

# THE YELLOW WASP

**Lima Historical Society**

**March 2020**

**Saturday March 21st, 2020  
1 PM**

## ***The History of Mendon Ponds Park***

**By William Lane**

**Lima Town Hall**



On Saturday afternoon, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM at the Lima Town Hall, William Lane, Curator of the Honeoye Falls/Mendon Museum will present an interesting talk on the history of the Mendon Ponds Park. When, how and why was our favorite “local” park created? What was there before the land became a park?



Herman L. Fairchild, a Geology professor at the University of Rochester started the ball rolling in 1926 when he pointed out and highlighted the value and uniqueness of the glacial topography, the ponds, the botanical variety, and historical interest of land in the towns of Mendon and Pittsford. Two years later in 1928 the Monroe County Board of Supervisors voted to acquire 1400 acres of land for preservation as a park—Monroe County’s third park. Several subsequent purchases expanded the park to its present 2500 acres.

Come and hear the ins and outs, as well as the politics, of making Mendon Ponds Park the place that we all enjoy so much today. Free and open to the public. Handicap accessible.

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### **Putting a Human Face on Our Historic Collections**

Who says history is dry? Photographs make artifacts and buildings come alive, and none makes the point more vividly than this photo on the left of two young girls—May and Belle Chapin—probably taken ca.1880/82 in matching plaid dresses included in our 19<sup>th</sup> century clothing collections. Even better, the younger of the two girls, Belle Chapin Tenny, owned and lived in the home that now serves as our museum. She generously donated it to the Lima Historical Society for that sole purpose in 1972. An 1897 photo of Belle on the right shows her graduation photo from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary.



## LHS Calendar of Events

**PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE**

<b>Tuesday, March 3rd</b>	<b>Lima Historical Society Board Meeting. Tennie Burton Museum, 7pm. All LHS members welcome to attend. NOTE DATE CHANGE-First Tuesday of the month.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 1 pm</b>	<b>"The History of Mendon Ponds Park" by William Lane. <u>1 pm at the Lima Town Hall.</u></b>
<b>Tuesday, April 7th</b>	<b>Lima Historical Society Board Meeting. Tennie Burton Museum, 7pm. All LHS members welcome to attend. NOTE DATE CHANGE-First Tuesday of the month'</b>
<b>May (Date TBD)</b>	<b>LHS Annual Dinner Meeting – Program to be announced</b>
<b>Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial Day Opening of Tennie Burton Museum (10 am after the parade)</b>
<b>June (Date TBD)</b>	<b>LHS Barn Sale</b>

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

Last year saw the inventory and reorganization of our historic clothing and accessories in two newly renovated storage areas, as well as a start on an inventory of our massive collections of historic Lima photos. As winter came on, we began data entry of our museum catalogue into the newly rolled out electronic database. Thanks are due to all who helped in these endeavors: Gerry Donaghy, Carol Edwards, Gail and Duane Fuller, Fran Gotcsik, Barb Kolstee, Mike Leavy, Mary Ellen Little, Dan Marcellus, Barb May, Kathie Reynolds, Martha Sempowski, Mary Jule Welch, and Charmaine Yarka.

Much remains to be done, of course. Two other storage rooms upstairs need to be reorganized using new shelving purchased for this purpose. More boxes of photos and documents remain to be inventoried. And data entry will chug on, including scanning of all photos into the database. If you can help, even for a few hours, call Martha (585-329-7675).

### LHS Lifetime and Renewed Annual Members for 2020 Sustaining Members \*\*

#### **LIFETIME**

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Douglas Morgan

## The Evolution of the Lima Crossroads

A number of buildings have disappeared over the years in downtown Lima, perhaps none more significant than the one that stood at the Four Corners—in the southwest quadrant (fronting on both West Main Street and Lake Avenue) in what was known as the Gordon block. The building was built sometime in the mid 1800's and was torn down in 1936. For sixty years before that, however, after a long series of short stints in other locations, Lima's Post Office was housed in the front corner of the building, facing onto West Main. Right next to the Post Office to the west was the Frederick Lockington Barber Shop, and according to Doug Morgan, the Cottage Hotel occupied the frontage on Lake Avenue (*photo below is from the archives of the Lima Historical Society, scan courtesy of Doug Morgan*).



After the building was demolished it was replaced by a Mobil Gas Station owned at one time by George Hanrahan and later by Nelson Thorpe (perhaps others?) (*Photo is from the archives of the Lima Historical Society, scan courtesy of Doug Morgan*). Some years later the new building was refurbished and occupied by an insurance company, and later a satellite dish company (others?). In 2016, the building was extensively renovated, re-sided and repurposed as the Lima Village Pharmacy, owned and operated by Pharmacist Kristin Goold (*Photo courtesy of Kristin Goold*).



### LHS BARN SALE IN JUNE

Please set aside any lightly used but unwanted items for the semi-annual Lima Historical Society Barn Sale. Details to be announced in the next Yellow Wasp. Your support will be appreciated.

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#### **Lima Historical Society**

#### **BoardMembers 2019-2020**

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