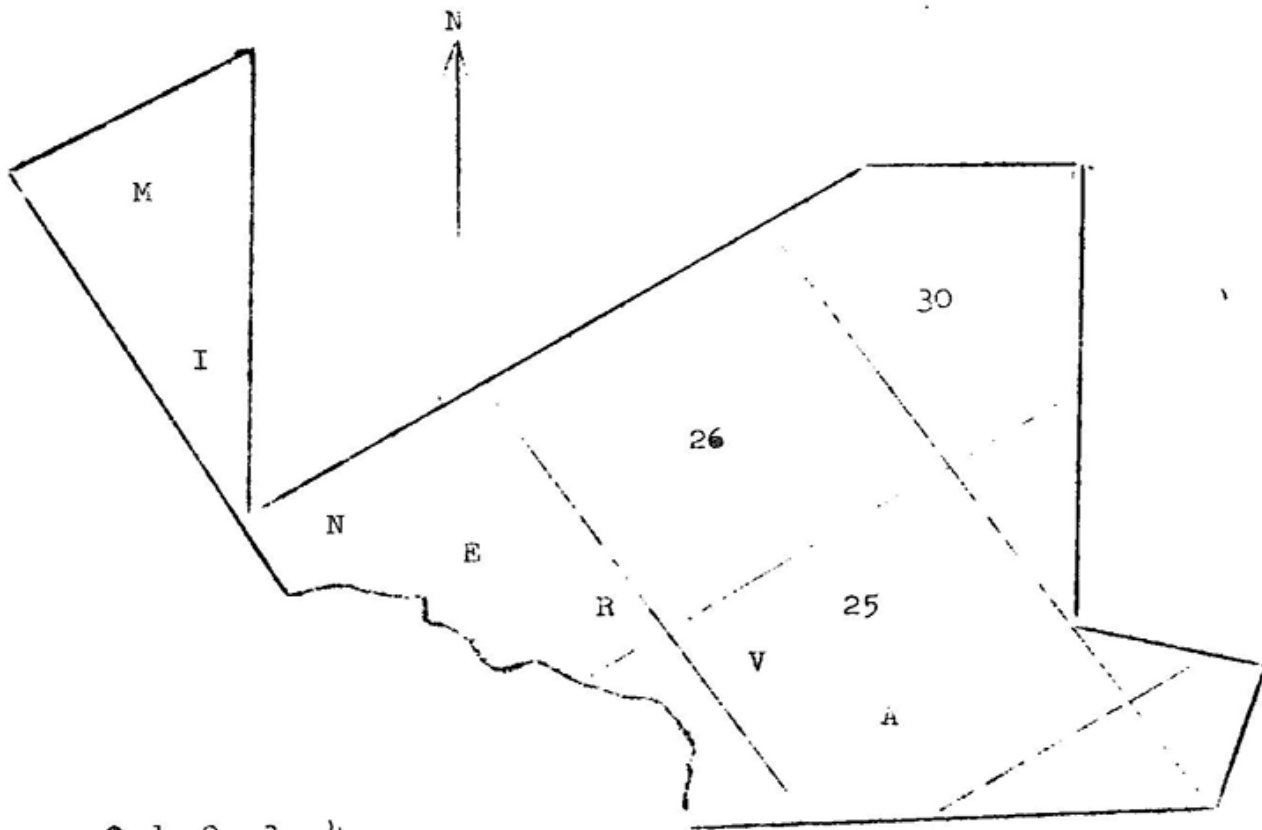


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## JANUARY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on January 25 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall. The program will be given by Mrs. Mark Fish of Chestertown and will be based on her prize-winning essay "History in Coverlets" for which she was awarded the Schultze Bowl by the National Society of New England Women.

Those who attend the meeting are invited to bring treasured heirloom coverlets, -- handwoven, pieced, patchwork, knitted, crocheted, embroidered, or any combination of handwork. If you have anything made of flax, it would be especially prized. All are invited.

## OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting held at the Town Hall was well attended by an interested, responsive audience. Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaBar, who were in charge of the program, used as their theme, Eric Sloane's book, "A Museum of Early American Tools". Previous to the meeting, they had requested materials for an exhibit. The result was a collection of over 100 articles, including household utensils, farm implements, lumbering equipment, and tools used in the daily living of the early settlers. The variety included a barrel churn, an early log-marker of Finch Pruyn Co., a cast iron match safe with an acorn design, and snow knockers to remove balls of snow from the horse's shoes. Probably one of the most unusual items was a wooden pipe used in connection with a hand pump, to draw water from a well. Many of the contributors described the use of the articles which they had loaned. Participants in the exhibit included: Edith Dimmick, Florence Fitzsimons, Clarence Jones, Jennie Jones, Eleanor and Charles LaBar, Molly Maguire, Harry Morse, Ben Owens, John Paradis, Gene Porter, Helen and Bill Powers, Helen Shevlin, Ed Shevlin and Doris Wells.

## MEETING OF THE UPPER HUDSON FEDERATION

The Upper Hudson Federation of Historical Societies met in the Minerva Town Hall on Nov. 9th. Those attending from our society were Doris and Laurel Wells, Mildred Lynch and Mabel Jones. The Historian of Saratoga County was present and representatives from the Chester and John Thurman societies. Officers were elected and a constitution read, discussed and adopted. Mrs. Mark Fish of Chestertown is president for the next two years and Mrs. James Magee of Athol is secretary and treasurer for a period of three years.

The next meeting of the Federation will be a workshop to be held in Saratoga in May. A part of the program will be a tour of the Saratoga museum and the Schuyler house. Our delegates are Mildred Lynch, Helen Shevlin, Alice Switzer, Theo Owens, and Mabel Jones. Our annual dues of \$5 were paid at this meeting.

**Warrensburg News - Jan. 25, 1894** - A new type entertainment popular this winter is called the Poverty Party. The young folks go to the assembly in the worst clothes they can find about their homes. Refreshments consist of hash and buttermilk and potatoes. The entertainment is evidently designed to suit these times.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Historical Society met on January 3rd and appointed the following committees:

**NOMINATING** -- Charles LaBar, Chairman, Helen Shevlin and Mabel Jones. This committee will report at the April Meeting.

**BICENTENNIAL OF UNITED STATES** -- Patricia Hewitt, Chairman, Alice Switzer, Andrew Halloran, Doris Wells, William Brannon, Noelle Donohue, Eleanor LaBar, and Suzanne LaRocque. This committee will be making plans for some sort of celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. The celebration starts 1975 and will end 1983. This may be in cooperation with a larger area than our own town.

Our State Historian, Louis L. Tucker, makes this statement about the celebrations "Let's institute a massive educational program on the "true" history of the Revolution. Let's strip it of its myths. Is this not a laudable goal for the bicentennial? Would not the eradication of myth improve the quality of life in our nation?"

**VETERANS**

Richard Evans

One young man who served in the army during the Civil War and has not been previously listed in our records is Richard Evans, son of Richard Evans and Cynthia West. His brother Robert is in Minerva records and we even have a letter that he wrote home to his family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans Kneip of Mt. Arlington, N. J., a granddaughter, who visited Minerva in the summer and later spent a weekend with her family in one of LaBar's camps, has obtained from Washington, D.C., the record of Richard's service. That is the source of the following information:

Richard Evans, Jr., enlisted as a volunteer at Kingsbury, N.Y., Aug. 30, 1864, giving his age as 21, although family records show that he was really only 18. He was mustered in at Troy, N.Y., Sept. 1, 1864, and was put into Company B, 16th Regt., Heavy Artillery. The January and February rolls state "Recruit on daily duty with quartermaster by order [illegible]." Richard was discharged at Wilmington, North Carolina July 8, 1865.

His record states that he drew \$44.51 and he was apparently paid \$33.33 at the time of enlistment. This seems strange as some men received several hundred dollars, even as much as \$1000. Richard's description is as follows: Eyes - blue; hair - sandy; complexion - light; height - 5 feet, 11 inches.

**TO RENOVATE A FEATHER BED** - To renovate old feathers, put them out on the grass in the rain and let them get good and wet. Then dry them in the sun, but keep working them every little while so they will get the benefit of the heat. Do not leave the bed in the sun a moment after the feathers have dried well for the heat draws the oil out of the feathers and will make them smell strong.

## GIFTS RECEIVED

## Book

Our society has received a copy of a fine book called "The Thomas Lamonts in America." The editor is Dr. Corliss Lamont, a retired Philosophy professor at Columbia University and presently chairman of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and a member of the Executive Board of the Poetry Society of America.

The Lamonts came to America in 1750 from Northern Ireland, having gone there earlier from Scotland. They produced many fine upstanding descendants who have helped America to grow, and who represent the finest in ideals.

If you would like to borrow this book to read, you are welcome to do so.

## Poster

A poster has come from the New York State Council on the Arts, designed by Kenneth Snelson, sculptor of the 1971 N. Y. State Award. The award was established by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in 1966 to recognize organizations, institutions, and individuals who have contributed to material beauty and artistic life in the State of N. Y. The poster will be on display at our January meeting.

## Business Cards of About 1890

1. Andrew Johnston - Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, Drugs, Medicines, Crockery, Oil, Boots, Shoes, Stationery, etc., etc., Olmstedville, N. Y.
2. L. D. Pereau - Dealer in Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, etc. Olmstedville, N. Y. Orders promptly attended to.

Cards with the above information were presented to our society at our October meeting by Mr. and Mrs. James Dickson who are now living in the LaBar apartment. The cards were sent through them by Dr. Warder Cadbury, an uncle of Mrs. Dickson and a teacher of Philosophy at the State University of New York in Albany. He has a home in Indian Lake and is interested in the history of the Adirondacks, being a collector of materials for the library at the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake. A recent publication of the museum is the reprinting of W.H.H. Murray's "Adventures in the Wilderness" with introduction and notes by Mr. Cadbury. Mrs. Dickson is the granddaughter of Dr. Henry J. Cadbury who was head of the American Friends Service Committee at the time that organization received the Nobel Peace Prize, and it was he who went to Sweden to accept the award.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are graduates of Brown University of Providence, R. I. Mr. Dickson's eyesight is failing and he would appreciate volunteers reading to him. He hopes to do some writing. Mrs. Dickson is employed by the Planned Parenthood committee of Warren County and also collects ads for the Dollar Stretcher. We welcome this young couple to our community and our society.

## PROFILES

A new feature makes its appearance with this issue. It is to be the biography of some of our senior citizens who are still active.

**Jennie Jones**

Jennie Cole was born on August 8, 1883 in the part of Minerva known as Leonardsville, in the home of her grandparents. She was the daughter of Frederick and Lucinda Wamsley Cole who, three years later, had another child, named John for his grandfather Cole.

Frederick Cole developed consumption and was unable to do hard work. The family spent the winter of 1892 as caretakers at North Woods Club and Jennie recalls that as the only time in her childhood when they had money enough to have presents for Christmas. Her father died in 1893 at the age of 31. Jennie was then 10 and John 7 and the family was living in a house on the Charley Hill Road in Schroom. After her father's death Jennie lived for a time with her aunt, Mrs. Napoleon Russell, and attended the Leonardsville school. Then she was with another aunt, Eliza McKee, and attended school in Minerva District No. 2.

In the summer of 1897, Lucinda Cole left both children with the McKees and she went to Raquette Lake to work in a summer hotel. The cook at the hotel that summer was George Little of North Creek, a man of 51 who had never married. That fall he and Lucinda were married and went to live in his home in North Creek, the present home of Mary Cole, widow of John. There Jennie again attended school and later helped care for her baby sister, Elizabeth Little. She also assisted her parents in the summer boarder business.

When she was 17 years old Jennie came to Minerva to help with the housework in the home of David Jones, and it was there that she made the acquaintance of Hollis Jones, a half-brother of David. On Sept. 7, 1901, they were married by the Rev. F. M. LaBar in her home in North Creek. She was then 18 years old and Hollis, 30. They lived with his parents, Byron and Diantha Gates Jones, in the home where Jennie still lives. Diantha died in 1903.

Hollis and Byron lived the farmer-lumberman combination life. In earlier years they had included bees in their livestock, but that had given way to a more intensified sugar making. Very few people realize what an uncertain and laborious industry this is, requiring the cooperation of the whole family. Byron died in 1916 after a long illness.

Hollis died in the spring of 1926. Since that time, Jennie has had boarders and roomers in her home, especially in the summer time. She has had as many as 14 for a whole summer. She is an excellent cook and a very cheerful, hospitable person whom everyone likes.

Jennie nearly died of pneumonia in 1926, has had two major operations, and a heart attack. In spite of all this she is still active at the age of 88. Each summer her favorite boarders of many years come back for a week or so and in the fall she gets one meal a day for a group of hunters on several week-ends. Of course, she has outside help, but she still does all of the cooking.

Jennie is genuinely interested in people and keeps informed about their problems and illnesses. She and Hollis had no children, but John's children and Hollis's nieces and nephews were made to feel very much at home there along with the children of neighbors and friends. They all fondly remember the sugaring off times, the warm biscuits and maple syrup, the popcorn and apples, which seemed to be synonymous with the home.

Through the years Jennie has always had a garden which provided much of the food for the family and boarders. She has canned or frozen the surplus so as to have plenty for the months of the year when gardens are out, and enough to share with others. Her cellar contains hundreds of jars of vegetables, pickles and preserves. She loves dandelion greens and, until the last few years, she has gone out into the fields and dug them in the spring of the year. In more recent years she has fortunately had friends who do the digging and bring her as much as a bushel of greens at once. Anyone who has looked over and washed a bushel of greens knows what that means.

Jennie is also very fond of strawberries and, until a few years ago she went out into the fields and picked the wild ones. More recently, she has gone with friends to fields of home-grown berries where people are allowed to pick their own. These too have been frozen or canned for winter use. At one time she went every year to cranberry bogs and picked her own cranberries.

And lastly, we must not fail to mention the mittens that have warmed the hands of so many of her acquaintances, especially the children.

One would think from all this that Jennie would have no time for anything but work. However, this is not the case. She loves to play dominoes and almost every evening will see her and a boarder or friends who drop in playing that game. The game ends soon after 9:00 o'clock as Jennie still believes in the old saying, "Early to bed and early to rise."

End

#### THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Warrensburg News - August 16, 1894 - How to Rush a Letter. If you want to send a letter in a hurry, be sure and write IN HASTE on the envelope. The postmaster and the clerk will then fall over each other in haste to get it into the first mail. Then the postal clerk will yell to the engineer to "pull her wide open; here's a letter in a rush" and the train will just fly. It is expensive for the railroad as accidents are liable to happen and the officials will not thank us for giving it away but this is the way to get a letter through real quick.

MORE ABOUT  
The Corscaddens

We have gained some further information about the Corscadden family that was mentioned in our October Quarterly. Kathleen McIntyre Dever tells us that Mrs. John Corscadden, Eliza, dug and stoned up the well from which she and her family drank for many years. It is said that a Negro who lived in town at the time was her helper. After their home burned, John and Eliza lived in a house that stood not far from the present home of Lloyd and Helen Fish. Edison Dimick occupied this house after the Corscaddens.

We have learned from Elmer West that Anna Corscadden came to America in 1888 when she was 17 years old, accompanying her brothers John, James and Alec. She was employed in the household of the Otis family, owners of the Otis Elevator Company, in Yonkers, N.Y. Sometimes Anna came to Minerva to visit her Uncle John and Aunt Eliza and that is how she and Elmer West met. They were married in 1896. In 1909 Anna enjoyed a visit with her parents in Ireland.

Her brother John lived for some years with the Fred Morse family and helped in the lumber woods. He did not marry. James married Mattie Wilson, daughter of Thomas, and lived for a time near Indian Lake. Alec returned to Ireland, probably at the same time as his Aunt Eliza. After her husband died in 1899, Eliza kept house for some years for another family, but spent her last years in her native Ireland. It must be that John and Eliza came to Minerva in 1857, since his death notice states that he had lived here 42 years.

Two descendants of Anna Corscadden have visited Ireland and the town from which this family came. Francis West, while stationed in Germany in 1948 made a trip there; and in 1955 Teresa West went on a tour with some other teachers. They found the spot where the Corscadden family once lived, but all that is left now is a part of the crumbling foundation overgrown with trees and briars. Teresa West is now Mrs. Cecil Van Nostrand of Mayfield, N.Y.

The Farrelly Family

By putting together the information that we have in census, cemetery, and other records with that sent by Mr. Retelle of Lawrence, Mass. -- October Quarterly -- we now have what we think is a fairly accurate, but still incomplete record of the descendants of Philip and Bridget Lynch Farrelly who came to Minerva about 1852. Edward Farley who died in 1938, is the only one that most of us remember. He seems to be the only one who changed the spelling and pronunciation of the name. He had no children and, since most of Philip's descendants who lived to grow up were daughters, there is no one left in town by that name. Mr. Retelle tells us that David Farrelly and his two sons who live in San Diego, Cal., are the only ones to carry on the name. However, one of the granddaughters of Philip was Isabel Dougherty, whose letter to a former pupil is given in this quarterly. Her mother was Catherine Farrelly who married Peter Dougherty.

Some Recollections of Clarence Jones  
Hank Burnham

Back in the days when horses were the power for both light and heavy transportation, one of the teamsters was Hank Burnham. Some of his sayings have come down to us.

Once in the lumber camp when the tote team had not been able to keep a good supply of everything on hand, there was an acute shortage of grain for the horses. As Hank came from the barn, the boss asked what he had fed the horses. He replied, "I gave them sawdust and then blew out the lantern."

Hank was assigned the job of plowing one early spring at the Newcomb farm. "The drive" had gotten down as far as Lake Harris, but a strong wind from the wrong direction baffled all attempts to get the logs through the lake and started down the river, so the boss decreed that they would quit trying until the wind changed. With the river drivers idle, the inevitable happened and Hank took the holiday with his friends. When J. J. saw him in the bar room and asked what was the matter with the plowing, Hank explained that he had to hang up the job till the wind changed.

But Hank was versatile. This time he was one of the river drivers and the cook got too near the bar room and failed to prepare something for a hungry gang of men at supper time.

Boss: "Hank, couldn't you cook for us till the regular cook gets back?"

Hank: "Yes, I could cook."

Boss: "Well, would you take over for a spell?"

Hank: "On one condition."

Boss: "And what is that?"

Hank: "That you find some place for me to board."

From MINERVA 1817 - 1967

CENSUS RECORDS

1810

When the 1810 census was taken, Minerva was a part of the Town of Schroon. However, it is possible to fairly accurately pick out those families who lived in "Dominick," as the names are all together and the same names appear in town records. There were about 137 people living here in 1810, with 23 families. Ten of these families owned looms and had made during the year 1,884 yards of cloth. There were five West families and those of William Hill, Rufus Towsley, James Whitehead, James Carey, Abner Tallman, Increase Jones, Edward Talbot, Richard Miller, Samuel Baker, Thomas Leonard, John Seely, Silvester Goodman, John Ogle, Allen Wing, Solomon Lanphear, David Tyler, Jr., and Lenox.

## Letter of an 86-Year-Old Teacher

Thirty-two years ago this month an 86-year-old woman wrote a letter to a former pupil, reminiscing about her first year of teaching in District 5 in Minerva. This is now referred to as Ridge Street. The letter follows:

Schenectady, New York

January 9, 1940

Mr. James Eastham

Minerva, New York

Dear friend James:

You will, no doubt, be surprised to receive a letter from me after so many years, although I have often thought of writing to you, as you are the only one, I think, who is now living that attended the first term of school I taught. Thinking over the many years now passed into oblivion since then, I resolved to write to you this morning.

It was in the Callahan district - number 5 - if I remember right. You will remember that I boarded at your mother's. The term had been begun by Miss Ellen Butler, but she gave it up and left the school without a teacher.

As I look back now, I was only a little girl. Mr. Dennis Callahan, who was trustee, came in to dinner with my father -- a stranger that I had never seen before. He said he'd heard on the Corners that I was the best scholar in the school and spoke to father and mother about hiring me. I think I was to begin teaching the next day in order to get the term completed before the 30th of September which was then the end of the school year. He said I'd have to teach a number of Saturdays -- each five Saturdays making a week. The authorities in Albany had allowed this on account of the school building. You remember it was only clapboarded. The desk was on one end -- the sides had just long seats.

Well, I began school April 13, 1869. There were 14 children, I think. The oldest were James Cassidy and his sister Margaret, afterwards Mrs. John Mea, Mary Callahan and Katie and yourself and the Jaquishes. Well, I think I could name every one of them today.

The Jaquish children were rather hard to manage. The year before sometime Eleanor, Mariette and DeEstein had attended the Corners school which I also attended and T. G. Shaw used to have quite a time with DeEstein so I remembered the family. Dan O'Neil used to call him DeEstein, Elefonzo, Jim, John Jaquish.

It is many years ago since you and Tommie came to school. And also, there were the -- no not Dunnigans but the Lorimers, Nancy Ann and John and Joseph.

I imagine you are the only one left of all who attended the first and second year. The Lorimers were not there the first year.

All gone -- that was seventy years ago last 13th day of April, 1869. I was not 16 years old but became the 20th of the following May.

There have been many changes since then in the schools but in those days there was not so much crime by the young as there is today.

Well, I must close. I'd be pleased to hear from you and hope you are well. I received a letter and Christmas card from a lady now past 70 who attended school at Hoffman 57 years ago and two cards from girls who attended school in other districts 55 years ago.

Almost every one of the boys and girls who attended my schools have made good citizens and have not made many mistakes in life.

I'll be pleased to hear from you,

Your teacher of seventy years ago.

Belle Dougherty

Now Mrs. I. M. D. Havron

James Eastham was born in 1857 and died in 1949. His mother's maiden name was Sally Maguire. His father, Thomas Eastham, was a native of England and served in the Civil War. After the war the family lived in the house now owned by Emma Murphy. Mr. Eastham went away looking for work and never returned. The mother brought up the family with the help of her father, Thomas Maguire, while he lived.

Isabelle Dougherty was the oldest child of Peter and Catherine Farrelly Dougherty. She taught school in various districts of Minerva for many years.

Some Facts Gleaned from a Register of School District 5

Among papers found in an old trunk was the register for School District No. 5, Minerva, N. Y. for the year "commencing July 26, 1889 and ending July 25, 1890." This school is still standing and is now the home of the Schulers on what is called Ridge Street.

The register had three pages of "Important School Laws and Amendments of 1887 and 1888." Two interesting provisions of the school law listed on the inside front cover of the register are first, "there must be not less than thirty-two weeks of school to entitle a district to public money" and second, "after August 30, 1885 no person shall be deemed qualified (to teach) who is under the age of sixteen years."

James Eastham was elected trustee August 6, 1889, his term of office to expire August 5, 1890. Joe Murphy was district clerk.

Manella Lynn taught the fall term beginning August 12, 1889 and ending November 30, 1889. She also taught the spring term beginning April 7, 1890 and ending July 25, 1890. Her salary for the spring term was \$5.50 per week. That for the fall term was not listed.

She was granted a third-grade license for the fall term by E. J. Owens and for the spring term by A. W. Dyke. During the fall term school was closed only on election day. During the spring term the teacher spent May 26 to May 30 at a teachers' institute in Ticonderoga and school was also closed on the Fourth of July.

The text books were listed. For reading the "Independent" first, second, third, fourth and fifth readers were used. Rand's spelling book used. The other books listed were Robinsons, Davies and Peck's arithmetics, Monteith's geography, Reed and Kellogg's grammar, Monteith's, Anderson's and Ridpath's histories, and under miscellaneous just the title "Physiology and Hygiene".

The register included the names of pupils for both terms. Twenty-one were registered in the fall and eighteen in the spring. In the fall term most of the children started during the first week but in the spring only eight entered during the first two weeks. The attendance of the children varied greatly - from fifteen days or less for eleven children to over seventy days out of a possible 79 for three children. Those who came most regularly were Anna, Henry, John and Rosie Murphy, Willie and Charlie Lorimer, Eddie and Addie Owens, and Lizella Flynn. The Murphys and Lorimers lived not too far from the school but many others lived on the 14th road and had a long way to walk.

The children were:

Harvey Jaquish 12	Willie Murphy 9
Wesley Jaquish 10	Rosie Murphy 13
Willie Lorimer 12	Eddie Owens 9
Katie Flynn 12	Ervin Flynn 8
Lizella Flynn 9	Charley Flynn 5
Cora Flynn 7	Libbie Murphy 16
Joseph Porters 15	Joanna West 15
Thomas Murphy 14	Lizzie Lorimer 9
Anna Murphy 10	Charles Lorimer 8
Eddie Murphy 12	Addie Owens 8
Henry Murphy 7	Johnnie Gleason 14
John Murphy 4	Tommie Flynn 6

The visitors who registered or were registered by the teacher were: Mr. Thomas Cassidy, Mr. Philip Smith, Mr. Willie Hagan (or Wager), Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Mr. Thomas Flynn, Carrie M. Lynn, Mr. Eddie Lynch, Mr. T. C. Lynn, Mrs. Lizzie Galusha, Miss Mattie Eastham, Mrs. Sarah Flynn, A. W. Dyke, School Commissioner, Mrs. Maggie Flynn, Michael Lynch, Mrs. John Jaquish.

I believe that the only person now living who attended that school is Lizella Flynn Callahan who is in her ninety-first year. The teacher Manella Lynn, daughter of Michael and Eliza Maguire Lynn, later married Henry Peck and they spent their last years in what is now the home of Mary Weldie and Nellie O'Neil.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mary Banks**

1887-1971

Mary (Mayme) Farrell Banks who died in Indian Lake on August 25th was born in Minerva in 1867, the daughter of John and Mary Shea Farrell. Their home was across the Hudson in the part of Minerva then known as the Farrell District, now a part of Indian Lake.

In 1908, Miss Farrell came to teach in District No. 2 in Minerva and it was here that she met James Banks whom she married. He was the son of Edward and Honora O'Brien Banks. James and Mayme resided in North Creek for many years.

**Charles H. Russell**

-1971

Charles H. Russell died on November 29 at his home in Saratoga. He was the son of Thomas and Mary F. Owens Russell and was born in the Alder Brook area of Minerva. He had many pleasant memories of dances and other social functions which he attended in Olmstedville in his earlier years.

Mr. Russell was greatly interested in our Minerva history and he invited a group from the Historical Society in the summer of 1970 to have lunch with him and his wife at their hotel in Saratoga. This is the Hotel Russell on Franklin Square which they have operated since 1912. It contains many and varied antiques which he has collected through the years. He was a cousin of Bill and Ben Owens and Florence Fitzsimons.

**Genevieve Surprenant**

1890-1971

Genevieve Bibby Surprenant died Dec. 2 in San Pedro, Calif. at the age of 81. She was born in Minerva in the area that is now the North Woods Club, being the daughter of Robert and Jennie Baker Bibby, and granddaughter of Thomas and Eunice Harris Baker, the first settlers in that clearing.

The Bibby family later moved to the village so the children could attend school and they occupied the house which later belonged to Lizella Callahan. Genevieve married Harry Surprenant, son of Robert and Catherine Middleton Surprenant. After his death she went to Calif. and worked for many years in the YMCA in San Pedro.

**William F. Maguire****-1971**

William F. Maguire of Olmstedville died January 2, 1972 in the Albany Medical Center Hospital, following a long illness. He came to Olmstedville to live in 1949 after retiring from the Albany Police Force with the rank of detective. From that time until last October he was the very efficient secretary of the Minerva Central School.

His wife, Mary (Mollie) Barnes Maguire, is a native of Olmstedville and one of the charter members of the Minerva Historical Society. She served as treasurer for a number of years. Bill had been very helpful in typing and copying materials for us. The Maguires have one son, William B., who is an engineer living in Rockville, Maryland.

**From MINERVA 1817 - 1967****Kitchen the Center**

In every house, the kitchen was the main room but it was not like the kitchen of today. It contained the stove used for cooking and heating, but all the other cooking equipment and supplies were almost invariably kept in the pantry—a small adjacent room. Here one finds. Here, almost certainly, there was the flour barrel, the iron or copper kettle and frying pans, the water pails, stone jars, or wooden tubs with other supplies. There was a stone jug for syrup or molasses and vinegar. On the top shelf were kept the few medicines then considered essential, such as castor oil, epsom salts, carbolic acid, paregoric, camphor, and nitre. Along with this array was perhaps a box containing precious deeds, contracts, and a few written records of the day.

Off the kitchen, too, was a small bedroom with a bed, a commode or dresser, and a few hooks for extra clothing. The front room or parlor was rarely used except for "state" occasions. If the parlor was a parlor bedroom used only for special company, for sickness, or for laying out the remains when there was a death in the family, a walk-in closet was often built off the parlor. Here the chests and trunks were kept and on a row of hooks along one wall, extra or special clothing was hung.

**Shoes**

Shoes were sometimes made in the home but more often taken to a maker to whom you took a hide, if possible, in order to lower the price. Shoes or boots were expensive and children went barefoot as much of the year as possible. When heavy winters, to be worn instead of shoes, came into use, they were quickly adopted. When these wore out, they could always be sold to the peddlers who came around periodically, or exchanged for some of his wares.

PEOPLE (Last Name First)		PLACES
<p>Baker, Jennie – 7                      Baker, Samuel – 4                      Banks, Edward – 7                      Banks, Honora O’Brien – 7                      Banks, James – 7                      Banks, Mary (Mayme) Farrell – 7                      Bibby, Jennie Baker – 7                      Bibby, Robert – 7                      Burnham, Hank – 4                      Callahan, Dennis – 5                      Callahan, Lizella Flynn – 6                      Callahan, Mary – 5                      Carey, James – 4                      Cassidy, Margaret – 5                      Cassidy, Thomas – 6                      Cole, Jennie – 1                      Cole, John – 1                      Dougherty, Belle – 5                      Dougherty, Catherine Farrelly – 5                      Dougherty, Isabelle – 5                      Dyke, A. W. – 6, 9                      Eastham, James – 5                      Eastham, Mattie – 6                      Eastham, Thomas – 5                      Farrell, Mary Shea – 7                      Fitzsimons, Florence – 7                      Flynn, Charley – 6                      Flynn, Cora – 6                      Flynn, Ervin – 6                      Flynn, Katie – 6                      Flynn, Lizella – 6                      Flynn, Sarah – 6                      Flynn, Tommie – 6                      Galusha, Lizzie – 6                      Gleason, Johnnie – 6                      Goodman, Silvester – 4                      Hagan (Wager), Willie – 6                      Havron, Belle Dougherty (Mrs. I. M.D.) – 5                      Hill, William – 4                      Jones, Clarence – 4                      Jones, Hollis – 1                      Jones, Increase – 4                      Jones, Jennie – 1                      Jaquish, Harvey – 6                      Jaquish, John – 6                      Jaquish, Wesley – 6                      Lanphear, Solomon – 4</p>	<p>Leonard, Thomas – 4                      Little, Elizabeth – 1                      Lorimer, Charles – 6                      Lorimer, Lizzie – 6                      Lorimer, Nancy Ann – 5                      Lorimer, Willie – 6                      Lynn, Carrie M. – 6                      Lynn, Eliza Maguire – 6                      Lynn, Manella – 5, 6                      Maguire, Mary (Mollie) Barnes – 7                      Maguire, Thomas – 5                      Maguire, William F. – 7                      Miller, Richard – 4                      Murphy, Anna – 6                      Murphy, Eddie – 6                      Murphy, Henry – 6                      Murphy, John – 6                      Murphy, Libbie – 6                      Murphy, Rosie – 6                      Murphy, Thomas – 6                      Murphy, Willie – 6                      O’Brien Banks, Honora – 7                      O’Donnell, Patrick – 6                      Ogle, John – 4                      Owens, Addie – 2, 6                      Owens, Eddie – 6                      Owens, Bill – 7                      Owens, Ben – 7                      Peck, Henry – 6                      Porters, Joseph – 6                      Russell, Charles H. – 7                      Seely, John – 4                      Smith, Philip – 6                      Surprenant, Genevieve Bibby – 7                      Surprenant, Harry – 7                      Surprenant, Robert – 7                      Tallman, Abner – 4                      Talbot, Edward – 4                      Towsley, Rufus – 4                      Tyler, David Jr. – 4                      West, Joanna – 6                      Whitehead, James – 4                      Wing, Allen – 4</p>	<p><b>PLACES</b></p> <p>Albany – 9                      Albany Medical Center Hospital – 7                      Alder Brook – 7                      Callahan District (District 5) – 5                      Dominick – 4                      Hoffman – 5                      Hotel Russell (Franklin Square, Saratoga) – 7                      Indian Lake – 7                      Minerva – 1–9                      Minerva Central School – 7                      Newcomb Farm – 4                      North Creek – 1, 7                      North Woods Club – 7                      Olmstedville – 7                      Ridge Street – 5, 9                      Saratoga – 7                      Schenectady – 5                      Schroon – 4                      Ticonderoga – 9</p> <p><b>SUBJECTS</b></p> <p>Agriculture / Farming – 1, 4                      Boarding / Boarding Houses – 1                      Census (1810) – 4                      Cooking / Domestic Life – 9                      Death / Obituaries – 7                      Education / Schools – 5, 6, 9                      Genealogy / Family Histories – 3                      Historical Society Activities – 7                      Kitchen Life (Historic) – 9                      Lumber Industry – 4                      Medicine / Home Remedies – 9                      Poverty Party – 2                      School District Records – 6, 9                      Shoes / Clothing – 9                      Teaching / Teachers – 5, 9                      Textbooks / Curriculum – 6                      Transportation (Horse &amp; River Driving) – 4</p>