

# THE YELLOW WASP

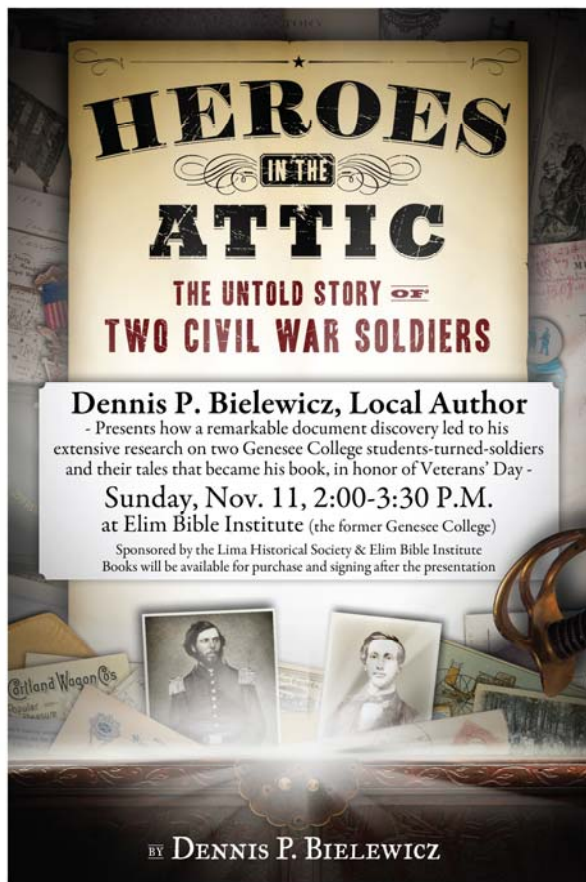
Lima Historical Society

November 2012

COME AND HEAR HOW

CIVIL WAR HISTORY WAS MADE HERE IN LIMA!

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LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ELIM BIBLE INSTITUTE



On Veterans' Day, November 11th at 2:00 PM, the Lima Historical Society and Elim Bible Institute are co-sponsoring a special presentation. It involves an intriguing Civil War story that began at College Hall right here in Lima 1861. Our speaker is Dennis P. Bielewicz.

One month before their graduation from Lima's Genesee College, two young students, Benjamin Coffin of Mt. Morris, New York, and H. Seymour Hall of Barkersville, New York, abandoned their studies to enlist in the army and help recruit their fellow students for what was to become Company G of the 27th Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry. The company went on to train and fight in over 20 Civil War battles, including First Bull Run, Fredericksburg, and Gaines Mills.

These Civil War heroes were forgotten until sixteen-year old Dennis Bielewicz discovered a secret room in an abandoned farmhouse in Nunda, and in it a trunk holding documents commemorating the service of the two young soldiers almost a century before. This led to a lifetime of research, fleshing out the personal wartime experiences and lives of Hall and Coffin--much of it through their own words in diaries, letters and newspaper articles. It has culminated in a recently published book by Dennis Bielewicz entitled *Heroes in the Attic - The Untold Story of Two Civil War Soldiers*.

Share in the speaker's enthusiasm for the bravery of these forgotten heroes and commemorate Veterans' Day in this unique way. The presentation will be held in the cafeteria classroom at Elim Bible Institute, 7245 College St. in Lima (former campus of Genesee College) at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 11th.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Children are always welcome. See [www.dennisbielewicz.com](http://www.dennisbielewicz.com) for more details.

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## LHS Calendar of Events

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November/December	LHS Holiday Cookie Trays. Order forms will be available in early November at Tennie's Place, the Town Hall or on our website (see below).
Sunday, November 11th	"Heroes in the Attic: The Untold Story of Two Civil War Soldiers from Lima." by Dennis Bielewicz. presented jointly with Elim Bible Institute. Elim Cafeteria Classroom: 2 PM.
Wednesday, November 14th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum.
Wednesday, December 12th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Town Hall.

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### LHS Holiday Cookie Trays

Once again, the society will be selling festive trays of homemade cookies during the holiday season. Orders will be taken in early November. Pick up order forms at Tennie's Place, the Town Hall or print one from our website. [www.limahistorical.org](http://www.limahistorical.org)

### 2013 LHS Calendars "Along the Old State Road"

Will be available for purchase in November — just in time for holiday gift giving. Look at Tennie's Place, the Lima Town Hall, and the American Hotel.

### Girl Scout Reception

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts, the Lima Historical Society held a reception on Sunday, September 30th at the museum. About 20 visitors were in attendance—enjoying punch and sweets along with the wonderful exhibit of photos, uniforms, and memorabilia relating to Girl Scouting in Lima. Our thanks to Barbara May for her memories and hard work on this nostalgic exhibit.

### What's Been Happening at the Museum ??

A great deal, actually. We are very fortunate to have a brand new Buildings and Grounds Chairman--Duane Fuller—who has assembled a sizeable team of LHS member "consultants." Together, they seeking solutions for a lengthy list of maintenance issues at the museum.

After cleanout of the garage and basement so that other work might proceed, the first task involved some long-overdue electrical repairs and upgrades in the museum and the garage. After completion of the bidding process, the contract was awarded to Mike Falk, an LHS member. A number of critical safety issues were addressed, as well as the installation/replacement of lighting fixtures and outlets, replacement of faulty wires, and extension of electrical service to the garage, requiring excavation and reseeded of the lawn. This work has now been completed. Mike, thanks for a great job done in a timely way.

Toilet repairs have all been satisfactorily accomplished. Debris has been cleaned from the roof and gutters, and a crumbling chimney has been successfully repaired.

A number of other maintenance issues remain, and cost estimates are being solicited by Duane and the team for:

- replacement of rotting cellar doors;
- repair of stone steps at street and house;
- testing for possible asbestos on heating ductwork; abatement, and replacement as needed
- installation of on-demand water heater;
- driveway resurfacing, parking expansion?.

Thank you to Duane and all of his associates.

### LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

**Lima Historical Society was founded to collect and preserve Lima's history, its architectural structures, and its culture to educate and inspire people today and tomorrow.**

**FACTORY HOLLOW**

Excerpt from an early unpublished history of Lima by Mabel Jenks (1913)  
 (Transcribed by former Lima Historian Joyce Rapp from a handwritten manuscript)

"In the eastern part of the town about 3 miles from the village, where the Old State Road crosses the outlet of Honeoye and Hemlock Lakes, there is a hamlet known as Factory Hollow. This place, now though nearly deserted, has an interesting history as a manufacturing center. It is through this valley that the conduit of the Rochester Waterworks now passes.

In the early days before railroads were known, the grain had to be ground, logs had to be sawed into boards and wool had to be converted into cloth and he who built even so crude a structure as the mills at Factory Hollow, was a benefactor to the settlers. Many stories are told by the few still living of their journeying to and from these mills with their grist. The first grist mill was erected there by Sylvester Thayer who dated his arrival in this country sometime in the year 1790. He was the pioneer manufacturer of this whole section. Uriah Webster was known as the operator of a saw mill built at a very early period near the grist mill. It was related that whenever a custom mill had its existence there, sooner or later, was seen a distillery but not until 1827 was that industry introduced there. H. Hutchison built and ran a still which stood on the Lima Road in 1832...

...Daniel Ashley and others formed a company and erected a building for the manufacturing of cotton;later it was changed to a woolen factory, and as such was run for a number of years. The company was large and did a prosperous business under the management of a man named Lamphere, who operated a store in connection with the factory. The store is now (1913) used as a bar and the mill was torn down about 1860 and removed to Lima where it was reconstructed to serve as a hotel (*the old Cottage Hotel*).

Elisha Eggleston, another pioneer, owned and occupied a grist mill on the stream from 1820 until some years later, was very popular, and well-known for miles around.

These mills and factories, once indispensable, have long ago gone to ruin, nothing marks the spot but decaying buildings and crumbling walls beside the old mill race, reminding us of bygone days." (Mabel Jenks 1913)

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<b>Annual Dues</b>	Family:	\$20	Senior Family:	\$15	Sustaining: \$30 - \$100
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