

Salamanca Area Historical Society and Museum Newsletter



Welcome New Members

Early Spring
2010

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Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday 10 - 4:30

Easter Bonnets To Be On Display And On Parade



If you are over 50 you will remember the excitement of shopping for the perfect outfit for Easter, and fancy Easter Bonnets were de rigueur. Beginning March 16th the museum will take a walk down memory lane with a fabulous display

If you have a hat you would like to have on display- Just bring it by the museum



of Easter Bonnets. Then on Saturday April 3rd we invite everyone to join us for an Easter Bonnet Stroll beginning at the museum. If you don't have an Easter Bonnet how about making one! Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Baby - Toddler
- Ages 5-8
- 9-12
- Teen to Adult

For more information call 945-2946

Looking to Expand

With renovation plans progressing nicely for the 3rd floor we are looking ahead to filling the new display space.

Expansion of the military, police and fire displays as well as clubs and lodges are in the works.

We would love to have any items that you have been storing in a box in the attic.

Uniforms, patches, medals, Insignias,

Photos (we can make copies) and also histories.

Please don't be shy we really want to remember you and your service to our country and city. Whether long ago or very recent we want to know and document the terrific people that make up our Salamanca Family



Rosemary Shadden and Cathy Lacy

Museum Welcomes New Staff

Following a recent vacancy, the Historical Society is happy to announce that it has hired Rosemary Shadden and Cathy Lacy to join the staff at the museum. Rosemary is returning to the staff, having worked the summer of 2008. She has continued to be an active and invaluable volunteer and we are happy that she will once again be on board as a regular staff member. Cathy Lacy, a retired art teacher, has an enthusiasm and love of area history that is certain to

If in the morn you throw minutes away, you can't pick them up in the course of the day.



A Puzzle For You- Salamanca Streets- Authored By Ellen Prigg

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Academy	Cleo	East Jefferson	Fulton	Hoy	Merden	Parkway	State Park
Adams	Cleveland	East Race	Gates*	Iroquois	Messenger	Pear*	Sullivan
Allegheny	Clifton*	East State	Gravel Pit	Jackson	Mill	Penn	Summit
Ambuske	Clinton	Ellicott	Great Valley	Jefferson	Monroe	Perry	Swan
Armstrong	Columbia	Elm	Grove	Jewett	Morningside	Pimlico	Sycamore
Atlantic	Conrath	Elmwood	Hamilton	Kellogg	Murray	Pine	Townsend*
Avery	Cottage	Erie	Hancock	Kent	Myers	Prospect	Union*
Baker	Crawford	Exchange*	Hawthorne	Kritter*	Nelson	Quilter	Waite
Birch	Crescent	Fair Oak	Henry	Lexington	New	Railroad	Ward
Bliss	Cricks	Fairmount	Herman	Liberty	Newton	Reed	Washington
Broad	Cross	Fawn	Hetzel	Lincoln	Nies	River	Water
Carlton	Deer	Fern	Hickory	Linden	Norwood	Rochester	West
Center	Division	Fillmore	High	Linwood	O'Donnell*	School	West Race
Central	Douglas	Forest	Highland	Madison	Oak	Seneca	West State
Charles	Drake	Frank	Hill*	Main	Oakland	Smith	Wildwood
Cherry	Eagle	Franklin	Hogans Alley	Maple	Orchard	South	Williams
Church	East	Front	Horth	Markham	Park	Spring	Wilson

* No longer on city maps

Memorials

Walt Shadden by Ron Shadden

Joseph Miller by The Class of 1947

Palmer (Bump) Brown
by The Class of 1947

Barbara Fordham
by The Board and Staff -Salamanca
Historical Society and Museum

Christmas Rewind



Mike Morton of Clear Creek Carriages and Critters assists Santa by showing off Dancer the reindeer.

Congratulations to Ron Shadden winner of the Christmas 50/50 Raffle for \$449.

Other winners:
Tom Brady
Sydnie Beattie,
Rhea Peterson,
Stan Carlson
Ruth Pearl

Our thanks to all our drawing sponsors-
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We would also like to thank Ron Shadden whose invaluable assistance enabled Santa Claus to make his appearance at the park with Dancer.

Bringing History Into The Digital Age.

The Salamanca Historical Museum is proud to announce the purchase of 2 new pieces of equipment that allows us to convert slides and VHS tapes and store them directly into the computer or on an SD card. So, if you have any interesting slides or tapes and don't want to part with them would you please consider letting us copy them?



Dr. Warner's Health Corset

W.T Fish has the Salamanca Agency for (this) corset, which combines three garments- corset ,a skirt supporter and self adjusting pads and yet costs no more than an ordinary corset. Call and examine.

Salamanca, June 27th, 1877

A Special Thank You To Special

The Great Class of 1974

We wish to extend heartfelt thanks to our friends in the Class of '74 and especially Joel Skudlarek for their very generous donation. It is truly special to see Salamancans taking pride in our city's wonderful history and to be so positive in their support of this museum in helping us preserve the memories for future generations.

Thank You So Much

**Ed Krieger Alameta Bergamon Hollie Mett Mike Hart
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A big Shout Out to our Not-so-secret Santa who gifted us with every item on our December wish list. Thanks a million....

Don't let what you cannot do
interfere with what you can do- John Wooden

As appeared in "A Bit of Local History" Editorial

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Doubtless many residents of Salamanca- particularly newcomers- are puzzled now and then by excerpts from the files of this paper referring to events of the distant past. For example, that item published in Friday's Press in the " 60 Years Ago" section of the " Looking Backward " column, telling of plans for lowering to street level the floor of a Main Street building.

That was part of a transformation of the central business section. The histories tell us that what is now Salamanca started out as a frontier lumbering settlement known as Hemlock Mills. The land was so low and swampy that a corduroy road (logs and saplings laid crosswise of the road) was built so that wagons could be hauled between the State Road (State Street) and the lumber mills near the lower end of what is now Sycamore Avenue.

In 1880 fire swept the entire west side of Main Street, from the Erie railroad to the River. When that area was rebuilt, most buildings were so constructed that the first floor was several steps above street level- to be further away from the mud.

In later years, after railroad developments had changed Hemlock Mills to Salamanca, drainage conditions improved, Main Street was paved, and one building after another either lowered the first floor to street level or took the steps inside

And now you know the story of the inside steps at the Salamanca Historical Museum

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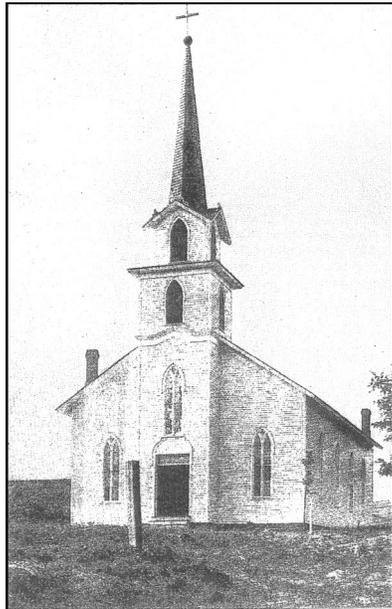
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Did You Know About.....?

**St. John's Roman Catholic Church
 Ellicott St.**

The following information was compiled and written by Alan Robison and Rose McClune.



There is no known photo of St. John's Church. Above is St. Patrick's church in Randolph. Built at approximately the same time, with the same seating capacity, and for the same amount of money it is believed by the authors that St. John's church would have looked very similar.

St. John's Roman Catholic Church was located on Ellicott Street in Salamanca, NY. It was built in 1872 under the supervision of Father Bryon. Father Bryon also supervised the building of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Little Valley, NY (which) was built at the same time as this church because of the rise in the Catholic religion in Salamanca and the surrounding communities. These churches were under the direction of the Salamanca parish. The church was built of wood and could seat approximately 400 people. The building cost \$2,400 when it was built. The first pastor of the church was Reverend John burns when it opened for services in 1872. The church had approximately 200 members at this time. Father Bryon died May 31, 1889. He was succeeded by Reverend M.P. Connery who was a priest of the Buffalo diocese. He was in charge of the Salamanca Parish for about eight months, and was replaced for unknown reasons by Reverend P. Berkery who was put in charge of the parish on May 1st, 1890. In 1893 the value of St. John's Roman Catholic church on Ellicott Street had dropped to \$1,200. There were about 200 parishioners that still attended the church during this time. The church closed shortly after 1893 and parishioners had to ride or walk into Salamanca to attend services at St. Patrick's church. It is unknown what happened to St. John's Church after it closed. We have heard stories that it was torn down and the lumber was reused for other buildings. Another story is the church burned to the ground. The church sat on the right side of Ellicott Street directly across from the Catholic Cemetery. Four houses now stand on the site where the church once stood.

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