

FABIUS Historical Society Newsletter

No.10 Summer, 2005

Fabius, NY



2005

Fabius Historical Society Meetings

@ the Fabius

Community Center

Business meetings start at
7:30 pm and the Programs
start at 8:00pm sharp.

June 6th, 2005

10,000 BC to the Day

Before Yesterday with

Gordon DeAngelo

July 5th, 2005

Evergreen Cemetery

August 1st 2005

Deeds by Bob DeMore

Sept 5th 2005

History of our Region

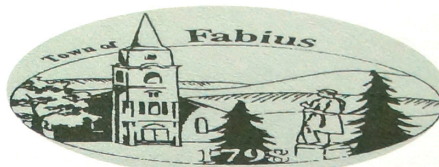
Oct 3rd

Forgotten Towns & Villages

Dick Case

**Fabius Historical Society
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A Newsletter from the
Fabius Historical Society



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Memorial Day Festivities

**Veteran Photos & Much More
on Display**
Sunday 12noon – 4pm
Monday 9am – 3pm

From the President's Desk



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership of our Fabius Historical Society for the great job they continue to do to preserve, collect and share the history of our very fine Town of Fabius. I would also like to thank those who have supported our organization with their membership. As with most organizations, there is usually a core group who is very active and handles the bulk of the work. My hope is that many more members and residents will come forward and lend us a hand, no matter how small the offer might seem. We all need to get involved in the society to make it a great society. This society and the history we collect can only benefit our community.

Our gift to Fabius on Memorial Day Y2005 is a large, yet still incomplete collection of our military soldiers. Included in this display are soldiers with any connection to Fabius. A photo display will be the main feature again this year in the Fabius Area Community Center on Main Street. We will also have on display our scrapbook collection that Judy Conway has spent countless hours copying and assembling for viewing, along with the Military Collection and Ephemera of Robert Good.

We are asking for community support in the form of volunteers to help with the Memorial Day Celebration. Refreshments would be appreciated, along with "roving helpers" (to answer visitor questions) for an hour or two on Sun. afternoon and Monday morning. You don't need to "talk military, just be neighborly."

Thank you,

Al LaFrance, FHS President

Memorial Day has always been a very special day of celebration in Fabius, NY. The streets are packed with parade viewers and we all take a day to show respect for those who have given their time and effort in our country's defense. Because so many have served our country over the years, it is often difficult to remember everyone. The Fabius Historical Society (FHS) has taken on this responsibility. For Memorial Day 2004, FHS established a display of 220 photos of Fabius Veterans. Since then, many more photos and information have come forward, allowing the FHS to present a larger collection for display. We are still actively collecting photos of veterans, both past and present. Veterans do not have to be born in Fabius, but have some connection to the Fabius Community. We are also especially interested in information on those who served in the Civil War. You may submit a photo and any pertinent information to Bill Casey Email bill5308@aol.com, (315) 683-5674

Or mail to:

Bill Casey/Fabius Veterans
PO Box 36
Apulia Station, NY 13020

Also on display are many other items that the Historical Society has preserved, including a vast collection of photocopied scrapbooks. If your family has a scrapbook, clippings or photographs, please consider sharing with the community by telling us about them and allowing us to make arrangements to copy or photograph them.

Robert Good will again display his ever-growing Military Collection and Ephemera. If you have military items that you think should be displayed, consider donating them to Robert's collection. Robert can be contacted at: 677-9115.

Fabius Past & Present We are starting a new display for future years that will demonstrate the many changes that our town and homes have seen. Please bring any such pictures to the Fabius Area Community Center on Memorial Day and allow us to photograph them. Your photographs will never have to leave your side. The FHS and the Fabius Community will be eternally grateful.

About the photo on the cover

This image was copied from the Porter family photo collection. Memorial Day has always been an important occasion for celebration in our Town. Here the Porter family of Olde Apulia displays the flag on their front porch.

PROGRAMS

Chuck Kutscher, our program chairperson, has been busy putting together this year's schedule of events. He is looking for input from the community & membership and has offered his expertise to anyone interested in making a presentation. Chuck can be contacted at: 683-9480.

The society holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of April through December. Meetings are held at the Fabius Area Community Center and commence at 7:30pm sharp with a business session that concludes no later than 8pm. Presentations start at 8pm and normally last for one hour. Refreshments follow the meetings.

June 6th : 10,000BC 'Til the Day Before Yesterday by Gordon and Barbara DeAngelo. Gordon was employed by NYS for 34 years as a landscape architect, working with highway construction and dealing with important local cultural areas and cemeteries. Since retirement he has continued this avid interest in the archaeology of CNY. As the title indicates, his interests extend back to the last ice age. He and his wife Barbara are experts on excavation methods, finding and verifying the use of structures, dating and analyzing artifacts, and explaining the use of ceramics, glass, metal and wood in creating artifacts.

June 18th 2-5pm Living History Tour Oran Cemetery PHS Info call 682-6312: Darothy of Oran

July 5th: 7PM MEET @ CEMETERY AND BRING YOUR WALKING SHOES
History of the Evergreen Cemetery by the members of the Cemetery Assn. This is a walking tour of the cemetery, pointing out the Victorian layout, unique highlights within and information on the many famous people who "reside" there.

August 1st: Oddities in Titles, Deeds & Wills by Robert DeMore. Hidden within these legal papers are useful resources and many amusing and interesting facts. Bob will guide us through how these resources can help historians and genealogists.

Sept. 5th: General History of Our Region From the Revolutionary War Land Grant Period to Turn of the Century Photos of Early Fabius. This was a program that was produced and presented to the Fabius-Pompey Faculty in the Fall of 2004.

October 3rd: The Lost and Forgotten Towns, Villages and Hamlets
by Dick Case. Dick will copies of his book for those who might be interested in purchasing a copy.

Executive Committee: A tentative listing of Executive Committee appointments as proposed by our President:

- Ruth Bryan (Secretary) 683-5806
- Joanne Casey (Civil War, Archivist, Newsletter) 683-5674
- Judy Conway (Scrapbook, Treasury Audit & Vice President) 683-5275
- Bill Casey (Barns, Scrapbook, Newsletter) 683-5674
- Charles Shea (Senior Adviser & By-laws) 683-5371
- Al LaFrance (Archaeology, President) 662-7022
- Kate Cameron (Treasury Audit, Photos, By-laws) 683-9485
- Sheri Schlicht (Treasurer, 683-5629)
- Linda Meyers (Scrapbooks, F-P School) 677-5280
- Chuck Kutscher (Oral History, Programs) 683-9480
- Carol Gossner (By-laws) 683-5293

Please feel free to call any of these Executive Committee members and share your thoughts

Reminder:

FHS Membership dues are due by April 1st of each year. Membership contributions are the only source of income for the Fabius Historical Society. Unless you become a member, you will not receive future newsletters. Please complete the enclosed membership form. If you are current with your membership (look at the label on the newsletter) please pass on the enclosed membership application and encourage others to join.

ARTICLES ALWAYS NEEDED

Please consider contributing an article for future newsletters. Our readers are always telling us that they enjoy reading the various articles submitted by Fabius residents, both past and present. There are many old stories that need to be shared with the people who love and enjoy the history of our area. You need not worry about your handwriting, punctuation or grammar; the computer works wonders.

(For Example, a suggested topic could be how various families chose to settle in Fabius.)

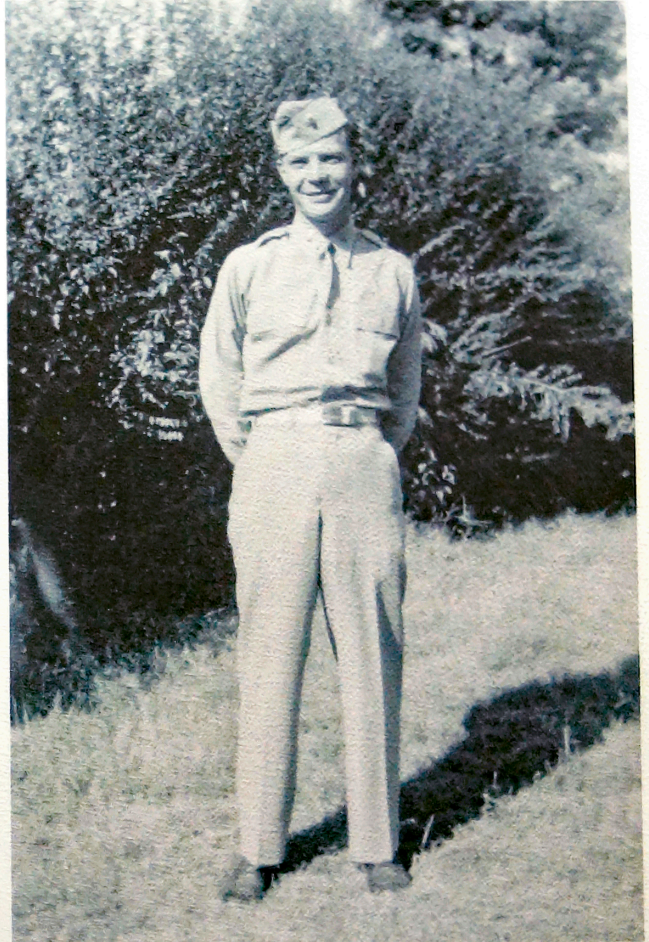
FREDERICK J. DEMONG

Submitted by Mary Shea Demong

Frederick J. Demong was inducted into the Army in Syracuse and sent to Fort Niagara and then to Camp Pickett, Virginia. Here, he graduated from Officer's Training School as a Second Lieutenant in the Motorpool of the 126th

Evacuation Hospital. Anyone who has ever seen M*A*S*H* as a movie or TV series will know very accurately the type of activity and setting of a typical evacuation hospital. Camp Van Dorn in Mississippi (fondly called Camp Forlorn by its men) was indeed typical. --- Wooden buildings, tents with few amenities, the most primitive of operating rooms, a huge mess tent with long wooden benches where meals were cooked on an immense black iron stove stoked with wood---in 110 degree heat day after day. Camp Dorn also included a prisoner of war camp filled with German soldiers and concrete buildings enclosed in high wire fences.

When he left the States just before Christmas in 1944, Fred's unit and thousands of other troops sailed on the Queen Elizabeth, which because of its speed, was not part of a convoy. While in the European Theatre, the 126th served in Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia.



The accompanying picture of Frederick J. Demong was taken in Syracuse in late June of 1945. He had arrived that afternoon on the New York Central Railroad from Camp Dix where he was being deployed to the States with hundreds of other units to be deployed to the Far East. They came back to base camp from the European Theatre on an Italian troop ship, the Monticello.

That day was the first time he had ever seen his first daughter, Suzanne, who was born in April of that year. At that time the Red Cross tried to notify parents on overseas duty of the birth of a child. Three days after she was born, Frederick, who was in Germany, received a telegram telling of her arrival.

Thousands of men were given a month's leave and then sent to Camp Bowie, Texas and other camps for re-deployment. Fortunately, V.J. Day occurred before their actual departure date, and hundreds of units were retained in the States for further duties.

Frederick eventually returned to New York and was discharged in February of 1946, as a First Lieutenant. In the years following the War, he was both a salesman and distributor for Kendall Oil, Quaker State Oil and Poole Oil Companies.

He died on November 6, 1995 and is interred in the Fabius Evergreen Cemetery.

EARLY FABIUS NEWSPAPERS

From the "*FABIUS BLOTTER*" Vol. I No. 3, dated August 4, 1910
and *FABIUS IN HISTORY*

"Seventy-five years ago, in 1835, this place was known as Franklin village. This was true only of the village, for the Post Office was Fabius from the first. Just when the community at large abandoned its old name and adopted its present title we do not know.

About April 1st, 1835, Joseph Tenney put out the first copy of the *American Patriot* newspaper. His printing office was located over the dry goods store of R. & S. Smith and directly opposite the Franklin House, in the western section of what was then Franklin village. The Franklin House stood on the corner where A. J. Brown's store now stands and the dry goods store of R. & S. Smith was on the opposite corner where Jim Powers lives."

The *Patriot* was a four-page weekly, containing mostly national and international news, poetry, serial stories and NYS farm market prices. Subscription rate was set at \$2 per annum in advance, although the publisher agreed to accept "barter" of rags, ashes, cheese, eggs, maple syrup, wheat and other farm products in lieu of a cash subscription. Advertisers included Castle and Andrews (general store), Frank & Birdsall (gristmill), Davis Younglove (tannery), Morse & Lasell (Franklin Furnace, plows and castings), Orlando Knapp (sheet iron foundry), and White & Higbee of Apulia village (lumber). The paper contained no local news, only a list of unclaimed letters at the post office and local advertisements and was continued for only about three years.

EXTRACTED HONEY

This year's crop on sale. A No. 1 quality. Put up in five and ten pound pails.

FRED G. MASON, Fabius, N.Y.

In 1910, Arthur Rowley and Ralph Clough published the *Fabius Blotter* every Thursday at a subscription cost of 50 cents for 6 months or 3-cents/single copy. They also state that rags will be accepted in payment of subscriptions to the Blotter, but they must have that "long green" color. This short-lived paper contained weekly town meetings held at Hamilton & Shea's hall and local news of our suburbs of Gooseville, Vincent Corners, Apulia Station, etc. A small selection included in the August 1910 included the following tidbits:

In Blocktown: Mr. Dennis Dwyer has just had a telephone installed in his house and Herbert Rawlings is building a fine new barn.

Apulia Station: Mr. Irving Mills is riding a new motorcycle.


"Gallinger Ave": While fixing a pulley in the top of his barn Thomas Herlihy was overcome with the heat and fell to the floor. He was well shaken up but not seriously injured.

* Advertisements are from the 1910 *Fabius Blotter* Newspaper

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CLASS
WORK
DONE NOW**

AT THE NEW
FABIUS BARBER SHOP

L. G. BENEDICT, Prop.



ONCE WAS.

MOTOR CYCLES

Any make second-hand machines at rock bottom prices. One or two on hand. Drop in and look them over.

M.A. BROOKS, Fabius, N. Y.

GRAND UNION TEA CO.

Grand Union products— Tea, Coffee, Spices, Soaps, Extracts etc.

BAKING POWDER A SPECIALTY

See our complete line of useful premiums at

MRS. CLARA MASON'S, FABIUS, N. Y.

HARDWARE FOR HARDWARE

I have no specials in ladies' waists or men's footwear this week.

My business is **HARDWARE** first, last and all
SELLING the time

I aim to carry in stock for your convenience all kinds of seasonable articles of hardware needed in the village or country home and stable.

Fair prices, fine goods, small profits and a square deal for

EVERYBODY

A. P. GALLINGER, Fabius N. Y.

At "THE DOWN-TOWN STORE"

Ladies' Home Journals always ON sale—10c. Ladies' Home Journal patterns—these patterns are the latest, most up-to-date patterns on sale, made especially for HOME DRESS MAKING. Sample and complete directions and instructions for using them.

Beginning with the September number the Journal will come out bi-monthly instead of only once a month and will sell for 10c a copy instead of 15c.

REMEMBER

that we always have a good line of dress goods, ready-made dresses and other garments and

ALSO REMEMBER

that if we haven't what you want, we will order it **ESPECIALLY** for you. We have just got in a piece of excellent quality, yard wide

BLACK TAFFETA, 3.00 YD.

New patterns and notions, fresh fruits, etc., on the grocery side.

If you don't see what you want here, ask for it.

C. H. MEIGS, FABIUS, N. Y.

OLD HOME DAY

"Last year, in the month of August, some one began thinking. The result of this thinking was a Fabius picnic, known more fittingly as Old Home Day. From the very first, the idea was popular. The businessmen, the farmers, their wives, and especially the children all favored it. Consequently the picnic, last year, was a *success*, and everyone declared that Old Home Day must be permanent.

Now the word has gone forth that old home day is again coming. The Fourth of July is past, and this is the next red-letter day in the Fabius calendar and just when it will be has not yet been decided, but probably some day in the latter part of August will be set.

This year, since everyone is interested, systematic arrangements are being made. A meeting was called last Monday evening at Hamilton & Shea's hall, for the purpose of appointing committees to take charge of the work.

This picnic, which will probably be held in W. L. Hamilton's grove East of Fabius, affords opportunity to out-of-town people, who come here for that day, to meet a large number of old friends. The cool shade of the trees furnishes a day of rest and quiet (for those desiring it). Sports and a brass band will help furnish recreation for others. There will certainly be a ball game in which the original Fabius Colts will again do honor for their hometown. A large field meet is also being planned. This is to be a free-for-all contest and will be one of the features of the day. The old greased pole will again be climbed, while the fat *woman's* race takes place and all of this to the strains of Down in Dixie by the brass band.

Everyone, to all appearances, is going to do his utmost to make a success of the second annual Old Home Day. You can do your part when the committee approach you for a small contribution by *digging down* liberally."

Article reprinted from the 1910 *Fabius Blotter* Newspaper.



OLD HOME DAY CELEBRATION

Miss Pearl Halstead
driving pony in Fabius
Old Home Day Parade.

Seated with Miss
Halstead are Miss Mary
Agnes Patrick and Miss
Marguerite Patrick.

Miss Pearl Halstead
later married Aynsworth
Webb and became the
well-known midwife in
Fabius.

The Patrick sisters
created the school
motto "*Enter to Learn,
Leave to Serve.*"

SYRACUSE HERALD

Sept. 3, 1922

OUR AMERICAN FLAG

In 1776 America made a formal decision to form a new country and be free. From that point on, certain subjects became symbols of that freedom. The Statue of Liberty, erected in 1886 and standing at the entrance to New York's harbor, symbolizes the freedom that the US Constitution promised to all its citizens. Congress approved the bald eagle as the US national emblem on June 20, 1782. And the American flag was originally used for very practical reasons: fighting for independence, our colonies needed a way to identify their naval ships. The Continental Congress left no record to show why it chose red, white and blue as the colors for the flag.

The blue field behind the stars stands for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The resolution passed by Congress in 1777 stated that the flag should have thirteen stars, one for each state in the Union, but didn't state how they should be arranged. Throughout our history, the star patterns have been arranged in various ways—in even or staggered rows, random, a circle, and in geometric or larger star formation. Depending on the maker, early stars were often five, six, seven or eight-pointed in design.

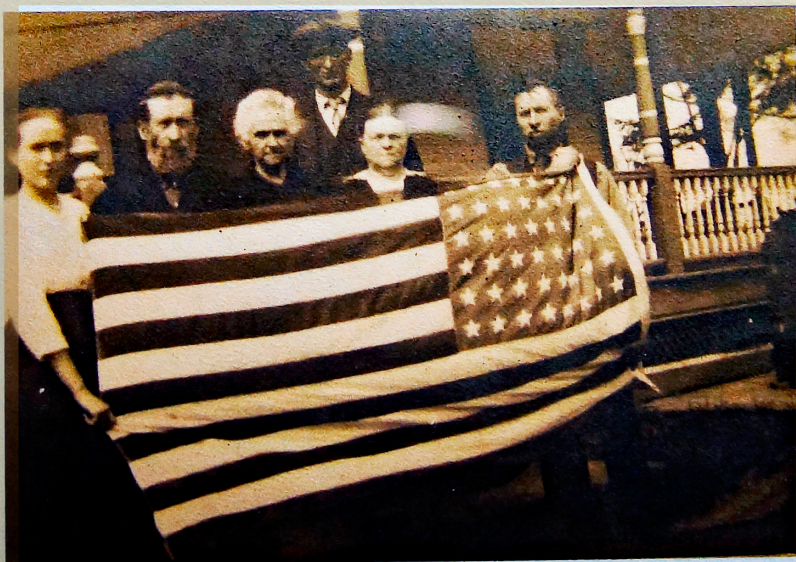
The stripes in the flag represent the original thirteen colonies. The white stripes reflect purity and innocence. The red stripes symbolize valor and courage.

Congress originally intended to increase the flag by one star and one stripe every time a new state was added to the Union. By 1794, two new states had joined the original thirteen; thus a fifteen-stripe flag was used after May 1, 1795 and was displayed until the War of 1812. By 1817, five more states had entered the Union. At this point Congress realized that as more territories applied for statehood, our flag's wide stripes would be reduced to pinstripes. It was proposed that the flag revert to its original thirteen stripes, adding only a new star to the flag on the next July 4th after each state joined the Union.

Since new states were frequently added, twenty-eight alone between 1818 and 1912, the American flag was always changing. At times in our history, many flag-makers left gaps in the blue field so those new stars could be stitched into place. The flag that was in use the longest was our forty eight-star flag (flown for 47 years) from 1912 until 1959, when Alaska joined the Union.

The flag, originally a military symbol, became a revered national symbol during the Civil War. At that time the flag came to be seen as a symbol of preserving the Union and at times was raised in every town and village north of the Mason-Dixon Line. Reverence intensified when the flag accompanied soldiers off to battle and when it was draped over coffins. Enthusiasm for displaying the flag increased again with the celebration of America's Centennial in 1876. It wasn't until 1892 that flags were raised on all schoolhouses. That same year the Pledge of Allegiance was written, although Congress did not officially recognize the pledge until 1942.

Americana Quilts: Sandy Bonsib



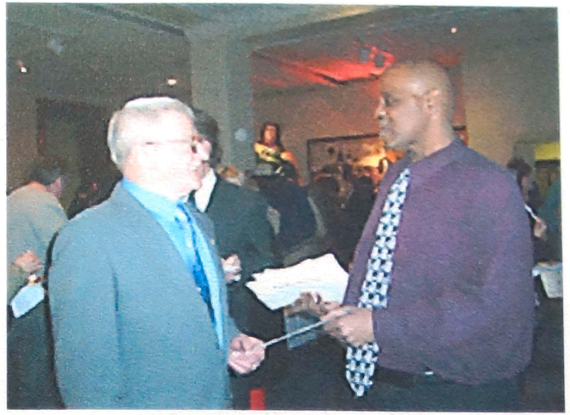
PROUD OF OUR FLAG

Photo loaned by the "Old Apulia" Porter family collection for duplication by the FHS. Family members have yet to be identified.

If you have such photos and are willing to share them, please contact us. These are wonderful treasures that our community really enjoys viewing.

FHS RECEIVES GRANT

Al LaFrance, President of FHS was awarded a Decentralization Grant for \$1,000.00 this Spring by Mark Wright of the Onondaga County Cultural Resources Council. The monies from this grant will be used for the Veterans Project and for an upcoming display featuring photos of Fabius for the "Fabius Past & Present Project."



BARNS OF OUR TOWNS

For the last year, the Barn Inventory Committee has been traveling throughout the towns of Fabius, Tully, Lafayette and Pompey, documenting old barns. Within our towns remain some of the oldest barn structures in Onondaga County. Many of these once important structures that dotted our countryside and allowed many farm families to make a living are clearly found to be neglected and forgotten. Modern agricultural practices have left many of these barns without a primary use and, unfortunately are meeting a rather quick demise. Joanne and I were very happy to hear today that ownership of the barn pictured below will be transferring to Jim Partridge, Berwyn Rd. and he will start the task of restoration.



This barn was designed and built by Irving Skeele of Apulia Station. The rare Skeele design was similar to a bridge truss in that suspension of the hay mow floor was from above and therefore required no floor supports in the dairy floor below. This design is unique to our local area and allowed as much as 36 foot of clear span floor space. This feature was very rare in the late 1890 and early

1900's and much appreciated by farmers milking, as they were no longer "pinched" between the cow and a post. This barn contains both hand-hewed and sawn beams. Other than needing a new roof and wooden siding, this structure is as sound as when it was built over 100 years ago. Irving Skeele built many other barns of this design. They include: the Herlihy-Risser barn on Herlihy Road, Patrick-McDevitt barn on Route 80 east of the village, Bill & Joanne Casey's barn on Berry Road.