

# Artifacts

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## Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Saturday, March 19, 2022

At the Brunswick Community Center,  
Keyes Lane, Center Brunswick

## 200 Years of Entertainment in Rensselaer County

Kathy Sheehan, Rensselaer County and Troy City Historian, will present an illustrated lecture on the history of entertainment in the county. From the first national performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin held at the Troy Museum in 1852 to the temperance troupes that performed in the towns along the Route 22 corridor, Kathy will explore the rich and varied history of entertainment. Many performers will be highlighted including the big band era's Eberle Brothers from Hoosick Falls; Troy's Maureen Stapleton; and concert harpist Van Veachtou Rogers from Berlin. We will also learn about the theaters, halls, vaudeville houses, and drive-in theaters that supported entertainment in the county.

*See form inside for time, reservation submission information and deadline.*

## Brunswick Historical Society

The Garfield School  
605 Brunswick Road  
(Corner of Moonlawn and Rte. 2)  
Troy, NY 12180  
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518-279-4024

### Visitors Welcome:

Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm  
Saturday 10am – 3pm

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Tracy Broderick*

Well, here we are again with another year that has past. I had hoped that we would be further along with this pandemic than we are. The Society was shut down again for the month of January because of increased COVID cases in the area. I think this is going to be our new "normal" for the foreseeable future. There always seems to be a new variant around the corner. We will continue to do the best we can and keep our members safe.

We are planning to have our Annual Meeting on March 19th. Fingers crossed that we can pull it off. Kathy Sheehan will be our speaker again this year. We can always count on Kathy to have a very interesting program. ●

## MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

*Mark Your Calendars for July Get-Together*

I would like to invite all members to come and join us for our first Annual Membership Picnic. This is scheduled for July at the Society's headquarters. The details are still being worked out. It will be a catered barbecue. There will be no charge, we just want you to come and enjoy yourselves, learn about the Society, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. A letter will be going out in a few months for the details and RSVP. ●

## BRINGING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO BRUNSWICK

*Do You Have Information to Share?*

Town Historian Sharon Zankel is researching the history of electrical service in the Town of Brunswick. Her preliminary research indicates that homes in several Brunswick neighborhoods lacked electrical service through the 1920s. Sharon wishes to have a conversation with any members or local residents who may have information about the installation of electrical service at a Brunswick ancestor's home. Please contact Sharon at 518- 279-9714 if you have information to contribute. ●

*Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow*

## HAPPY RETIREMENT WISHES TO STACY POMEROY DRAPER \_\_\_\_\_

The Brunswick Historical Society congratulates Stacy Pomeroy Draper on the occasion of her recent retirement from the position of curator at the Hart Cluett Museum (formerly Rensselaer County Historical Society) in Troy.

Stacy served as curator for 43 years, and was an outstanding source of knowledge as well as an inspiration for the many who have served as volunteers at local historical societies and town historians throughout the county.

Our organization was the fortunate recipient of Stacy's generous guidance regarding the care of our collection on several occasions over the years, and those of us who have enjoyed visiting our county museum to discover our area's past may have realized her considerable talents through the organization's exhibits, publications, and events. We send Stacy our appreciation for her assistance to BHS and best wishes for a long healthy and happy retirement! ●

**PHOTOS WANTED \_\_\_\_\_**

The Society is still on the lookout for photos of the Brunswick area from the 1940s or 50s through 1980 — places and things that may not be around anymore, or may look very different today. For example, Hoosick Road, farms in the area, businesses and storefronts, and any interesting photos of homes from that time period.

We are also interested in collecting photos of past weather events in Brunswick. You can email photos to [president@bhs-ny.org](mailto:president@bhs-ny.org) or call 518-279-2024. ●

**NEW Book!**  
from Pediment Publishing  
*Capital Region Memories II:  
The 1940s – 1960s*

A few of our other books:  
*Images of America—Brunswick* .....\$20  
*Images of America—Poestenkill* .....\$20  
Tote Bags .....\$10

School Ornaments on SALE:  
Dist #3 Horace Mann School—1873 .....\$2  
Dist #4 Pleasant Valley School—1889 .....\$2  
Dist #5 McKinley School—1872 .....\$2

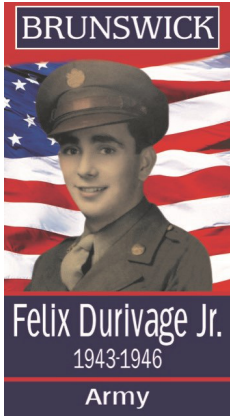
The Society has a few copies of of **Capital Region Memories** remaining for sale. The book features Albany-area history from the mid-1800s through 1939 and includes images surrounding Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties.

If you wish to purchase a copy, please call the Society at 518-279-4024 or you can email [president@bhs-ny.org](mailto:president@bhs-ny.org). The cost is \$45.

*Prices include tax.*

## MILITARY BANNERS

Military banners honoring Town of Brunswick residents who served in any branch of the military at any time in the Town's history are still available with over 90 hung up so far. You can call 518-279-4204 for an application or visit our website at [bhs-ny.org](http://bhs-ny.org) to download one.



## FOREST PARK CEMETERY UPDATE

Tracy Broderick

### ALEXANDER ALLEN

Alexander S. Allen was born in Vermont in 1859. He and Ella Goewey were married in 1883. They resided in Lansingburgh where Alexander worked as a machinist in the Troy collar factories. The 1930 Troy census shows that Alexander had retired. He lost his wife Ella in 1933 when she was 71. Before his death in 1942, I found that he spent over two years at a state hospital in Poughkeepsie where he died in 1942 at the age of 81.



Before



**Alexander S. Allen**  
 Alexander S. Allen, a resident of Troy, N. Y., for 50 years, died yesterday following a long illness. A member of Trinity Methodist church he was a member of the official board.  
 Mr. Allen was born in this town, and was employed as a machinist for Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., for 35 years.  
 Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Cara M. Hollins of Troy, and a sister, Mrs. Rita Fellner of Petersburg, N. Y. He was the husband of the late Ella Goewey.  
 The funeral will be held privately in Troy tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock with Rev. Frank Jay Reid, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery in Troy.

After restoration



### WM. & ISABELLE 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 they 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.

**TURNER**—In this city July 12, 1938, at her home, 198 Stowe Avenue, Isabelle Callaway, wife of the late William Turner; mother of Job Turner, Mrs. Joseph Bode and C. Frederick Turner, all of Troy. Funeral services Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the above residence. Friends may call at the residence Thursday evening. Interment in Forest Park Cemetery.





## SOUTH END WOMAN STORE OWNER FOR 37 YEARS, EXPIRES

**Mrs. Isabella Turner, Widely-known Stowe Hill Woman, Resident There Sixty Years.**

Mrs. Isabella Turner, prominent resident of the Stowe Hill section and known to hundreds in the South End died last night at her home, 198 Stowe Avenue. Mrs. Turner died at 82 after a short illness.

She had lived in the Stowe Avenue residence for sixty years and for the last 37 years had conducted a grocery store on the hill.

Born Isabella Callaway at Ocker Hill in Staffordshire, England, the South End resident came to Troy as the young bride of William Turner of England and the pair settled at 198 Stowe Avenue.

Mr. Turner died many years ago. With characteristic resolutions his widow opened a small grocery store which she operated and expanded until being taken ill two weeks ago. She was also the owner of a number of properties in the section and counted many friends among her tenants at her death.

A leading spirit in the affairs of Levings Methodist Church, Mrs. Turner was also an active supporter and gave much of her time to the Stowe Hill Mission, a small religious mission which serves the hill. She was one of the oldest persons on Stowe Hill and was believed to have lived in that section longer than any present resident.

Surviving her, all of Troy, are two sons, Job and C. Frederick Turner, and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph G. Bode. Fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Rev. Fred Richards Brown, pastor of Levings Church, will officiate and burial will be in Forest Park Cemetery.

## DELEE FAMILY

Thomas DeLee was born August 1887 in Troy NY. He lived with his parents, Patrick (1860-1934), and Mary (1886-1933), along with his brother John (1886-1962). Thomas served in the Army during WWI, as part of the Criminal Investigation Unit.



THOMAS J. DE LEE.



JOHN E. DELEE.



Patrick DeLee

Thomas's father Patrick was one of the founders of Troy Meat Dealers and Retail Grocer's Association. They established the grocery firm DeLee & Ryan in 1883. At the time of Patrick's death, it was said that he was one of the oldest merchants in Troy. Thomas's brother John was also involved in the business. By 1929, the family had 17 stores in Troy and surrounding areas.

After Thomas's death, his brother John took over the business. The DeLee family sold their store to the Grand Union Company in 1947, after John retired.

Two members of the DeLee family are buried in Forest Park. Thomas, along with his uncle John Gallei (died 1927), who was his mother's brother.

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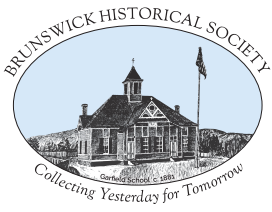
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CANNED GOODS.  
ALSO, VEGETABLES, POULTRY AND GAME IN SEASON,  
152 and 154 Fourth Street,  
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TELEPHONE.

## HELP RESET TIPPED STONES AT FOREST PARK CEMETERY

Your contributions by personal check may be dropped off at the Society at 605 Brunswick Road, Eagle Mills during visiting hours or mail to: Brunswick Historical Society, PO Box 1776, Cropseyville, NY 12052. Please write "Forest Park" on check memo line. Your cancelled check will be your receipt — if you require a paper receipt, just let us know.





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**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

**Brunswick Historical Society  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

*New Members Only*

*If you are a current member, a renewal notice has already been sent to you.*

Fill out the form below and return it to:  
Brunswick Historical Society  
PO BOX 1776  
Cropseyville, NY 12052

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|---|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual       | \$ 20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$ 50.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family           | \$ 30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate  | \$ 75.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (age 65+) | \$ 10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$ 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student          | \$ 10.00 |                                     |           |

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. ■