

**AUGUST 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**

**A History of the Hawley Opera House**

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

A history of the Hawley Opera House

Refreshment Committee - Bea Martin and Kristen Brown

**Please Join Us**

**Wallenpaupack Historical Society's  
Annual Preservation Awards Dinner**

Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort

Sunday, September 27

4:30 p.m. cash bar

5:30 p.m. family-style dinner

6:30 p.m. awards presentation and  
silent auction

**ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS DINNER  
EHRHARDT'S WATERFRONT RESORT**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 4:30 p.m.  
RESERVATIONS \$35.00 PER PERSON**

Reservations due by Friday, the eighteenth of September.

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 \$35.00 per person attending to:

Nancy Gumble  
P.O. Box 303  
Tafton, PA 18464

NAMES of PEOPLE ATTENDING:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

AMOUNT of CHECK ENCLOSED:



## Antique Dealers Association of Wayne and Pike and Sullivan County Donates to WHS

Thank you to the Wayne, Pike and Sullivan County Antique Dealers Association, of White Mills, for the generous donation of \$500 intended to support the mission of Wallenpaupack Historical Society.

If you missed the annual Antiques Show on August first and second at Wallenpaupack Area High School, please visit the Association's website, [www.WPSADA.com](http://www.WPSADA.com), for a listing of local antique dealers and future events.

*The following text is reprinted, source:*

**THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE**  
JUNE 8, 1912

*from Little Men and Women's Section*

### ***A FINE VACATION***

*submitted by a 12 year old boy from Scranton*

Dear Little Men and Little Women:

I want to tell you how I spent my last vacation.

I was invited to a place in Wayne County, Penn, called Lacawac. The cottage is built in the woods. on a lake, the nearest town being two miles and a half away. The Erle Railroad is nearest to it, Lake Ariel, nine miles away. The place has three hundred acres of woodland and sixty acres of lake. On the place over fifty deer are allowed to roam. They cannot get out because of the high fence around it. They often come to the cottage to feed and are seen in the lake nearby. In the lake are many bass, perch, pickerel, catfish and sunfish. Lake trout have been seen near the landing but never caught. There is a fine beach for swimming. There are many nice walks through the woods, one of which is to the Paupac River. There are four ledges to go over to get to the river, at which ladders have been placed to make it easier. Near here two boys and myself killed a black snake measuring six feet four inches in length. Many garter snakes are seen near the house. Two dogs are kept, and on rainy days the barn is a fine place for roller skating. Within a mile and a half of the cottage is a farm where chickens, cows, pigs and horses are kept. Half a mile from the farm is a creek, where it is fun to catch crabs and crawfish. Here I have spent one of my finest vacations and learned to swim and fish.

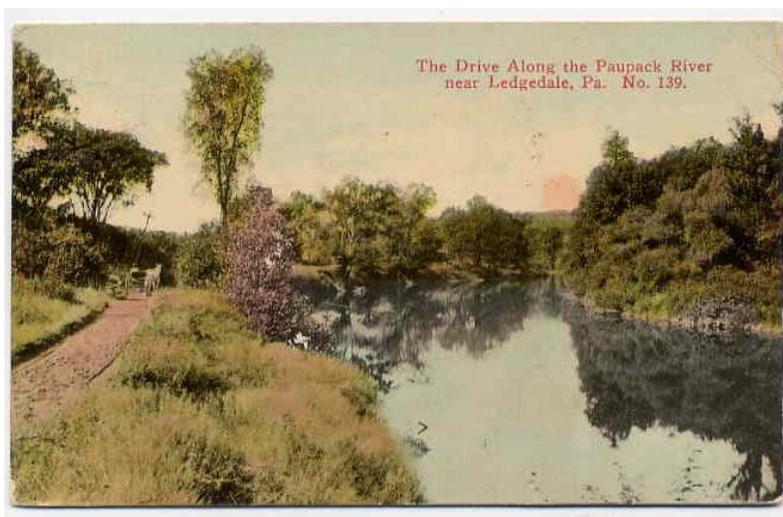
Yours truly,

Stewart Lindsay (aged 12)

No. 1631 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Penn.

Editor's Note:

The letter is most likely describing the area now known as Lacawac Sanctuary and the Ledgesdale cliffs.



*A vintage postcard of the Paupac River near Ledgesdale from the early twentieth century*

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A DEDICATION TO BUD  
GEORGE ELLIOTT COUTTS 1921 - 2015  
FROM KRISTEN

Awake!

There is a lioness guarding my grandfather -  
he who is elderly and sleepy -  
she guards his quiet movements so that nothing can come near.

He roars!

Hear the roar of the lion that guards the lioness that guards my grandfather -  
my grandfather who has a noble soul -  
whose elderly body requires the fortitude of a guarding and protective lioness.

He sleeps!

My grandfather who loves this world -  
who with reverence to the creator could not imagine a more beautiful place  
than this earth -  
he who loves this world so much -  
who walks here with the peace of a saint.

He rests his eyes and folds his hands, resting on his back next to the fearsome  
guard of his lioness.

Love!

To aspire to heights of love, to its grace -  
with the strength and fortitude of my grandfather's lioness.



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*Photographed, left to right, Harold Coutts, Grandfather Conrad Gumble and Bud Coutts, in approximately 1926 at the Coutts dairy farm in Paupack. Bud's memories of his grandfather were recorded in the Gumble Family Reunion Book of 2000, where Bud stated that his grandfather "was a stocky, solidly built man with gray hair and a prominent gray mustache, a ruddy face and penetrating eyes. As mother produced more grandchildren, he would hold them as he rocked, singing and humming German lullabies to them. He doted on each one, feeding the youngest at the table, walking older ones around on the farm. In 1930 he fell ill. A nurse was hired to minister to his ailment, but one evening he developed a violent seizure. I watched as the nurse quickly gave him an injection, but it was of no avail and he died in a little bedroom that had been prepared for him just off the kitchen... The absence of grandparents with their love, influence, and friendship, has always left an unfulfilled vacuum in our lives."*

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  
Paupack, PA 18451

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

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

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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: