

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

May 2022

Lima Historical Society Annual Meeting Two Events this Year

Business Meeting/Elections May 11, 2022 7pm – Zoom
Send us an email to receive a link to the meeting and/or copy of Annual Report
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Gala Summer Get Together: All Members
Watch for emails and further details on our website

1890: LIMA'S HISTORIC TRADE CARNIVAL



The most remarkable outpouring of civic pride in Lima's history occurred on the weekend of August 29 -30, 1890. It would be difficult to overstate the scale of participation, exuberance, and sheer effort that went into this town-wide event. It took place at College Hall at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. All but a few Lima businesses and organizations (43 in total) participated in an extravaganza of lavish homemade costumes, parading, socializing, music, food and entertainment to celebrate and advertise the best that Lima had to offer.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church sponsored this undertaking under the supervision of the postmaster's daughter, Estella Ferris. Each firm furnished items related to their business to embellish the costumes worn by the ladies of Lima, both single and married. The ladies were put through five drills. An article in *The Magnet* described it in the following superlatives, "Seldom are the citizens of Lima treated to such a display. After the parade, the ladies served ice cream and cake, and a general social time was had. All in all the Trade Carnival was a grand success, both financially and socially...The winds and unwinds of the parade made a good many of the spectators "dizzy" (*The Magnet*: pp.11-13, Lima Historian's records)



The following is a list of participating organizations and "models" (Photos-F.M. Bailey):

1. **Mary S. Millinery** (see above)- Alice R.Grover -costume in pink and black velvet trimmed in tups and plumes; large black hat with white plumes; banner, pink and black gilt trimmings;
2. **The American Hotel** -Jesse Riggs;
3. **Geo. W. Atwell, Attorney**- Mae Jessup;
4. **Bank of Lima**- Emma Ferris;
5. **W.H. Buell, Dentist** -Mrs. W.H. Buell;
6. **M.P. Allen Hardware**- Miss J.A. McKenzie & Mary Morgan (on right)- Black dress trimmed with tin, copper, zinc & iron bangles, finishing nails, paint brushes, chains & revolver in hand. Red Cross Stove emblem on banner; (continued on p. 3)

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

- Wednesday, May 11th *LHS Annual Board meeting by ZOOM at 7pm. Members welcome to attend. Contact us by email for the link.*
- Memorial Day, May 30th *Season Opening of Tennie Burton Museum. Sundays 2-4 pm*
- June 10-11th *LHS Barn Sale. To be held at Gotcsik's barn (7364 East Main St.) Save gently used goods re sale to benefit the museum.*
- Saturday July 9th *Unveiling of the Lima LivCoWalls Mural. Activities for kids at the museum*
- July/Aug. Date TBD *Summer Get Together For All Members. Watch for details coming on our website.*

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The Lima Historical Society Mourns the Passing of Two of Its Most Active Members

Hildegarde Werner Turk (1927-2022)



Hilda was a lifetime resident of Lima, where her parents owned the Werner Grille. She attended Lima schools and Genesee Junior College, and until very recently faithfully attended annual reunions. She was an extremely active member of the community, serving 16 years on the Lima Town Council, and many years on the Lima Historical Society Board. Other interests included the Lima Public Library, the Lima Golden Agers and the Presbyterian church in Avon. She was an avid hand crafter, and is remembered for

her countless donations of handmade crocheted items to be sold in the Tennie Burton Museum Country Store, as well as for her many stories and recollections of past events and people from Lima. Hilda will be greatly missed by all.

Marilyn E. Dow Zaludny (1935-2022)



Marilyn came to Lima from Corning after marriage, but soon became a fixture in the Lima Assessor's Office where she served for 47 years. She also became a well-known presence as Museum Committee Chairperson at our own Tennie Burton Museum. Both capacities made her a respected source of details and family names associated with Lima homes and businesses, as well as information regarding the contents of our extensive museum collections. She was always willing to share that knowledge good-naturedly with

those of us who sought her out. Her contributions to the organization were numerous and greatly appreciated by all who knew her. She will be missed.

LHS Barn Sale

Finally, a date has been set for our annual Barn Sale—June 10th and 11th at the Gotcsik's (7364 East Main St.). So, please set aside any gently-used items that you may want to donate for potential resale. Please don't drop off anything at Gotcsik's before Thursday, June 9th. The museum is not an option for dropoff either, since the garage is presently filled to the brim. Please contact us by email if you are able to help with setting up on Thursday, or selling on Friday or Saturday. It's a good chance to get to know fellow members.

LivCo Walls Mural: Lima 2022

Work on Lima's downtown mural is slated to begin in mid- June, and will be publicly unveiled on Saturday July 9th. Abigail Penfold of East Aurora NY has been chosen as Lima's muralist for this county-wide mural project. The mural unveiling will be accompanied by special activities and events throughout the village. But be sure to walk the kids down Rochester St. to the museum where we will be serving up some exciting kid-friendly activities and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Tennie Burton Museum Season Opening Memorial Day

The museum has been undergoing major refurbishment this spring, thanks to the generous donations of many of our members. Exterior repairs, window re-glazing, and repainting of the house are already underway and should be completed in time for our traditional opening on Memorial Day, right after the parade. Or join us to watch the parade from "box seats" on the front lawn of the freshened museum.

Help Needed Working On Lima's Historic Photo Collections

If you love looking at photos of old time Lima—its people, its homes, its schools, and its streetscapes, we have a job for you. We need volunteers to work one morning a week scanning photographs from our collections, spanning the mid 19th through the end of the 20th centuries. This will allow us to enter the images into our database, thus making them more accessible to the public.

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7. **Beadle Bros. Merchants**- Mrs. Geo Landon, Lace Dept, M. Ella Jeffers, Boots, Wallpaper, Sarah G.T. Vary, Fancy Dept.;

8. **F. M. Bailey, Photographer**(on left)-E. Louise Barnard; in Peacock Blue dress. Silver embroidery, minettes and cabinette photos attached;

9. **Bronson and Bauter, Carpenters**-Miss Amelia Guernsey

10. **Collister & Gleason, Insurance**-Mrs.Carrie Excell (right);

11. **Joanna Dalton, Milliner**-Gertrude Douglass;

12. **John Daniels, Barber**- Etta Frost;

13. **F.A. Strassenburgh, Physician** -Clara Casterlin;

14. **Emmons and Jackman, Boots and Shoes/Groceries**- Anna Dewey and Mrs. H.H. Emmons;

15. **Fire Dept. Hook and Ladder Co.** -Joanna Vary;

16. **P. Guinan, Hardware** – Mrs. John S. Peck;

17. **P. Hendricks, Merchant**- Mrs. Will Dibble;

18. **James Hayes, Livery**-Mrs. Mae Webb;

19. **Lima Railroad**-Hattie Putnam;

20. **Henry Livingston Harnesses**- Mrs. Henry Livingston;

21. **J.J. Egan Barber** – Mary P. Vary (on Left) Red, white & blue dress- with scissors, strops, combs, and shaving brushes.

22. **John Murphy, Furniture** -Lizzie F. Sylvester;

23. **O'Connell Sisters, Bakery**- Fannie Peck;

24. **B.Ollerenshaw, Marble Works**-Miss M. Buell;

25. **S.H. Olmstead, Merchant Tailor**-Lena Olmstead;

26. **Post Office**-Mettie Gilbert;

27. **John Peck, Meat Market**-Ina Graves;

28. **E. Salmon & Son, Druggists**-Mrs. W.L. Vary;

29. **W.L.Vary, Granger**-Miss Georgia Cary;

30. **Warner and Dalton, Milk**- Helen Wood

31. **J. S. Furner, Dentist**- Mabel Willoughby;

32. **Stone Brothers, Meat Market**- Nellie Ollerenshaw;

33. **H. F. Sanger, Jeweler**- Eva M. Van Slyke (on right) black/blue plush, with chains and spangles, forks and spoons, small clock in hair, coronet with silver, garnet, gold and diamonds;

34. **J. T. Gordon, Machinist**- Rachael Ollerenshaw; 35. **T. Wilcox & Son, Grocers**- Lucy Flansburg;

36. **W.G. Ideson, Paper and Painter** -Mrs. Harry Parker; 37. **Fannie Peck, Art** – Nellie M. Clark;

38. **J.P. Thompson, Flour and Feed**-Alice Lawrence; 39. **J. E. Lockington, Tobacconist** -Jesse Finch; 40. **J. T. Coventry, Druggist** –Cornie Bailey;

41. **J.A. McKenzie, Physician**-Mary S. Miller; 42. **The Town News** – Mattie Van Slyke;

43. **Genesee Wesleyan Seminary**- Nellie Works.

The Jennie Burton Museum will be featuring an exhibit this summer on this fascinating celebration of Lima's thriving business community in 1890. Come and see more photos and more detailed descriptions of what went on (Sundays, 2-4). (Scans of these records and photos were made available to us by former Lima Historian, Doug Morgan).

Factory Hollow: A 19th Century "Industrial Park" in Lima

One of Lima's earliest industrial complexes— Factory Hollow—was located along the valley where NY Route 5 and US Route 20 (the old Genesee Turnpike) cross Honeoye Creek just east of the village of Lima. The combination of the fast-flowing water of the creek as a source of water power, and access to the turnpike for transportation of manufactured goods, made this an ideal locale for Lima's early mills and factories. According to the National Register Nomination of Lima's Multiple Resource Area (1989 Section 8:p.19), industries at Factory Hollow included: "...a flour mill, built in 1800 by Sylvanus Thayer, a nine-story flour mill operated by Edwin Trimmer, a woolen mill operated by Lanphere and Gilbert, and a distillery...Factory Hollow fell into decay after the city of Rochester began using water from Hemlock and Canadice Lakes in 1893 and after more accessible, city-located factories and gasoline- and diesel- powered engines were developed."

It has been assumed that no visible traces of this complex remain today; however, information provided by Lima landowner, John Dusett, and archaeological work in the 1970's and the early 2000's suggest otherwise. Remains of at least eight factories located on both the north and south sides of the highway are identified. The story of that collaborative research will be continued in the September issue of *The Yellow Wasp*, along with other information about Factory Hollow.

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