

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

November 2018

**LHS General Meeting
Sunday, November 11, 2018
3 PM at Lima Court House**

***Livingston County's Veterans
From the Revolutionary War to the Present***

By Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian

In honor of Veterans Day

**Livingston County Veterans Documentation Project:
from the Revolutionary War to present day.**



Presented by Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian.

November 11, 2018 3:00 PM Lima Courthouse

This program will provide an overview of the County Historian's on-going efforts to document the military service of men and women and the impact of war on the home front. The County Historian will also share information on the types of records gathered from multiple sources and the process of making them accessible for research.



Right: William J. O'Dea, WW I veteran from Lima. This photograph is just one of the hundreds of images of veterans from the Livingston County Historian's collection.



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.

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

- Thursday October 18th LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
- Sunday, November 11th LHS General Meeting. *Documenting Livingston County's Veterans* by Amie Alden
Lima Court House 3 PM.
- Thursday November 15th LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
- March, Date be announced General Meeting

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Wine and Cheese Tasting/Quilt Raffle Winner

Dennis Lakis is the winner of the lovely quilt donated by Sandy Shusda to the LHS for raffle. Drawing took place at the Wine and Cheese Tasting event held at the home of Fr. John Andrews and John Rutkowski. Thank you to all of them, and to all of you who help us preserve history in Lima.

At right: Duane & Gail Fuller and Fran & George Gotcsik at the end of a pleasant evening of food, beverages and good conversation with friends.



Tennie Burton Museum

**CHRISTMAS SALE
CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR**

OUR APOLOGIES !!

TIME TO RENEW 2019 LHS Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Annual Dues	Family \$20	Senior Family: \$15	Sustaining: \$30 or more
Jan 1-Dec. 31	Individual: \$15	Senior Individual: \$10	Corporate: \$100 or more

Please send check and membership form to
Lima Historical Society Membership Chair, 1840 Genesee St. Lima NY 14485

THANK YOU!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

Horace C. Gilbert

**A Beloved and Prominent Citizen of Lima
At the Turn of the 20th century**

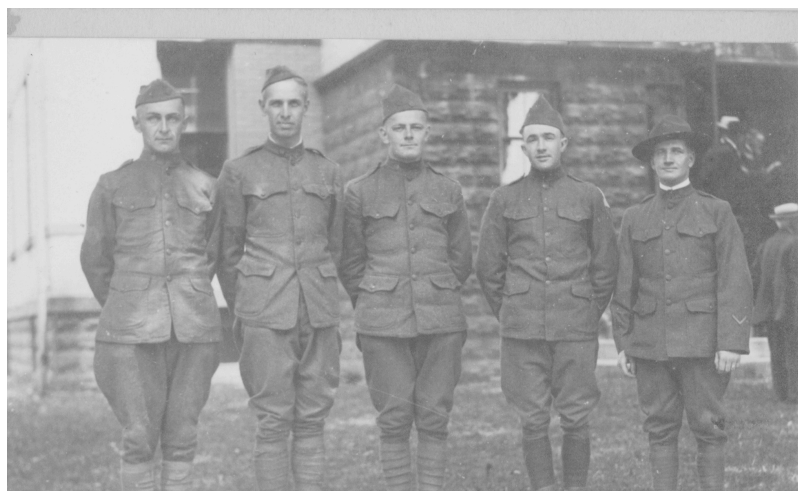
When Horace Gilbert died in 1915 at the age of 77, it “saddened all of Lima,” according to his newspaper obituary. All of the businesses in town were closed in his honor during the funeral. For thirty years, Mr. Gilbert was the president of the Bank of Lima. He also served as Lima Village Supervisor, Director of the Lima-Honeoye Falls Railway, Treasurer of the Lima Presbyterian Church, of School District # 9 (then the largest in the district – encompassing the entire village area), and of the Lima Public Library. He was recognized as a quiet, unassuming philanthropist willing to lend a hand to all in need.

Mr. Gilbert was born in 1838 in Richmond (then PittsTown) NY, son of Horace and Ann Gilbert, and grew up there on the family farm. His grandfather, Elias, was one of the first pioneers in the area, arriving ca 1800 from Connecticut. The family sent young Horace to Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in Lima, and he taught for a time after returning to the farm in Richmond. He married Annette Briggs in 1861; unfortunately she and their infant died in childbirth just two years later. In 1868, he was married to his second wife, Frances Eliza Longyear, and in 1875, the couple moved to Lima, probably because of fond memories from his time at GWS. They lived for a time on Elm Street and he worked as a wool dealer. Ten years later, he became president of the Lima Bank, a position that he held until his death. Sometime during that period, he and his wife built a beautiful home on the north side of East Main Street.—later, the home of Mary Doran. The Gilberts had no offspring.



Mourned by the community, Horace’s funeral was said to have been well attended. *And in an interesting connection to the Lima Historical Society, Ms. C. Belle Chapin, the woman who willed the Tennie Burton Museum to our society more than 60 years later (in 1977), sang two selections “a cappella” at the funeral.*

Thanks to Cragg Gilbert who contacted us for information about his family and ended up providing us with genealogical information about this prominent citizen who did so much for his community here in Lima. His sense of community should provide an inspiration to all of us living a more disconnected and frenetic life a century later.



**Memorial Day
1919**

Lima WWI Veterans

--Wayne Vary
-- Harold M. Salmon
-- Henry Mason
-- Francis O’Dea
-- ??

*Tennie Burton Museum
Collections (Cat. No.97.08.05)*

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