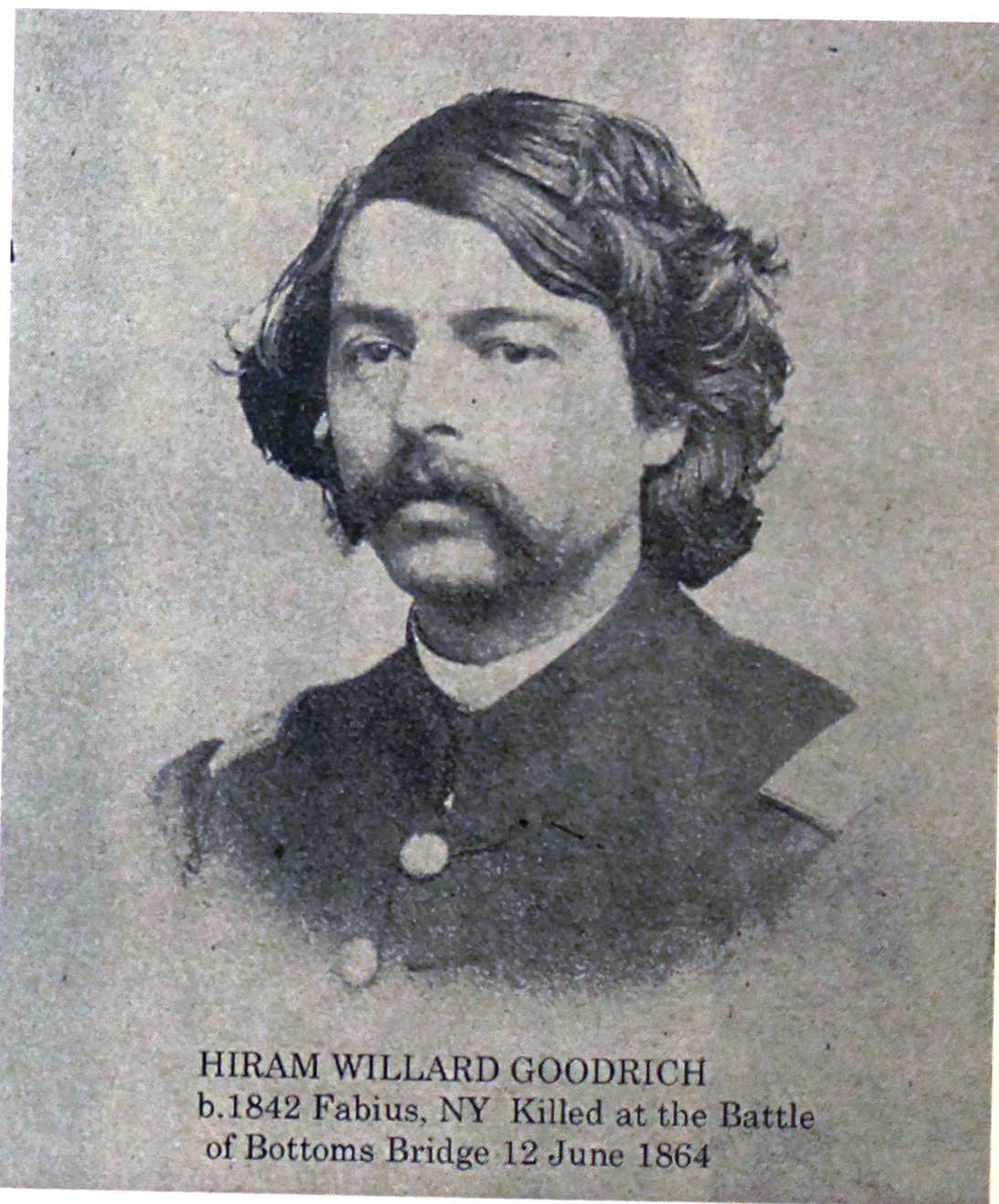


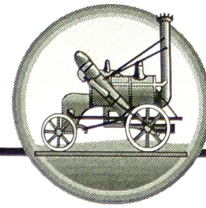
Newsletter of the Fabius Historical Society

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President's Message

Hello Everyone:

The Annual Memorial Day Historical Display will be available for viewing on May 30 and 31, 2010. This is the day to honor and remember our Fabius Veterans. Our Veteran photos collection will be on display both days and new additions and corrections are greatly appreciated. Robert Good will also be present this year with his Military Memorabilia Display.

We will also have a new selection of Fabius historical maps for sale, along with the ones that we sold last year. In our Fabius card selection, we will have 3 new cards for sale on Memorial Day weekend and 2 more will be available in July, all relating to Fabius. I am very excited about them!

The FHS has recently acquired the completed class lists for 1970 and 1973 for our Fabius School Alumni Directory. Thank you to those people for their help. We are still working on this project and welcome any information about our Fabius alumni.

This spring, the FHS has received requests from across the country about burials in the old Fabius Baptist Church Cemetery. Descendants have exchanged genealogy information for photos of the gravestones. A bonus to our collection is the detailed work done 13 years ago by John E. Fletcher as a Boy Scout. Utilizing a grid system, he and his helpers located, photographed, transcribed information off the gravestones, and compiled the data into a 3-ring binder. We thank him and his family for the donation of his work. We also received new shelving for our research room and are in need of a fire-proof storage-size safe for our scrapbook collection. If you know of one that could be donated to the FHS, please let us know. A special thank you goes to Lynn Moore, for the display case donation now located in the Pioneer Museum.

A recent letter from the IRS states that the FHS has been issued its not-for-profit status, so that contributions to our society are now deductible on your income tax forms.

Looking at the April membership list, I have noticed that several people who have been members in the past have not renewed their membership for 2010. I hope that this is just an oversight. Please join us if you haven't already.

It is with great appreciation that I want to thank my board members for providing good advice during our meetings, and to members who share their memories with pictures, objects, and information. Much deserved appreciation also goes to Chuck Kutscher for the great program line-up he has developed. Remember, our programs are free to everyone. See you at the Fabius Community Center.

Sandy Beglinger

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Reminder: FHS Membership dues are due by Jan. 1st of each year. Membership contributions are the major source of income for the FHS. Unless you become a member, you will not receive future newsletters. Please complete the enclosed membership form. If you are current with your membership please pass on the enclosed membership application and encourage others to join.

PIONEER MUSEUM

Another summer approaches, and we are very happy that the Pioneer Museum in the Highland Forest Park will again be open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during the months of June, July, and August.

A large glass display case has recently been donated by Lynn Moore, for which we are greatly appreciative. Please come and visit what we have on display pertaining to our section of Onondaga County.

If you would like to be a volunteer guide in the museum or would like to tour the museum during the off-hours of our summer schedule, please call:

Al LaFrance (315-662-7022) or
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YOUR TOSS IS OUR LOSS

As you clean out your attics, basements, closets and garages and "toss" some of those neat old things in the garbage, please take a moment and consider if they would be welcome additions for the Fabius Historical Society. We are not doing recyclables or compost, but Grandma's "favorites" and Grandpa's "can't live withouts," just might be a delightful addition in the Pioneer Museum or to our Historical Collections & Archives in our new FHS Office of the Fabius Community Center. Please think of us before you "toss."

FHS PROGRAM LINEUP

**All Meetings are at the Fabius Community Center
Main Street, Fabius, NY**

We try hard to bring you a variety of programs every year and this year is no exception. Please come and join us. The refreshments are great and people really enjoy talking with friends and neighbors. All programs are at the Fabius Community Center. We are always looking for new ideas and new people for future programs. We appreciate your support and your attendance. See you at the meetings.

Chuck Kutscher kutscher@gatling.us 683-9480

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MEMORIAL DAY IN FABIUS

Sunday, May 30, 12 - 3 pm
Monday, May 31, 9 am - 3 pm

The Fabius Community Center will be open to the public on both days for viewing of the FHS Memorial Day Historical Displays. Come and enjoy the parade and visit our display of veterans' photos, Robert Good's Military Collection, Judy Conway's scrapbooks of historical interest, a display of area pictures, school pictures from the past, a new selection of local maps, Fabius note cards, and 4X6 Fabius and Apulia area photos for sale, along with many other surprises. Come and view the historical WW II Veteran Plaque and the beautiful Bicentennial Quilt, lovingly quilted by our local residents and presented to our town in 1998. This is a great opportunity to meet and mix with old friends and neighbors, grab a chicken (barbequed, of course) and socialize.

Memorial Day Celebration in Fabius



Bill DeHart, Sandy Beglinger & Charles Shea

June 21, Monday 7 pm

Bob Savitt will take us back to the 1940s and ask us to remember the dark days of World War II, the songs of Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, the Andrews Sisters and the musicals of Cole Porter and Rogers and Hammerstein. He will use slides, photos, historic audio excerpts and magazines to take us back to the colorful events of the turbulent 1940s.

June 22, Tuesday day, 7 pm

LaFayette Community Band will perform at the Fabius Fire House, come rain or shine. This event is free and open to the public, compliments of the FHS. Please bring along a



comfortable lawn chair and enjoy the music. There will be refreshments for sale, along with a 50/50 raffle.

July 17, Saturday 1 pm:

** Note the time and date change to get our meeting to coincide with the Rowley reunion **

Our president, Sandy Beglinger, will present a program on local resident and author, Emily

Rowley Estey. The youngest of four sisters, she grew up in Shackham and graduated from Fabius Academy, later moving to Pompey after marriage to her "fishing partner," Elmer Estey, in 1931. For many years, readers enjoyed the Syracuse Post-Standard columns, Along the Post Road, where she wrote about the life and times of people and events in this area. Emily was also a noted author of several local history books and a previous town clerk of Pompey.

Aug. 2, Monday, 7 pm

Last year, Mike Durkin came all the way from Illinois to tell us about coins, coin collecting and the value of collections. He is also an avid and knowledgeable stamp collector and is returning to tell all about the history of postage stamps. Bring your questions about the value of your collection.

Sep. 13, Monday, 7 pm

****We meet the second Monday because of Labor Day****

Fred VonMechow will educate us about what is happening to the bat population. Perhaps you have noticed their numbers dwindling, or that they are no longer around at all. Join us to learn about the disease which has put them at risk, and what can be done to help them survive.

Oct. 4, Monday, 7 pm

For the last few years, we have used the October/Halloween meeting to strike some fear into people's hearts. In 1938, young Orson Welles used his radio broadcast to describe an invasion of aliens from outer space. Although it was stated at the beginning of the broadcast that the program was fiction, many Americans were greatly alarmed at what they heard. Cheryl Pula, who has given talks on many events in American history, will come to tell us about this great event.

Nov. 1, Monday, 7 pm

Anne Shelly and her singing group called "*Then/Again*" will return to sing songs of the 1940s while dressed in period costume. We received so many requests for their return after last year's impressive 1950s program that we have booked them again this year. Don't miss this one!

Dec. 6, Monday, 6 pm

****Note we start a little early because it is a dinner meeting****

This will be our annual dinner and business meeting. Bring a place setting and a dish to share and come to have a good time. See you there.

THE DRAFT FOR THE 23RD DISTRICT

From the Courier & Union, Syracuse, NY 23 Aug 1863

The Draft for the Twenty-Third District commenced yesterday morning at ten o'clock in the room occupied in holding the session of the Circuit Court, as previously announced. The room in which the draft was being made, as well as the halls, &c, were densely packed with citizens of all nationalities, residing in the rural districts, eager to learn their fate, and the drawing of each name was watched with the most intense interest. The drawing took place in the most quiet and orderly manner, and good feeling appeared to prevail throughout.

The drawing commenced with the town of Clay, and continued in the alphabetical order of the towns. Previous to the drawing of each town, Capt. Wood, Provost Marshall, requested the Supervisor of the town to come upon the stand and note the proceedings, or in the absence of the Supervisor, the Justice, or some one of the more prominent residents of the town.

No very noteworthy incidents transpired, except that the Sheriff of the County, Mr. Byron D. Benson, in relieving the "man at the wheel," succeeded in "grinding out" his own name, to no small merriment of the spectators. The tickets containing the names of the "lucky" ones were drawn from the wheel by a paroled soldier, blindfolded, -- the man who was to have performed that part of the work, Mr. Sterling King, the blind musician, being detained by illness.

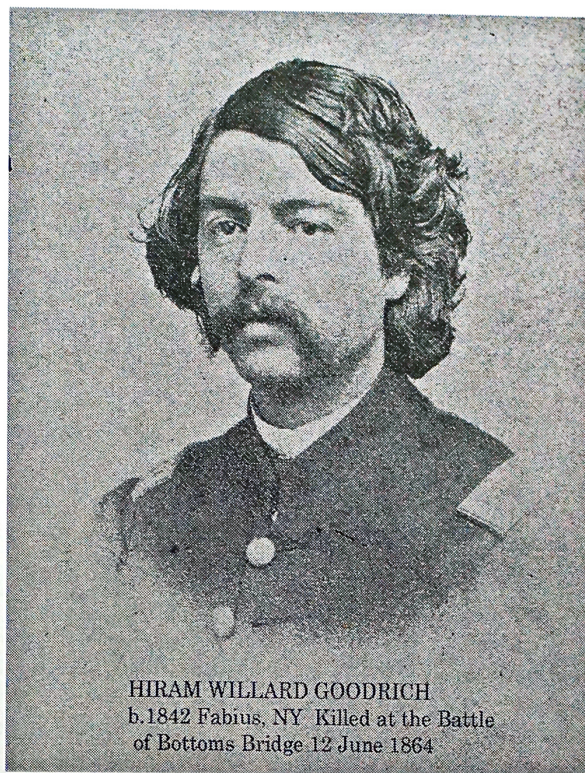
The drawing embraced all the towns down to and including Manlius, as published below. The drawing will be resumed this morning, commencing with the town of DeWitt, which was not made yesterday, in consequence of an error having been discovered in the tickets placed in the wheel -- one of the tickets being found a blank.

The drawing for the County of Cortland will be commenced tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The following are the names drawn thus far from the several towns:

FABIUS - SUB-DISTRICT NO. 14.

No. of Names Enrolled, 235; Quota Drawn, 60.

David H. Spicer, Albert F. Houghtailing, Stephen Chace, Leonard E. Noice, Orin Osborn, Harvey Clark, Adolphus Sturdevant, James Austin, John Frost, Hiram Goodrich, John Conklin, Eleazer Andrews, John W. Sturdevant, Julius Babcock, James Allen, David E. Younglove, Joseph Fox, Lewis Bramer, Albert Hitchcock, James Cameron, Carey Dinnan, Daniel Dunn, Charles Taylor, Alvin House, Joseph Medlicon, Thomas A. Desbro, Charles Lewis, Orin S. Kenyon, John Flood, David E. Kenyon, Timothy Heffron, Frank Beer, Gifford Tracey, Orasmus G. Stillman, James Osborn, Norman Hall, Martin Losey, Lucius Clark, John Mellison, Cyrus E. Call, Oscar A. Barnes, Lucius McEvers, James B. Keeler, Harvey Rowley, _____ Davidson, William Barnes, Myron Johnson, Henry Clark, Richard Fitzpatrick, Newton Gray, Alanson Garner, _____ Colby, Henry C. Meigs, George Winegar, Charles June, Seneca House, Erasmus H. Fellows, Libby L. Ransom, James McDermott, Emmett Beach.



HIRAM WILLARD GOODRICH
b. 1842 Fabius, NY Killed at the Battle
of Bottoms Bridge 12 June 1864

Photo from Charles Shea Collection

HIRAM WILLARD GOODRICH

According to the Fabius Town Clerk's Record Book, Hiram Goodrich was born in Fabius on 3 Jan 1842 to parents Elijah and Adeline Cooper Goodrich. He never married and he died much too young.

The 1860 Fabius Census lists Hiram as a farm laborer, age 18, working on the David Sears farm (the 1863 Fabius Tax Roll identifies this farm in Fabius, Lot #3).

Hiram enlisted in Fabius on 6 Nov. 1861 with the 61st NYV Infantry, Co. I, as a Private, for 3 years of service. He did not receive any bounty by the town or county. In Sept. of 1862, he was transferred to Co. F. He was promoted to Corporal and then reduced in rank to Private.

In March of 1863, he received a disability discharge and was sent to Point Lookout Hospital in Virginia. It is unknown as to whether he suffered from disease or an injury. He was released from the hospital one month later, in April, and apparently returned to Fabius.

Hiram Goodrich was one of the "lucky" ones whose name was drawn in the aforementioned Aug. 1863 Draft. On 10 Dec. 1863, he re-enlisted with the 22nd NYV Cavalry, Co. B in Syracuse, with the rank of Corporal for another 3 years of service.

Again, Hiram found himself fighting in Virginia. There are two slightly different descriptions of his death: Hiram was killed on 12 June 1864 by a shot through the head at the Battle of Bottoms Bridge, or died of wounds on 14 June 1864 in Harrison's Landing, VA. He was only 22 years old. His mother received his Civil War Pension in Aug. of 1866.

Hiram W. Goodrich is buried at Hurricane Landing.

A Mystery Solved at Kenyon Hollow

Submitted by Albert D. LaFrance

While looking for homesteads in Kenyon Hollow in 1984, I was on the Abbott site and met up with a gentleman who was rather elderly and we started talking. He informed me that during the war (World War II) he removed ten wagonloads of iron from the hill. That answered one question I had: where were all the horse and oxen-drawn farm equipment? He then told me that on this site he found four-inch-thick steel plates with dimples in them. He couldn't figure out how a piece of steel four inches thick could be dented and that also drew my curiosity. After another hour of talking, he left and I went about doing what I had been doing. I looked around for about another hour and then went home.

The following day I was back up there looking around. I had found the house, well, and barn on the first day. This day I had found another foundation in which the north wall was on a small stream bed. There is only one reason a foundation would be so close to a stream bed and that is to use the water for power. There was no evidence of grist mill stone or saw blades. I followed the stream through the woods and found that it was coming out of the hillside, with not a very big stream. About halfway back to the foundation, I spotted what appeared to be a dam. A little troweling and brush clearing showed it was a stacked stone dam. To the west of the dam was a shallow depression that could have been a mill pond. This site needs more investigation; so much for that now.

To the south about forty feet is where the mystery begins. Here sits a concrete pad three inches thick above ground (don't know how deep it is below the surface). Protruding from the north end is a steel I-beam and to the south are two more I-beams. The concrete and I-beams are much too recent an addition for the site occupation. What were they used for? Why were they here?

I forgot about them for about four months. Then I was reading about the county buying up the old farmsteads around Arab Hill to make a county park. On the park board was a gentleman by the name of Torbert. It turns out he was a top official at Syracuse China. About a year later, I read that Syracuse China had been awarded a contract from the Army to make ceramic landmines. These mines were designed to blow the tracks off tanks, rendering them immobile, yet they could not be detected with a metal detector because they were made of ceramic.

I was President of the Fabius Historical Society at the time, and was present at the awards ceremony at the Onondaga Historical Association to receive a grant. I had arrived there early to take in their museum, when I spotted in one corner of the Syracuse China display, a cutaway view of a ceramic landmine. The information card attached to the item said, "These were tested at Highland Forest." Now the wheels started turning -- concrete pad -- I-beams -- plates

with dimples. Mystery solved. I had found the site where the anti-tank mines had been tested,

Then last year, I was given a 1936 C S Robinson aerial view of the Highland Forest area from the USDA Farm Service Agency. In 1936, the map showed that the Highland Forest area was almost entirely plowed (see photo below). Many of the early aerial views can be downloaded from <http://aerial-ny.library.cornell.edu> The important thing on this photo is that it states unclassified in 1957. Now the picture is complete. The fact being the mine was tested on the Abbott site and was top secret at the time.

A lot of work, but perseverance paid off. On to the next mystery.



Aerial View of SE Corner of Town of Fabius, Kenyon Hollow

“A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



The residence of A G Bacon, Fabius, NY. Photo by Fred & Holt, Apr. 3rd 1874.

The above copy of an original photo was recently donated to the FHS by member Charles Shea, and he kindly attached the following information: *The residence of A G Bacon, Fabius, NY. Photo by Fred & Holt, Apr. 3rd 1874.* This home is still standing at 7824 Main Street in the Fabius Village, to the east of the Methodist Church parking lot. After some researching, some additional information about A G Bacon came to light.

Albert G. Bacon, the son of Nathaniel and Mary Grace Merrill Bacon, was born 9 Jan. 1808. His father, Deacon Nathaniel Bacon (born 6 Mar. 1774), was one of the pioneer settlers of this town when this area was nothing but wilderness. He arrived here about 1795 from Simsbury, CT. Nathaniel Bacon was a farmer and operated the sawmill near his stone house, which was located at the corner of Keeney and Bailey Roads south of the Village of Fabius. Deacon Bacon was thrice married and raised a family of nine children. Albert was the only son of five children from his second marriage to Thankful Keeney.

Albert and Mary Grace Merrill (daughter of Barzilla Merrill, born 18 Sep. 1810 in Fabius) were married in Fabius on 13 Jan 1831. The earlier years of their married life were spent on a farm and the later years in the village of Fabius. They were noted for their hospitality, their home being open to old and young, stranger and friend. No children were given to them to help on their family farm.

In 1850, Albert farmed 70 acres of land near David and Daniel Porter, which would have been on the hill west of Keeney Road, south of his father's place. His farm consisted of 3 horses, 4 milk cows, 2 working oxen, 16 sheep, and 2 pigs. On this farm, he produced 20 bu. wheat, 50 bu. Indian corn, 60# wool, 30 bu. Irish potatoes, 25 bu. barley, 75 bu. buckwheat, 400# butter, 600# cheese, and 12 T hay.

About 1860, Albert and Mary Grace relocated to the Fabius Village. According to the 1860 Dawson map, they lived on a 10 acre lot where the Elementary School stands. In 1870, Albert owned 1 horse; worked 8 acres, producing 30 bu. oats, 40 bu. Irish potatoes, 10 T hay; he milked 3 cows, producing 200# butter and 875 gal. milk. By 1874, they had moved to the home in the photograph, just east of the Methodist Church. In 1880, at the age of 72, Albert was still going strong. He worked the 8 acres, producing from 1 acre each: 156 bu. Irish potatoes, 20 bu. Indian corn, and 28 bu. wheat; milked 3 cows, producing 300# butter; raised 4 calves and 1 horse; and tended to his chickens, which produced 100 doz. eggs in 1879.

Albert G. and Mary Grace Merrill Bacon lived together about sixty years. Albert died in 1892 and Mary died 7 June 1896. They are both buried in the Fabius Evergreen Cemetery.

CARDS, MAPS & PHOTOS

by Bill Casey

Cards

FHS member Lili Bergs, along with a few volunteers, has been developing a greeting card assortment of historical images of the Fabius, NY area. This project has been on-going for the last few years and has drawn a great amount of community interest. There are presently 33 cards with envelopes in the collection, which sell for \$2 each. These cards will be available for sale over Memorial Day at the Community Center. We understand that a new card will be available for the July 17th Emily Rowley Estey meeting. Cards can be special ordered by contacting Lili Bergs at 683-5191 or Sandy Beglinger 683-5878.

Photos

Since the formation of the FHS about 30 years ago, an emphasis has been placed on gathering historical information through the collection of photographs. Numerous sessions to copy photos have been conducted over the years, and much of the collected images have just become items in private personnel collections and have not been shared with the community. In early 2000, with the advancement of photographic technology, a whole new effort has been made to produce digital copies of both information and photographs. These digital copies now have become property of the FHS. Much of this information has been used in the various meetings in Power Point format and in our newsletter. This Memorial Day, a portion of the photographic holdings of the society will be on display in 4 x 6 photograph format. A small selection of 30 photos (4 x 6) will be available to purchase for \$2.00 each.

On Memorial Day (Sun. & Mon.), we will have our "photographic lab" set up to copy photos. Please consider sharing your personnel photos with the local community, by bringing them to the Community Center and allowing us to make a digital copy of them. Don't worry, "they will never leave your sight."

Please also keep in mind, "That a Picture IS Worth a Thousand Words."



Maps

My first exposure to the world of local historical maps was in 1978 when I saw an 1860 Dawson wall map of Onondaga County hanging in the Tully Free Library. I was amazed at how much information was known and recorded back then. That was over 30 years ago, and my thirst for utilizing maps still exists. The FHS has been selling a series of map reproductions from my private collection and the following will be offered for sale at the Memorial Day Historical Display at the Community Center:

David H. Burr 1832 Maps: 11"x17" in color at \$5 each

- Cayuga County
- Cortland County
- Onondaga County

Burr was the first cartographer, commissioned by the NYS Legislature in 1825, to produce a complete Atlas containing full maps of each county of New York State. Each town was required to submit a detailed map of the town including roads, churches, mills and factories. From this data, the original 1829 Burr Atlas was constructed. The Onondaga County Public Library has a complete Atlas, and patrons can request an opportunity to view it with a librarian present at all times. Over the years, this series of 1829 Burr maps has been updated numerous times. We have reproduced the 1832 version.

Land Owner Maps

In the mid 19th Century, a number of cartographers were making detailed maps, county by county, showing house locations and inhabitants. The inhabitant listed was not necessarily the actual land & dwelling owner, as many rural properties were being leased. Nonetheless, these maps came to be known as land owner maps. We have the following for sale:

- 1852 by Fagan shows the complete Town of Fabius in color 11" X 17"
- 1860 by Dawson shows the complete Town of Fabius in color 11"X17"
- 1874 by Homer Sweet shows the complete Town of Fabius in color 11" X 17"
- 1874 by Homer Sweet shows the complete Town of Fabius with an enlargement of the Village of Fabius and the hamlets of Apulia & Summit Station in color 11"X 17"
- 1874 by Homer Sweet shows the complete Town of Tully in color 11" X 17"
- 1874 by Homer Sweet shows the complete Town of LaFayette in color 11" X 17"
- 1874 by Homer Sweet Town of Pompey in color 11" X 17"
- 1889 by Clark shows the complete Town of Fabius in black & white 11" X 17"

SHACKHAM

by
EMILY ESTEY



Shackham By Emily Estey

In 1994, Emily Estey wrote her fifth book, "Shackham." Her other published works include two of poetry, "Lilacs and Mistletoe" and "The Candleshine" and two hard covers, "Papa Was Positive" and "Where Did Yesterday Go?" She was also known for her columns in several newspapers, "Along the Post Road," which told short stories about the growing up in and traveling through the Fabius and Pompey areas of Onondaga County.

The "Shackham" book will be available for sale, while supply lasts, at the Fabius Community Center, starting on Sunday. This book contains stories about swapping ice cream cones for butterflies at the Jones Drug Store, the stone boat, the hard work of spring cleaning, summer vacation, did the ink freeze?, etc.

These are all stories told through the eyes of a young girl growing up post World War I and into the mid 1920's in the Shackham area of Fabius.

The photo on the book cover is of the house that Emily and her family in at Shackham.



Byer Rowley (Emily's Father) of "Papa Was Positive,"
Shown with his team of oxen working in Shackham

A WOMAN BEFORE HER TIME

The First Female Barber in Onondaga County

A Story by Dorie Jacobs Cain

In the last newsletter, Theresa Jacobs Kogut told us about the loss of her father and the struggles that her family overcame to remain together as a unit. This story inspired her sister, Dorie Jacobs Cain, to write a story of her own.

Think back to 1927. Do you remember the Great Depression and how things were back then? Imagine being a pregnant 34-year-old mother of four (ages 16, 14, 9, 2), whose husband was just tragically killed in an accident. Widowed in the year 1927 with teenagers, a toddler, and pregnant. I'm talking about my mother, Emma Jacobs, and everything she did to care for and support her children as a widowed woman and single mother. After my father was killed in a farming accident, we went to live with Grandma Schlicht for almost a year, and later moved into the village of Fabius.

Leah Bailey Fessenden, who also lived in Fabius, became good friends with mother. She introduced her Madam Minerva, who was a hairdresser. Knowing my mother's situation, they thought it a good idea to introduce her to hairdressing because she always had an interest in this field, and it was an occupation she could do as a single parent without worrying about her children.

Mother worked as an apprentice for Madam Minerva after my sister Theresa was born in March 1928. She trained on Monday mornings at Madam's beauty parlor, located on the corner of Ostrander and Midland Avenue in Syracuse, N.Y. George Underwood ran a shuttle service between Fabius and Syracuse, and mother would ride with him, along with baby Theresa in a clothesbasket. Mother trained there until she could open her own beauty shop, which she did later in 1928, nearly one year after my father had been killed.

My mother wanted me to go to beauty school so I could help with the business. After I graduated from high school in 1935, I left for Buffalo that October to attend Eleanor's Beauty School. After graduation, I returned ready to work in April 1936.

Years later, Madam Minerva introduced mother to George Hand, also known as "Frenchy." Frenchy ran a men's barbershop on Geddes Street in Syracuse. He offered mother an apprenticeship so she could learn male barbering. Mother was hesitant because there weren't any female barbers at the time. But Frenchy's response was "Well, it's about time for one!" So sometime during 1937, Emma Jacobs became the first woman barber in Central New York. Fabius native Marjorie Dunn, daughter of Ethel and Walter Dunn, was a Syracuse University Journalism student at the time. Her assignment was to write about something unusual for the Syracuse Post Standard. Knowing my mother's occupation was not ordinary for the times, she asked for an interview that was later published in the newspaper in December 1937, accompanied by two photographs. By 1939 her shop was known as "The Fabius Beauty and Barber Shop."

Fabius Beauty Shop & Fabius Barber Shop
ARE GOING BACK TO THE WINTER SCHEDULE
Starting Oct. 1st, shops will be open every day and evening except Monday all day and evening and Thursday afternoon & evening.
A licensed shop with two licensed operators all the time, and three licensed operators when necessary.
Celebrating our 19th year in business October 17th. Watch for our specials beginning October 17th.
We will be glad to serve you as we have always done in former years. Call Fabius 2671 for appointment.
Emma M. Jacobs Dorie Jacobs Cain Theresa A. Jacobs

ATTENTION GIRLS!
We Have Just Returned From the
New York Beauty Convention
Bringing back with us **STYLES** to suit **EACH INDIVIDUAL**. Why not be one of the first with a 1940 Style?
Our Aim is to Please!
WATCH FOR FALL SPECIALS!
Fabius Beauty and Barber Shop
EMMA AND DORIE JACOBE Phone: FABIUS 2671

When we were in the village, we had lived for about 9 or 10 years in the house that is now occupied by Leo Kogut. During this time, my sister Agnes and brother Charles (also known as Sonny) had moved out and began their own careers. Agnes was a chambermaid for Dean Butler at Syracuse University, and Sonny was a farm hand for Clifford Abbott. In 1939 we moved to the Waffner house at the corner of Routes 91 and 80, a house large enough to accommodate separate areas for business and personal living space. I lived there with mother, my brother Bob and sister Theresa, and continued to work in the beauty shop until I married in June 1941. Even as my family grew, I worked there periodically over the years. Both my brother Bob and sister Theresa ended up working in the same line of business. Bob became a barber and ran his own barbershop in Manlius, N.Y. Theresa worked for mother for several years after attending Beaufort Beauty School in Syracuse.

Mother was an outspoken, well liked and witty beautician who worked hard and did whatever she could to support her family. Elizabeth Demong (great grandmother of a Gold medal winner in this winter's Olympics) bought the Haller Store which later became The Fabius Grill. She built a hot dog stand next to it, and whenever mother wasn't busy in the beauty shop, she would go across the street and work for Elizabeth at the hot dog stand – anything to help support her family.

I recall one time when she was giving John Keefe a shave and the town siren sounded. Harold Hall was the fire chief, and he would drive the old fire engine while his wife Isabelle cranked the alarm and yelled "Fire, Fire, Fire!" as they drove through town. When John heard the alarm, he leapt out of the barber chair with his face covered with shaving cream and the cape still on, and ran out of the shop. Mother chased after him to see what was happening with the straight razor still in her hand. Many times Mary Dennis, Mary Fields, Grace Thompson, Grandma Schlicht, Aunt Edith Schlicht and other women from town would help her at the shop. Whether it was doing laundry or babysitting my daughter, they were always willing to lend a hand so that mother could run the business.

Mother continued her profession until falling ill in the 1960's after being a hairdresser/barber for almost 40 years. She was also a single mother, homeowner and businesswoman at a time when such things were not common. Mother eventually passed away in 1971, but not before working extremely hard to raise her children, giving thousands of haircuts and shaves and having a profound impact on many lives. Emma Jacobe truly was a woman well before her time.

FABIUS GRANGE # 1 404

NOVEMBER 1940



Fabius Grange members seated in front row, left to right are: Florence Goodrich, Harry Locke, Rena Denison, Nellie Dwyer, Caroline Scullen, Grant Goodrich, and Helen Conway.

Second row, left to right are: Grace Farewell, "Bud" Wilds, Thomas Dwyer, Henry TenEyck, Lulu TenEyck, Duane Skeeel, Harry Denison, Basil Conway, Ralph Scullen, and Edna Skeeel