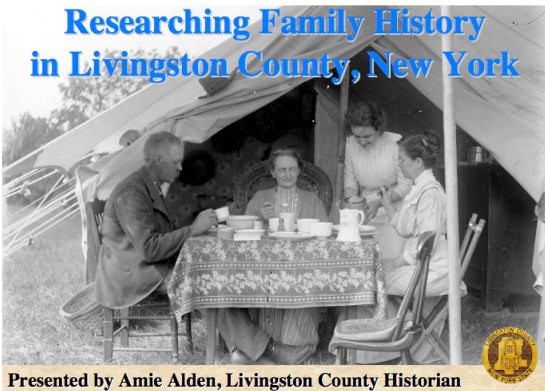


THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

September 2014

**Researching Family History
in Livingston County, New York**



Presented by Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian

**Tuesday September 16th
7:30 PM**

Learning How To Do Local Genealogical Research

**Presented by Amie Alden
Livingston County Historian**

We are pleased to have our County Historian, Amie Alden, with us for our September 16th general meeting. She will present an overview of the types of resources available to genealogists searching families from our local area. As she points out, not all information on families can be found on Ancestry.com! Sometimes local resources can be more informative.

For anyone working on genealogy related to our area, she recommends visiting the Livingston County Historian's Office — whether in person or online. She will provide an illustrated overview on how best to take advantage of the resources available through this office. She will describe the numerous resources available for genealogists; tips to make searching for answers easier; how to access the County Historian's online web base (<http://www.livingstoncounty.us/historian.php>); and updates on indexing and cataloging projects in progress.

Please join us on Tuesday for this informative presentation.

Free and open to the public
Lima Court House, East Main St. (next to Town Hall)

Tuesday, September 16th
7:30PM

Sunday, September 28th 2-4 PM

at the

Tennie Burton Museum



Nightingael Band



Celtic, Renaissance, and Early American music

Join us for Old Time Music on the Museum Lawn

Reminder: LHS Holiday Cookie Sale Coming Up This Fall

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE.

Sundays thru end of September	Tennie Burton Museum and LHS Museum Mercantile: Book and Gift Shop open 2-4 PM
Wednesday, September 10th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome to attend.
Tuesday, September 16th	LHS General Meeting: <i>Learning To Do Local Genealogical Research</i> , presented by Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian, Lima Court House, 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 28th	<i>Nightingael Band</i> performing at the Tennie Burton Museum, 2 -4 PM.
Wednesday, October 8th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome to attend.
Saturday, October 25th	LHS <i>Autumn Wine and Cheese Tasting</i> . Details to follow. Stay tuned to our website.
Tuesday, November 18th	LHS General Meeting. <i>Knives Can Talk: The History of Robeson Cutlery</i> , by Tom Kalcevic of Avon NY. Lima Court House, 7:30 PM.

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Nightingael Band Playing at the Tennie Burton Museum

September 28th 2 to 4 PM

We are very pleased to close our summer season at the museum with a performance of Celtic, Renaissance, and Early American music by the Nightingael Band.

The band performing for us on the 28th will consist of four musicians playing hammered dulcimer, toy accordion and recorder. This is an event not to be missed.

Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Join the fun.

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AUTUMN WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

Saturday, October 25th

You are cordially invited to our first ever *Wine and Cheese Tasting* at the lovely historic home of LHS members John Rutkowski and John Andrews located on West Main Rd. in Lima.

We will be sampling a selection of wines and specially chosen cheeses. Reservation forms will follow in the next *Yellow Wasp*.

Watch our website for details to be announced.
www.limahistorical.org

NEW FRONT STEPS AT THE MUSEUM

Repairs on the cracked, crumbling and precarious front steps at the museum have now been completed. The mason was successful in salvaging and re-placing the large limestone slabs.



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.

KEN O'DEA A Local Baseball Hero

Born and brought up here in Lima, Ken O'Dea was one of our local heroes. After distinguishing himself as a ball player as a young boy, he went on to become a catcher in major league baseball--for the Chicago Cubs, the New York Giants, the St Louis Cardinals, and the Boston Braves.

It was his home run for the Chicago Cubs in the final game against the New York Yankees in the last game of the 1938 World Series that solidified his place in baseball history and really drew the cheers from here at home. One of the stories that Ken liked to tell was that he kept cool on hot summer days by lining his cap with wet cabbage leaves (Michael Leavy, *Around Lima* 2002).

Recently, one of Ken's granddaughters and his niece came to the Tennie Burton Museum to see what we had on file for him. They are shown to the right holding his photo and his famous glove and ball. Unfortunately, we didn't get their names, so if you can help us out please identify them for us.

In another recent coincidence involving Ken's history, Neil Hogan dropped into the museum one afternoon and donated several copies of a comprehensive biography that he had written, entitled simply "Lima's Baseball Catcher: Ken O'Dea." We have one copy on file and have sold several others, but Mr. Hogan has promised more to come. If you want to learn more about the life of this colorful Lima hero, the book is available for sale at the museum or by contacting us through our website www.limahistorical.org. Nice gift idea.

If you have photos or stories about Ken or other local Lima characters, please share them with us. History isn't all in the far distant past. We are making it every day. Help us preserve it for the next generation.



Ken O'Dea (1913-1985)



Two of Ken O'Dea's descendants at the museum.

Comments on the History of Lima

(excerpts from *Stagecoach Towns* by Arch Merrill, 1991)

"...Lima became a place of consequence on the frontier. It was a stop on the Western Mail Coach route which began in 1808. The stage left Canandaigua Monday morning for Niagara via Buffalo and returned the following Sunday. The fare was 6 cents a mile. In the Stage Coach Town of Lima were many taverns. Some of them are standing now, private residences. The solid men of Lima built stately homes, many with pillars and graceful doorways. The old homes remain today to testify to the good taste of the builders..."

"...In Western New York's boom time, that followed the digging of the Clinton Ditch, Genesee Wesleyan Seminary was born. In 1829 at a session of the newly formed Genesee Conference of the Methodist Church in Rochester, five communities offered sites for a projected Methodist seminary, backed by financial pledges. They were Lima, Brockport, Perry, Le Roy and Henrietta. Lima's high bid of \$10,808 and an option on a 10-acre site won. Slowly the three-story stone Genesee Wesleyan Seminary rose on the hill above Lima village. Into that building went the meager savings of circuit riders of the church and struggling farmers. The school opened its doors on May 1, 1832. It offered courses in surveying, mathematics, languages, metaphysics, moral philosophy and theology, along with such ornamental branches as drawing, painting, needlework and music. It was one of the first co-educational schools in these parts. Genesee Wesleyan never was ultra austere or prissy. Many typical college boy pranks have been played on its campus. Once a cow was hoisted up two flights of stairs to a choir loft where its halter was tied to the bell rope. Some hay was placed enticingly near the animal so that whenever it reached for a mouthful, the pealing of the bell broke the midnight silence..."

"...Distinguished figures through the years have climbed the seminary hill. Horace Greeley, Wendell Phillips, William Jennings Bryan and Franklin D. Roosevelt have spoken there. Frances E. Willard, the temperance crusader, was preceptress of the school in 1866-67 and there's a tablet to her memory on the walls of the chapel where once she gave religious talks to the girl students. There are famous names on the roster of GWS graduates, among them Belva A. Lockwood, equal rights leader and pioneer woman attorney, the first of her sex to run for the presidency of the United States; Henry J. Raymond, a Lima native who became publisher of the New York Times and one of the founders of the Republican Party; Jessie Belle Rittenhouse, the poetess; William Seaver Woods, onetime editor of the Literary Digest, and such eminent Rochesterians as the late Judges John D. and William F. Lynn and Judge Arthur E. Sutherland Sr...."

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