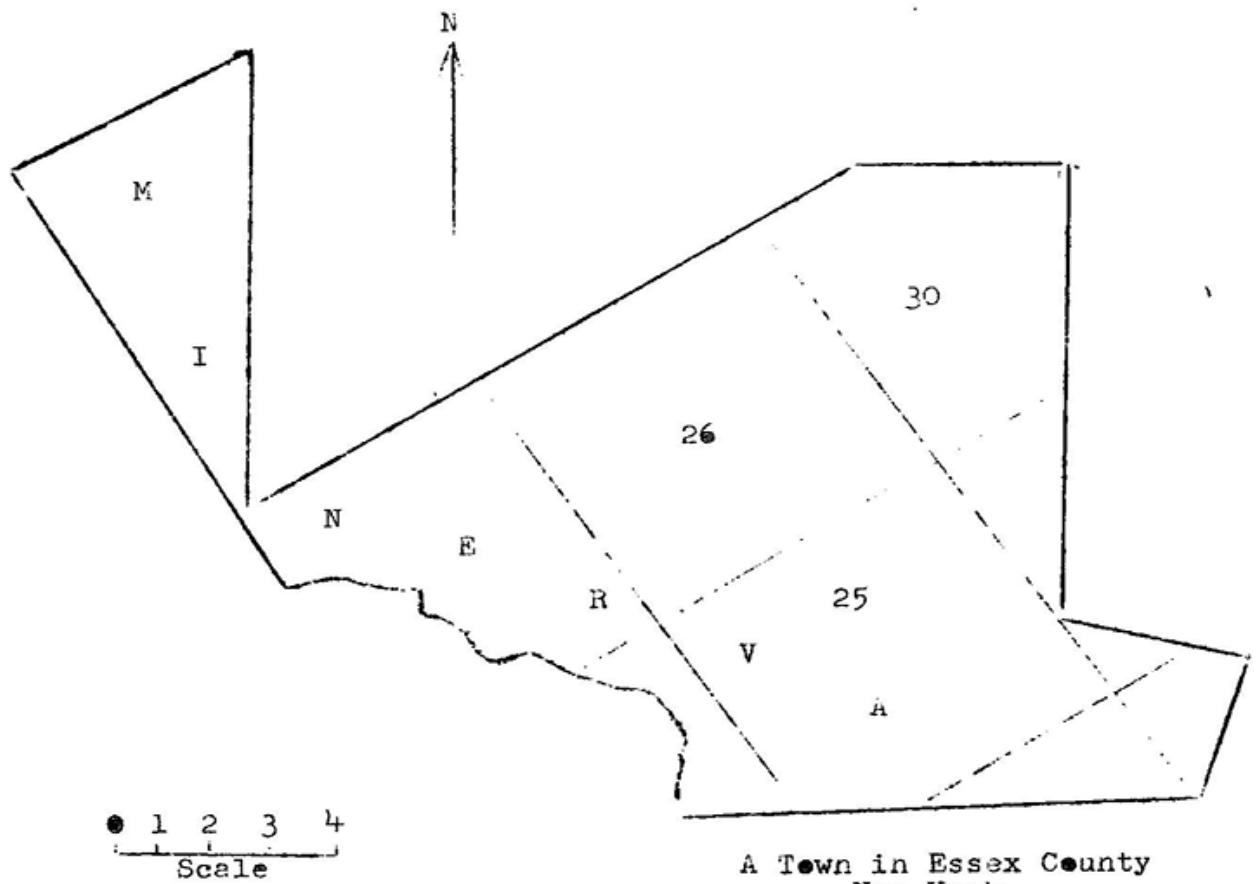


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JULY MEETING

On July 30th, we met in the Town Hall with 45 members and guests present. One item of business was the announcement by the president, Doris Wells, of the following committees: BICENTENNIAL - Patricia Hewitt, Chrm., Alice Switzer, Andrew Halloran, Doris Wells, Suzanne LaRocque, Eleanor LaBar, Noelle Donahue, Isabel Jones, William Jugon, and Fred Morse representing the Minerva Town Board. UPPER HUDSON FEDERATION - Mabel Jones, Chrm., Mildred Lynch, Helen Shevlin, Theo Owens, Alice Switzer. QUARTERLY PUBLICATION - Mabel Jones, Chrm., Shirley McNally, Helen Shevlin, Katherine Halloran, Alice Switzer, Patricia LaRocque, Doris Wells. HISTORIC BUILDINGS - Eleanor LaBar, Chrm., May Donnelly, Gordon Bowie. CHARITY FEASIBILITY - Mabel Jones, Chrm., Andrew Halloran, E. Westcott Mangine. PROGRAM - Helen Barnes, Chrm., Mae West, Nancy Winch.

It was voted at this meeting to give honorary memberships to Mr. Barnett Fowler of the Albany Times Union and to Mr. George Gardner, editor of the North Creek News, in appreciation of the help that they give us in publicity.

The program for the evening was presented by Mrs. Suzanne Reed of Schenectady who told us of the fun she has been having collecting ancestors and some of the methods that she uses. One of the points that she stressed was the preservation of stories and folklore items that have been handed down through the years. Mrs. Reed had spent a great deal of time making charts to show the relationship of the Havron family to the several other Minerva families. These were examined closely by those in attendance after the talk and she was kept busy for some time answering questions. She also had on display some old deeds which will eventually become the property of the Minerva Historical Society.

While in Minerva, Suzanne was entertained at the home of her uncle and aunt, Tom and Mabel Vanderwerker.

OCTOBER MEETING

This meeting will be held October 29th at 7:30 P.M. at the Minerva Central School. We will have a very short business meeting followed by a program of interest to the community. We are most fortunate in being able to show the New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission film on New York in the American Revolution, "And Take Me By the Hand." The Minerva Chorus will appear for the first time in their new Bicentennial costumes and will present a group of American songs, some traditional and some typical of various periods in our history. Mr. Harold Sylvester will show historical slides of the area that will be of much interest to the people of Minerva. The public is invited and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

PATRIOT'S DINNER

The Plumb Chicken Inn reopened at the Minerva Central School for the third American Revolution Bicentennial Dinner on Saturday, August 24th. The event symbolized a gathering of the colonists who were beginning to resist the British King.

In lieu of a guest book the diners signed the "Declaration of Rights and Grievances". Regional food of the thirteen colonies was served from a trestle table by waitresses in colonial attire. Recipes of old-time dishes were available for those interested. Decorations reflected the scene of a country inn of two hundred years ago. "Readables" on the tables quoted from "Poor Ricard's Almanac".

The school gym was transformed into a village green where continuous entertainment was provided. Early American music, including a Revolutionary War ballad was sung to the accompaniment of guitars, and dancers who did the minuet and gavotte added to the program. There were speeches of the period, such as one of Patrick Henry's, as well as later writings about the era, including "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" and the story of Bunker Hill. A liberty pole had been erected where the "Sons of Liberty" could gather and a pillory took care of any who needed to be punished.

The evening was indeed a "Bicentennial Event" with innumerable "patriots" of the community taking part to assure its success.

MINERVA HISTORY IN SCHOOL

Mrs. Hornbeck's American History class is presently studying the history of Minerva and is having a most interesting time. Each student is working on some project such as old roads, stores, census records, family history, etc., and each one is expected to come up with charts, maps or some other form of exhibit which can be displayed at the fair which the Bicentennial Committee is planning for next August. The Society's book MINERVA - 1717 - 1967 is being used as textbook. Should you be asked to present some subject to the class, we feel sure that you will cooperate.

The Town Historian went to Elizabethtown on Sept. 23rd with Mrs. Hornbeck and three of her students in order to help them learn how to make use of the information to be found in the County Clerk's office. The Society is very gratified that the High School Social Studies Department has added the history of Minerva to its list of subjects under its new unit program.

Warrensburg News, Dec. 6, 1864 - Potatoes are worth 50¢ per bushel here; hay \$25 per ton; butter, 25¢ per pound; eggs, 30¢ per dozen.

UPPER HUDSON FEDERATION

On Saturday, October 12, Clarence and Mabel Jones attended the meeting of the Upper Hudson Federation of Historical Societies, which was held at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa.

The morning program consisted of two talks by local men. One was by Dr. John Westbrook who told of the organization of the Ballston Spa Area Historical Society ten years ago. It grew and four years ago it became the Saratoga County Historical Society. Their headquarters were in the old County Court House, but it was doomed to demolition to make way for a parking lot. Brookside was given to them and is now their headquarters.

Mr. Bernard Buckhaver took over and told of the work of the past year and of their plans for the future. If they are able to carry out their plans they will have a historical development which will rival the one at Cooperstown. Ballston has had many industries and these are to be brought back as a part of the historical complex, such as ice cutting and storage, bottle making and bottling spring water, water-propelled drop forge, and a tannery. A fireman's museum and a railroad museum are also a part of their plans.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. Mark Fish of Chestertown and the following officers were elected:

President - Mr. Paul Rayno of Hudson Falls

Treasurer - Mrs. Mirt Magee of Athol

Secretary - Mrs. Jeanne Schwarz of Galway

The next meeting of the Upper Hudson Federation is to be held in Waterford on May 3, 1975. The invitation came from Mr. Garry Douglas who is Director of the Waterford museum.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS FROM YESTERDAY

To remove a stubborn glass stopper, wrap a cloth wet in boiling water around the neck of the bottle.

Utilize fragments of toilet soap by putting them in a bag made of Turkish toweling or heavy butcher linen. When the bag is three quarters full sew up the ends and use as you would a cake of soap.

Strong lye or soft soap will keep pots and pans clean and bright.

Newspapers wrapped around a piece of ice will keep it from melting too rapidly. It is bad to acquire the habit of folding one's arms.

BICENTENNIAL QUIZ

Answers to July Quiz:

1. James Otis
2. (a) Started the question of taxation,
(b) Stirred up revolutionary machinery
(c) Started the non-importation agreements
(d) Started the organization "Sons of Liberty"
3. Destroyed stamps wherever they could find them. (b) Tarrred and feathered stamp agents. (c) Forced the repeal of the stamp act.
4. Prime Minister of England preceding Lord North.
5. New duties on lead, paper, tea, and the Writs of Assistance.

October Quiz:

1. Why did King George III of England have so little understanding of the American colonies?
2. Who am I?
 - (a) My first appearance in the limelight came because of a speech in 1761 against the issuance of "Writs of Assistance." John Adams said of this speech, "American independence was then and there born."
 - (b) I resigned my office rather than defend the law.
 - (c) I was on the Mass. committee that recommended the Stamp Act Congress.
 - (d) I assisted in preparing the addresses to the British house of Commons.
 - (e) I was struck by lightning and killed in 1783, age 58.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Editorial in Warrensburg News for April 25, 1895 - In medieval times men and women looked much alike. Take the King and Queen in a pack of cards. They are nearly medieval; notice the similarity in their costumes, the same wide robes and angular folds, the same staid glass stiffness. Notice as it stands may be excused for being at a loss sometimes, at least until they have learned to look for the king's beard. With the wanes of the age of chivalry, there came a singular exaggeration in the toilettes of men. They deliberately imitated the women. They allowed their hair to grow long, cultivated curls by hot irons and ointments, and actually wore chaplets like diadems to curb their flowing locks. In the texture and color of their garments, they showed the same effeminacy, for they began to affect brilliant reds and blues and to wear costly trimmings and jewelry.

PROFILE

Olive E. Jones

Olive Evelyn Jones was born in Minerva on June 17, 1890, the second child of David and Annie Eisnor Jones, who were then living in the house that later became the home of Hollis and Jennie Jones. In 1898 they moved to the house in which Olive now lives. The addition at the north was built later.

Olive attended grade school in Minerva, district No. 2, going at first from the more distant home. As she and others passed the Lynch home they would be joined by Margaret Lynch who acted as a kind, protective big sister to the smaller children. Of course, there was no such thing as a school bus in those days.

In January 1905, Olive and her older sister, Alice, started high school in North Creek. Since the trip had to be made with horse and buggy or horse and sleigh, it was necessary for them to board and room in North Creek from Monday morning until Friday afternoon, and someone had to take them over bright and early Monday morning and bring them home again Friday afternoon. This was hard for them and their younger brother. This was before the road was hard surfaced and it followed a route different from that of the present day. Even as a young person Olive did not like to waste time. She made use of the long rides to learn the declension of Latin nouns or history dates and studying algebra or geometry. She encouraged those who were with her to do the same.

Both Alice and Olive graduated from the North Creek High School in June 1908, after which Alice taught school two years and Olive for three. Olive's three schools were the Byrne district, Aiden Lair and Ridge Street. She boarded in each district except for a short time at Aiden Lair when she drove a little horse and carriage in the spring of the year. One day she saw a bear in the road as she was returning home, but it ambled off into the woods and no harm was done.

In the fall of 1911, Olive joined Alice at Syracuse University where she had been attending for a year. During the next four years, Olive earned part of her expenses by working in a girls' dormitory and in the summer she and her sisters worked at Silver Bay Association on Lake George.

The next younger sister, Inez Jones, graduated from high school in 1909. She too taught school for a time and attended Syracuse Univ. Thus, the three sisters enjoyed three years of college together. Alice graduated in 1914 and Olive and Inez in 1915. Their brother Clarence attended the same school beginning in 1914 and Grace attended 1918-1922.

After graduating from college Olive took a position teaching mathematics in the high school at Beacon, New York and she remained there for three years. One of her fellow teachers was Miss Etta Thorpe who later became the wife of the Rev. F. M. LaBar and lived in Minerva.

While in college, Olive had joined the Student Volunteer Movement and she kept in mind the possibility of becoming a foreign missionary. During her third year of teaching at Beacon, she applied to the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and was accepted. She spent some months at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and Gordon Bible School, both in the Boston area, taking special training for her new work.

In August 1919, Olive sailed for India. She was assigned to the Girls High School in Nellore, where she was ready to take up her work after six months of language study. Usually a year is required, but a special concession was made in her case since she was to teach in a school where English was used. Later she was in charge of the school and taught mathematics and Bible. Still later, she was put in charge of the Training School and the Boy's High School in addition to the Girls' school and at that time did no teaching.

After five years, Olive was at home on furlough, resting and giving talks on her work in India, and attending school at Teachers College, Columbia University. On the next furlough she also studied there and received her Master's Degree in 1934. In 1941, she took a course at Cornell and one at Merrill Palmer School in Detroit.

Olive was in Nellore school for many years, but she was also assigned to other schools at times when some missionary was on furlough. During the interim when years, Inez Jones had become a registered nurse, had been married to Benjamin Johnson and they too were in India as missionaries. Thus, Olive had the privilege of seeing her sister occasionally and knowing the four little Johnsons as they arrived. The time that they saw one another most was during the hot weather vacations which were spent at Kodaikanal in the hills of India.

During the second World War, Olive came home in a convoy of 50 vessels, going all the way around Africa in an effort to avoid submarines. Her family at home was anxiously reading the papers and one day the chief item was the sinking of the Zamzam. Since they did not know on what boat Olive was coming, there was much anxiety.

Because of the dangers of a return trip, Olive was not allowed to return to India for three years. Some of that time she was acting pastor of the St. Albans, Vt., Baptist Church. Because of the delay she was at home when her mother died in 1942. She had been in India when her father died in 1936. Twenty years finally given permission to return, the sailing had to be kept strictly secret. It was later learned by her family that her boat sailed from New York and went by way of the Panama Canal to Australia. Her ship was in a convoy and one dark night there was much excitement when a submarine was sighted in the convoy. Olive was detained in Australia for a month, but finally reached India and was glad to be back at her beloved work.

She retired in 1958 after 39 years as a missionary. Alice had come to India in order to return with Olive. The two of them visited the Taj Mahal and other beauty spots of India and then had a wonderful trip home, visiting France, Switzerland, Italy and England on the way.

After a few months of rest in America, Olive was assigned to deputation work, to tell others about mission work in India, and she covered a large part of the U.S. in so doing.

Alice retired from teaching and the two sisters spent the winter of 1959-60 in Ventnor, N.J. In April 1960, they returned to Minerva to live in their old home. Olive brought a great many beautiful pieces of brass, furniture, embroidery, etc. from India which she has enjoyed displaying to the many guests who have visited their home.

The north side of the large house was made into an apartment which Grace and her husband, Harold Atwell have occupied since May 1963. Alice became ill in 1970 and is now in a nursing home leaving Olive alone on her side of the house. Two cataract operations have put an end to her traveling alone, but Olive is still active in local church work and is going strong at the age of 84.

LETTER WRITTEN BY AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD

Dec. 14, 1899

Some interesting old letters were saved by Catherine Eisenlord of Ft. Plain, N.Y., and were brought with her when in 1919 when she came to Minerva to spend her last years with her niece, Annie Jones. She died here in 1921 at the age of 94. One of the letters was written by Alice Jones after she and her little brother had spent a few days with their mother in Ft. Plain visiting "Aunt Kittie" and "Uncle James". Here is a part of the letter:

Dear Aunt Kittie,

We arrived here safely after a pleasant trip. We made good connections, did not have to wait at all, only hurry. We just had time to get our tickets in Saratoga. They went over to the Creek Friday and Saturday to meet us. Papa was scared when we did not come either day. We did not get the letter until Saturday night. School will be out in two weeks but the teacher we have got now is not going to teach the last week. He has got to go away next Friday.

When we got here, we heard some sad news. The hotel burned up. They had a dog it burned up too. In the morning, they found his bones and his collar. They did not save much but the Parlor furniture and the organ. As it is school time I must close. Lovingly, Alice.

WOODWARDSVILLE - WILLIS FAMILY - LOCH MILLER CEMETERY

While looking up land records in Elizabethtown some years ago, we came across a deed recording the sale of 20 acres of land in Lot 40 (Olmstedville) to Leonard Willis of Woodmansville, Essex County. This made us wonder where there might have been a settlement by that name.

Sometime later we discovered that we had a map showing a settlement called Woodmansville on the old road from Minerva to Schroon. A letter to the General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. brought the information that there was a post office established in Woodwardsville on Dec. 29, 1827 and discontinued on Oct. 27, 1854, but they had no record of Woodmansville. The first postmaster in Woodwardsville in 1827 was Leonard Willis who bought the land in Minerva in 1833. He was succeeded by Amos Willis on June 17, 1833. George Burch took office Sept. 16, 1846 and John Reed on July 16, 1847. All of this convinced us that the map maker had things a little mixed.

Apparently, Leonard Willis moved to Minerva in 1833. In 1836 he was Commissioner of Deeds here. Willis was an officer in each town, probably appointed by the County Clerk in order that deeds might be recorded without a long trip to the County Seat. Leonard Willis died in 1837 at the age of 35 and was buried in the little cemetery in Hoffman Twp. near his former home where his little two-year-old son had been buried the previous year. These were among the first burials in that cemetery, the land for which was given from the Willis farm. In 1839, Margaret, the wife of Leonard Willis, was given permission to sell as much of his property as was necessary to pay his debt of \$317. Augustus C. Hand was the Surrogate of Essex County who gave her that authority.

On Oct. 9, 1840, Gerritt VanBenthysen of Chester sold to Amasa and Porter Willis of the Town of Schroon, County of Essex, for \$495 land in the town of Schroon in a patent known by the name of Hoffman Township, the east half of lot 45 - the premises on which Amasa and Porter Willis were then residing, containing 126 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

In 1843, Amasa Willis and his wife Anna sold to Nathan Rounds of Schroon the east half of lot 45 which was said to contain 64 acres after deduction of water and also 3/4 acres sold to Helen Foster in 1845, and 4 acres occupied as a burying ground. Nathan Rounds paid \$500. On Sept. 15, 1853, Amasa and Anna, his wife, received \$75 for 1 acre of land in lot 45 sold to Edwin R. Ransom, Nathan Rounds and John Huntley, trustees of school district #9 of Schroon.

In 1852, Reuben and Martha Hill of Minerva sold to Amasa A. Willis of Schroon the central portion of lot 40 in Dominick Patent - 5 acres for \$62.50. This was the cost of the preferred to above. Both families moved to Minerva and were living together when the 1855 census was taken. Amasa Sr. and wife stated that they had lived in Minerva 3 years. He was then 76 and born in Mass. while Anna was 75 and born in Vermont. Amasa, Jr. was 34, born in Vt. and had been in Minerva 4 years. His wife Jane was 28, born in Essex County and had lived in Minerva 13 years. Both men were blacksmiths.

On March 23, 1856, Amasa A. Willis and his wife Jane sold to Edward M. Barnes for \$600 the 5 acres of land which he had bought four years before for \$62.50. No doubt there was now a house and blacksmith shop on the land. It is very probable that both families went west about this time.

In Elizabethtown land records is the following: "Jan. 17, 1809 Ananias Rogers of Ferrisburg, Vt. sold to Benjamin Willis and others, all of Boston, Mass., for \$1,750 land on the west shore of Lake Champlain on Rocky Point on the north side of Northwest Bay". We do not know whether or not this Benjamin Willis was an ancestor of the Minerva Willis family, but there was a Benjamin Willis who could have been a son or grandson of the above-mentioned man. He was living in 1850 in the Olmstead boarding house in Minerva and was a clerk in their store at age 20. His mother Mary Willis, then 49 and born in Mass., was living with her sons Woodward and Rodney Willis and daughter Adeline in Minerva. Woodward was a laborer and Rodney a wheelwright. In 1855 Mary was living with her sons Benjamin and Rodney and her mother, Lucy Jaquith who was then 84 and had also been born in Mass. All said they had lived in Minerva 21 years. In that year the Olmsteadville post office was established and Benjamin Willis was the first postmaster, holding that office from 1855 to 1857. In 1852, the daughter Adeline married Edward M. Barnes, son of Thompson Barnes. She died in 1879 at the age of 46. A few years later, Edward and his five children moved to Cozad, Nebraska.

In 1852 Woodward Willis married Sarah Ann Barnes, a sister of Edward. He had a store which was located about where the home of Arthur Liberty now stands. This family, according to the Barnes genealogy, moved to Minnesota. In 1858, the mother, Mary, was given a letter from the Minerva Baptist church to unite with any other church of like faith and order.

There are still many questions to be answered about the Willis family. If anyone has more information, we would be glad to have it. Apparently not one of their descendants is now living in Minerva.

We have learned that Hoffman township was named for Anthony and Mary Hoffman. When in 1851 the Evans brothers of Minerva bought lots 68 and 69 in Hoffman Twp. the deed mentions Anthony Hoffman, deceased, and his heir and wife, Mary Hoffman. Executors were Elbert Benson and Tedorus Bailey.

Does anyone know for whom Muller Pond was named?

LOCH MULLER CEMETERY

The Loch Muller cemetery is located on the old road which at one time went south of Muller Pond instead of to the north as at present. It is on a narrow dirt road which now ends at the cemetery. We were fortunate enough to be taken there on Nov. 30, 1964 by Bob and Doris Wells and together we were able to copy the inscriptions on the stones.

On Sept. 18, 1974, Doris and her son Bruce visited the cemetery but had to walk the last half of the way because of a fallen tree and a washed out bridge. A State Forest Ranger, Howard Lashway of Schroon Lake and his son joined the expedition. They found that 3 head stones had been laid in the road and used to get a car out of the mud and were broken. The pieces were gathered up and put back on the graves from which they had been removed. One stone, that of Charles Young, was entirely missing, but the others were still in place.

Ranger Lashway was able to tell Doris and Bruce that the Town of Schroon has, through the years, kept the cemetery mowed so that brush and trees have not taken over. Each Memorial Day a service is held there and flags are placed on the graves of those who served in the Civil War.

The following is a list of those buried at Loch Muller Cemetery:

AIKEN, EDMUND - died Feb. 21, 1888, age 75, Pvt. Co. A 2, Conn. H.A.

ATKINSON, JOHN, Jr. - died Nov. 18, 1896, age 62, Pvt. Co. E, 118th N.Y. Vol.

BROWN, THOMAS - 1792-1877. Lucy 1793-1875

BROWN, SAMUEL - died Dec. 3, 1883, age 61 years

CONERY, ALBERT - son of E. and D. Conery, died Apr. 19, 1859

CUSHMAN, CLARINDA - wife of John Cushman, died Nov. 10, 1839, age 21

HOLDEN, ESTHER - wife of Hannibal Holden, died Feb. 15, 1839, age 35

HOLDEN, LEE - son of Hannibal, died Sept. 9, 1868, age 8 mos.

MAHLER, WILHEMINA - wife of John Mahler, died Oct. 15, 1854, age 42

MAHLER, JOHN - 1816-1870, Elizabeth Olsenhart, his wife 1818-1905

OLIVER - Children of Lewis and Sarah Oliver

Amos L., died May 18, 1871, age 13 mos.

Lena L., son, died Oct. 9, 1888, age 13

Lena M., died Sept. 24, 1882, age 3

OLIVER, LEWIS - 1837-1907, Sarah, his wife 1884-

OLIVER, AARON - died Aug. 10, 1877, age 80

Rebecca, his wife, died Oct. 31, 1825, age 25

Loriant, their daughter, died May 25, 1834, age 10

OLIVER, NELSON - died Nov. 5, 1839, age 6 mos

STANARD, DANIEL - died Aug. 19, 1854, age 82
Sophia, his wife, died July 10, 1849, age 66
Annie, daughter of Chauncey and Louisa Stanard, died 1856

VANDERWARKER, FORREST C. - died June 27, 1881, age 6
Sadie A. died June 27, 1881
Martin died May 1, 1891, age 63, Pvt. Co. E, 175th N. Y. Vol.
Tresse Gatchell, his wife, died Jan. 6, 1891, age 52

VANDERWARKER, WILLIAM, Jr. - died Jan. 23, 1931
Washburn, Sidney - son of M. E. and H. L. Washburn, died Jan. 29, 1853, age 6

WILLIS, LEONARD, ESQ. - died Sept. 21, 1837, age 35
Leonard, his son, died Aug. 22, 1836, age 2
Nelson Willis died Oct. 16, 1842, age 37
Jefferson Willis, died Oct. 13, 1857, age 4
Susan C., dau. of Amasa and Anna Willis died 1836, age 21
YOUNG, CHARLES C. - son of Charles and May Young, died 1869

IN MEMORIAM

Jennie Jones - 1883 - 1974

On October 6, 1974, Jennie Jones passed away in North Creek at the home of her grand-niece, Carol Combs. She was the subject of our first profile which appeared in the January 1972 issue.

Jennie was born August 8, 1883, and was 91 years old at the time of her death. She lived a long and useful life. Perhaps the best tribute we could pay to her would be to quote from a letter written by one of her younger admirers at a time when Jennie was not expected to recover:

"If I were paying a little tribute to Jennie Jones, I would say: 'Let us never belittle small gifts of love. Here lies a special lady who invited me into her warm kitchen and offered me the best donuts in the world. Down through the years, I have never forgotten those delicious moments.'"

Jennie Jones packed a lot of living into her 91 years on earth. Adversity only made her stronger. She worked hard. She never gave up. Yet she took the time to make a small child happy with love in her warm kitchen with the best donuts in the world.

CORRESPONDENCE

One of our recent correspondents regarding ancestors is Mrs. Thomas Vulhan of Ridgecrest, California. She is descended from the West, Hewitt, and Gates families of Minerva through Gilbert Hewitt whose wife Rocena West, daughter of Anson and Hannah Gates West. Gilbert and Rocena went to Fairfield, Iowa about 1853 from Minerva and Rocena's brother Anson and others went about the same time.

In 1865, Abel Gates wrote a letter to his parents, David and Rachel Gates, from which we quote:

"We are contented and happy in Iowa. We went Sunday to see Stuben Hewitt and Anson West. All well. Stuben is worth about \$4000, Gilbert about \$3000, and Anson some \$3000 to \$4000. We have had about six inches of snow this winter, but the ground is bare, the weather warm and pleasant (Feb.). I think a poor man himself can earn a living here with half the labor that he can in Newcomb or Minerva. We have never regretted coming West. It was a wet season last summer. It was sickly and we had our share of it, but I think we will come out all right after a bit, as they say in Iowa." (Abel's wife was Sarah Bissell of Newcomb.)

OLMSTEAD - We have also had a query from Mr. Dale R. Olmstead of Rice, Minn., asking about the origin of the name Olmsteadville. He too is ancestor hunting.



Warrensburg News, May 30, 1895 - Igera - Nelson Perry and Giles Davis were the invited guests of Grant Davis at North River last week to accompany him on a fishing excursion to Our Pond. They had the good luck to capture 50 fine trout and came home well pleased with their success.

Warrensburg News, Oct. 24, 1895 - Adirondack Telephone System - Articles of Incorporation were filed last week in the Secretary of State's office of the North Creek, Newcomb and Long Lake Telephone Co. The capital is \$3000 and the directors are John Anderson, Jr. and D. Moynehan, Newcomb; John Connolly, Olmstedville; P. Moynehan, Glens Falls; David Hunter, Tahawus; and J. D. Sullivan, Long Lake, and Edward Anderson of Newcomb. The general route and points to be connected are: From North Creek to Olmsteadville, Kellogg's, Aiden Lair and Long Lake.

Warrensburg News, Dec. 5, 1895 - Igera - There was a candy-pull and hop at John Cole's Thanksgiving night. There was quite a company present and all had a good time. John Cole was violinist and Stella Cole presided at the organ.

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