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Phelps Community Historical Society

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From the Director's Desk

The month of May brought warmer weather, visitors to the Howe House, spring cleaning jobs to be done and an event to plan.

After the long winter it has been good to be able to welcome people stopping in to do family research,

take a tour of the museum, donate items for our reference room and collection, make a purchase from our Gift Shoppe or just to say hello!

The windows have been washed and the house cleaned (hired services), the flower gardens have been well tended and the banners are up (thank you volunteers!), and exhibits changed, so we are looking forward to our first public event in quite some time.

Open House is on Saturday, June 5 from 11am until 2pm. Tours will be available, the Gift Shoppe will be open and the antique cars will be on display. If it has been a while since your last visit, please stop in to see what is new. If you are not able to visit during our normal hours (Wednesday - Friday) or have never been to the Howe House, we hope you will take this opportunity to see the exhibits and learn about the research materials available to the community. The parking lots at the United Church of Phelps and the OTTC (Ontario & Trumansburg Telephone Companies) will be available to PCHS visitors.

If you are looking for a Father's Day gift, please consider giving a PCHS gift membership to someone who may enjoy receiving our newsletter. Not sure if someone is already a member? Just contact our office.

Our Gift Shoppe has a new item (also online at **phelpsnyhistory.com**). The 11oz. white ceramic mug has a photo of the Howe House on the front (see insert).

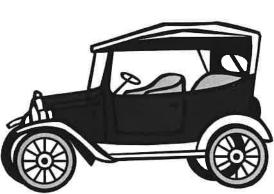
We would like to have a transportation exhibit in the Carriage House this summer to highlight the 1912 Ford Model T and the 1924 Essex. We are looking for Phelps transportation related items, such as signage, pictures, or anything from the horse and buggy days through the 1950s. The items would be on loan to the PCHS from June 2021 through September 2021. If you would like to help to

tell the story of transportation in and around the Phelps community please contact the PCHS office, either by phone or email.

Diane Goodman







One can never overstate the importance of Oaks Corners to the history and development of Phelps. It is fitting that of the many school districts in Phelps, Oaks Corners is District # 1. Jonathan Oaks built "a large framed public house in Oaks Corners in 1794" (Historical Sketches of Western New York by Elisha Woodward Vanderhoof, page 31). In 1794, a room in this tavern was given to serve the educational needs of the children of the area. For the next five or six years the tavern served as the school until a log schoolhouse was built. In 1818, a brick building was built by the neighbors who would benefit from the school. This was district number one.

People pledged all sorts of things to complete the 1818 brick schoolhouse. Our Howe House museum has the original document on the wall in the east room that shows what was pledged and who pledged it. Families and individuals pledged money, "lumber, grain, whiskey, neat cattle (steers), glass shingles, shoes and boots, nails, and labor" (Mabel Oaks, "Oak Corners 1790 – 1976", page 11). The building was constructed on a steep hill that apparently caused a lot of falls for the little students on wet or snowy days (Helen Ridley "When Phelps Was Young" p.59). Helen Ridley explained how the school was designed "after the English style; with a series of graded platforms or steps. As the student advanced in his studies he sat in a higher row of seats until he had reached the 'upper form'. A Mr. Eaton was the teacher and small poplar trees were set about the grounds while he was in charge. He was very proud of the trees and woe to anyone who went near them! A woman who had been his pupil wrote, after seventy years had passed away, relating to many things. She told how very fearful she had been to go near the little poplars, 'lest my dress brush them" (Helen Ridley, When Phelps Was Young" pp. 59-60).

The first school was in the tavern on the southwest corner of the main intersection on the map at right. The brick schools were located on the east side of Pre Emption Road at the very bottom of the map. A second brick building was erected on the spot of the first, apparently after the steep hill had been cut down. This building is still standing in Oaks Corners.

DAKS CORNERS

Written on back of photo from the early 1900s: My sister Margaret and I (Mabel) are circled in red. Leonard and George Bland are shown . Madeline Oaks (short hair) stands next to Miss Agnes Coughlin, teacher Oaks Corners School. (Margaret is girl with short hair, circled) and (Mabel Oaks, nee Cook, is on the left, hair in braids, circled). Leonard and George Bland (seated, second row, first on left and third row fifth on right). Leonard became the hired hand on Nathan Oaks' farm and worked there until his death.



THE INFAMOUS POOL GAME

It was around 1959 when Phelps got itself a pool hall.

George Tate owned the Phelps movie house. For the cost of one thin dime and two cents entertainment tax, you could spend a Saturday afternoon watching a double feature.

A B-grade western, a serial mystery of some sort, along with Movie Tone News and, if you were lucky, a cartoon usually filled the bill. You had to come back the next Saturday if you wanted to see the next exciting chapter of the mystery. All of this for 12 cents and if you had an extra nickel you could get a bag of buttered popcorn.





George also owned the building next door, a two-story building. He, his wife and two daughters lived on the second floor. A dry cleaner occupied one half of the first floor. On the other half of the first floor, George opened a pool hall. It consisted of three tables, a counter that held candy, cigarettes and a cash register. Benches lined the walls and cue racks hung above them. Fluorescent lights hung over each table shining light through thick cigarette smoke. A heavy gauge wire ran from wall to wall holding wooden beads for keeping score. They were only used if you were playing "straight pool". This was only played on the first table, the best table in the room reserved for the serious players.

One of the best players in the room was Brad Spears. He lived on Ontario Street and only played straight pool. He was at one time, the railroad crossing guard where the New York Central crossed Ontario and William Streets. He would sit inside a small shed that housed a small potbellied coal stove that kept him warm in the winter. When a train was coming through town, he would walk to the center of the intersection and warn motorists of an oncoming train.

The serious players played on the best table. But all the action was to be found on the back two tables. Rotation, eight ball and pill pool, the most popular game, were played. These games usually meant that some money was going to change hands.

The game had two players. Each player took a pill from a leather canister shaped like a small bottle. On the pill was a number. The game was played with just nine balls hit in rotation from the one ball to the nine ball. If you hit your opponent's ball into a pocket he paid you, and if you hit your own ball into a pocket he paid you.

My dad didn't like the idea of his boys hanging around the pool hall "gamblin". So, he bought an old table with a good slate top and old style leather pockets. New felt for the table top and new cushions for the side rails were added. We even had a wire with wood beads for keeping score.

But we always played pill pool. We kept honing our skills and when we could we would try to get back into the pool hall and hustle the regulars.

One day in midwinter, a snow day was declared. Ah, no school. But then for some reason the snow day was cancelled. Myself, my brother Skip, Charlie Overslaugh and a couple of others had decided to spend the day in our cellar playing pill pool.

We were having a great time when Mom hollered down from upstairs. "There is a school bus outside." We looked out a cellar window and there it was. A school bus parked alongside the curb on North Wayne Street. Behind the wheel sat Grove Nagel, the principle, today a truant officer. He had somehow heard about our game, went to the bus garage, commandeered a bus



In memoriam Colonel Jack P. Lundgard

PCHS Member

September 3, 1934 - April 30, 2021

from Mike Tiffany and set out to round up six truants and take them back to school. It was the first and last time I ever played hooky.

The movie house with its wonderful balcony is gone. The dry cleaning store and the pool hall are now part of the history of Phelps.

But the memories remain.....

Phelps Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Corporation and Monument Part II

Sarah Landschoot Phelps Town Historian

turned over to the town and the corporation's assets given in and also a way of keeping alive our community's history. an endowment to the Phelps Community Memorial Library. The corporation approved that the record books be loaned to the Ontario County Historical Society until or if a Phelps Historical Society was ever formed. Just three years after the corporation retired, the Phelps Community Historical Society was formed, neither historical societies have said records. Sadly, this means the records are perhaps lost as the records did not make it to either institution. Although much information can be found through newspaper articles, it does not always give all the information we would like to know. How much did the memorial and its materials cost? Other than the large stone used for the foundation, where are the other stones from? What other ideas were developed for the design of the memorial? Rare for the time, who chose to include the names of women? Many questions are left unanswered as to how and why the memorial looks the way it does and why it was chosen to represent Phelps' service men and women in World

Steven Trout, professor and author, suggests that after the war's end the celebration and building of monuments was universal. Europe and America were flooded with memorials of all types. While Trout specifically looks at World War I memorials in Kansas, his study can be applied to the United States World War I monuments in general. Most of the monuments and memorials were erected within the first few years and up to two decades following the war's end. With the Second World War beginning in 1940, memorializing the First World War stopped and was not given much thought after. Today the Great War or World War I memorials and their meanings are somewhat forgotten in today's American society and public memory.

2021 marks 100 years for the Phelps Great War Memorial. As a Phelps resident, I have firsthand experience of driving by the Phelps Great War Memorial and Memorial Park multiple times a week, rarely do I see anyone looking at the monument itself. While the park's landscaping is kept up, flowers typically planted, the monument will need repairs in the near future. Nationally, the Great War is overlooked and overshadowed, with World War II breaking out just 20 years later and missing a connection to the younger generations. For many in our community, World War II and its veterans are part of citizens' memories, a history and time that people could relate to; too far removed, World War I was not. Public memory is a way of demonstrating beliefs and ideas about the past to help a American Art, Summer 2005, 40-43. society understand the meaning, past or present, and its

In 1963 Memorial Park was transferred by the Phelps future. Monuments are a great way of preserving and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Corporation to the Town of promoting public interest, interpretation, and pride. Phelps. The transfer was discussed as early as 1962, but had Unfortunately, over time these monuments or memorials may to be approved by the Supreme Court because of the property not have a large place in the interests of a community, but are being a Memorial Park. In 1966 the Phelps Soldiers and nevertheless a history of design, a history of community Sailors Memorial Corporation retired. The property had been involvement and sometimes, years of dedication and work,



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Dr. Caleb Bannister



Dr. Caleb Bannister was the first Vienna (Phelps) village doctor. three daughters).(See end of article) . His father Captain Lemuel Bannister, his wife Elizabeth Brown the town Phelps for \$25 a year. and their family arrived in this Society. First Fair and Cattle Show, Town of Phelps.

page 6). Here is what I learned about Caleb Bannister's life and family.

August 8, 1711 at Brookfield, Worcester Providence, Samuel and Sarah Horton Minnis. She went to Massachusetts. His grandmother was Mary Hinds, born Pennsylvania in 1850 to continue her studies with her February 12, 1716 in the same town as Joseph. They were cousin George Horton's practice in Terrytown. Maria married November 21, 1734. They had quite a large family, entered the Medical College of Pennsylvania and was about 1795 and Mary died November 6,1799 in Conway, women. This college was established in 1765, the second Franklin Co., Massachusetts.

April 28, 1753. Lemuel died July 29, 1821 in Phelps. their goals. Elizabeth died March 3, 1807 in Phelps. Both are buried at ranged from 5 years old to 29. The probability is that they all Phelps Methodist church. came together.

Caleb was about 17 years old when he arrived in Phelps cobblestone, on the north side of East Main Street, Phelps. (according to my math.) He finished his education about 1801 at John D. Robison's school and then taught classes delivered at the First Fair and Cattle Show held in Vienna in Vienna schools for seven years, (until 1808/09) prior to 1852 about his personal recollection and reflections of his taking up his medical career. (1852 Booklet page 12) He early days (1799-1862) in Vienna (Phelps), I found that he studied medicine under Doctor James Carter of Geneva spent little time talking about himself. Instead he talked (Carter Rd.). In these early frontier days, it was not unusual about many of the first early settlers in and around Vienna. for an aspiring young man to do his apprenticeship under a It would have been interesting to hear more of his life's trials seasoned doctor such as Dr. Carter. Caleb met his wife and ventures over his 80 years. A great loss of history to us Melicent Stearns and they were married March 20,1811 in all! Dr. Caleb Bannister is considered to be the first Phelps Phelps. She was born April 26, 1790 in Massachusetts. Historian. Other Phelps historians have used some of his Caleb built his first home on Ontario Street about 1812. This material and insights of the early days of Vienna (Phelps.) is where he had his doctor's office. Later it was the home of Dr. Caleb Bannister died March 5, 1862 and was laid to Dr. Frederick Vanderhoof (about 1840). Dr. Vanderhoof rest in the family plot in Resthaven Cemetery. You may see lived there until he built a new three floor home next door. It a copy of Dr. Bannister's 1852 "An Address, of the Phelps was next the home of Charles Robinson, owner of the Agriculture Society, First Fair and Cattle Show" booklet at Phelps Junction fuel service. A.S. and Pearl Smith also the Phelps Historical Society. Very interesting history of our lived there. After the Smiths, the home was then owned by early heritage. A must see! the Berry Powel family.

Dr. Caleb and Melicent had nine children (six sons and

In 1820, Dr. Caleb was treating all the poor and indigent in

In 1845, the two school districts, East and West Vienna, section of Phelps in 1799. (Dr. were joined together, forming District #8. Dr Caleb Caleb Bannister's 1852 booklet An Bannister's leadership was responsible for this union, while Address of the Phelps Agriculture he was Town Superintendent of Common Schools of the

Dr. Bannister also tutored a young aspiring Vienna (Phelps) female interested in medicine. Her name was Caleb's grandfather, Joseph Bannister, was born on Maria Minnis. She was born June 16, 1820, the daughter of 15 children (nine sons and six daughters) Joseph died graduated in the Class of 1853, the second class to include medical college to include women. She married Edward Caleb's father Captain Lemuel was born July 14, 1748 in Homet and they had a daughter, Lucy Jane. Dr. Maria, Brookfield, Massachusetts, the eighth child of Joseph and probably the first female doctor from Phelps, died February Mary's 15 children. Lemuel married Elizabeth Brown 4, 1892 at Wyalusing, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bannister was November 29, 1771 in Brookfield Mass. Elizabeth was born always willing to help his fellow pioneer citizens achieve

In 1856 Pastor A.S. Baker and 19 principals and Joslyn Cemetery, Co. Rd.# 23. They also had a large subscribers to the building fund for the new Methodist family, 12 children (seven sons and five daughters). (See church. Dr. Bannister being one of them, they made end of article). I am not sure just how many children of the substantial donations of between \$200 - \$500 each. Caleb 12 children came with the family to Phelps, as their ages was instrumental in founding and establishing the early

In 1840 Dr. Caleb Bannister built his second home, a

As I read Dr. Caleb's 16 page booklet, material that was

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Children of Captain Lemuel and Elizabeth Bannister: b.10 Aug. 1835 d.26 April 1899, Penn Yan Yates Co. NY: Christopher b. 1770 d.? Elizabeth (Betsey) b.27 Oct.1773 Henry Winard b.2 Feb 1848 d. 6 Aug. 1899 ,Syracuse, d. 29 Dec. 1806. She first married John Salisbury of Phelps, NY. Married Alida Strong. (FamilySearch.com) then Justus Stevens; Col. Theodore b.10 Aug.1775 d. 24 Sources: Dr. Caleb Bannister's 1852 An Address of the Sept.1818 ((Pioneer Cemetery, he came to Phelps in 1799) Phelps Agriculture Society, First Fair and Cattle Show (1852 Booklet page 5)) He married Fannie Dickson; Mabel Oaks PhelpsTown A Continued Story. Lemuel II b.7 Nov.1777 d.28 Feb.1845 Phelps. Married Sesqui-Centennial Souvenir Program 1939 Betsy Beal, b.1 May1778 d.10 Oct 1867. (Joslyn Helen Post Ridley When Phelps Was Young Cemetery); Abigail b.1779 d.?, Caleb b. 4 March 1782 d.5 Internet: Joslyn Cemetery Records, Wikipedia, Geni, Family March 1862, Phelps. (Resthaven Cemetery), Col. Asahel Search, My Heritage, History of Phelps and Ontario County b.17 July 1784 d.16 Jan. 1858, Phelps. Married Polly Census Records. Mighells, b.12 May 1787 d.23 Jan. 1837 (Joslyn Cemetery); Eli b. 1787 d. 1825; Electa b. 1788 d. 1841; Harwood b. 1790 d. 16 Jan 1851 (Pioneer Cemetery); Clarissa b. 1792 d.1839; Louisa b.1794 d 22 Nov. 1807.

Children of Dr. Caleb and Melicent Bannister:

Lawrence Stern b.7 Sept. 1812 d.20 Aug.1901, Rochester, NY. Wife Marriage 1 Sybil Mortimer, Marriage 2 Francis M. Collier; Rev. Edward b.14 Dec.1814 d.26 Sept.1871 at Syracuse, NY, married Elizabeth Georgina Mannering; Marshal b.22 Dec.1816 d.16 Aug.1844, Phelps, NY.; Melzar b.18 March 1819 d.29 March 1888, Syracuse, NY., married Elizabeth Tompkins; William Henry b.18 April 1821 d.5 Sept.1824. Phelps (Pioneer Cemetery): Caroline b.20 Jan. 1827 d.23 Nov.1896 Evanston, Clark Co.' III. Married Charles Wesley Newcombe; Clarissa b. 1829 d.27 Jan 1863, Phelps. Married Calvin Quincy Ayers; Louisa

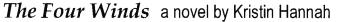


Bannister house on East Main Street, Phelps, NY

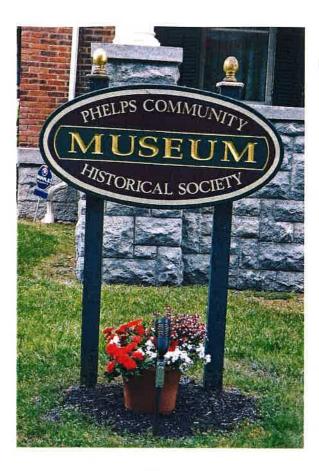
Book review by Marcia Maslyn

dealing with "chilblains' from too many dust storms. Fewer people interesting historical facts

This is a good novel of people living in the in town anymore, and more are getting postcards from family central region of the United States during telling them of job opportunities if they would move west . "Hard the 1930s. We follow along with Elsa times don't last, land and families do". Tony stayed firm with that Martinelli living in the Texas panhandle, blessing and Rose, his wife, agreed. The Government where people are trying their best to make Conservation Corp came to town and tried to explain to the a living . Farmers who raised many crops farmers that they would have to change their way of farming to of golden wheat and prospered, are now conserve the land and make it healthy again. Nothing has grown facing their third year of drought. Trucks, in the last few years because of no rain and the government tells tractors and equipment sit in the barn them to plant grass. The "Black Storm" is more than dust and just because there is no money for gas, too much for Elsa anymore, Her son, Ant, got "dust pneumonia". Reading in the newspaper of the difficulties of city people with no the doctors got him through the worst of it but said he won't job, no way to provide for their families the basic needs, farmers survive here in the area. Elsa, Loreda and Ant went west looking were able to continue on a limited basis. Neighbors helped each for a better life. On the road Elsa learns of new dangers, other sharing in whatever they could. "The land provides if you especially a woman alone with two children. There is a lovely work for it". Loreda, Elsa 's 12 year old daughter, was finding it description of the San Joaquin Valley as the family arrives. The hard to remember the rain, the green fields of waving grain, bone-dry flat earth they left behind, this valley looked like heaven tractors working long days. The lingering drought was wearing to them. We soon learn Californian's were not all that welcoming everyone down, some complained, some stayed quiet. Farmers to the new comers. The history lesson was interesting, I hadn't with a mortgage found it difficult to keep up with payments with put Texas in connection with the "Dust Bowl" of the 1930s. I knew no crops to sell, the banks could only hold off so long. The the depression era was difficult on many in many ways, but decision to stay or move was on many families' minds. Cracks in hadn't thought of difficulties of moving and trying to settle in a the earth because of the dryness, then the dust storms were new place, being treated as such 'foreigners' when they were all happening more often. The Red Cross handed out gas masks to in the United States. Kristin Hannah does a great job of wrapping all the children to help protect them during the storms. Many were up the story and adding the Author's Note filling in some







Mark your calendar!

PCHS Open

Saturday July 31, 2021

Phelps Alumni Association Reunion Weekend

Saturday August 7, 2021

Sauerkraut Festival Weekend

Details in June newsletter

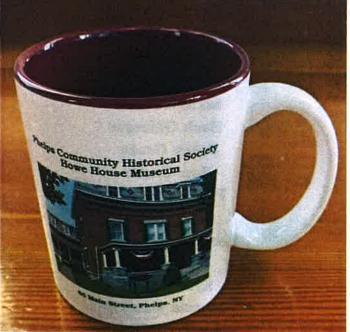
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Reference books, framed photo, sketches

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Nester Malt House desk at CLO

Barb Wilson

Planter with flowers

Windy Hill Flower Farm, Phelps, NY

Planter with flowers

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From our in box... comments are always welcome!

Hi Diane.

First, I need to compliment everyone involved in the latest newsletter. Rosa's story about Ted Flood illuminated the life of a former neighbor whom I never knew very well. She gave us a different glimpse of the Viet Nam War experience through Ted's eyes. I especially appreciated Rosa's honesty about the dangers all the Phelps kids faced with rampant unsupervised play in the creeks and woods etc. It did make us stronger.



Sarah's story on the creation of the Soldier's & Sailors Monument was great. That's my Grandmother Gifford's house in the background of the photo. As little kids we always wanted to chase each other around the steps and walkways. This was strictly prohibited. If you did, watchful village eyes would likely report you to your parents or the police.

Dr. Grube's story on the early schools in Phelps finally makes clear that there really were some strict standards of excellence that would be hard to meet today. My parents were products of the Union and Classical School and early PCS. At school in Phelps, my father learned the Greek and Latin roots of English. With just his Phelps high school diploma he had no trouble keeping up with his corporate office mates who all held Harvard MBA degrees. My mom sometimes did copy editing for a retired professor/author in Geneva. My parents would get into screaming arguments about grammar and word choice.

You always think your school is better but in the case of the early schools in Phelps, it was true.

Loren Gifford April 30, 2021

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Phelps Postcards

Correction to April newsletter Phelps Postcards: "Gentleman in white shirt" should have read **Harold** Combs.



Police Car, Officer Murphy, Phelps, N.Y.