

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

September 2015

19th-Century Photography

by Ralph Wiegandt

Tuesday

September 22nd 7:30 PM

Professional photography was a thriving business in Lima during the second half of the 19th century. The number of photographers grew steadily as people of means sought to preserve portraits of themselves and their children for posterity. Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and Genesee College, with their need for faculty, graduation, and event photos, represented a huge impetus to this growing business in Lima.

On Tuesday, September 22nd Ralph Wiegandt, well-known photographic conservator and researcher, will present a talk on techniques used in early photography, with an emphasis on *daguerreotypes* produced by a process developed in France in 1839 and used in this country through the 1860's. Examples of local photos from the Lima Historical Society's abundant historic collections will be shown. The talk is free and open to the public.



Tuesday, September 22nd
Lima Court House (East Main St (next to Town Hall))

7:30 PM

Rendering of a 19th Century Photography Studio

TENNIE BURTON MUSEUM & COUNTRY STORE OPEN SUNDAYS JUNE THRU SEPTEMBER 2 to 4 PM

New Exhibits

- *From Flax to Linen*
- *Old Time Tools*
- *The Lima Bank Robbery in 1915*

Special Events

Sunday, August 23

Book Signing

2 to 4 PM

Mike Leavy: *The Lincoln Funeral Train*

Sunday September 13

Pioneer Fun Day for Kids

2 to 4 PM

Old Time Games, Crafts, and Activities

For information go to www.limahistorical.org

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Sunday, August 23rd	Book Signing: <i>The Lincoln Funeral</i> by Mike Leavy. Tennie Burton Museum, 2-4pm.
Thursday, September 10 th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
Sunday, September 13th	Pioneer Fun Day For Kids at the Tennie Burton Museum. 2 to 4 PM.
Tuesday, September 22nd	Illustrated presentation on <i>19th Century Photography</i> by Conservator Ralph Wiegandt, 7:30 PM at the Lima Court House, next to the Town Hall.
Thursday October 8 th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
October	Autumn Wine and Cheese Tasting. Watch your mail for details and reservation forms.
Saturday, November 7 th	Candlemaking Workshop. Make beeswax rolled candles with Jen Adams at the Tennie Burton Museum. 10AM to 12PM. Reservations required . Details in next <i>YELLOW WASP</i> .
Tuesday, November 17 th	General Meeting. <i>The Jackson Sanatorium in Dansville</i> . by Jane Schryver. 7:30 PM at the Lima Court House, next to the Town Hall.
November- December	Holiday Cookie Tray Sale.
Saturday, December 12 th	OPEN HOUSE/ HOLIDAY SHOPPING . Tennie Burton Museum and Country Store.

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On July 19th the BCW Trio delighted the crowd with lively *Music on the Porch*. Thanks to Eric Baker, Jim Carroll and Brian Webster. Great time!

KIDS' OLD TIME FUN DAY AT THE MUSEUM IN SEPTEMBER

Join us for old-fashioned fun at the museum on Sunday afternoon September 13th, 2 to 4 pm. Bring the kids of all ages to try their hands at some of the simple crafts, games and activities that brought joy to children in days gone by. Bring along your own memories, as well.

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

Book Signing by local author, Mike Leavy. His newest book, *The Lincoln Funeral: An Illustrated History*, was recently published by Westholme Publishing Co. Please join us from 2 to 4 on Sunday, August 23rd at the Tennie Burton Museum and help celebrate.

COME AND SEE OUR NEW SUMMER EXHIBITS

From Flax to Linen

Explores, via artifacts and video, the complex process used by American pioneers to turn flax into fine linen fabric. It was used in the making of bedding, tablecloths and clothing, thus reducing dependence on English imports.

Old Time Tools

Includes a wide array of traditional tools (some on temporary loan and some from LHS collections) used in farming, carpentry, and other work.

The Unsolved 1915 Lima Bank Robbery

Learn the story of this unsolved bank robbery, the first in Livingston County. It occurred 100 years ago this year.

WELCOME TO NEW LHS MEMBERS

Kirk Adams, Brad Emler, Janeen Hendler, Sharon Ward

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.

Mabel Furner Jenks

by Joyce Rapp
Former Lima Historian

During her lifetime, Mabel Jenks was the First Lady of Lima. Born in 1881, she devoted most of her life to serving her hometown, the Lima community. During World War I, for example, when American ladies were knitting socks for the boys “over there” and providing supplies for military hospitals, Mabel was appointed by the Town Board to oversee about one hundred women working for the war effort. They also served coffee and snacks to the troops who stopped in Lima, an official stop-over.

Mabel once said that “she had to work at more than one job at a time (*she once juggled five*), or she couldn’t have accomplished her goals.” That was not an exaggeration. She served as Clerk of the Town Board of Assessors for 1928-1969, taught furniture reconditioning classes at the Town Hall and the Lima School, worked at the Lima Post Office for twenty-five years, including post-master for three years when her boss, Walter Slattery was in the army during World War II. Although Mabel had to retire from the Post Office on her seventieth birthday, she just moved to another career: Town Clerk with Supervisors, James Gleason and Carl Roesser, for another twenty years and as Village Assessor and Treasurer of the Lima Board of Education.

Mabel passed away on July 7, 1983. She was almost 102 years old. During those years, she received many honors like the “First Woman of the Year” award from the Lima Quare Club and also received an honorable mention as “Woman of the Year” from the New York State Federation of Women’s Organizations.

Although Mabel never officially served as Lima Historian, she was certainly the keeper of local records and memories. I found much of her work in the Lima library files—crinkled tan paper that told stories of the Senecas, schools, and famous people. And when our community celebrated its 175th anniversary, she compiled her vast store of knowledge into a book, *The Crossroads of Western New York: Lima 1788-1964*. It is registered in the Library of Congress.

Shortly before she turned 100 years old, Mabel wrote, “I have had a busy life and an interesting one in many ways.” To those who knew her, and there were many, Mabel transcended her era. She lived the life of liberation before Gloria and Hillary were household words. Mabel was a “giver” and we all benefited.

The Crossroads of Western New York: Lima 1788-1964 (published in 1964; reprinted in 1984 by the Lima Historical Society) has proven invaluable to so many of us interested in the history of our community. Copies are available at the Tennie Burton Museum or Contact Us on the LHS website.



Mabel Furner Jenks
Top—unknown date
Bottom- 98th Birthday 1979

CONDOLENCES

To family and friends of Clair Milburn, Lifetime Member of the Lima Historical Society

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TENNIE BURTON MUSEUM & MUSEUM MERCANTILE

**Open Sundays
2 to 4 PM**



LHS AUTUMN WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

Watch for details to come !!

Support

**Lima Farmers' Market
Every Tuesday afternoon**

3 to 6 PM

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