar was open on the east side. When Bud Maslyn built his new store on the west end of the village, Margroves Dairy took over the entire building. The last business I know of was Floyd Ridley's Antique and Liquor store. Today it is the home of the Water Side Wine Bar. I know that there are some uses I missed in the 1800s. If anyone has further input, I would appreciate your response.

My first recollection of the building was the Milk Bar. How many of you seniors and juniors (1954/55) remember when we had that big snowstorm that closed all the schools around us? But our schools were still open! Some of us took it upon ourselves to leave. Some of us went to the Milk Bar and some went to the home of the Filiatreaus. We thought we were pretty cool leaving school! Principal Grove Nagel tracked some of us down at the Milk Bar and informed us if we returned, we would not be punished! We took his advice and went back to class. For the rest of you, you know who you are, that could not be located, you had to face the music and bring your parents to Grove Nagel's office before you could return to class. Needless to say, we didn't pull this stunt again.

"Happy New Year" everyone.

Sources: *200 Years of Phelps* by John Parmelee, *Phelpstown Footprints* by Mabel Oaks and *Phelps Phacts, Phables and Pholklore* the Phelps Community Historical Society.

## Phelps Photos Need Names!

Below are just a few of the many photos we have that need identification. If you can put names to anyone in the photos below, please contact our office by phone 315-548-4940 or email [histsoc2@gmail.com](mailto:histsoc2@gmail.com).



#1



#2



#3



**Jennie Stewart Fairman**

### Pandemic in Phelps 1920

Jennie Stewart Fairman, 28 years old, died on the 2nd of February, 1920 leaving three young children, Dorothea, Edward and Mildred. Her husband was Edward W.T. Fairman, the affable barber on Church Street, in the shop next to the Country Lawyer's Office.

According to her obituary, the cause of death was pneumonia ( probably viral pneumonia). This was during the time of the "Spanish" Flu of 1918. The flu apparently took longer to reach rural areas like Phelps. The story is that she insisted on going to church on Sunday, even after being told that the plague was in the village and that everyone should stay inside. The otherwise healthy young woman died later that same week. It is thought that she was exhausted from looking after those three young children, and the only allowable excuse for a break was to go to church. Grandpa Fairman was always reported to be a great guy by both our Dad and Mom, but the messy labor of rearing little kids was sadly 24/7 "women's work" back then. Her three children were forever marked by this tragedy.

In a peculiar irony, those children all lived to advanced ages, Dorothea to nearly 97, Edward to 102 and Mildred turned 104 years old in March, 2020 at the Clifton Springs Nursing Home.

- submitted by Loren Gifford  
(son of Dorothea F. Loveless)

## Families of North East Phelps

By Sarah Landschoot Phelps Town Historian

I have known about a thin folder at Phelps Community Historical Society entitled "Early Families of North-East Phelpstown" for a number of years. It was compiled and written by Alice Nieder Taney in 1976. She begins: "Of the several persons who have written about Phelpstown, not many have touched on the names and lives of the people who resided in the north east section of the town years ago." Growing up in this area and having just about every side of my family's Phelps "roots" begin in that section, I couldn't agree more. Will I be able to cover this area in one article? Absolutely not, but I would like to work on compiling information that seems to be missing about the north east corner of our town to enrich our collected history of Phelps

My great-great grandmother, Frances Reppard, told my mother a story when she was young ( she no longer remembers all the details to the story) but my mother came home that day excited to explore a back bedroom of her home. She said at the time she had no idea there were drawings on a wall from many years ago. My grandparents of course knew, as this back room was used for storage. Even now, with the old plaster falling off some walls of the unused room, the chalk drawings still exist, about 100 years later.



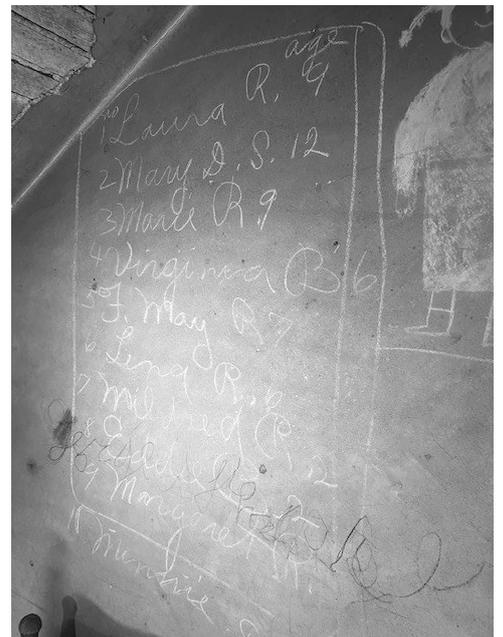
Drawing of nine stick figure children

The drawings are nine stick-figure like children, with dresses or coats, some with collars, boots including buttons, and all wearing hats. Their heights differ depending on age but they stand in a line holding hands. Each child's first name, initial of last name, and age are all written out on the left side of the drawings. For my grandparents, reading through the names then and now, was simple to know who three of the girls were: the daughters of Floyd and Frances Reppard. Frances Mae (number 5 on the list) is my great-grandmother. We also know by their ages that this drawing was done in 1919.

But who are the others? Who were their families? We know numbers 1, 5, and 7 are three of the Reppard girls: Laura Reppard-McMahon, Frances Reppard-Westfall, and Mildred Reppard-Bonnell. The Reppard family, at the time, rented the old Vandervort Farm, then owned by Charles Garlock. This is the cobblestone home on Pre-emption/ County Road 6 that still stands today.

Mary D.S. seems to fit Mary DeShefoper, age 12 in the 1920 US Census which was recorded in January of that year. I also believe number 10, with no corresponding picture, to be the older sister Minnie, who was 14 according to the 1920 census record. Their parents were Joseph and Cornelia and the last name is more likely De Schepper. They and their five children immigrated here from Holland in 1915. They rented their home which was only one home away from the Reppards. This could be the home that no longer exists, but once stood south of the cobblestone home and farm. It seems as though they stayed in the Phelps and Clifton Springs area. Joseph's obituary states that he served in the Belgium Army in WWI and he was the oldest member at the time of the Seeley B. Parish Post, at age 86.

Marie R. 9 and Margaret R., no age, could be daughters of the Raes family. Camiel Raes and Angelina Van De Mortel came from Holland in 1906. The 1920 census confirms that Marie was 9 years old and Margaret was 1 year old. Number 6, Lina R., really puzzled me. In reading through this family details in the census records, one of the Raes children was named Pauline. Lina (like Paulina maybe) on our list could have been a nickname, and the age of 6 is verified for us by the census. This family also looks to have stayed in the Phelps and Clifton Springs area.



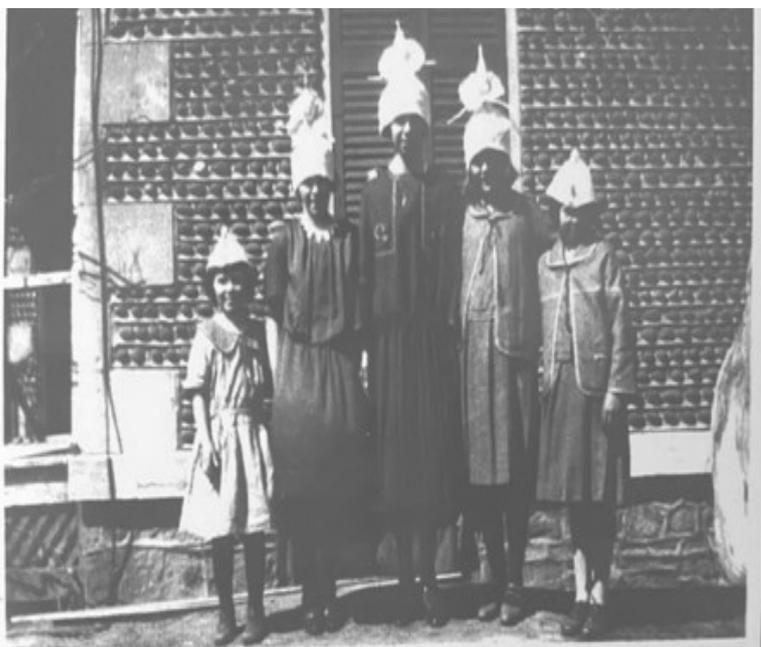
1. Laura R. 9
2. Mary D.S. 12
3. Marie R. 9
4. Virginia B. 6
5. F. May R. 7
6. Lina R. 6
7. Mildred R. 2
8. Eddie B. 2
9. Margaret R.
10. Minnie? Not pictured

## Families of North East Phelps

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Virginia B. 6 and Eddie B. 2 are the others on our list. These seem to be two of the children of Charles W. and Agnes Burnett. In 1904 the brick home that still stands north and diagonal from the cobblestone home where the Reppard's lived, was owned by Charles W. Burnett. The larger Burnett family owned other homes on Pre-emption Road as well. Charles is the grandson of James Burnett and Mary Wooden, who came and settled early in Phelps, sometime in the 1790s.

There are still questions left unanswered. Questions that we may or may not find the answers to. We might not have the details of why this drawing exists, or the significances of the drawings themselves together on the wall. Was this possibly a time when they were all together, and wanted to display that feeling of togetherness during another pandemic? The Spanish Influenza lasted from 1918-1920, which is during the time this was drawn. Details on life in Phelps during the influenza are missing from our history and we may never know if this drawing is related. But in one regard, we know this drawing depicts friends and neighbors together. This home was rented for many years, and even with the census records it is hard to know who was living in this home. My grandparents also originally rented this house for a bit, when they were first married, before buying the home. It is surprising with families moving in and out, this little piece of children's history is left for us to enjoy.



### Sources:

1 Early Families of North-East Phelpstown, Alice Neider-Taney, 1976. Phelps Community Historical Society Collection.

2 National Archives and Records Administration. United States Census Record. Year: 1920; Census Place: Phelps, Ontario, New York; Roll: T625\_1250; Page: 2B; Enumeration District: 98; Image: 96.

Historic Map Works Rare Historic Maps Collection. Phelps 001, Ontario County, NY 1904. Published by Century Map Co. in 1904

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(L to R) Mildred, Frances, Laura, and 2 unknown friends outside the Cobblestone House. Could these be the hats? About 1921 according to the Reppard Family Genealogy Book

## From the Rotary Club of Phelps Archives

### January 1952

Monday night the Phelps Rotary basketball team will open their home season with a doubleheader with the Clifton Springs Legion team. The local boys have been working out the past week and are rounding into good form.

The following men will represent the Rotary Monday night; Johnnie Gee, 6 foot 9 1/2 inch center, Ed Reeder, Al Kaufman, Dick Hayes, Ev Jones, Fred Drew and Ollie Cook.

The preliminary, played between the reserve squads of the two teams will start at 7:30 and will feature the play of such old time favorites as Jack Parmelee, Jack Rubery, Harry Marchall, Larry Goodman, Alfred Adams, Gayle Collins, and Perry Hicks; as well as the younger crop of ex high school stars including Bob Crough, Pete Adams, Jim Hatch, Buster Combs, Ray Hawley, Harold MacAllister, and John Richardson. Several of the stars of days gone by will undoubtedly move up to the first team as they round into better condition.

A capacity crowd is expected to view this revival of town team basketball and a good display of the court game is promised.

The rest of the schedule is: Wednesday, February 6, Bloomfield; Saturday, February 16, Canandaigua K. of C.; Saturday, February 23, Geneva Legion.

## **My Great Grandparents Attended the Inauguration of President William McKinley in March of 1901: My Search for How They Might Have Traveled.** By Scott Gifford

While researching the history and transcribing the teenage diaries of my great grandfather, Loren Emmons Gifford, I did many online searches of genealogy and in old newspapers to better understand how he and his family lived. During that research I found the following entry in the 1901 Phelps Citizen on March 14 on page 3 in the Personals column: "Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gifford, Mrs. M. T. King and William Le Roy attended the inauguration at Washington".

That would be the second inauguration of William McKinley as President of the United States, which was held on Monday, March 4, 1901, at the East Portico of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. It was the first and only term of Teddy Roosevelt as Vice President. There is more information on the inauguration, including a short (silent) movie of a small portion of the inaugural parade, on the internet at "[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second\\_inauguration\\_of\\_William\\_McKinley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_inauguration_of_William_McKinley)". From the movie, the weather for the parade was fair for those four attendees from Phelps, although a light rain started before the actual swearing in at the capitol building.

I do not know who Mrs. M. T. King was, but William Le Roy was most likely LEG's slightly older neighbor that worked on the Gifford family farm "Fair Field" starting when LEG was 11 years old in 1871. LEG would have been 51 in 1901. Possibly that group of four were part of a delegation from Ontario County, but I have not found any more details yet.

That terse newspaper entry made me want to know how they made this trip in 1901. The obvious choice is by rail since this was at the peak of rail transportation in Ontario County. There were four railroads in the town of Phelps in 1901, however two can be eliminated as not going to Washington DC, namely the Lehigh Valley RR and the short coal line between Geneva and

Lyons. That leaves the Sodus coal line and the Auburn branch of the NY Central RR.

My first thought was that in 1901 the Pennsylvania Railroad owned the Sodus Point and Southern RR, aka the "Sodus Line", as part of the Northern Central RR Division with its southern terminus at Stanley, as well as the line from Canandaigua to Elmira via Stanley (known as Gorham at that time). Passenger service was supported on the Sodus Line until 1933; however passenger service was frequent only during summer months for the benefit of those heading to Lake Ontario at Sodus. Stations were located in Orleans and at Phelps Junction just west of the village of Phelps. There was an additional station on Rockefeller Road at some point, but there is little documentation when it was open and what services were available at that location. Passengers heading further south on the Sodus line transferred to the Penn Northern Central RR in Stanley.

It is more likely they rode the Auburn Line from a station in the village of Phelps to Canandaigua and then changed to the Penn RR (Northern Central). This is assumed because the Auburn line ran many more passenger trains than the Sodus line. The train from Canandaigua to Washington DC was called the Northern Express. Penn RR also owned the RR line from Elmira to Williamsport, then on to Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington DC. This would have provided a fairly direct route from Canandaigua to Washington. Travel time from Canandaigua to Washington would have been about 11 1/2 hours based on a 1896 schedule that lists a Canandaigua departure at 7:50 am and arrival in Washington at 7:15 pm. There was also an overnight train that left Canandaigua at 10:35 pm and arrived in Washington at 10:10 am, which while a possibility, seems less enjoyable. All train schedule data is from the Elmira Gazette, Nov. 28, 1896, page 3.



**William McKinley Inauguration  
March 4, 1901**

The Pennsylvania RR advertised in February 1901 in the Penn Yan Democrat, that discounted excursion rates were available to attend the inauguration with trains leaving on March 1, 2, or 3 in 1901 and returning on or before March 8.

Getting to Canandaigua from Phelps on the Auburn Line of the NY Central before the PENN RR departure schedule was not possible, even the earliest departure from Phelps was at 8:14 am and arrived in Canandaigua about 45 minutes later. Unless they took the overnight train from Canandaigua to Washington then they most likely stayed overnight in Canandaigua or took a carriage starting from Phelps in the dark before the cows and chickens were up.

Their arrival in Washington DC would have been at Union Station, and after a carriage ride they would have needed to stay overnight at a hotel before taking in the inauguration day activities, including the parade and the swearing in on the East Portico of the Capitol building.

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Ironically there was a second inauguration in 1901, much closer to Phelps, when Teddy Roosevelt became president in Buffalo NY after the sudden and tragic death of President McKinley, he having been shot at the Pan American exposition in Buffalo in September. Teddy Roosevelt in the Adirondack Mountains at that time, on a vacation that included climbing Mt Marcy, which many Boy Scouts from Phelps have done and can appreciate the difficulty of walking out from. His vacation concluded prematurely with his hasty trip by train from Albany to Buffalo. His train route on the NY Central RR had him passing within six miles of Fair Field farm. The details of that inauguration are found in an essay written by Ansley Wilcox, at whose home Teddy Roosevelt stayed and where he was sworn into office in the library, with only a small number of witnesses. More can be found online at "<https://www.trsite.org/learn/the-day-of-the-inauguration>".

For those who wish to do their own research, in addition to the resources available at the Phelps and Ontario County Historical Societies, there is an amazing amount of information that can be found on the internet using search sites such as the NYS Historic Newspapers site at "<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>". Hint: use the Search option, especially by entering word(s) or name(s) where there are very powerful options such as "within 5 words", then enter a range of dates and narrow down the results by selecting a county, town, specific newspaper, and finally order the results by date as that is not the default. It even finds words in advertisements.

Old maps can be found using a browser search engine of your choice with terms such as "historic maps Phelps NY" or "historic maps Ontario County" and some sites let you examine the maps in great detail. There are 1874 and early 1900 county maps that have each town separate and that include names of residences and names of farms, very useful when an old diary has only first names. Some sites allow download and many more sell prints in various sizes. There are old railroad maps available online which really help in understanding the extent of their coverage.

There is a recent publication on the history of railroads in Ontario County titled "Rail Transportation in Ontario County" by Robert Ward Jr. and is available through the Ontario County Historical Society in Canandaigua., NY. It has exhaustive detail including a town by town list of built and proposed rail transportation with significant cross referencing, but is not a bedtime read. You will need to find old maps to best understand the data in that book.

If anyone has any additional information, including but not limited to who Mrs. M. T. King is, please contact me at [scott\\_gifford@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_gifford@yahoo.com)

**Note from PCHS:** Dr. Robert Ward has donated a copy of his book to the Phelps Community Historical Society. It is available in our research room.

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### Ashes of Roses by Mary Jane Auch

### Book review by Marcia Maslyn

Rose Nolan and her family sail from Ireland to America looking for a better life in 1911. This is a great book that highlights the immigrant story and all the hardships of coming to America. A family of six: Rose, her parents, little brother who cried most of the two week voyage across the ocean, and two sisters, a timid four year old and argumentative 12 year old. The family gets split up at Ellis Island, knowing English was a big help getting through and finding each other again, but medical inspectors said little brother has an infection and is not allowed to stay. A decision was made that Father would return to Ireland with the son. Mother with the three daughters found their way to Uncle Patrick's home. He hadn't received the letter that they were on their way to America, but made them welcome and helped them find work and enrolled the girls in school.

Jobs were not easy to find, Mother, homesick and tired of living on her brother-in-law's charity, decides she would return home. Rose had found a small sewing job and also didn't want to go back home as there was nothing for a 16 year old girl but marriage and having babies, and Rose wanted so much more out of life.

After talking her mother and uncle into letting her stay in America but finding herself left with her sister Maureen to care for, they make a plan to find a permanent place to live, schooling for Maureen and a better paying job. The story moves along fairly quickly as we watch Rose grow and learn American ways: making new friends, many from other countries also looking for the "American Dream", finding a factory job with good pay and seeing the good side of life, even though they were still considered "greenhorns"

This is well written with a good history lesson wrapped in. I've read other historical fiction that mention the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, but this novel had you involved with the characters and actually in the factory when the fire started: a search for a way out and dealing with the aftermath of that tragedy

I like that the author gives us a glimpse of life among immigrants who have managed to achieve a higher standard of living (Rose's uncle's family has a five room flat with hot water) and also that she showed young immigrant girls living in tenements enjoying their lives and even their work. The description of the fire and its aftermath is of course heartbreaking.

Mary Jane Auch's notes at the end were very informative. She spent time on Ellis Island getting the immigrant story and also visited with the archivist at George Eastman House in Rochester, NY to viewing pictures of that time in New York City. A good, fast page turner, but it did leave me wanting to know more of what happens in Rose's life and did her family reunite here in America.

# Phelps Community Historical Society 2020 Annual Report

## 2020 Financials

### INCOME

Membership Dues.....	\$5,925.00
Rental of Property.....	\$2,734.00
Merchandise Sales.....	\$1,192.39
NYS Sales Tax.....	\$63.38
Fund Raisers.....	\$955.65
Trip Income.....	\$450.00
Memorials/Donations.....	\$10,387.83
Government Support.....	\$13,000.00
Grant Income.....	\$1,050.00
Other (Transfers).....	\$33,000.00
Indirect Misc. Income.....	\$4,027.54
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 72,785.79</b>

### INVESTMENTS

Increase (2020) .....	<b>\$13,936.57</b>
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### MEMBERSHIP

21 New Individual/Family    2 New Business  
Total members 230

### PROJECTS

Vertical Lift Platform Installed  
Restroom remodeled  
Copier lease-in house printing of newsletter  
Gardens cleaned up, replanted  
Howe House roof repaired  
Country Lawyer's Office exhibit rooms improved  
Carriage House items moved to off site storage to  
make room for autos and displays  
Collection Inventory input to computer program

### EXPENSES

Reconciliation Discrepancies.....	\$1,354.12
Trip Fees.....	\$450.00
Professional Contracted Services.....	\$1,110.00
Advertising.....	\$801.00
Website.....	\$254.80
NYS Sales Tax .....	\$41.69
Postage.....	\$615.00
Utilities.....	\$7,770.85
Printing/Copier Lease.....	\$3,668.42
Supplies/Equipment.....	\$4,209.11
Equipment Maintenance/Exp.....	\$171.35
Maintenance/Repairs.....	\$17,997.88
Purchase for Resale.....	\$463.07
Memberships/Subscriptions.....	\$75.24
Insurance.....	\$4,235.01
Payroll Expenses.....	\$23,089.39
Howe House Improvements.....	\$212.54
Model T Expense.....	\$153.61
Fundraising Expense.....	\$271.09
Security System Monitoring.....	\$922.49
Indirect/Unbudgeted Expenses.....	\$7,304.38
Other Expenses .....	\$830.76
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$76,001.80</b>

### VOLUNTEERS

Recorded hours 1464.5  
Board meeting hours 166.5  
**Total 1631 hours**

### VISITORS

(open 73 days 2020)  
11 Tours  
7 Research  
Total Visitors 2020: 45

**Thank you to the following for their contributions & continued support of the Phelps Community Historical Society**

**Welcome New Members!**

**Joseph J DeRuyter** Rochester, NY  
**Dan and Dottie Hurdle** Geneva, NY  
**Roger VanNostrand** Clifton Springs, NY  
*Gift from his sister Nancy Roth  
on his 76th Birthday*

**Welcome Back!**

**Florence Peck**  
**Dr. Robert I and Joan Pulver**

**Membership Renewals**

Billee & John Altman	Frederick Kirch
Paul & Terry Atkinson	Carol Lord
Dr. Leonard &	Dana Mark
Antoinette Bachakjian	Lois McCann
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Debra Bennett	Anna Mollenkopf
Norma Blankenberg	Constance Mosher
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Al & Marge Cauwels	Phelps Hometown Pharmacy
Anne Marie Devendorf	Elaine & David Putnam
Jim & Sherry Ebel	Eleanore Ridley
Janet Fremouw	Randolph & Kim Ridley
Loren Gifford	Gib & Cathy Scott
Joan Griswold	Bill & Barbara Smith
Barbara Grzymkowski	Rose Smith
Linda Guest	Beverly Tiffany
Terry & Rosemary Holland	Doris H. Wells
Ramon & Charlotte Howard	Leon Willson

**Memorials**

Dennis E King  
in loving memory of  
**Nancy L King**

Frederick Kirch  
in memory of  
**Bill Filiatreau**

Constance Mosher  
in loving memory of  
**John Ivan Mosher**

Eleanore Ridley  
in loving memory of  
**Mary Preston  
Don Sabin  
Floyd Ridley**

Dr. Robert I Pulver  
in memory his PCS Classmate  
**Joseph J Rishel**

**Monetary Donations**

**Loren Gifford  
Frederick Kirch**  
*in honor of the 65th Anniversary  
of the PCS Class of 1955*  
**Florence Peck**  
**Mary Hicks Preston Foundation**  
Matching Grant  
Roof Repair

**Time and Talent**

Terry Allen	Rosa Grube
Barb Brennessel	Lee Johnson
Tom Cheney	Dennis King
Carol Conklin	Roberta Leu
Marilyn DeRuyter	Dana Mark
Bonnie Dixon	Marcia Maslyn
Barb Gillespie	Bob Quigley
Robin Grube	Mart VanKirk
Ron Grube	

In memoriam

**Linda M. Burns**  
PCHS Member  
Past PCHS President  
December 17, 1938 - January 4, 2021

**Robert Oscar Schoen**  
PCHS Member  
May 7, 1920 - November 24, 2020

# MEMBERSHIP and DONATION FORM

*If "Reminder" is highlighted please renew your membership.  
If "Final Notice" is highlighted this will be your last newsletter if dues are not paid.*

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**DONATION:** Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## Items Donated



**Victorian Chair**

Donated by  
Linda VanCamp Guest  
in memory of her brothers  
Ronnie VanCamp  
Jerry VanCamp

Given to Linda Guest about 40 years ago by her grandparents Walter and Anna Salisbury Veeder. They received it as a gift from Anna's cousin, Nellie Salisbury Eacker and her husband Charles (Charles was a funeral director and owned a furniture store on Main Street, Eacker and Carney's).

I received it to put in my dining room. My husband refers to it as the "electric chair"! No one has ever sat in it and I am tired of dusting it. I was hoping the Howe House would value it as much as I do.

*Linda Guest*



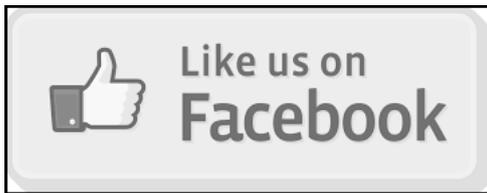
**Silvertone Floor Radio**

from the  
George and Beatrice  
Conklin Estate  
Donated by  
Karen DesCamp

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The PCHS office and Howe House Museum

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We will be checking for phone and email messages, and processing the mail (membership dues, donations, etc.).

A few item donations have been accepted in the past few weeks.

Item donations will be accepted when we reopen.

Guidelines for donations in future newsletter.