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BRUNSWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Reopening May 1!**  
Saturdays Only 10AM to 3PM

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## Spring Events

### **Troy's Oakwood Cemetery** – *Michael Barrett*

Monday, May 3 at 7pm

Oakwood Cemetery is the resting place for many of Troy's most famous (and infamous) residents. Not officially opened until 1850, records of deaths date back to the birth of the city. This illustrated program by Michael Barrett features stories of founding families; prominent educators; industrialists and business people; military heroes; and other colorful characters who helped make Troy the great city that she is.

### **Agriculture in Rensselaer County** – *Kathryn Sheehan*

Monday, June 7 at 7pm

Rensselaer County and Troy Historian Kathryn Sheehan will present an illustrated lecture on the history of agriculture in Rensselaer County, including commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Rensselaer County Agricultural Fair.

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Advance registration is required for both events.

Please RSVP at 518-279-4024 or [president@bhs-ny.org](mailto:president@bhs-ny.org).

For your safety, The Brunswick Historical Society will observe all recommended COVID-19 protocols during open hours and at all events.

Brunswick Historical Society • 605 Brunswick Road (Eagle Mills) Troy, NY



## Brunswick Historical Society

The Garfield School  
605 Brunswick Rd.  
(Corner of Moonlawn and Rt 2)  
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Wednesday 1pm - 3pm  
Saturday 10am - 3pm

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Tracy Broderick

2020 was a very challenging year from the pandemic to politics. I do hope that 2021 will bring us peace and we can get back to a somewhat normal life. The last time the board met was last year it was decided to keep the Society closed. We felt that it was important not to put our members at risk. Well now we have decided that we can open up and be safe. Our plan is to be open only on Saturdays for now from 10-3. It's time we get back to some sort of normalcy. We will be following the CDC guidelines for COVID.

Our Annual Meeting for this year is cancelled. By next year, we will all have our vaccines and finger crossed, we can all get together!

I'm excited that we do have two programs planned for May and June. We will have to limit the number of seats so if you're interested you will have to call and reserve a spot.

We are planning to have our bake and tag sale come September. If you would like to reserve a table please call and let us know at 518-279-4024. There will be no charge, but space is limited.

Hope to see you all soon.

## In Memorium

Our sympathies and condolences go out to the following family members who have lost loved ones this year. All were members and served in many aspects of the Society.

**Fil Steiner**, husband of Claire Steiner. You may remember Fil as our Society Santa Clause for many years.

**Harry Prout**, husband of Elissa Prout and father of Bill Prout, both of whom are both still members of the Society.

**John Tarbox**, husband of Joanne, was a long standing member of the Society.

## News of Members Who Have Moved

Betsy Durivage has been in contact with Bob and Linda Ward, who have been long time members of the Historical Society. They moved to Mississippi a short time ago. Since then Bob has become ill and his wife Linda said he would love to hear from some of his friends from the Society. Their address is 11630 Channing Lane, Farragut, TN 37934.

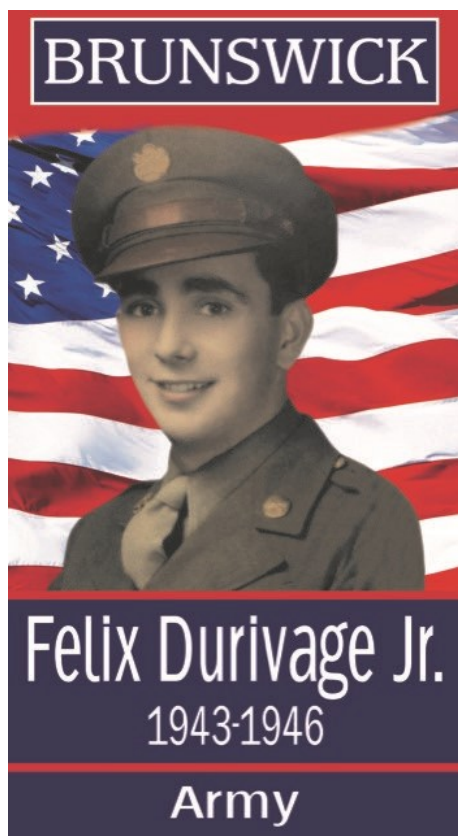
## Genealogy

Tracy Broderick

With most of the stones in Forest Park Cemetery having been up-righted and repaired, we now plan to have them cleaned. There are some stones on which the lettering is quite illegible. The Town of Brunswick Highway Department has been taking care of the fallen trees and mowing the grounds. After all our efforts, the cemetery has never looked better. I have been busy researching people that are buried at Forest Park. I have two large binders of information containing newspaper articles, photos, and family trees. I have also uncovered some very interesting stories!

## Military Banners

Military banners are still available with over 50 hung up throughout the town. You can call 518-279-4204 for an application or visit our website at [bhs-ny.org](http://bhs-ny.org) to download one.



## Capital Region Memories

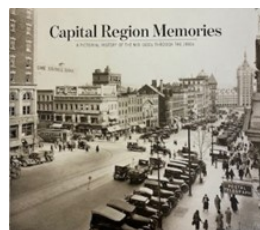
Featuring Albany-area history from the mid-1800s through 1939, the book includes images from surrounding Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties.

The book, from Pediment Publishing, is a beautiful, heirloom-quality showcase of the community's history, pulling together newspaper archives, collections from local organizations and never-before seen photos from the public.

Photos include:

Street scenes and transportation, Industry, agriculture, commerce, education, public service, and community recreation celebration, and disasters.

If you wish to purchase your copy of Capital Region Memories, please e-mail call the Society at 518-279-4024 or you can email [president@bhs-ny.org](mailto:president@bhs-ny.org). The cost is \$44.95.



### Please Help BHS Reset Tipped Stones at Forest Park Cemetery!

Contributions in any amount appreciated!

We prefer contributions by personal check. Checks may be dropped off at the Society at 605 Brunswick Road, Eagle Mills during visiting hours or mailed to:

Brunswick Historical Society  
PO Box 1776, Croseyville, NY 12052

Please write "Forest Park" on check memo line. Your canceled check will be your receipt—if you require a paper receipt, just let us know!



## Forest Park Cemetery Update

### Oliver

Peter Oliver was born on Christmas Day in 1859 in Lansingburg. He married Louisa in the spring of 1881. They resided in Brunswick for a time before moving to Colonie. He passed away on Dec 22, 1943 and Louisa passed in 1946.



### Pickering

Charles Pickering was born in the Town of Brunswick in 1873. He died in 1952. Charles was a lifelong resident of the town. He and his wife Elizabeth (1877-1941) resided on South Lake Ave. He was a retired wholesale distributor. Elizabeth immigrated to the US in 1895. She was born in Ireland.

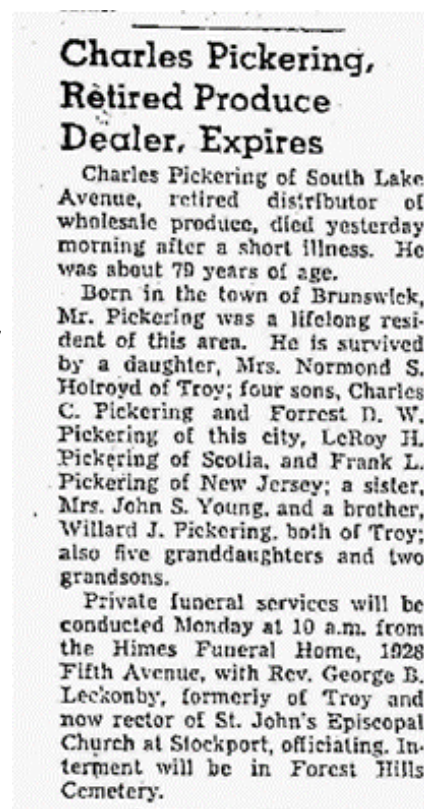
Some of you may be familiar with this family. There have been a few articles in our past newsletters about the Pickering family and the farm they owned "Lowland Grove". This farm was once located off the Brunswick Road by Taylor Lane, just before South Lake Ave. They grew produce and flowers which were sold in Troy.

Along with Charles and Elizabeth, their son Guy who was only 2 years old died in 1901, when a branch from a tree fell on him. They also had a child who passed on June 3, 1908.

Elizabeth's mother Catherine Keirman died in March of 1921 at the age of 71. She had lived with Charles and Elizabeth for over 30 years until her death.

There is also Clemence Keirman who died in Providence Rhode Island and was brought back for burial. I'm still trying to find out what his connection was with this family.

The family plot is in the Kings section of the cemetery and there is no head stone.



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### Warren

Lorenzo Warren was born September 1834 in England and came to America when he was a small child. His family resided in Troy. Beginning at age 16 he was listed in the census as being a moulder (making moulds for castings, brick making). At the age of 27 in 1862, he joined the military. He was stationed near Alexandria Virginia where he was captured by the Confederate army and held for 3 days. He was a private in Co. 125 Reg. with the New York Volunteers. He served almost 3 years when he was discharged in June of 1865.



He and his wife Elisabeth settled in the City of Troy where they raised their family.

He is buried with his wife's family. John (1870-1912) and Mary (1887-1926) Gillies, with their two children, Francis (Oct.1908-Dec.1908) and a child (1893-1893).

The only stone in this family plot in the Oneida section of the cemetery is the one of Lorenzo Warren.

### Turner

William Turner Sr. (1849-1911) was born in England . He arrived in the United States in 1882 with his wife Isabelle (1856—1938) and settled in Troy where they raised their family. William passed away in 1911 at the age of 61. After his death, his wife opened a grocery store near her home, where she worked until her death in 1938. She was well known to all her neighbors in the Stone Hill neighborhood.



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**Mission Statement**

The Brunswick Historical Society shall bring together those persons interested in the discovery, collection and preservation of historical materials as they relate to the Town of Brunswick and Rensselaer County, N.Y. The Society shall encourage and promote the preservation of historical buildings, cemeteries, monuments and markers of local importance.

The Society is a non-profit 501(c) (3) educational organization, chartered by the New York State Board of Regents since 1981. In accord with the Society's Absolute Charter the Society continually meets the requirements of the Board of Regents, including research, collections management and providing programs and interpretive activities for the education benefit of the public.