

**MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER**  
**WALLENPAUPACK**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



*"Keeping the history of Lake Wallenpaupack alive and accessible for present and future generations"*



**Wallenpaupack Historical Society's Upcoming Events**

**- May 22, 6:00 p.m., Annual Spring Banquet -**

**The Settlers Inn**

**4 Main Avenue, Hawley PA 18428**

**The Undercroft Room**

**6:00 Cash Bar**

**7:00 Buffet Dinner**

**8:00 Presentation by Jon Tandy**

**on the history of Wilsonville and Cromwelltown**



**THE SETTLERS INN**  
AT BINGHAM PARK

Wallenpaupack Historical Society is pleased to announce the annual Spring Banquet at The Settlers Inn will be held on Friday, May 22 at 6:00p.m. Please make your reservation by Friday, May 15. To make a reservation, please complete the following form and mail with your check to Nancy Gumble. This event is open to the public. *Thank you to The Settlers Inn for hosting WHS with a discounted rate for this event!*

**- May 13, 10:00 a.m. at the ELC -**  
**Deed Research Class**

In this class offered by Jon Tandy, learn about how to research the deed records of an existing property. This class is the first of a two-part meeting with the second part consisting of a field-trip to the Pike County Courthouse in Milford to view deed records. The date and time for the trip to Milford will be set during the May 13 meeting. If you are interested in attending this class on May 13, please bring a protractor to the meeting, and confirm your attendance with Jon Tandy by calling:

570-857-0882 or emailing: [j.tandy@att.net](mailto:j.tandy@att.net)

**ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET at THE SETTLERS INN**

**FRIDAY, MAY 22nd 6:00 p.m.**

**RESERVATIONS \$30.00 PER PERSON**

**Reservations due by Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.**

**Anyone with a question may call Nancy Gumble (570) 226-6596.**

**Please make your reservation by completing this form and returning with your check (payable to Wallenpaupack Historical Society) for \$30.00 per person attending to:**

**Nancy Gumble**

**P.O. Box 303, Tafton PA 18464**

**NAMES OF PEOPLE ATTENDING:**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING:**

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:**

## Upcoming Society Events, Continued

### Volunteers Needed for Williams House Spring Cleaning!

May 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, the Williams House

Please join us in readying the Williams House for the Annual June Picnic and summer season. Anyone interested in helping with cleaning and organizing may arrive around 9:00 a.m. at the Williams House, 103 Manor Woods Court, Paupack 18451. The Williams House is located in the Whispering Pines community, four and one half miles south of Route 6 on Route 507.

### Annual Spring Picnic

June 17, 12:00 noon, the Williams House, Manor Woods Court and Route 507, Paupack

The WHS Annual June Picnic will be held this year at the Williams House, followed by a road-trip to see the site of the Paupack Fort, including the ever-flowing spring, the Pellett House c. 1807, the Minisink Path, now called Old Indian Trail, and the Old Ground of the Paupack Cemetery.

### Pocono Rocks

July 11, 7:00 p.m., the ELC, Hawley

A geological history of the Pocono Plateau by geologist Dr Frank Pazzaglia.

### Hawley Opera House

August 19, 1:00 p.m., the ELC, Hawley

A history of the Hawley Opera House.

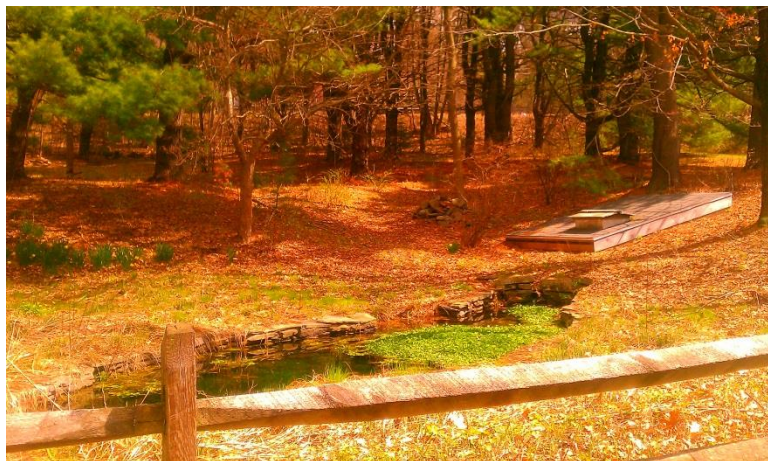
### Greene-Dreher Historical Society's *Stories of the Past*

May 21, 1:00 p.m., Peggy Bancroft Hall, South Sterling

Helen Keen and Ruth Altemier of the Greene-Dreher Historical Society will talk about growing up on their parents' farm on Sawmill Road in Greene Township from the 1940s through the 1960s. Greene-Dreher Historical Society's continuing series of *Stories from the Past* will begin with "Carl and Ethel Schoenagel Farm" for the 2015 season at 1:00 PM at the Peggy Bancroft Hall. If additional information or assistance in transportation is needed, please call Ruth at 570-676-4354.

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*Pictured on left, the ever-flowing spring on the site of the (since removed) Paupack Fort, including the recent spring house, and pictured on right, the original Pellett House c. 1807, also within or bordering the territory of the one-acre fort. The property has been owned by George (Bud) Coutts since 1946. Bud and his wife Christine Macdonald Coutts (1926 - 2010), a descendent of several original settlers, spent years carefully restoring the home while running their business Loch Highlands Cottages.*



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*The following Pike County Press article, published  
in 1898, discusses the removal of the remaining structures that  
comprised the Paupack Fort, a defensive barricade erected to protect  
the first settlers from attack and conflict with the native Americans.*

**Pike County Press, April 22, 1898**

## **An Old Land Mark Gone**

During the past week the stone from the old chimney of the guard house at Paupack, which was built in the year 1777, or early in 1778, have been removed, and are now doing service under the ground, having been used in making an underdrain, to make more tillable a piece of land on what was once the Calvin Pellett farm, but now owned and occupied by the Killams.

The stirring events of long ago are known but little about. Time in its onward course is scattering decay over the earth. Whenever we look about us we see such proofs of the great changes wrought by his all-powerful hand, and we can almost imagine we hear the tramp of his advancing step, and catch the sound of falling ruins. The rocks are yielding to decay, and the forests fall, crumbling into dust. All nature, indeed, grows old and dies. Greece, once the light of the world, and Rome the terror of all nations, have lost their ancient lustre and power. Time has dimmed their former glory. From whence came the Mound Builders, whose works bear the mark of mechanical thought and mind? How little we know of the long past, and even now we know not within so recent a period of one hundred and twenty years, who built and occupied the Paupack fort and guard house.

History, sometimes as unreliable as Aesop's Fables, teaches us that our forefathers landed at Plymouth Rock, along the Eastern coast, when all the gathered facts prove quite conclusively that they came ashore and first trod the American soil in another place. It is a fact, however, that there was here on the easterly side of this beautiful Paupack valley a century or more ago, a stockade or fort with a guard house attachment; that a person came on foot through the then great forests, from Wyoming Valley in the night-time to warn the settlers of their great danger of being killed by the red man's bullet or scalping knife. All this we believe to be true because our grandfathers and grandmothers told us so. We know the name of the great captain that rode from Winchester to Cedar Creek, and the black charger that carried him so quickly hence, all of which has been celebrated in song, and will forever remain famous. But who was he and what was the name of him who on foot and alone, braved the dangers of a lurking foe, through forest and stream, that our people here might seek safer and less dangerous places than their newly adopted homes. Pau-Puck.

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### **Editor's Notes -**

‡ Enclosed with this newsletter please find Wallenpaupack Historical Society's *2015 Membership Directory*. Please refrain from using the listed addresses and phone numbers for solicitation purposes. The directory is published with the intention of encouraging friendship and community amongst Society members.

‡ The membership application and volunteer form printed on page four of each newsletter appears in order to advertise for new memberships and volunteers from the lake region of Pike and Wayne Counties. Please pass along the printed membership application or volunteer form to people who would be interested in joining the Wallenpaupack Historical Society.

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Wallenpaupack Historical Society has volunteer opportunities available for people interested in participating in the mission of “Keeping the history of Lake Wallenpaupack alive and accessible for present and future generations.”

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

There are many activities that are conducted by the Society, such as organizing and displaying collections and artifacts, working outdoors on upkeep of the Williams House or historic Purdytown and Taft Cemeteries, organizing annual programs and fundraisers, writing and transcribing articles for the monthly newsletter, updating the Society’s website, and serving on the Board of Directors.

## VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

- Organizing or displaying Society artifacts
- Facilities upkeep for the Williams House and historic Purdytown and Taft Cemeteries
- Planning special programs or fundraising events
- Contributing to the monthly newsletter
- Website maintenance
- Yearly financial auditing
- Serving on the Board of Directors
- Other interests such as:

For anyone willing to donate your time, WHS has a place for you to contribute either for a single project or for an ongoing basis.

If you would like to volunteer, please complete this form and mail to:

WHS, P.O. Box 345, Paupack PA 18451

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## Wallenpaupack Historical Society Membership

Membership benefits include a monthly newsletter, special notices of upcoming programs of interest, and the right to vote in the corporation. Memberships are for the calendar year. New membership applications received in the final three months of the fiscal year (October, November and December) are automatically extended until the end of December in the following year.

Please complete the following form and mail with your payment, payable to Wallenpaupack Historical Society, to:  
Wallenpaupack Historical Society  
P.O. Box 345  
Paupack, PA 18451

Student \$5.00     Individual \$15.00     Family \$25.00     Corporate \$50.00

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Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Please check here if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email instead of U.S. Mail.



For student membership only -  
Name of school, college or university: