

JUNE 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

- June 17, 12:00 noon, Annual June Picnic -

The Williams House, Manor Woods Court and Route 507, Paupack, Pike Co.

The WHS Annual June Picnic will be held this year at the Williams House, followed by a road-trip to view the site of the Paupack fort, including the ever-flowing spring, the Pellett House c. 1807, the Wyoming-Minisink Path, now called Old Indian Trail, and the Old Ground of the Paupack Cemetery where the remains of many original settlers are interred. Please bring a lawn chair, if possible, for the picnic at the Williams House, and a salad or dessert to share. WHS will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee, iced tea, and condiments. All will be served at noon.

Pocono Rocks

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

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

**2015 Program
Refreshment
Committee**

August - Bea Martin and
Kristen Brown

Hawley Opera House

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

A history of the Hawley Opera House

Annual September Awards Banquet

Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort

Details to follow soon



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AT BINGHAM PARK

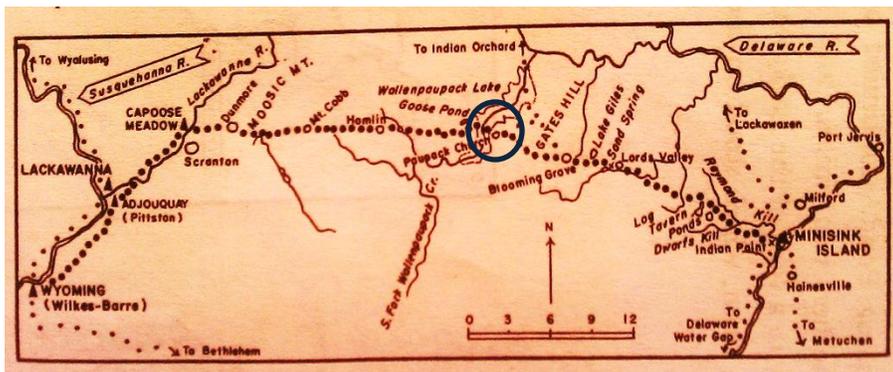
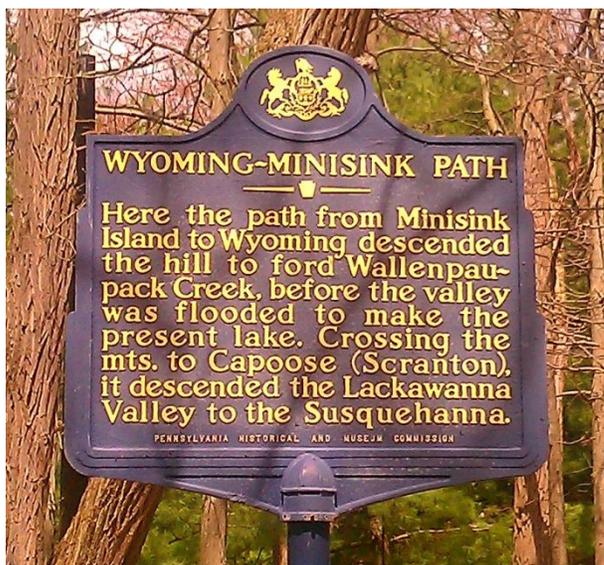
Annual Spring Banquet
The Settlers Inn, Hawley
May 22, 2015

Thank you to all who attended the annual Spring Banquet at the Settlers Inn on May 22.

Thank you to The Settlers Inn for hosting WHS with a discounted rate for this event!

Pictured are Jon Tandy, who presented on the Wallenpaupack history of Wilsonville and WHS President Bob Essex, seated.



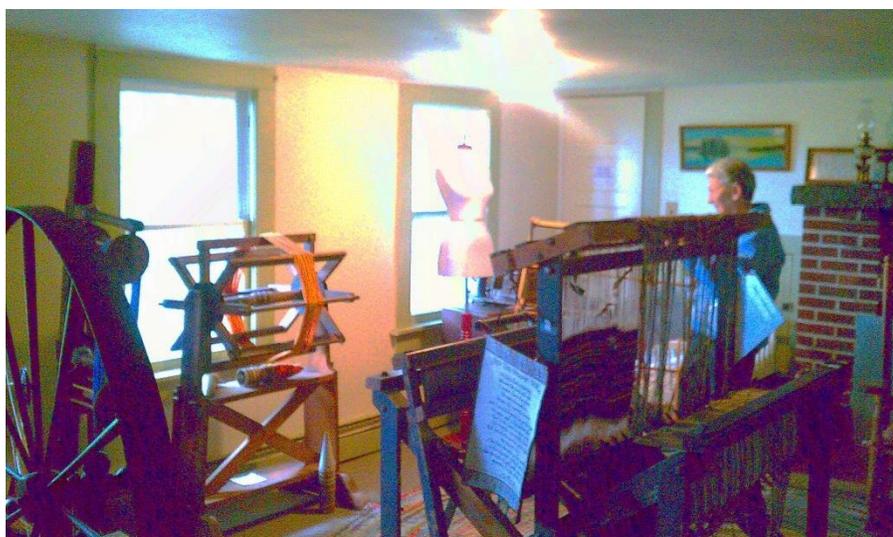


Annual June Picnic and Road-trip of Palmyra Township
 June 17, 12 noon at
 The Williams House

This year's June Picnic will be held at the Williams House in Paupack, and will be followed by a road-trip of Palmyra Township's Old Ground of the Paupack Cemetery, the Pellett House, the site of the Paupack fort, and the Wyoming-Minisink Path.

The Wyoming-Minisink Path is the Indian trail that went from Wyoming (see map above) to Minisink Island of the Delaware River. The path used to cross the Wallenpaupack Creek 1/2 mile south of the Paupack United Methodist Church located on Route 507.

Pictured at above left, the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission's blue historical marker noting the Indian trail's location in Paupack; a map of the trail with the remaining section circled in blue; Williams House spring cleaning volunteers Donna Stuccio, Nancy Gumble and Ann Wiedenman; Ann Wiedenman among historic artifacts at the Williams House.



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 Published by J. Chrissy, No. 4 Minor Street, Philadelphia, 1845

**LETTER XXIX.
 THE WALLENPAUPACK.**

A tract of country lying upon the Wallenpaupack creek, and contained in what is now Palmyra Township, Pike county, was settled at the time of the emigration of the Wyoming pioneers from Connecticut.

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The details that are subjoined, contain the entire history of its settlement, which tradition has preserved.

In 1752, the county of Northampton was erected. Of this county, the country along the Wallenpaupack was a part. Whether Connecticut, at that time of the emigration, claimed the ownership of, and civil jurisdiction over this colony, I have had no means of ascertaining.

A warrant was issued out of the Proprietary Office, 25th November, 1748, under which a tract of land upon the Wallenpaupack creek, containing 12,150 acres, was surveyed 14th October, 1751, 'for the use of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania,' called 'The Wallenpaupack Manor.' 21st February, 1793, this manor was conveyed to the Hon. James Wilson, who gave mortgage to John Penn, elder, and John Penn, younger, the vendors. In 1804, when this part of Northampton had become Wayne county, the mortgage of Judge Wilson was foreclosed, and the land purchased by Samuel Sitgreaves, of Easton, in trust for the Penn heirs. The settlers at that time residing on the manor, bought the land of Sitgreaves, who made to them the first title that was ever in the hands of the actual occupants of the land.

Some time between the years 1750 and 1760, a family, named Carter, settled upon the Wallenpaupack creek. This is supposed to have been the first white family that ever visited the neighborhood. The spot upon which the house was built is in view of the road leading from Sterling, (this is the road running parallel with the Wallenpaupack, the whole extent of the settlement) in Wayne county, to the Milford and Oswego turnpike, seven miles southwest from Wilsonville. The old Indian path, from Cocheton to Wyoming, crossed the Wallenpaupack about thirty rods below the house of the Carters. During the French and Indian war, which commenced in 1756, the members of the family were all murdered, and the house was burnt by a tribe of Indians in the service

of the French. When the emigrants from Connecticut arrived on the banks of the Wallenpaupack, the chimney of the house and a stone oven alone were standing.

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One of the first labours of the settlers after their emigration was the erection of a fort. This fort, which was probably somewhat primitive in its construction, was a field containing about an acre, surrounded by a trench, into which upright pieces of hewed timber were firmly fixed. The spot was selected from the circumstance of its containing a living spring. The fort was erected on the eastern side of the Sterling road, almost immediately opposite the point where the road leading through Salem, over Cobb's mountain, and along the Lackawanna to the Wyoming settlements, called the 'Old Wyoming road,' branches off from the Sterling road. It is six miles southwest from the hamlet now marked on the maps as Wilsonville. Within the enclosed space was a block-house, also built of squared pieces of hewed timber, upon the top of which was a sentry-box, made bullet-proof. There was, beside, a guard-house standing just east of the block-house. The defenses were so constructed that a rifle ball fired from the high ground on the east into the fort, would strike the palisades on the opposite side above a man's head. After rumours of the Indian troubles on the Susquehanna reached the Wallenpaupack, the settlers constantly spent the night in the fort. The spring, whose existence and situation governed the colonists in their selection of a stronghold, still bubbles by the way side, and nothing but a pile of loose stones indicates to the traveler the formidable neighborhood to which it has been exposed.

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The most perfect equality existed throughout the settlement as to rights, privileges and property. The lands were disposed of, it is believed, by lot. The title of each man to his land was the consent, and the proof of his title was the memory, of his neighbors. Until 1804, when the land was purchased at sheriff's sale, by Mr. Sitgreaves, no deed had been held by an occupant for a single acre.

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

To our friends who would like to become new members -

Not Already a Member? Please Join Wallenpaupack Historical Society!

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

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