

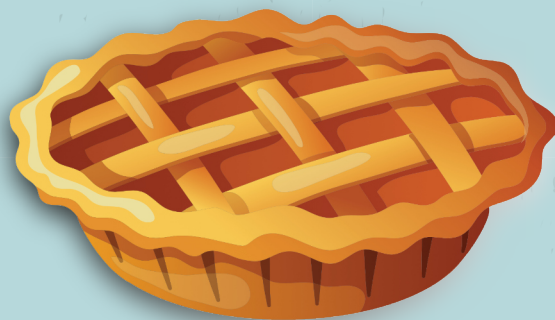


Artifacts

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Annual Tag and Bake Sale

Saturday, September 11, 2021
9AM-3PM – Rain or Shine



Bake Sale, Food, & More!

Be sure to get your raffle tickets!

First Prize – \$200 in Gift Cards (\$100 Walmart, \$100 Market 32)

Second Prize – Lottery Ticket Basket

Third Prize – Basket of Cheer

605 Brunswick Rd (Eagle Mills) Troy

We are offering free spaces to vendors.

Don't miss out, spaces are limited.

Call Tracy at 518-279-3020
for more information



Brunswick Historical Society

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

<https://www.bhs-ny.org>

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Visitors Welcome:

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tracy Broderick

I'm pleased to announce that the Historical Society will be opening up to the public on Wednesdays again starting in September, from 1-3pm. If you are interested in volunteering to greet visitors during this time, please call the Society at 518-279-4024.

ANNUAL TAG AND BAKE SALE

Please stop by The Garfield School on Sept 11 from 9am-3pm for our Annual Tag and Bake Sale. Don't miss your favorite treats from the bake sale! There will be a number of vendors participating in the tag sale where you can shop for a variety of goods and bargains. Be sure to pick up a raffle ticket – better yet, get a whole book of tickets! The raffle will be drawn at 3PM.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will be able to get back to some sort of normalcy soon. I am hopeful that we will be able to resume our programs and gatherings in the coming year.

NEW DISPLAY STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

To get us started, a new exhibit will be starting Sept 11. On display, will be a wide variety of items from our vast collection of antiques and memorabilia. I would like to thank Claire Steiner for helping me meet our deadline. ●

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathies and condolences go to long-time Society member, **SHIRLEY MADSEN** who has recently lost loved ones.

Shirley Madsen's son, **Donald A. Madsen**, 68, of Wynantskill, died June 19, 2021, at his residence after a long illness. Don graduated Troy High School and attended Stratford Career Institute. He was a security guard at the Harriman State Office Campus and the Empire State Plaza for the N.Y.S. Police for 13 years. He worked for Rensselaer County Buildings Dept. for 11 years and Freihofer Baking Co. as a carpenter for 12 years. He was a member of the Troy Lodge of Elks, the Taconic Rod and Gun Club, and the Rensselaer County Auxiliary Police. ●

Shirley's sister, **Mary E. "Betty" Film**, 91, of Brunswick, passed away on June 20, 2021. Betty worked to help people in need in various capacities throughout her life; she was always there to lend an ear and offer a kind word, and she had a positive and confident way about her that inspired others. ●

GENEALOGY

Tracy Broderick

I am on a quest to find pictures of people, places and homes in Brunswick from 1940-1980.

The Society's collection has many photos from "back in the day" but not from mid-20th century through 1980. The photos that I am looking for are as close as your family photo albums.

Of particular interest are photos you might have and share with us of places and things that may not be around anymore, or may look very different. For example, Hoosick Road, farms in the area, businesses and storefronts, and any interesting photos of homes from that time period. Also of interest are any photos of past weather events in Brunswick.

If you have the ability to scan your photos and send them to us, that would be great. If this is not possible, please contact us and we will set up a time to scan them for you while you wait.

You can email photos to president@bhs-ny.org or call our headquarters at 518-279-2024. ●



AREA MEMORIES

Capital Region Memories, Pediment Publishing, is a beautiful, heirloom-quality show case of the Capital Region's history, pulling together newspaper archives, collections from local organizations and never-before seen photos from the public. Featuring Albany-area history from the mid-1800s through 1939, the book includes images from surrounding Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties.

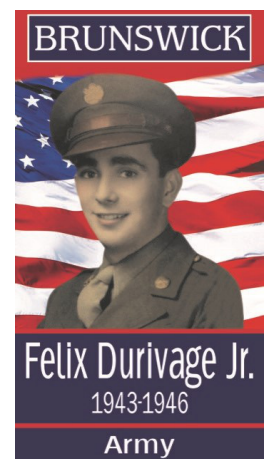
The Society has a few copies of this special publication remaining for sale. If you wish to purchase your copy of **Capital Region Memories**, please e-mail call the Society at 518-279-4024 or you can email president@bhs-ny.org. The cost is \$44.95.

Photos include: Street scenes, transportation, Industry, agriculture, commerce, education, public service, and recreation celebration, and disasters.



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 50 hung up so far. You can call 518-279-4204 for an application or visit our website at bhs-ny.org to download one.



Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow

FOREST PARK CEMETERY UPDATE

Tracy Broderick

Forest Park Cemetery has been and will be an ongoing project for the Society. This newsletter gives me an opportunity to show you some of the interesting things I have found while researching the cemetery and the individual plots. During this past year, I was able piece together more

information on most of the people who are buried at the cemetery. It's always nice to put a face to the name. While some information I look for doesn't seem to exist at all, for others I find a great deal.

Please enjoy this month's selection of facts and history from Forest Park Cemetery.

CHARLES KREBS KINGS PLOT

Charles Krebs was born in Massachusetts in 1871. His wife Elizabeth Shepard (1886-1969) is buried with him. He was a salesman for the Hudson Valley Fuel Corp. He resided in Green Island.



Funeral of Mr. Krebs.
The funeral of Charles W. Krebs was conducted at 2 p.m. today from the J. W. Burns Sons, Inc., Fifth Avenue Funeral Chapel. Rev. Frederick C. Bennett, pastor of the Green Island Methodist Church, officiated. Interment was in Forest Park Cemetery.

JOHN GROSS KINGSLOT

Stone was fixed 2018

John Gross was born in Germany in 1847. He immigrated to the US in 1887. Mr. Gross was a Foreman at the Burden Iron Works in Troy. His first wife was Elizabeth (1837-1899) is buried with him, along with his son Peter Gross (1873-1935).



The funeral of George Gross was held this morning from the undertaking rooms of Charles P. Bragle. Rev. Edward Lang officiated. Interment was in Forest Park Cemetery.

PLEASE HELP BHS RESET TIPPED STONES AT FOREST PARK CEMETERY

Contributions in any amount appreciated!

Your contributions by personal check 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, 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.

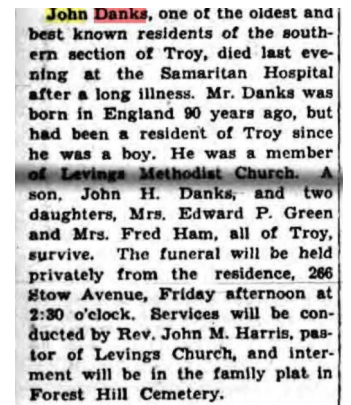
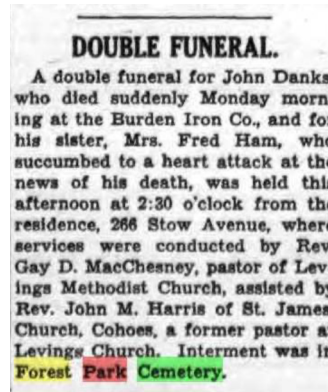


JOHN DANKS KINGS PLOT

No Stone

John Danks Sr. (1841-1931) was born in England. He and his wife Mary (1843-1906) resided in the City of Troy. John Sr. was an iron worker in Troy. They had four children who are buried with them: Francis (1863-1922); Lena (1873-1933) and John Jr. (1865-1933) who died on the same day; and Benjamin (1890-1904) who died at work at the nail factory. John Jr.'s wife Susan (1867-1903) and their son Charles (1890-1934) are also buried in the family plot.

The newspaper reported that John Jr. had a heart attack early in the morning at the Burden Iron Works, where he worked. When his sister was notified of what had happened to her brother an



hour later, she succumbed to a heart attack on the spot. It was reported that they were close all their lives and lived in the same house. He was 69 and she was only 39 years old.

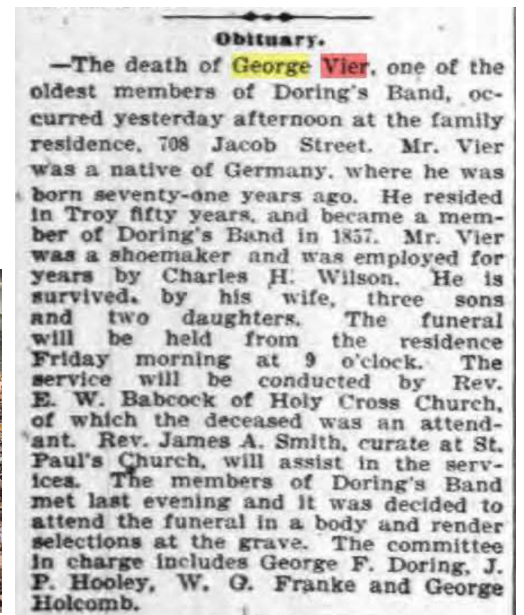
ANNUAL FOREST PARK CEMETERY WALK-THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 2021

Join historian Sharon Zankel for our annual tour of Forest Park Cemetery. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call the Historical Society at 518-279-4024 to save your spot.

VIER KINGS LOT

George Vier (1831-1902) was born in Germany. He and his wife Sarah (1845-1931) lived in the City of Troy. George was a shoe maker and a musician. He played the viola and became a member of Doring's Band in 1857. The band was very popular in Troy in the 1900's. When George passed, the paper said that "he was one of the oldest members" of the band.

Along with their children Charles (1866-1929), Isabell (1877-1943), Clara (1873-1955), Isabell and Clair lived together in Troy, as cited in the 1940 census.





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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. ■