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Monthly Meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM
Hours: Open 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 10 am to 12 noon
April to November or by appointment. Call Bonny or Dorothy.

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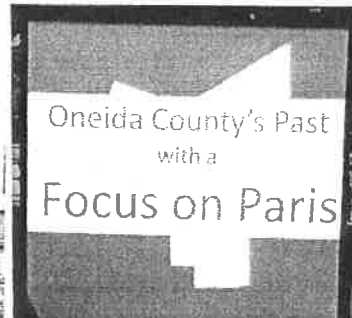
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An artifact Jeana brought to show us

JULY MEETING

Jeana Ganskop spoke on, *Oneida County's Past with a Focus on Paris*. She is Director of Collections and Outreach at Oneida County Historical Society in Utica. It was a stormy night outside but a very interesting presentation inside. We saw pictures from all the towns and villages in alphabetical order. Jeana has been interested in history all her life. It is wonderful to see a younger person who cares so much about the past.

August Meeting will be our Annual Ice Cream Social at the Lincoln Davies Museum in Paris Station just down the road from the Lincoln Davies Store. You can park in the store parking lot if you wish. The meeting features delicious ice cream and fresh strawberries, other toppings and whipped cream. Yummy! Hope to see you all there. After that you can stroll around the store and look at the artifacts. They are fabulous. Don't forget to bring a chair.

Other Programs for 2014:

September—Susan Greenhagen -- Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor
(Meeting will be held at the Doolittle Schoolhouse)

October—Earl Allen & Dorothy Prentice—Veterans' Homes and Civil War Vets

November—Ellen Clapsaddle's Postcards

December—Annual Covered Dish Christmas Party

Please pass this newsletter on to a friend or neighbor

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August Meeting

August 5 - 6:30 PM

Lincoln Davies

Museum

Annual Ice Cream

Social



Everyone is Welcome!

August in Paris History...

August 26, 1791

Molly Gilbert, daughter of Theodore Gilbert, is the first girl born in Sauquoit

August 25, 1832

Abner Bacon old hero of the Revolution and pioneer manufacturer dies

August 19, 1868

A coal yard is established in Sauquoit for the use of coal as fuel

August 1907

People delay vacations to pick hops that are extra large this year

August 7, 1920

Sauquoit Valley's largest Department store, The Community Store, opens



**Membership Dues were due in June.
Thank you to all who already paid.**

New Lifetime Membership Lincoln Davies - Paris Station

Thank You to...

Joe Bottini for a donation
Mr. Clough for a donation

Sympathy

to the family of **Wanda S. Screeeder** from the Paris Hill area, who passed away recently.

Happy 103 Birthday

Happy Belated birthday to Ruth Lewis, 103, a lifetime member of the Society who resides at the Harding Home in Waterville, NY. Hope she had a good day and a nice party.



Edna Townsend Scholarship

The Edna Townsend Scholarship for a student interested in history and doing community service was awarded to Gabriel Linck of

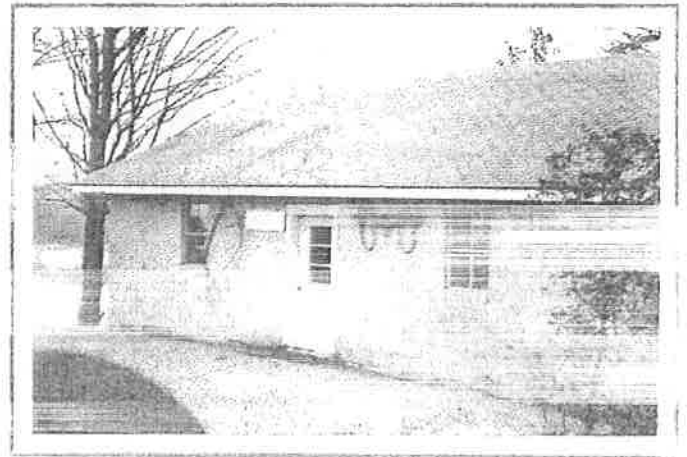
Sauquoit Valley Central High School at Graduation. She plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall.

Helpers Always Needed

We always need volunteers to help on Thursday afternoons from about 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Contact Dorothy (737-5147) or Bonny (737-8611) if you can offer us a hand, or just stop in any Thursday. We will be there. We have cookies.

Lincoln Davies Museum-Open House

Max Townsend is hosting two more open houses. He likes having visitors and enjoys sharing about his family history. They will held at the Lincoln Davies Museum from 1-5 pm on the following dates: August 10th, and September 14th.



Lincoln Davies Museum



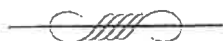
(Utica Daily Press ~ December 1895) JR

The following was spoken to a Chicago newspaper reporter, by Franklin H. Head, formerly of the Town of Paris and a brother of Mrs. R.H. Wicks of this city:

"The ideal wife for an American man should be an American girl because they are brighter, prettier, and more accomplished than those of other nations. Also, the ideal wife expects her husband to support her and not to support her husband. The ideal wife should be sufficiently versed in current events to converse intelligently with her husband. I think domestic life should always come first with the

ideal wife, but not to the exclusion of books and outside affairs. She should dress well and to a reasonable extent, take pleasure in her gowns. She should be strong and healthy, like bicycling and outdoor sports. There are many happy marriages where the woman is the man's intellectual superior provided she does not find it out. In certain things, the ideal woman must be submissive to her husband and he in turn, must on occasions, yield to her. Husband and wife should each have their own departments of supremacy. One thing that a woman could never do: that is enter the matrimonial state hastily and without due deliberation. When she marries, she sticks to her husband and does not seek the divorce court for incompatibility of temper or any trifling cause. She is a firm believer in the vows she took at the altar and will not forsake her husband except for good and sufficient reason."

The Cedar Hill farm was originally owned by members of the Head family; branches of this family are the Simmons, Wicks, Lincoln Davies, Townsends, Roberts, Morgan and Lewis families. In March 2006 the 200 year old barn suffered a devastating fire.



(from August 19, 1909 newspaper)

SMALL-POX IN SAUQUOIT

Timely Discovery Made by Drs. Dewing and Fisher

POSTMASTER JOHN E. GREEN JR. AMONG THE PATIENTS

For the last ten days members in the families of Postmaster John E. Green Jr. and Z. F. Townsend have been indisposed with what was supposed to be Summer Grip.

Little was thought of the matter until last night when by chance the Dr. Fisher of Utica and Postmaster Green were passengers on the

five o'clock train from Utica. They happened to sit together and in conversation Mr. Green asked Dr. Fisher "what kind of rash he thought was on his arm." And the Doctor immediately replied, "John, you have small-pox."

Later in the evening, Drs. Dewing and Fisher called at the Green residence and after making a thorough examination, pronounced the disease small-pox. Two of Mr. Green's children were also found ill with the same disease. They together with Mr. Green were removed to the Z. F. Townsend's where his step-daughter, Mabel is afflicted with the dreaded malady. Subsequently the Townsend residence was placed under quarantine.

At seven o'clock last night the Post Office was closed but later was fumigated and reopened this morning. It is hoped the patients will make an early recovery and that the spread of the disease has been checked in its infancy.



Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History

Abigail Adams • Jane Addams • Madeleine Albright • Louisa May Alcott • Marian Anderson • Maya Angelou • Susan B. Anthony • Lucille Ball • Clara Barton • Elizabeth Blackwell • Margaret Burke White • Lydia Moss Bradley • Pearl S. Buck • St. Frances Xavier Cabrini • Rosalynn Carter • Mary Cassatt • Willa Cather • Julia Childs • Shirley Chisholm • Hillary Rodham Clinton • Elizabeth Cochran • Ruth Colvin • Emily Dickinson • Dorothea Dix • Elizabeth Dole • St. Katharine Drexel • Amelia Earhart • Dorothy Eustice • Geraldine Ferraro • Ella Fitzgerald • Loretta Ford • Abby Kelley Foster • Helen Murray Free • Helen Hayes • Billie Holliday • Julia Ward Howe • Anne Hutchinson • Helen Keller • Billie Jean King • Coretta Scott King • Emma Lazarus • Lilly Ledbetter • Maya Yin Lin • Belva Lockwood • Juliette Gordon Low • Margaret Mead • Barbara Mikulski • Maria Mitchell • Lucretia Mott • Kate Mullaney • Sandra Day O'Connor • Georgia O'Keefe • Annie Oakley • Rosa Parks • Alice Paul • Frances Perkins • Jeanette Rankin • Linda Richards • Sally Ride • Eleanor Roosevelt • Wilma Rudolph • Sacagawea • Patricia Schroeder • Eunice Kennedy Schriver • Muriel Siebert • Beverly Sills • Elizabeth Cady Stanton • Nettie Stevens • Lucy Stone • Harriet Beecher Stowe • Kathrine Switzer • Maria Tallchief • Ida Tarbell • Sojourner Truth • Harriet Tubman • Wilma Vaught • Mercy Otis Warren • Edith Warton • Opra Winfrey • Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias

(Here is something from the New York Times Newspaper, 1914, that will give you a chuckle!)

VILLAGE HAS CASTLE FOR TRAMPS

Unique Provision for Entertainment of Gentlemen of the Road.

Clayville, Oneida County, Prefers Giving Them Temporary Lodging and Food to Jailing Them.

Names and addresses taken—Visitors Eat Their Fill and Reciprocate By Leaving Village Alone

The village of Clayville, Town of Paris, Oneida County N. Y., has a unique tramp house. It is a wooden building about twenty foot square and not much higher than a cow's back. It has one door and one window, plank floors and no basement. A strong man could push it over backwards into the millpond, on the bank of which it stands. Its military provisions would make a health officer gasp for breath, but it is popular with tramps since it was opened twenty years ago more than twenty-five thousand men have been fed and lodged in the building.

Every tramp who enters the village is entitled to lodging, supper, and breakfast in the tramp house. Sometimes if a tramp is ill, he remains there for a week or two and comes out looking better than if a metropolitan hospital had been in charge. The Town of Paris pays the charge for the purpose of keeping tramps from sleeping in barns or begging food or lodgings from the people. Before the house was opened the town suffered great annoyance from tramps. Barns were burned and people beaten occasionally by men who had been denied food or shelter. The tramp house has solved this problem in a very satisfactory manner.

Tramps come into the village on foot or on freight trains from Utica on the north or from Binghamton on the south. The town of Paris is the gateway to the hop fields of the county, the promised land to the tramp fraternity. The men call the little old building "The Castle" and make direct for it after entering the village. In cold weather the place is always crowded beyond its capacity. From twenty to thirty men have frequently huddled into it at one time.

The meals are served on the European plan and table etiquette is never thought of, for the reason that there isn't any table. Spoons or other silverware is never stolen for the same reason. The guests eat like their ancestor, Adam; they believe in the old adage, "Fingers were made before forks."

Tramps usually begin arriving at the building about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When dusk comes, a committee of two is selected to make arrangements for the grub. The town poormaster has an understanding with a near-by groceryman whereby the latter supplies food to the tramps. The committee makes an official call on the merchant who inquires about the number of men who are waiting at the fireside.

Then he grinds enough coffee for the crowd. Mixes it with some sugar and water in a two-gallon pot and throws a slab or two of bologna, several loaves of bread and some canned beans in a flower sack. If he happens to have a supply of stale cookies or fried cakes, in they go too. The committee carries the food down to the castle, the coffee is boiled on the stove, tin cups are passed around, and everybody digs in.

During the evening, the storekeeper goes down to the castle and takes the name and address of every man. His book shows that "Texas Tommy," "Box Car Jimmy," "One-eyed Smith," "Sandy Kelly," and a lot of other men with odd names have a fondness for registering at, "The Castle."

This town pays the poormaster 25 cents for every meal served and the poormaster divides profits with the storekeeper. The latter, out of the goodness of the heart, very often contributes without charge the clothes, shoes, stockings, chewing tobacco, and pills to those who need them.

An indigent taxpayer once declared at town meeting that the names in the tramp book must have been copied from tombstones all over the country, and that the town was buying meals for dead ones. But the poormaster, an old soldier, hit his accuser with an affidavit and an army crutch. Investigation showed that both had been used with justification.

When the tramp house was first opened, a delegation of citizens went to the poormaster and protested against the location of the house in the village. It happened that there were a number of maiden ladies in the delegation and the

poormaster sent them home happy, promising to get a beau for everyone of them, even if he had to get a hobo. His pun saved the day.

The town supplies wood for the tramp house and an old-fashioned drum stove provides the heat. The wood is thrown in a pile outside the building. One stormy night some haughty guests at the castle wouldn't go out of doors for it, so they burned the chairs and some planks that had been used for bed slats. That is why a sign has been nailed over the stove reading: Don't Burn This.

When the tramps arrive in the evening they gather around the fireside in a delightfully informal way, removing their shoes and stockings—if they have any—rolling their trousers above their knees, and hoisting their heels above the hot stove to warm up and dry off.

The beds are rough boards nailed together so they rise above one another in tiers. They are supplied ticks filled with straw, and with old quilts. The bedding is never washed, but at the end of each winter season, the poormaster removes it from the tramp house with a long handled hayfork, carries it to the bank of the mill pond, pours oil over it and sets it on fire.

The tramps boycott the "Castle" when the warm weather comes and they take to the woods at night foraging for their meals on farms during the day. Some years ago when the hop fields attracted more tramps than they do now, farmers kept sharp watch on their crops and the tramps got their meals at the home of the soldier-poormaster. He boiled beans by the bushel, bought bologna by the crate and bread by the wagonload and he fixed up "quick lunches," in handy bundles. There out of respect of his army he called them "cartridges" And he fired one at the head of every tramp that appeared at this doorstep. If the tramp missed it, a delegation of waiting dogs caught it.

All kinds of men and all kinds of characters have stopped at the little tramp house. They come and go peacefully and no depredation of any time has ever been done in the village by a tramp although Clayville has a police force of only one constable.

The town has a good reputation among the tramps across the country for it feeds them and lets them alone. They reciprocate by eating their fill and leaving the town alone.

Oneida Co. Classified Business Directory 1896

IRVING H. HOWE & CO., 34 and 35 GENESEE ST.
THE LARGEST AND LEADING CLOTHING HOUSE IN UTICA.
SAUQUOIT BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Sauquoit Business Directory.

Barbers. Chase Jermain	Physicians. Knight Arthur
Lawyers. Griffiths Wm. H. Williams John R.	Silk Mfgs. Sauquoit Silk Mfg. Co Stittville
Canning Company. Sauquoit Canning Co.	Barber. Valc M. Eugene
Cider Manfr. Moulton Orrin	Blacksmith. Burns & Pride
Florist. Gage Martin	Boots and Shoes. Breukner Earnest

M. E. KENNEY, Professor of Manufacturing Optician,
242 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.

Flour and Feed. Mould Bros	Canning Companies. Sauquoit Canning Co
Furniture and Undertak'rs Chase Jermain Cassgan Henry	Groceries and Gen'l Mds. Gans Fred E Jones E. D
Groceries and Gen'l Mds. Gutlek & Hull Goodsee Samuel L Morgan David H	Hotels. Cottage, M. E. Cunningham prop
Hardware, Stoves, &c. Green Bros	Knitting Mill. Hackett & Atwood
Hotels. Cress Hotel, W. H. Cress prop	Physician. Smith Harry J
Paper Mills. Thompson Henry K	Veterinary Surgeon. Moore L. Guiteau

J. H. UNSER 10 Genesee St., near all R. R. Depots. Saloon and Restaurant. Bar stocked with the best Liquors and Cigars to be had in the City.

A page from the 1896 Oneida County Business Directory



Till next time...

Town of Paris Historical Society
MEMBERSHIP Application or Renewal

Name _____

Address: St. _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

Dues are: \$10. per year per family or
\$150. Lifetime Membership

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Send application and check made out to
Town of Paris Historical Society, to:

Pat Williams, Treasurer
1879 Allen Rd.
Clayville, NY 13322

***MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE IN- JUNE

This month's Sponsors are:

Lincoln Davies

founded in 1872 839-5740
Paris Station (on Summit Rd.)
Sauquoit, NY 13456

Run by Ed Jones, fifth generation of
Davies. It has a full line of building
supplies, hardware, groceries, and
clothing.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm, Sat. 7am-4pm

Sauquoit Valley Insurance

founded in 1878-Local Farmers
10170 Roberts Rd.
Sauquoit, NY 13456

President/General Manager Scott Jeffers

They carry farm, homeowners and mobile
home insurance as well as fire insurance.
No auto or business insurance.



Does anyone recognize these gents? Please let us know if you do.
We have no date or names on the photo.