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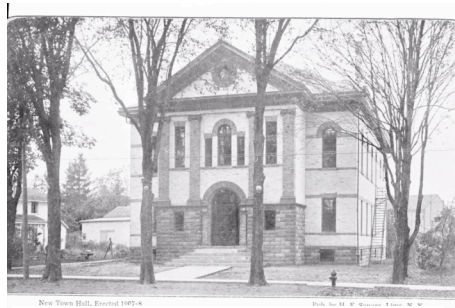
Lima Historical Society

September 2012

**LHS GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 25th at 7:30 PM**

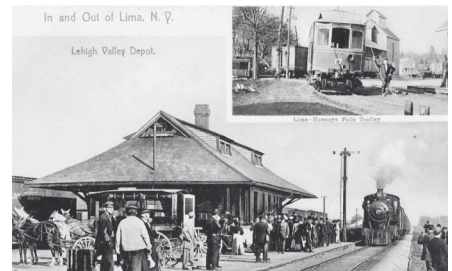
"Postcards and Collectibles"

by Jack Kemp



**A Sample of Some of
Lima's Historic Postcards**

**Visit the Tennie Burton
Museum to see more
Sundays 2- 4 PM**



The Lima Historical Society will sponsor an illustrated program on "Postcards and Collectibles" by Chili resident, Jack Kemp on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:30 PM at the Lima Court House. Mr. Kemp has been collecting postcards for some 60 years and has amassed more than 10,000 postcards of the Rochester area alone. His collection preserves some of the area's history in a day and age in which people rely on digital images that might never be printed.

Learn how and why he collected. If you have postcards that you have collected yourself, please bring them along to share. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Lima Court House, East Main St. Lima

September 25th: 7:30PM

September!! Last Chance!!!



"80 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING IN LIMA"



Tennie Burton Museum — Sundays 2-4

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LHS Calendar of Events

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Sundays thru end of September	Tennie Burton Museum open 2-4 PM. Special exhibit "Girl Scouting in Lima." Come see who you can identify from the "old days."
Wednesday, September 12th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum.
Tuesday, September 25th	"Postcards and Collectibles" by Jack Kemp. Lima Court House at 7:30 PM.
Wednesday, October 9th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum.
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.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Veterans Day: November 11th

Heroes in the Attic *The Untold Story of Two Civil War Soldiers*

by Dennis Bielewicz

This will be special event, jointly sponsored by the Lima Historical Society and Elim Bible Institute, on Sunday, November 11th at 2 PM.

It reveals the intriguing story of two young Genesee College students—H. Seymour Hall and Benjamin Coffin—who from College Hall here in Lima, helped lead Civil War recruitment efforts for Company G of New York's 27th Regiment. They went on to distinguish themselves as soldiers, and later, as articulate chroniclers of the war through journals and local newspaper articles.

As a curious 16-year old boy, the speaker discovered a trunk full of old documents in a secret room of an abandoned house. This led him to a lifetime of research and a retelling of the military service of these two young men, along with many firsthand observations of their experiences during the Civil War.

<http://dennisbielewicz.com/heroes-in-the-attic/>

Our Annual Meeting May 2012

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon last May, a good crowd of LHS members and guests enjoyed a journey back into the 19th century with our speaker, Mary Jeanne Bialas. Mike Leavy, Margaret Mercado and the young sweetheart pictured to the right became "willing participants" in the program. It was great fun.

The presentation was followed by an abundant and delicious potluck supper, and a great deal of good conversation.



Elise Adams



Welcome to New LHS Members

The Leibold Family
William Bruce
Karen Hanson and Walt Fritz

Who is the anonymous steward who put the sign at the site of the District 8 schoolhouse that was burned down earlier this year on the corner of Heath-Markham and Dalton Roads? Please leave answer at 624-1050.

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.

Dorothy (Dottie) Rosenberg Ph.D. 1931-2012

On July 4, 2012, the Lima Historical Society lost one of its most faithful and dedicated members. She and her husband, Herb who passed away earlier this year, were co-chairs of the Education Committee for a number of years. Dottie later served as an LHS Board member and the Society's Parliamentarian. She was also worked diligently writing grant proposals and successfully obtaining funding for society projects.

Dottie's most significant contributions, however, were as a member of the Museum Committee. Beyond the usual weekly duties undertaken with other members of the committee, she researched the history and décor of the building, as well as its major exhibits, and wrote an Introductory Brochure for visitors. She mined US census data dating from as early as 1790 to research and report on Lima's earliest settlers, their lives, households, and occupations. Finally, she framed the aerial views of Lima and historic postcard views that still hang on the walls today.

Born Dorothy Blumenstiel, Dottie survived a family tragedy when she was quite young. Arriving home after summer camp, she found her home and everything in it destroyed by a gas explosion. Fortunately all family members were safe. Dottie received her BA degree from the University of Rochester and her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh. She taught at West Virginia University and after moving to Lima, at Monroe Community College. She will be greatly missed by her friends in the Lima Historical Society.

Our Condolences

It is with deep regret that we mourn the loss of three of our longtime members, James Kirkwood, Mary Jane Nelligan and Dottie Rosenberg. We extend our sympathies to their families and friends.

A Facelift For Lima's Main Street

Perhaps you have noticed the fresh, shiny new appearance of Lima's Four Corners area. If not, please get out and take a walk and enjoy all the improvements that have recently been completed by downtown business owners and the Village of Lima.

In 2010, the Village was awarded a New York Main Street grant to improve the appearance of Lima's historic downtown and enhance its economic potential. The two-year term of that grant has just culminated.

Seven building owners took advantage of the grant by applying for matching funding to improve their building facades by repairing masonry, painting, refinishing or replacing doors, windows, and trim, adding period lighting and installing new signs. Several upgraded second story apartments or added internal utilities.

Funds were also received by the village for Streetscape improvements. New benches, planters, and trash receptacles were added throughout downtown. Four pocket parks were also added, along with an historic sign in each, explaining different facets of Lima's past.

Our society's historic files and photo collections proved very important in restoring building facades and creating the content of the historic signs. Thank you to New York State, our Village officials, and all of the building owners, as well as the many other citizens who helped make this project a success. It was a community effort!



Two Main Street views August 2012



Visit Lima's new pocket parks: 1) in front of Court House; 2) Lake Avenue behind hotel; 3) Rochester St. behind Masons' building; 4) Corner East Main and Genesee Streets.

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