

DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

WALLENPAUPACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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and accessible for present and future generations"*



Wallenpaupack Historical Society's Upcoming Events



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Holiday Party

December 16, 12:00 noon at the ELC

- Annual holiday party with performance by the WAHS Chamber Choir and Show Choir
- Please bring holiday refreshments to share, especially for the WAHS Choir as this is the students' lunch on that day.

Bring-an-Artifact and General Meeting

January 20, 1:00 p.m. at the ELC

- Bring an antique or historical artifact, and tell about its significance and place in history.
- The annual general meeting will also be held.
- Refreshment committee: Bob Essex and Nancy Gumble

How to Make Maple Syrup

February 17, 1:00 p.m. at the ELC

- Andy Anderson will present on the process of making your own maple syrup.

WHS Meeting Cancellation Policy

Due to Inclement Weather

When Wallenpaupack Area School District delays, closes, or dismisses early, all meetings are cancelled and rescheduled on a to-be-announced date, EXCEPT the annual meeting held in January which is rescheduled for the next full day school is open.

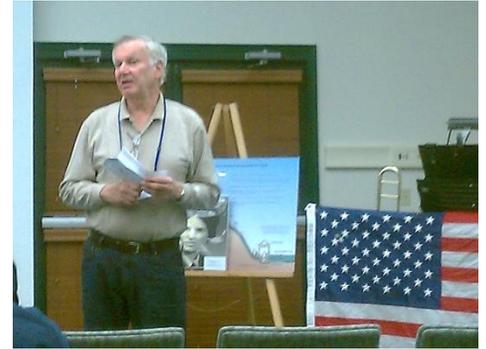
A telephone phone-chain is being devised to help keep people informed about meetings and presentations rescheduled due to inclement weather. Please provide your accurate phone number on the enclosed annual membership renewal form.



Meeting Notes November Membership Meeting Veterans Day Program

Richard Briden announced the winner of the annual quilt raffle: Congratulations to Renee Elder of West Babylon, New York! Richard and the quilters help to raise \$2000 for WHS with this year's quilt raffle. Special thanks to Friends with a Heart for donating the raffle quilt and for selling and mailing tickets. Thanks very much to the Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center for selling over \$400 worth of raffle tickets.

Andy Anderson played the trombone and synthesizer to the National Anthem and patriotic songs. Bob Essex gave a presentation on the World Trade Center bombings of 2001 and his work as a police officer for the Port Authority, having been on location at the World Trade Center the morning of and months after the bombings. Bob also provided a history of the Port Authority. Pictured below is a piece of steel beam removed from the wreckage and welded into a cross, image of the twin towers, and flag that reads '9 11 01'. Also pictured is Bob giving his presentation.



Pictured to the far right is a quilt made by Friends with a Heart for the organization Quilts of Valor, whose mission is to 'Cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor'. More information about Quilts of Valor can be found at the website www.qovf.org. In addition to donating their handmade quilting items to organizations like Quilts of Valor and Wallenpaupack Historical Society, Friends with a Heart have also donated \$800 to local food pantries this year. These funds are raised by selling quilted items at area festivals and booths.

A History of Maple Farm, home of the Vetterlein Family

Thank you to contributing editor Nan Coutts Brown for providing the following historical account of the Vetterlein homestead of Paupack, Palmyra Township, Pike County.

LOCAL FAMILIES FEATURE - VETTERLEIN

If walls could talk, the old farmhouse at the corner of Ansley Road and Route 507 in Paupack could tell of glorious days long gone - full of children and laughter and hard work. And, like the Ansley, Slocum

and Killam homes nearby, the Vetterlein home was a thriving part of the community.

Henry Vetterlein, who emigrated from Saxony, Germany in the 1850's, purchased this 200 -acre property along the Wallenpaupack Creek from Jacob Kimble's daughter, Esther Kimble, probably around 1876 when they moved to this area from New York City.

Henry and his wife Henrietta (who had died in 1857) had only one child, Walter, who was born in New York City in 1856.

Water was a valuable assistant in all his father's undertakings with the farm and, when Henry died in 1888, he took charge of the farm and successfully engaged in farming and dairying. Walter had married Wilhelmina "Minnie" Buehler in 1886. Her parents, Christof and Katherine Buehler lived nearby in a farm near the Atkinson farm and saw mill.

After the lake was built, Walter and Minnie made a great success in the boarding house business, as did so many other locals. Minnie had a great reputation for chicken dinners, and tourists were attracted to Vetterlien's Maple Farm by the home-like appointments and excellent cuisine.

Walter died suddenly in 1928 at the age of 72. His obituary states that "in the passing of Squire Vetterlein, Palmyra township loses one of its best and most respected citizens - a man who for a half a century at least was closely identified with the civil, political, social and religious welfare of the community, and one whose place in the township will be difficult to fill. His acquaintance was practically countrywide and extended beyond Pike and Wayne Counties.

"During his 53 years of residence in Palmyra township he took an active part in politics and for many years was the Democratic leader. He was frequently elected

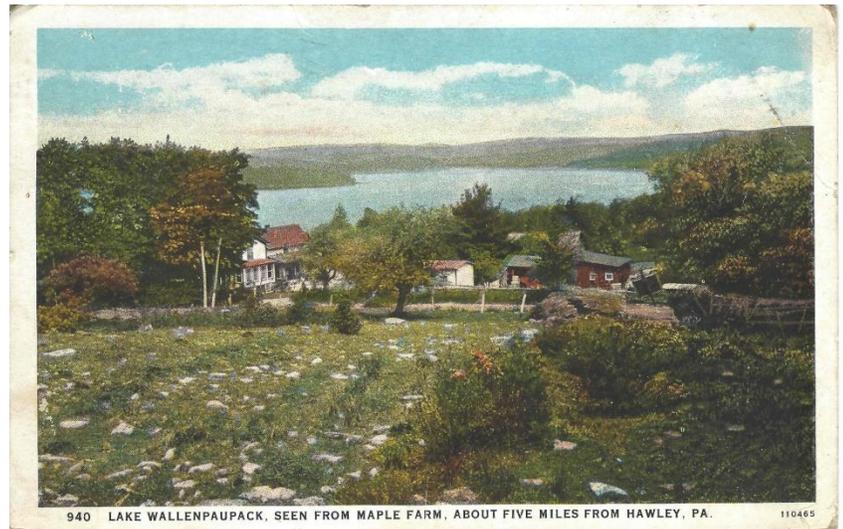
to public offices and served as town clerk, assessor, collector, township treasurer, election officer, school director and justice of the peace, holding both of the last named offices at the time of his death. He was a capable, painstaking official and all his duties were filled with exactness and impartiality and to the satisfaction of the township. He was a man among men. Mr. Vetterlein never aspired to county office but once was prevailed upon by his friends to make the race for County Auditor, to which he was elected and served three years."

Funeral service was held at the home and burial was made with Masonic rites at Paupack.

Minnie passed away in 1941. Six children had been born to them (one of whom did not survive to adulthood): Henry, Frederica, Louise, Alma and Hildegard. The property is still owned by a descendent of Alma Vetterlein Mansuy.

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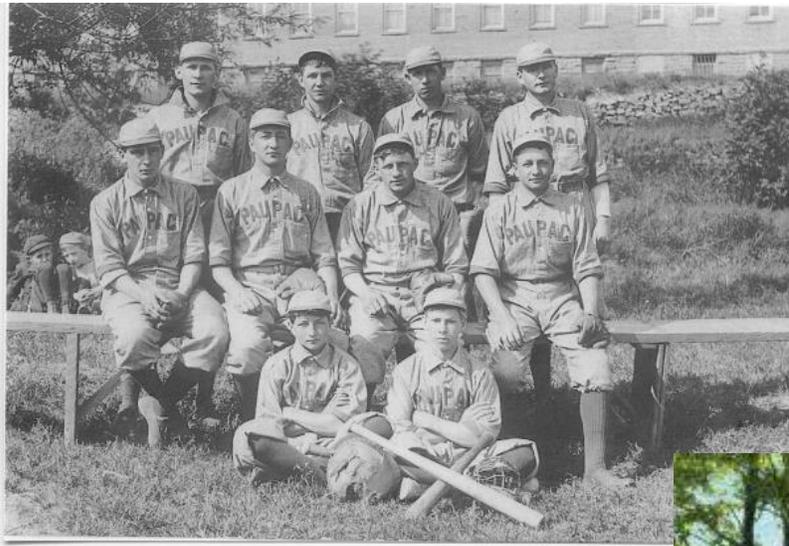
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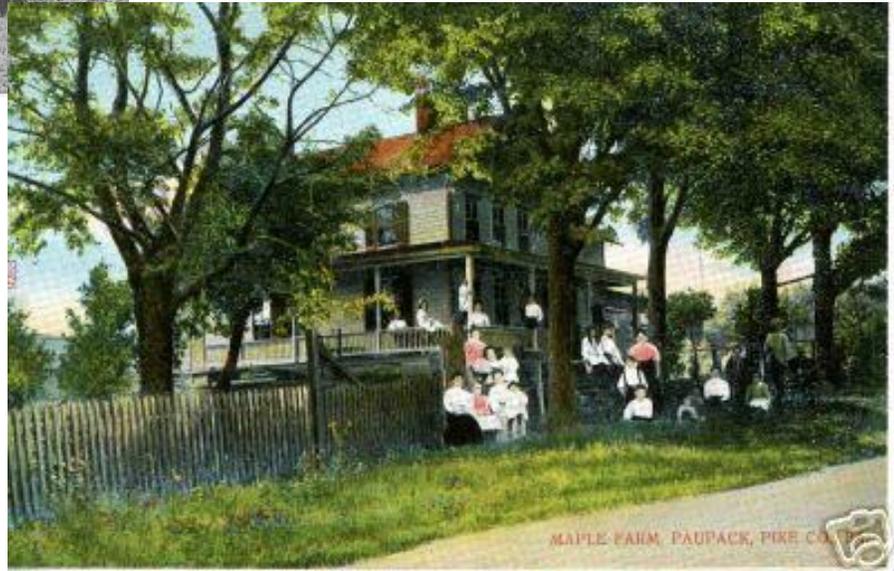
940 LAKE WALLEPAUPACK, SEEN FROM MAPLE FARM, ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM HAWLEY, PA.

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Paupack Baseball Team
1908



Maple Farm
1907

To friends who would like to become 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.

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