

Town of Ossian Historical Society Newsletter

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April 2017

More Information – Road from Canaseraga Road to Poags Hole Road

The July 1, 1916 meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossian was called by the order of Supervisor A. T. Covert for the purpose of considering the proposition of laying out a new highway in Poags Hole. Mr. Gibson offered the following resolution and Mr. Denton moved that it be adopted. It was resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ossian lay out a new highway from Fred Freiner's house to the Canaseraga Road at the best grade obtainable at a cost of a thousand dollars. The roll called as follows – Agree Covert, Gibson, Denton, Shay and Linzy, nos – none. It was adopted.

It was resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossian raise one thousand dollars.

Little bits of news from the Canaseraga Times' column "Here, There, and Everywhere"

Friday, November 9, 1917

Born to Mr. and Mrs Arthur Marble of Ossian Monday a 8-1/2 pound daughter, Esther Mildred.

November 16, 1917

Isaac Knapp of Ossian brought to this place for shipment Wednesday 148 lambs for which he received \$2400.

December 7, 1917

Arthur Marble and family have moved to a farm near Batavia.

December 14, 1917

Isaac Knapp of Ossian sold a hog last week weighing 505 pounds receiving 20 cents a pound for the meat.

December 28, 1917

Lyman Thomas has been engaged as a farmer for Gordon Wilson and will begin his duties April 1.

A son, Vincent John, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Barron in the city hospital at Ithaca December 18. Mrs. Barron will be remembered as Marion Mitchell.

January 18, 1918

All young men who have become 21 years of age since June 15th, 1917 when the draft law went into effect will probably be called as a bill to that effect has been introduced.

January 25, 1918

Fire broke out Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the Harvey Knapp house in

Ossian, formerly known as the Alfred Hess place and occupied by William Leiter and family. The origin of the fire is unknown. The house was totally destroyed, nothing was saved, there was small insurance.

February 8, 1918

Gusie Bush of Ossian has accepted a position in a steel plant in Buffalo and left for that place Monday.

February 22, 1918

Mrs. Katherine Clendenin of Ossian died Monday morning aged 72 years.

Rev. Joseph Criswell passed away last Friday in his home in Howard of pneumonia only being sick a few days. A wife, three sons and a daughter survive him. Criswell was pastor of the Ossian Presbyterian Church six years, resigning and going to Howard last spring. He leaves a large number of friends in that place, many of whom attended the funeral, which was held at the church in Howard. Many went in the auto bus from Dansville.

John Holdridge received word from Basom Tuesday stating that Arthur Marble and family were all under quarantine for diphtheria. Mrs. Marble is the eldest daughter of Mr. Holdridge and only recently moved to Basom.

April 29, 1921

The house and contents of Mrs. Arvilla Hunt of Ossian was destroyed by fire Wednesday.

Dansville Express Oct. 19, 1916

In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 3rd, 1883, relating to the collection of taxes in Livingston County and known as Chptr 185 of the laws of said year, I will sell at public auction on Friday, October 17, 1916, commencing at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at my office in the court house in the Village of Geneseo, the following described parcels of land or so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge the taxes and expenses which may be due thereon at the time of the sale.

Eugene B. Wilhelm
Treasurer of Liv. Co.

173 acres of land in the Town of Ossian bounded on the north by property of J. B. Scott, east highway, south by property of D. E. Hall, west by property of Fred Bonner, assessed to Edwin Scott, tax and charges \$43.47.

16 acres of land in the Town of Ossian, being part of lot No. 157 assessed to E. T. Scoville, tax and charges \$4.61.

98 acres of land in the Town of Ossian, bounded on the north by highway, east by property of Celia Bonner, south by property of Welch estate, west by property of Harry Gilman, assessed to Joseph Gillman, tax and charges \$49.90.

78 acres of land in the Town of Ossian, bounded on the north by property of Jay Knapp, east by property of Mrs. Hunt, south by highway, west by property of Mrs. Bonner, assessed to Harry Gilman, tax and charges \$49.90.

Ossian, NY January 8, 1920

Meeting called by order of the Supervisor J. W. Sherman for the purpose of the new Town Board meeting at the Frank Bonner place to come to some conclusion about straightening the curve in front of the driveway at the Frank Bonner place and grading it at the bottom of the hill.

After making a thorough inspection the meeting was called to order by J. W. Sherman; who put the proposition before the board. It was proposed that five hundred (\$500) dollars be raised for the purpose of straightening the Bonner Hill.

Motion was made by Ralph Clendenin that five hundred (\$500) dollars be appropriated for this purpose. Was not seconded. Lost.

Roy G. Perrine moved the meeting adjourned. Carried.

Ward M. Linzy, Town Clerk

Ossian Presbyterian Church

200th Anniversary of the Ossian Presbyterian Church planning meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on May 24, 2017 at the Ossian Community Center. For further information call Cathy Missell at (585) 335-2464.

Upcoming Ossian Historical Society Events

Sat., April 29, 2017 – Chicken Barbeque Dinner 11:00 to 2:00 PM at the Ossian Community Center.

Tues., May 9, 2017 – Our next Ossian Historical Society meeting 9:30 AM at the Ossian Town Hall.

Sat., June 10, 2017 – Community Yard Sale 9:00 to 1:00 PM at the Ossian Community Center. Over 16 booths so far and you can donate items to the Ossian Historical Society booth by calling Cathy at (585) 519-6897 or Rhea at (585) 335-5312.

Sun., July 16, 2017 - Ice Cream Social 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Ossian Community Center.

July 24-28, 2017, Monday thru Friday, Ossian Summer Recreation Program –9:00 to Noon free of charge. Held at the Ossian Community Center. ages five to 12. Application form can be printed off from the Town of Ossian web page or by calling Cathy or Rhea.

Story about Peg Scott

Peg told this story to Cathy Saunders

In the 1960's, Peg got her first Kitchen Aid Mixer. Peg was not pleased on how it worked and called the head of the company and told him how it should work. He sent her a new one. Peg in turn made a cake and sent it to him. He was so pleased and called her and said what a delicious cake it was and the best he had ever eaten. Peg continued to send him a cake every year until he retired. Copies from Peg's recipe book.

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Sauce for Cabbage

2 Eggs

2 Tablespoons sweet Cream

1 --- of Butter

1 Teaspoon mustard

1 --- salt

2 --- sugar

 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of vinegar

Boil till thick

1877.

Fannie B Phillips

Pumpkin Pie

1 cup pumpkin

2 --- Sugar

3 Eggs

1 pint of milk

1 --- spoon of ginger

1 --- spoon cinnamon

Katie Graham

3

Mince Meat

5 cups of meat

10 --- of apples

8 --- of cider

8 --- of sugar

3 --- of molasses

1 Tablespoon of cloves

5 --- of cinnamon

1 nutmeg

1 cup of butter

if you like

Katie Graham

Fried Cakes

2 cups sour cream

1 --- Sugar

3 Eggs

1 Tea Spoon Soda

1 --- Cinnamon

Mrs Nancy Scott

August 11th 1892

to keep hams
for summer
cut in slices as
you do to bri-
pack in crock
as close as you
can then pour
lard over the top
to keep the air
from the meat

Virginia
linapf

Oct 6th 1893
White Cake

Whites of 3 eggs
2 cups sugar
1/2 butter
1 sweet milk
3 cups flour
2 Teaspoons
baking powder
flavor with
Vanilla
Mutter

beat the eggs well
put them in the
last thing
to the baking powder
in some of the flour

to fix
Elder Berries
9 Pounds of the
Elder berries
5 of Sugar
Stew down thick
October 9th 1893
Aggie Graham

Oldenburg pie.
To one qt of Oldenburg
1 cup of sugar
1 large Tablespoon
of vinegar. one table-
spoon of flour one
half of ginger Put
flour in when ready
to eat

Mrs. G. C. S. S. S.

Molasses Cake
2 eggs
2 cups of Molasses
1 cup of sugar
2 cups of sour cream
2 Teaspoons ginger
1/2 spoon soda
5/2 cups of flour 5 cup

Mrs. Corys receipt
October 13th 1890.



The Narrows, Dansville, N. Y.



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*You see my letters are mostly
Post Cards. Will write some day. M.K.B.*