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Issue dedicated to the founding family

WEST

Ebenezer I
Ebenezer II Nathan Joseph John William

West House on West Road

For the Reader's Information: I hope that you will enjoy reading the next few pages of the October 2017 *Quarterly*, which is devoted to the West family. While researching the subject of the West Family, I quickly came to realize that it is an all-encompassing subject within Minerva history. Naturally, as the earliest family in the area intermarried with other early families, those unions tied the community together as one. If you have had the pleasure of perusing the genealogy charts that are available at the Minerva Historical Society Museum, you may have discovered that there are more West charts than any other Minerva name. That being said, I beg you to please excuse if a part of the West extended family is not included in this article. Let me know of exclusions, and perhaps they can be part of future articles for the Quarterly.

Ebenezer West Family

When one reaches their 70s, they usually think about slowing down and taking life a bit easier. Not so with Ebenezer West, who learned about land in New York State that was available and would make a good place on which to resettle. His son Ebenezer II and John, his brother, with their wives and children, a total of 12 people in all, started the trek to the new wilderness sometime in the year 1800, to be joined later by two other brothers, Nathan and Joseph. They carried with them all their worldly goods and planned on being self-sufficient. They arrived sometime in the year 1800 in what was known as *Dominick*, part of the Town of Crown Point, afterwards the town of Schroon. About the same time, two men, a Puritan from "Down East" one Stephen Lovelace, and a Dutchman, Lloyd Lamphier, came to the same area to make shingles from the white pine growing here, and stayed a few years, until the available supply of white pine was used up. [*The History of Minerva*, Chapter 1, Rodney West]

Ebenezer West and his family were Minerva's first settlers. It wasn't until Minerva became a town by act of state legislature in 1817 and the first town meeting was held that we came to be known as Minerva. The first town meeting was held at the home of Nathan West, a log cabin approximately in the area of the present home of Eric and Selina Klippel, just below the Minerva Town Hall on A. P. Morse Memorial Highway. At the time, one could see the main road coming from North Creek. However, the Baptist church building did not exist, nor did the parsonage later located next door to the church. Not much obstructed the view from the West home.

After the business of the first town meeting had been attended to, the subject of what to name this new town came up. Folklore offers various explanations, and the classical approach to the name Minerva is that Absalom P. Morse, an educated man and a scholar all his life, suggested the name. That period in the history of the United States is known as 'The Greek Revival Period'. It may have seemed fitting to honor the women in the town by calling the town 'Minerva,' the goddess of Wisdom, Agriculture, Spinning and Weaving, as well as War. Absalom may have wanted to attribute all of these categories to the pioneer women including their fortitude in having just survived the Revolution in which most of their husbands or sons had fought. Surely, this was true of Ebenezer West and many others. *(Information adapted from Doris Cameron Wells, Town Historian, April 2003 Quarterly).*

Orson & Hannah West

Clinton A West

Etta Bennett West

From Rodney West's History of Minerva, Reflections on the very early days of settlement

"When white men first visited this region, the waters, thereof 50 pr. ct. [per cent] of them, were absolutely virgin of fish. When, therefore, "Old Sabeal" heard Samuel F. West and Levi G. West, a nephew of his, speaking about stocking Mason pond with some kind of fish, the Indian said 'White man fool! if Great Spirit had wanted to have fish in that pond he would have put them there." They heard what the Indian said, but went to Moxham pond, caught some bullheads, and put them in Mason pond. Fifteen years later the pond was alive with these fish, of an eatable size, too, so it was a success, and the Indian was mistaken. This was the first fish planting done in the Adirondacks, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, and they were Wests who did it. A few years later these same men put some speckled trout in the same waters, and there are good trout there now. Mason pond, named for a man who afterwards went as a missionary to Burma, is now known as Lake Bullhead." [*History of Minerva*, Chapter 2, Rodney West]

When Minerva was a sheep-raising town, Martha, wife of Nathan, killed a bear with an axe when she found it attacking her sheep. Many years in the future of that incident, a wax statue of "Aunt Polly" and her protective act with her axe found its station in the New York State Education Building in Albany. Unfortunately, the building was destroyed by fire and so was the statue of Aunt Polly.

"Old Sabeal knew of a deposit of rock salt, and another of bullet lead in this region, and proved it to the folks here too. On one occasion, he took Levi West, blindfold, to a cave in which he kept an old ax, and taking off the blindfold, told him that he could have all the lead he could carry home in the mealbag he was allowed to bring there with him. 'You are welcome,' said Sabeal, 'but cave belongs to Indian. White man find it sometime, but you never come here again.' Levi brought away about 50 pounds of the lead, mixed with rock, and it lasted him and his sons for bullets for their rifles a long time. I [Rodney West] saw this lead, about half of what was brought away myself. The round trip after the lead lasted about six hours from my father's house, from which they started.

In like manner, Sabeal took my uncle Ithamar West on an eleven and one half hours trip to the cave where his rock salt deposit was, and under the same conditions. I saw a large piece of the salt, of course mixed up with some rock, and tested the salt as well, and it was of good quality, too, so I know; but neither of these deposits has ever been re-discovered by white men, and may never be, for an Indian knows how to keep things hidden." [*History of Minerva,* Chapter 5, Rodney West.]

John West Family

Two hundred years has produced a vital West family, who has spread out to far distances but many of whom have stayed in Minerva. John West was born in 1767 in Rhode Island and married in Vermont to Betsy Miller, with a second marriage in Minerva. French's Gazateer of 1860 tells that the first child born in Minerva was Francis West and the first death was that of Betsy West. Francis was one of the four children born to John and Betsy. Most of John's descendants are in Minerva. Sarah West, daughter of John and Elizabeth Miller West, was born c. 1795 in Granville, NY. John and other Wests came to Minerva about 1800. It is reported that when her mother died, Sarah was about 5 years old and she was taken into the Joseph West family and brought up by them. The Joseph West family moved from Litchfield, CT to Hartford, NY about 1795, then to Granville (there are records of cattle brands for John West in 1797) and to Minerva in 1825. It was probably in Granville that Sarah West met and married Ara Wade in 1817. Three of their nine children were born in Minerva – Charlotte, Sarah Ann and Permelia.

West-Talbot-Sullivan

Richard Miller married Waitsey West, daughter of Nathan and Martha Titus West in 1808, this being the first marriage in what later became Minerva. Ebenezer II and Jane West and Nathan and Patty West were four of the eight charter members when the Minerva Baptist Church was organized as the Second Baptist Church of Schroon on October 17, 1807. Waitsey and others were baptized by Elder Fox on May 26, 1808 in the Baptist church.

Richard and Waitsey's daughter, Amanda, married Edward Talbot. Their great-granddaughter Elizabeth Talbot, "Bessie," married John H. Sullivan, a family name that became very dear to the hamlet of Olmstedville. For 13 years, Bessie was clerk of the Olmstedville School Board and postmaster from 1943 to 1958. She was a charter member of the Minerva Historical Society. In 1923, John Sullivan's store was on the northwest corner of the four corners in Olmstedville, after which time John bought the home across the street and moved his store into a part of the building, on the same site on which Darlene Duffy's store now operates. The Sullivans had six children.

West-Persons

The Persons family joined the genealogy of the West clan when Jane West married Henry Persons. Jane was the daughter of Orrin Gates West and Amanda Foster West. Orrin's parents were Lenox Titus West and Anna Gates. Norman Persons (1918-2015), grandson of Henry, son of Arthur and Gladys Persons, married Marion Knickerbocker in 1942, and they had three children – Brenda, Edgar and Malcolm. Malcolm married Catherine Palmer. He owned a construction business in Minerva, which he gave up when he was elected Highway Superintendent in 1998, serving the town in that capacity until 2005. Cathy was Town Historian from 2000-2003.

Norm Person Family

The Leonard Family Connection

John West's son, William Carr West (8/5/1790 in Vt. – 5/1/ 1874), married Betsy Leonard, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Leonard, the family that gave its name to the hamlet of Leonardsville.

Samuel West – Rodney West – The Middletons

Rodney West

Joseph West came to Minerva about 1825 and bought land on Ridge Road. Ithamar West (1786-1858) was the son of Joseph and Ruth (Munson) West. A descendant, Samuel West, lived on Ridge Road with his family, and died at the age of 90. Quoting from *The Elizabethtown post*, August 30, 1906, Samuel was "oldest male resident [of Minerva] and a long time citizen. Coming with his parents at the age of nine years, he had lived in Minerva for eighty one years. Known always as a moral, upright man, he was respected by all. It was not until he had reached the advanced age of eighty four years that he made a public profession of religion; at that time he was baptized into the fellowship of the Minerva Baptist Church. He died with peaceful trust in his savior. He leaves five children; one son Rodney, and four daughters, Mrs. Henry Middleton and Mrs. Barker living in Minerva, Mrs. S. F. Balfour of Moriah, N. Y. and Mrs. C. B. Jaquish, who resides at Indian Lake."

Mrs. Henry Middleton was Julia Eugenia West (1870-1913). Her husband often appeared in the weekly Essex County newspapers. As early as 1870, Henry served the county as a Grand Juror, and would serve several times more. He is listed as a butcher and stone mason. In 1896, along with Patrick Ratigan, he was an assessor for the town. In 1907 it is noted that he, along with other families in town, made between 300-500 lbs. of maple sugar, as well as being very busy in drawing logs for his sawmill. In 1910 a bucket brigade extinguished a fire at his home. The next year, it was noted that he was finishing lumber at his sawmill for a substantial cottage at Hewitt Lake. In 1913, his wife, Julia Middleton, daughter of Samuel West, died of a malignant case of diphtheria. Henry's son was Arthur Middleton, married to Ethel Burditt Middleton.

They had one child, Gladys, who married William Miesten. Gladys and William were the parents of Gwen Davidson who still retains a residence on Ridge Road and is an annual visitor to Minerva.

Samuel's only surviving son, Rodney West, married Nancy Lorimer, daughter of John Lorimer and Annie Telford, both of Ireland. Rodney spent a great deal of his childhood with his aunt, Elizabeth Morse, who taught him to read and write. He went on to be a prolific writer, with a weekly column in *The Elizabethtown Post* for a while, addressing all manner of current issues of the time. His sons were John West (1894-1954) who married Edith Ordway of Pottersville, and Paul West (1896-1955), who married Mabel Ordway. Muriel Green is the daughter of Paul and Mabel and a current member of the Minerva Historical Society and lives in Kentucky. Note page 14 for a sample of Rodney's writings.

Muriel Green

West-Kellogg-Gates-Brown

Kellogg is another prominent family name that belongs to the history of Minerva. Asa Farnsworth Kellogg (b. 1823), the son of William Kellogg and Ruby Phelps Kellogg, married Hannah West, thus interweaving two Minerva families. Hannah was the daughter of Lenox Titus West and Anna Gates. Eventually, this family settled in Marshall, Minnesota.

Likewise, in 1848, Orson Kellogg married Eunice West (b. 1830), a sister of Hannah. Together they had eight children. Note the link to other strong Minerva families: Rocena Jane Kellogg married Leonard Brown, and their son Orson Brown was born in 1879. Often mentioned in the historic newspapers of Essex County, Leonard was a farmer and also worked at one time at Hewitt Lake for Mr. Sage.

Anna Gates West

It was recorded that in 1906, he built a cottage at Bullhead Pond for Henry Callahan. He served as trial juror for Essex County courts at least twice. Loving sugaring times, Leonard and Rocena hosted spring sugar socials at their home. In 1915 he had a stroke while canoeing on Bullhead Pond, where he was found, brought home, and soon passed from life.

West-Rounds-Dimick

Another of the daughters of Orson and Eunice was Emily Frances Kellogg, who married Sidney Fuller Rounds in 1890, and had three children, one of whom was Edith Lillian Rounds, born in 1892. Sidney served the town and county in various capacities through the years, such as trial juror and election inspector. He and Emily "went into shanty" in 1902 with A. E. Bibby, who was drawing logs. Sidney was active also with the river drives. A lot of his life's work dealt with road building in and around Minerva. As early as 1913, he was working on the new Newcomb Road, and later in 1917 did work on the Minerva Road to the Warren County line. He graduated to foreman of the state highway maintenance gang, later to become a patrolman for the roads. It was during his work with modernizing the state road that runs through Minerva that Sidney was injured by flying stone, leading eventually to the removal of his eye. Money from the settlement based on the injury allowed him to stucco and paint his house at 1858 State Highway 28N, a house that was one of the first to get a new slate roof in 1916.

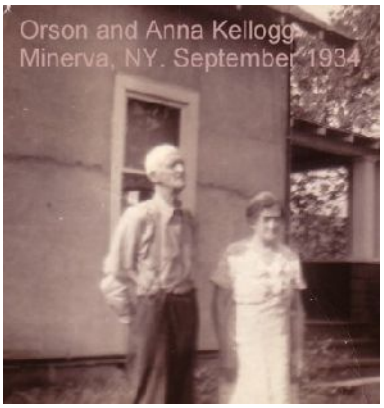
Sidney Rounds

The Dimick Family - Gordon, Earl, Edith, Harold; Twins Lillian, Vivian, with Barbara Dimick

Emily and Sidney's daughter, Edith, married Earl Alfred Dimick in 1921, introducing yet another Minerva name into the long line of West family members. Earl Alfred Dimick and Edith Lillian Rounds Dimick had six children, Barbara, Harold, Gordon, Emily Jane, and twins Lillian and Vivian. Barbara Pearl Dimick married Jack Curtis in 1945. For 27 years, Jack was manager of the campsites at Minerva beach, while Barbara ran The Stand for 13 years. Jack passed away in 1991.

Harold married Clara West and they had two children, Darlene and Darwin. Clara Dimick has served the town for years as Deputy Historian. From 2007 to 2008, Clara served as Vice-president of the Minerva Historical Society. Her daughter, Darlene presently serves as the town's Olmstedville postmistress.

West-Kellogg-McGinn



Orson & Anna Kellogg

Following another line associated through marriage with the West-Kellogg name, the Kelloggs united with the McGinns when Orson Kellogg Jr. married Anna McGinn in 1894. Anna was the daughter of Patrick and Esther LaRose McGinn, and they had five children: Walter, Clarence, Frank, Mildred and Ernest. They lived in a house located at the unnamed corner of what is now called McKee Road and 14th Road. The house burned to the ground from a lightning strike in 1915.

Orson rebuilt the house with cut logs from his own woods and had them sawed into boards at Lavery's sawmill in Olmstedville.

Mildred Kellogg Haley

This house also burned, but thankfully no one was living there at the time, and the lot has remained vacant to this day. Mildred Kellogg married William Haley, and their daughter Frances, who is the widow of John Feldsine, still enjoys her summer home on the 14th Road in Minerva.

Orson was Road Commissioner during 1901-02 and further served as school trustee for district #2 in 1912-13. At that time there was only one trustee in each of the many districts in the town. Orson died in 1935 at the age of 71 and Anna in 1949 at the age of 79. Both are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Irishtown.

West-Kellogg-Callahan

Frank Kellogg married Anna Callahan. The couple worked at Balfour Lake Camp, Kauser Camp, and eventually opened a store and started a plumbing business in Minerva in 1936. Anna served as Town Clerk from 1944 to 1982. They had three sons: The Rev. Bernard Kellogg, ordained July 11, 1949, and also John and Leo. In 1987, Father Bernard became the Reverend Monsignor Bernard F. Kellogg. John now lives most of his year in Florida. Leo lives in Schodack, New York.

In his military service from 1959 to 1961, Leo was a Special Agent in the U.S. Counterintelligence Corps. Following his military service, he worked in various positions in N.Y. State government until he retired in 1995. In 1999 Leo took the supervised qualification test for MENSA, LTD. and was admitted as a member. MENSA, LTD. is an international society in which the members must have a standardized intelligence test score in the top 2% of the population. Friends from high school remember Leo rightly as a very bright kid, but also as a fun-loving one.

West-Morse

Olive B. Morse West

Alanson West, son of Anson and Hannah (Gates) West married Olive B. Morse, daughter of Absalom P. and Lydia (Tallman) Morse. They lived on the property now owned by Tom and Brenda McNally, at the corner of State Rte. 28N and Townshed Road. The ten acres most likely had a good house positioned on it, as Alanson paid $1,000 to his parents for the property. Alanson was a farmer. He and Olive had three sons – Clinton, Fenton and Walter. In the midst of the Civil War, Alanson joined the 10th Regiment of N. Y. Heavy Artillery. About 15 months later, he died of pneumonia and was buried in the Minerva cemetery. Alanson was the town supervisor in 1858 and town justice in 1862.

Della & Clinton West

Clinton Alanson West (1852-1913) married Etta Thankful Bennett. Their children were Clinton Alanson West Jr., Nellie, George, Margretta, Olive, Viola, Fenton and Grace West. Clinton Jr. (1886-1953) married Della Minor. Both are descended from Nathan West. For a time, the West family lived in a home on Church Road, near the present-day home of the Bennetts. They moved to the house that presently belongs to Gary and Laurie West on West Road and it was in this house that son Lawrence was born. Oddly, the story goes that this house stands half in Chester, Warren County, and half in Minerva, Essex County. In such a case, the location of the bedroom is used to determine where the occupant is to vote and in this instance it is Minerva.

In 1927 Clinton began working for the State Conservation Department and retired after 20 years. It is worthy to note that Clinton's son, Lawrence West, his grandson Gary West, as well as Gary's daughter Sara have carried on the tradition of working for the Department of Environmental Conservation. Lawrence was a forest ranger for the New York State Conservation Department for 30 years in the Town of Minerva. Now retired, Gary worked for years maintaining the high peaks trails, then the Warrensburg campground. Sara currently manages Lake George's island campgrounds.

George Bennett West (1893-1957), son of Clinton and Etta West, is the father of Georgia West Ball. Please read the segment entitled *'Monument'-al History* on page 12 for insights into a part of George's life. His daughter, Georgia, lives in Gansevoort and keeps in touch with the Minerva Historical Society, herself a historian for a local historical society. Georgia's mother's name was Elizabeth Dupree Archambeau.

Fenton, the son of Alanson and Olive West, kept a home in Minerva while living and working for several years in New York City as superintendent of custodial services for the General Theological Seminary. Fenton's brother, Clinton, who married Etta Bennett, named his seventh child Fenton. Fenton married Mae Clark. They operated the ESSO Gas Station on Route 28N in Minerva for years. See the article on page 14 entitled "Fenton West Military Family" in this Quarterly.

West-Brannon-Savarie-Byrnes-Arnold

Grace West, youngest child of Clinton and Etta Bennett West, married Edward Brannon (1909-1976) on Jan. 1, 1929. They had one daughter, Florencetta, and two sons, William and James. Grace's children can claim ancestry to both the founding families of Minerva, the West and the Morse families. Edward became a car salesman and also worked for a number of years as a mechanic for William Gallagher in his Minerva garage. He served as Road Commissioner from 1941 to 1971, when ill health forced him to retire. He was also a member of the Minerva School Board from 1960 to 1970. On Minerva Day 2006, a brief ceremony rededicated a renovated Brannon Field, the home of Minerva Little League. A plaque in memory of Edward W. Brannon was unveiled to commemorate Edward Brannon's instrumental part in the building of the field in 1958. Grace West Brannon died in 1991 at the age of 81. She had been a school teacher at the Igerna School in Chester.

Florencetta Brannon married Robert Savarie. Please refer to their biography penned by Bob, on page 9 of the *Quarterly*.

William "Bill" Brannon married Ellen Dolan. For a long while, he was the town's sole surveyor. Bill, Ellen and their seven children, along with help from family and friends, built their home in Irishtown during the summer of 1979 on land where he was born. Bill worked on several projects, including the Cross Island Parkway, the N. Y. S. Thruway, several bridges, tunnels and buildings in and around New York City. Bill was the subject of two memorable songs written and sung by his friend Dan Berggren. One was "Brannon's Survey Crew" and the second is named "The Mayor of Irishtown". Bill also accepted several contracts in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His work overseas came to a stop when the Gulf War broke out, affecting the area where he was then working. He returned home to his family and business in Irishtown, in the town of Minerva.

Bill & Ellen Brannon – March 14, 2012

James Brannon married Margaret Foley and they had three children – Teresa, Gail and William. While serving the town as Superintendent of Highways, James planned the floor space for the new town highway garage. He seemed to be involved in so many activities in town – town crier at the Historical Society's Plump Chicken Inn, involvement with Little League for 10 years, part of the Minerva Fire Department, a Boy Scout committeeman. James had a splendid tenor voice and sang with the Community Chorus. He designed and constructed the bandstand that still stands at Minerva Lake. James died in 1976, and in 1979, the bandstand was dedicated to his memory. His daughter, Teresa Brannon Haley, has been the Minerva Town Historian since 2014.

Lester West (1913-1976), son of Clinton and Della, married Clara Gertrude Byrne. Clara served as secretary for the Minerva Historical Society from 1985-1987. Daughter Betty Boos remembers her mother Clara sharing that, when Lester would come calling at the Byrne house on Byrnes Road in Chester, the family would always know he was coming because he would be whistling a tune as he came over the hills and through the forest. Lester was very musical, which was typical of the West family members. He played the harmonica and, in fact, Betty commented that he had a lovely collection of the instrument. Lester had four children: Lester, who lives in Florida, Betty Boos who married Francis Boos and whose son Brian lives with her in the old Byrne home on Byrnes Road, James in Indiana and Albert who lives locally in Corinth.

Betty Boos
Photo of Byrne House

Other children belonging to Clinton and Della were Alton (1911-1987), who moved west; Harold Curtis West; Elma Inez West who married Conroy Arnold; Nellie Mae West who married Robert Byrne and then Norton Foster; and Lawrence Vernon West who married Christena Fish. Christena was an office clerk at the Olmstedville Post Office between 1965 and 1985.

Conroy Arnold was one of six children born to Charles and Marguerite Arnold. When they were first married, he and Elma, his wife, lived for a time with Clinton and Della in their Church Road home. After the Ryan schoolhouse, which used to sit up a little road just off Route 28N, was moved over Dell Culver Road and onto its lot still owned by Charlie and Larry Arnold on Route 29, Conroy and Thelma made the structure their home where they brought up their family.

A few years ago, the building was taken down and today Larry and Kathy Arnold have their home closer to the road from where the structure was used as the Conroy place.

Nellie West was married to Robert Byrne. Their daughter, Brenda, married Roy Palmer and is the current Mrs. Thomas McNally. Refer to the article on page 13 in the Quarterly covering the fascinating business that Tom and Brenda have established.

As with the featured Morse article from the July *Quarterly*, this article will end with a partial summary of family names that connect with the Wests. This is, by no means, a complete list: Archambeau, Arnold, Austin, Barss, Bennett, Bird, Bissell, Black, Blackman, Blaisdell, Bogle, Boos, Bostock, Bradley, Brannon, Bronner, Brottion, Brown, Bryne, Burt, Bushman, Callahan, Carpenter, Carr, Carrer, Cascadden, Chambers, Cleveland, Coates, Cromer, Curtis, Daniels, Davis, Dermody, Dimick, Doffing, Doherty, Dunlap, Eckle, Engles, Evans, Farrell, Feldsine, Fells, Fish, Fisher, Fletcher, Forte, Fortimer, Foster, Freebern, Fuller, Gates, Geroux, Girvin, Goff, Goodman, Green, Greenlay, Greenwold, Grow, Haley, Hayes, Heath, Hensel, Hewitt, Hill, Holmes, Hopkins, Houghton, Hunt, Huntley, Husselback, Hutchins, Ingraham, Johnson, Jones, Kass, Kellogg, Kelly, Kipp, Kneip, Knickerbocker, Leahy, Leffler, Leonard, Lewis, Lincoln, Lins, Little, Matteson, McCoy, McGinn, McNally, Mea, Miller, Miner, Mix, Montgomery, Morehouse, Morrison, Morse, Munson, Munzer, O'Mara, Ovitt, Palmer, Pelletier, Pelon, Persons, Phillips, Ravlin, Rexford, Rice, Rifkin, Robertson, Roblee, Rounds, Savinski, Scaritt, Schwentker, Searles, Shaw, Sheehan, Sheldon, Southwick, Spicer, Spink, Stevens, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumner, Swinton, Talbot, Taylor, Thomas, Titus, Van Dusen, Vanderwalker, Waterson, Wells, Williams, Wissell, and last but not least, Zoito.

ROBERT AND FLORENCETTA (BRANNON) SAVARIE, 2015

August 25, 1926 was an important day for me. This was the day I was born at home in Indian Lake, N.Y. to my parents Henry R. Savarie and Ida (Burgey) Savarie. Three siblings had preceded me - Marie, Stanley and John. I was the "baby" of the family. My early childhood days were quite typical of the depression years. As with most homes at that time, even though we lived within the small village, we always did a little farming. We always had a cow, chickens and raised hogs. A garden with a lot of home canning and preserving was a must. Looking back and comparing it with life today, we really didn't have much, but I can never remember thinking of us as being poor.

My father was a lumber camp foreman for Finch Pruyn, and I often spent time in the summer in the camps. These were in the Boreas Pond area in Newcomb and later in Cedar River country in Indian Lake. One of my fondest memories of this time was making and saving enough money to buy a bicycle. At an early age I had a paper route and also often worked as a caddy at Cedar River Golf Course.

My twelve years at Indian Lake Central School have left me with mostly good memories of my fellow students and teachers. Having started first grade just one month after reaching five years of age, I graduated at age 16. The attack on Pearl Harbor occurred when I was still a high school junior. My father, who had been an invalid for about two years, died just eleven days after the start of WW 2. My brothers were already in service. At age 15, I became the "man" of the house and it was up to my mother and me to keep things together. The following summer I had my first full time summer job. I was a clerk at Callahan's store in Blue Mountain Lake. This involved a general merchandise grocery, hardware, soda fountain type of store. My weekly salary was $18; and since I had no car, it was necessary for me to stay closer to work. My room and board was $10 a week. Still there was some money left over to buy clothes for school.

My senior year (1942-43) was not a typical year. We were now in the middle of a war. Rationing, bond drives, scrap metal drives and air raids became part of daily life. It was a very patriotic time when everyone was anxious to do what they could on the home front to support those in service. With so many in service, there was a labor shortage even in our small town. During my senior year I worked as projectionist at the local theatre and part time at the drug store. Upon graduation I was hired as part-time janitor at the school.

Later that fall, the principal had to take over a teaching position when one of the teachers was drafted. My job as janitor was then expanded to serve as the office secretary. A year and a half later, I turned 18 and was drafted.

In November of 1944, I entered service with the US Army. From Fort Dix in New Jersey, I was sent to Fort Bragg, N.C. for basic training for the Field Artillery. After a furlough at home, I reported to Fort Meade, MD. Deployment to the European Theatre followed shortly thereafter. At this point the war in Europe was cooling down.

I had just been assigned to my first regular unit, the 332nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 86th (Blackhawk) Division, when Germany surrendered. Good News and Bad News.

The 86th became the first unit to be returned to the States for retraining for the Pacific Theatre of Operations. Shortly thereafter, we found our unit packing up and heading back to the States. The night before departure I, as a new recruit, was assigned to guard duty with another new member. After our tour we returned to our third floor billet in a German house. We awoke the next morning to an eerie silence. Looking out the window we discovered that the 332nd had forgotten about the new members on the third floor and had left without waking us. After a little hitchhiking and help from the MPs, we located another unit heading in the same direction. We caught up with the 332nd as they camped just outside Paris. They still had not noticed we were not with them. We shipped out of LeHavre, and I arrived in New York just two months and two days from the time I had left the US. Being the first to return as a unit, our arrival in New York was an event. Fireboats and sirens and bells greeted us. Our ship, the *General Brooke*, was pictured on the front page of the New York Times. I can still point to where I was positioned under the large banner that said, "From ETO to TOKYO". A short furlough was followed by assignment to Camp Gruber in Oklahoma for a six-week retraining for the war against Japan that was still going on. Two weeks later we were ordered to turn in all equipment that had just been issued and were loaded onto a troop train headed to the west coast. Before we reached San Francisco, the Atomic bombs had been dropped and Japan had surrendered. We were destined to become part of the Army of Occupation and spent the next year just outside Manila in the Philippines. It was during that year that the Philippines became an independent nation.

It was only a little over a year, but I am sure that at the time it seemed like an eon. Manila and most of the urban areas were destroyed. Poverty was rampant. Service men who had longer periods of service were returning home for discharge. Those of us who were left to fill the positions found rank advancement much faster than usual. At age 19, I found myself a Sgt. Major of the Battalion. This was the top non-commissioned officer position. It would have taken years to gain that rank in normal times. In November of 1946, I said good-bye to the Philippines and the Army and returned to the US for discharge. I had been extremely fortunate in having all this experience in such a short time and had not been in combat.

The GI Bill made it possible to consider college. With considerable encouragement and prodding from my sister and former teachers, two months after discharge I enrolled at Buffalo Teachers College. "Buff State" at that time was about 1200 students, but with the returning veterans it grew rapidly. The next four years I was a college boy during the school year and worked as a bartender for my brother-in-law at Farrell's Hotel in Indian Lake during the summers and vacation periods. Between these two venues I received quite an education.

Since I started my college career in January, I finished four years later in January of 1951. This was not a good time of year to be looking for a teaching job, but again good fortune followed me. I was called back to a school in Rochester where I had done part of my practice teaching. This was to finish the school year. In June, when I was preparing for a trip back to Buffalo for the official graduation ceremony, I learned of a vacancy at Minerva Central School in Olmstedville. That September (1951), I started what has turned out to be my lifetime career, a move for which I have no regrets.

Industrial Arts (Shop) was rather new at MCS when I came to town. Two teachers had preceded me-Bob Crinean for one year and Tom Putnam for two years. My place was to last for the next 31 years. It was in the early months of my new position that I was at registration night for adult classes. It didn't seem to matter what course was suggested; there always seemed to be someone that would state that Florencetta Brannon would be interested. When classes started, I found that Florencetta was a very attractive young lady. Without boring the reader with details, be it sufficient to say that our friendship escalated rapidly and we were married the next summer. Yes, I married my student!

Florencetta was born in Minerva on July 31, 1932 to her parents, Edward and Grace West Brannon, both long-term families in Minerva. Following one year in Minerva the family moved to Irishtown. Grace's family descended from the Ebenezer West family, which was the first family in the Town of Minerva. Their lineage can be traced back to the Mayflower. The unusual name of Florencetta was derived from her two grandmothers - Florence (Barnes) Brannon and Etta (Bennett) West.

Florencetta has many good memories of the love given her by her parents, grandparents and the many aunts and uncles.

One traumatic event came near ending her life at an early age, around 7 or 8. Swimming with a small family group at Slippery Banks, she somehow got into a drop-off and water too deep for her ability and disappeared under the surface. Dan O'Neil, an Irishtown neighbor, recovered her in the nick of time. Florencetta still recalls the near death experience and how peaceful and beautiful everything seemed while she was still beneath the water. She also recalls how sick she was after being rescued.

Florencetta was the oldest child followed by two brothers, Bill and Jim. Because her mom had some health problems, Floss had a large part in keeping house and helping the brothers as they grew up. She also found time to be employed at the Tahawas Club, the Minerva Post Office and as a counselor with the Minerva Youth Program in its first years of existence.

The Brannon family grew up in Irishtown and always did a little farming. At one time they had live chickens for sale. One day a neighbor in the house on the mountain called and ordered some chickens. Since Floss's Dad was not there to kill the chickens, resourceful Floss put them in a bag and delivered them live. This is a story she has had a problem living down.

Irishtown, three miles from the hamlet of Olmstedville, was remote enough that they did not benefit from electrification until the 40's. Even doing homework by a kerosene light, Floss managed to be an outstanding student. Having benefited from the West family genes, she also has always been a talented musician. She has played piano, cello and tenor saxophone. Her saxophone was an important part of a band composed of Helen Barnes, piano; Ed Lavery, violin; Bev Morrison on drums and Floss on the sax. This group played for many dances in the local area. She is also known for her strong alto voice and has enjoyed being part of local adult singing groups and especially the choir at St. Joseph's Church in Olmstedville.

Following our marriage on August 30, 1952, we found that life could get even busier. Florencetta became a stay-at-home mom dedicated full-time to her family. She soon became an outstanding cook and has preserved many family recipes including the dinner rolls made by her grandmother, Florence Brannon. Although our family increased rapidly with our six children - Mary, Elizabeth, Christopher, Joseph, Ruth and Thomas - we both found time to be involved in many community activities.

The Fire Department was only two years old the year we were married, and we found ourselves deeply involved.

When the auxiliary was formed, Floss helped in writing the constitution and was a charter member. We were both fully involved when the rescue squad became an integral part of the fire department.

Over the years we both became certified EMTs and handled fire and rescue dispatch for over 30 years. Floss taught religious education at St. Joseph's and also had a very active Cub Scout den. We were both involved in one way or the other with musical productions by the Minerva Community Chorus. Other activities in those days included the annual MCS Hobby Show, the Ground Observer Corp of the Cold War days and, of course, Minerva Day. In fact, Floss and Betty LeMay can be credited with the birth of Minerva Day. It is gratifying to see this annual event continued with increased participation and enthusiasm.

As a "moonlighting" experience I started an insurance agency and we both became NYS certified property and casualty agents. Florencetta also became a licensed Notary Public replacing her grandmother who had held this position for many years. She still maintains her license as a public service, free to the public. We sold the agency shortly after I retired from teaching, having operated it for 28 years. The year before I retired, Floss started an antique business which we named Board 'N Batten. We really didn't expect to become as involved as we did. Over the years in addition to operating our seasonal shop in our garage, we were involved in four group shops and were doing ten or so area shows. As the business grew we found it necessary to erect another building to house the furniture, tools and expanding inventory. Floss became quite an authority on antique glassware, buttons and postcards. She often received calls from other dealers and auction houses asking for appraisals. Many of our customers and fellow dealers became very close friends whom we still cherish. It was with many regrets that in 2014 we decided it was time to face reality and we closed up shop.

Our married life in Olmstedville has been a busy one and a happy one. At present, in addition to our six children, we have eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. We take great pride and pleasure with our family and their varied accomplishments.

Our Town of Minerva has been good to us and we are grateful that a large part of our life has been here.

Robert and Florencetta Savarie 2015

'Monument'al History – George B. West, by Joy Healy with help from Georgia West Ball

Minerva has her share of spruce trees and spruce forests for logging. Who would have believed that a Minerva boy would travel 3,000 miles to the Pacific Northwest and be a part of the U.S. 63rd Army Spruce Squadron Air Service during World War I! **George West**, age 25*, left for Long Lake Sunday afternoon to report to the Hamilton County Draft Board for service. He is to be sent to the state of Washington as a cook.* [**The Elizabethtown post**, August 1, 1918, page 1]. In 1917, when the U.S. entered the War, the airplane had already been invented, but the U. S. did not have the capacity to build the number of warplanes needed.

The lumber industry in the Pacific Northwest of the United States was supplying the Allies with spruce timber, vital to the construction of wing spars and other parts of the planes. Eventually, the use of Army men and equipment increased the production of spruce, fir, and cedar needed for airplane and ship production.

The latter part of 1918 saw several of our young men either volunteer or be drafted into the military, among them *Wesley Morse, Henry Bennet, Charles Murphy and Earl Dimick … with the expeditionary forces in France. Earl Morse, John James and Rees LaBar are at Camp Meade, Md. Clarence Jones is at Camp McClellan, Ala., Edward Dimick at Camp Hancock, Ga., Peter Owens is in the Navy and stationed at Norfolk, Va., Edward O'Donnel at Fort Wright, N.Y., in hospital service, Gilbert LaBar, in the S. A. T. C. at Colgate University and George West is carpentering at U. S. Camp in State of Wash.* [**The Elizabethtown post**, October 17, 1918, page 3].

Etta West, mother of George, *received an excellent photograph of her son, George B. West, taken in his uniform in camp, in the state of Washington.*[**The Elizabethtown post**, December 12, 1918, page 1].Then in early 1919, *Private G. B. West arrived home from Vancouver Barracks, Washington, last Wednesday, having received his discharge.*

He has been connected during the period of his service with a division which has been getting out spruce logs for the manufacturing of airplanes. [**The Elizabethtown post**, February 20, 1919, page 1].

George B. West was born in October 1893, the fourth of nine children, to Clinton A. West and Etta Bennett West. Florencetta Savarie's mother, Grace, was number 9. George was married for a time to Mattie Mix, with whom he had no children. He later married Elizabeth Duprey, who came to the marriage with a son, Edward. George and Lizzie had a daughter, Georgia (West Ball), who currently lives in Gansevoort, NY.

This West family lived in the house next to the Minerva Baptist Church, later to become the home of Fenton and Mae West. George was a carpenter by trade and had also inherited the West musical ability as a singer. George passed away on December 6, 1957 at the age of 64 and is buried in the cemetery in Newcomb.

West/Morse Descendants and Fourth Cousins – Thomas & Brenda McNally

Thomas McNally's mother was Bertha Morse, daughter of Harry Morse, whose parents were Olive Morse and Alanson West. Alanson's father built the first house that sat on the location of Tom and Brenda's present property on the corner of State Route 28N and Town Shed Road. The house was a wedding gift to the newly married couple, Alanson and Olive.

Brenda Byrne's (McNally) mother was Nellie West, who married Robert Byrne. Robert was born at home in the Victorian house on Byrnes Road. Robert Byrne's father was William Byrne, who fought in the Civil War. He married Selina Foster from Bakers Mills. Nellie West's parents were Clinton and Della West of Church Road. Clinton's parents were Alanson West and Olive Morse West. This makes Tom and Brenda fourth cousins!

Hardscrabble Farms, Thomas and Brenda McNally: American Bashkir Curly Horses

Interviewed by Joy Healy

Shortly after Tom and Brenda McNally were married, they started acquiring animals – a pony, goats, chickens, a milk cow – all while living in downtown North Creek. They both came from farm families and were attracted to that form of life, collecting animals because they loved them and decided that they would be their life's work, but needed a place large enough to accommodate them.

The McNallys first purchased 50 acres from Ellen Pelletier on Hardscrabble Road, at the same time that Keith Palmer, Brenda's son, purchased adjoining property. The land was used contiguously to stable their animals. Living apart from the animals required daily trips to check on their welfare. At this point, they named their business Hardscrabble Farms and when they moved to their present location in 1984, they simply brought the name with them.

They operated their Town Shed Road home as a bed and breakfast from 1983 to 1986. By this time, they were breeding horses and collecting mares. They began with a quarter stallion named Mr. Murray and grade horses (unregistered horses).

About 1984, they became interested in the American Bashkir Curly horses, discovering the breed through reading an article in the magazine, *Mother Earth News*. The nearest breeder for Curly horses was in Ohio. After multiple trips with mares to Ohio, they discovered a young stallion for sale in Oklahoma. The trip to Norman, Oklahoma resulted in Brenda purchasing a baby stallion, a registered Curly which they named Okie J's Golden Cody P377 (the horse's registration number) and had him shipped to Minerva. This horse was the first American Bashkir Curly stallion ever recorded in New York State. The McNallys then became licensed breeders and are now the longest continuous breeders (33 years) on record for the American Bashkir Curly Registry. Cody was a rare horse that few people knew anything about, and the registry provided documentation for posterity. Now the Curly has become a recognized rare breed. The horses are hypo-allergenic; their hair isn't hair, but wool. They are gentle, people-loving and want to work for their owner.

As Cody grew up, the McNallys were able to breed their own mares resulting in registered Curly horses to increase the population of these rare horses. From their grain store at the farm, they were providing deer feed to Jeff and Lorie Canton at the North Woods Club, who offered an opportunity for Tom and Brenda to work there. The job offer was accepted, since not only could they move into the club grounds, but they could bring their eight horses, as well. It was about this time that they began to have Curly babies. Beginning in 1986 and for the next seven years, Tom and Brenda worked first as a second couple and then as superintendents for The North Woods Club. They rented their Minerva house to several people, until they returned in 1993.

Working outside jobs, Tom and Brenda gradually grew their business at the farm. They added more acreage and, essentially, reassembled the original farm as it had been before it was divided by a previous owner. They have buyers for their horses who are seeking them for pleasure riding. The Curlys are good for trail riding, "gaming", eventing, especially western events such as rodeos, cow work, and roping. The horses are friendly, want to please and have great endurance. Tom and Brenda continue to seek available Curlys to add to their breeding stock. One year people from Sweden contacted a broker in Port Jarvis, NY, who arranged for a sale and transport of three of the McNally's Curly pregnant mares to Sweden. This was their biggest sale over the years.

Presently, Tom and Brenda have 17 Curlys and one quarter horse in their fields. One of the most striking fillies is named Pride's Image which they board for an Olmstedville resident. The McNallys still own Pride, the mother of Pride's Image. Dew Drop and Sage are on display closest to 28N.

Presently, as it has for many years, Hardscrabble Farms' primary business continues to be the Curly horse. This includes accessories that have to do with horses, such as providing manure to gardeners, or making bales of hay available for purchase.

As in past parades, Tom and Brenda included some of their Curlys in the 2017 Minerva Day Bicentennial Parade.

Rodney West, writer and political activist of his day

Rodney West's writings dominated the political atmosphere early in the Twentieth Century if you lived in the north country and were concerned about the well-being of life in a small, rural town. Enjoy one of the many articles for which Rodney became well known. His writing was a weekly feature of *The Elizabethtown post* for quite a while.

The Elizabethtown post, March 20, 1902 – introduction of Rodney West's writings:

"Samuel Dutton's Greedy Exploits"

Apropos of the effort now making to restock the Adirondack region with moose, &c., I thought your readers might like to know the history of their disappearance, about a century ago, from this part of the Adirondack region. (This was in the day of flint lock guns.)

About the year 1800, a man called Samuel Dutton came into this part of the country to hunt. He made a business of it, and hunted deer and trapped for animals till the snow got deep enough for the moose to yard. They yarded on a mountain near Pudding Hollow. When all was ready, he went for them, and kept persistently at them till he had slaughtered 20 of them. The horns, hides and meat he "packed" down the country, and sold for what they would bring. Two of the smaller ones escaped to find refuge, I suppose, in a different locality. One was still left in the yard, so one day late in the "crusting" season, Dutton went for this one, the last of the herd, wounded it severely, and it left the yard. Dutton pursued it down the mountain and across a little valley known as the "Cassidy flats." It went part way up the hill on the other side of the valley, and then turned to fight. It was near a large pine tree there, and Dutton made for this. There was great dodging around it, Dutton on his splint-bottom snow-shoes, and the moose going to the bottom at every jump through five feet of half-thawed crust – a fight for their lives. Dutton succeeded in putting two more musket balls into the animal, and one into the pine tree! For a wonder the moose gave up the fight, and fled, leaving Dutton too exhausted to pursue further, so he went back to camp. He shortly after left town for good, and no moose have been seen on that mountain since, or in its near vicinity. This is the account given me by Joseph West and Amariah Dana, old time residents of this town, and who knew Dutton well. I had a few years ago the pleasure of splitting Dutton's bullet out of a cut of that same old pine, and there was only that one bullet in the tree. The bullet is now in possession of Mrs. L. J. Owens, who lives near the scene of Dutton's greedy exploit. The mountain still bears his name.

Rodney West, Minerva, N. Y.

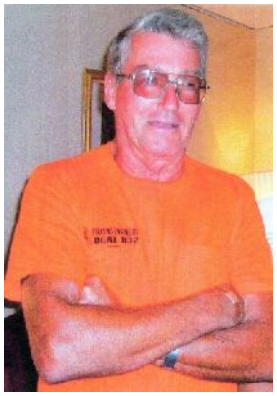
Minerva Military Veterans of Fenton and Mae West Family

(*Information submitted by Dick West)*

Fenton Junior West

Wayne E. West

Richard C. West



Neil T. West

- Fenton Junior West – US Army, PFC E-3, Jan 1951 through Jan 1953
- Wayne E. West – US Army retired, with 37 years of service; Chief Warrant Officer 5, Jan 1967 through Aug 1994
- Richard C. West – US Army retired, with 21 years of service; Major 04, Feb. 1960 through Aug 1981
- Neil T. West – US Army, Specialist 5, Jan 1964 through Dec 1966

❖ Fenton Junior West (Stub) (1926 – June 6, 2005), son of Fenton E. West and Elrene M. Moulton, was born July 1926 and lived in Minerva with his dad and stepmother, Mae West, until the age of 16. Stub enlisted 1949 in the Army at Ft. Devens, Mass. He took basic training there and then was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, 508th Ft. Bragg, N.C. Stub completed Airborne Jump School and was in supply.

His second year was spent at Fort Benning, Georgia as a Supply Sergeant. Stub returned to his mother's home in Lake George and spent his life working as an automotive mechanic, just like his father Fenton did. Stub was an avid fisherman, hunter and loved growing his own vegetables. His passion was his horses and for several years he entered different Rotary Club horse shows. He won many trophies over the years and especially loved jumping, pole bending and barrel racing, showing his many skills as a cowboy.

❖ Wayne West was born Dec. 1938 to Fenton and Mae West. He graduated from Minerva Central School in 1957 and shortly after entered the US Army. He married Margarete and they had four children – Gary, Roger, Brian and Sara West (Sauer). Wayne was a direct descendant of the first settlers of Minerva – Ebenezer and Waite West, along with Nathan and Anson West who were both Revolutionary soldiers. With such a military background in the West family history, it is no wonder that Wayne spent 37 years in the US Army, becoming a highly decorated American soldier who received many awards: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, 6 awards of Meritorious Service Medal, 5 awards of the Army Commendation Medal and many other awards for service in Vietnam, Korea and Germany. Wayne spent nine plus years as an enlisted soldier (supply sergeant) and 27 plus years as a Supply Warrant Officer. He was one of the first soldiers to obtain the highest rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5 in the US Army. Wayne's children followed in his footsteps with all of them serving in the US military and civilian service to our country.

❖ Richard Clark West was born to Fenton and Mae West and grew up in Minerva. After graduation from high school, he attended the University of NY Agriculture Technical Institute at Canton, NY. Richard entered the US Army at Fort Dix, NJ Feb. 1960 and completed basic training there. He spent the next 21 plus years serving his country in many capacities, from basic infantry soldier to supply management. Dick rose through the ranks of Private to Staff Sergeant, spending over four years in Germany before attending Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Richard married Susan and together they had five children – Elizabeth Jayne, Daniel (who also spent 21 years in the US Army), Debra, David and Dean. After receiving his commission in 1965, Richard's first officer assignment was in Vietnam with the First Calvary Division in the Central Highlands (1966-67) as a combat infantry soldier. Subsequent tours of duty saw Richard assigned to Thailand and a second tour to Vietnam as a military advisor to the Vietnamese Army in the Central Highlands (MACV SOU-Team 21). Language training was completed prior to this assignment. Major West has numerous awards, among them 4 Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Award, Purple Heart, Air Medal and Airborne Badge, plus many other awards.

❖ Neil T. West, born July 1941, was the son of Fenton and Mae West of Minerva. He graduated from Minerva Central School in 1959 and became a heavy equipment operator with employment in Tahawus mines. Neil enlisted in the US Army in Jan. 1964 and obtained the rank of Specialist 5. His military duties involved working with highly classified military missiles. He concluded his military responsibilities and departed the service Dec. 1966. Neil married Doris and had two children, Diane and Lisa. They moved to Farmington, NY and Neil began a new career field – heavy equipment operator – specializing in heavy duty cranes.

Grandchildren and their military Service

- Daniel C. West (son of Richard and Susan West, born 1964 -) – Maine Army National Guard, Supply and Logistics; Recruiter. 21 years of service; rank Sergeant First Class E-7
- Roger W. West (son of Wayne and Margarete West) – Top US Constitutional Attorney, serving in the War in Iraq with Senator John McCain as Assistant to US Embassy in Bagdad, Iraq with the Dept. of Justice. Mission in Iraq was to write the constitution for Iraq. Currently Assistant US Attorney General for State of Kentucky
- Heather Boyear (daughter of Roger and Ginger West) – In 2002 she served in the military in nursing for three years as a Specialist 4th class.
- Mark Boyear, husband of Heather, currently on active duty with US Army as helicopter pilot and instructor at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Rank – Chief Warrant Officer (W3), and is a career military officer with 17 years active duty.
- Gary O. West (son of Wayne and Margarete West)- Entered military service in 1975 and ROTC commissioned as 2d Lieutenant. Gary, his father CWO Wayne West and his uncle Major Richard West all three served together at Fort Knox, Kentucky.
- Brian F. West (son of Wayne and Margarete West) – Brian received his ROTC commission of 2d Lieutenant and entered US Army in 1984. He retired from service in 2006 at the rank of Lt. Colonel, highly decorated for his many years spent in combat roles overseas.

- Sarah West Sauer (daughter of Wayne and Margarete West) – Sarah received her ROTC commission of 2d Lieutenant and entered US Army Sept. 1990 as a military nurse. After filling many assignments, Sarah retired as a major in 2012.
- Jeff T. Sauer (husband of Sarah) – Upon graduation from West Point, Jeff was commissioned 2d Lieutenant and began his 25 year military career. He is a highly decorated combat veteran, and retired at the rank of Colonel.
- Kyle Sauer (son of Jeff and Sarah West Sauer) – Entered active duty with US Army May 2016. He was ROTC commissioned 2d Lieutenant and assigned to 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC. Kyle is currently assigned to Iraq.
- Bradley West Sauer (son of Jeff and Sarah West Sauer) – currently Corps Commander for Texas A&M University for School Year 2017-2018.
- Kathleen M. Sauer (daughter of Jeff and Sarah Sauer) – Currently attending first year at the US military academy at West Point, NY (2017-2018)

West-Kellogg-Feldsine Reunion

Most summers, activity will pick up down the 14th Road at the summer camp of Frances Feldsine, when members of the West-Kellogg family gather to enjoy a generational celebration. Fran is the woman standing to the right and behind the youngster sporting the green tee shirt.

2017 10-Week Club Dinner, by Nellie Halloran

The Minerva Historical Society's 10-Week Club Dinner was held on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 5:00PM at the Minerva Firehouse. The menu consisted of grilled barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, punch, lemonade, coffee, tea and desserts. Approximately 72 people were served at the dinner, which is the culmination of the Historical Society's biggest annual fundraiser, the 10-Week Club. Chef Joe Donaldson made the chicken and corn on the cob, and chef Katy Smith made the cole slaw and baked beans. The tables were adorned with beautiful centerpieces put together by Mary Irene Lee, with assistance from Mary Williams. There were 25 door prizes awarded to 25 random winners. The door prizes were put together and donated by Fran and John Paradis. 50/50 raffle tickets were sold during the dinner, and a prize of $79.00 was won by Dave Corle.

The grand prize winners of the 10-Week Club were: Jack Vanderwarker – $300; Tim Bradley – $150; and B. Nicholson – $75. The final profit for the 2017 10-Week Club was approximately $5,514.88, which makes it a smashing success! A good time was had by all at the dinner, and the food and company were wonderful.

Joe Donaldson, event chef

016 Weekly 10-Week Club Winners:

Week 1: Kathy Kardash	Week 6: John Paradis
Week 2: David Sailes	Week 7: Kim Moriarty
Week 3: Erin Dunkley	Week 8: Mindy Preuninger
Week 4: Ray Parker	Week 9: Marie O'Brien
Week 5: Ryan Umali	Week 10: C. Doty

Jack and Judy Vanderwarker: Long-time Supporters of 10-Week Club

When asked why they support the 10-Week Club, Judy Vanderwarker exclaimed, "I think it's neat! We like to support them [MHS]!" Jack continues, "We had the business across the road [Country Diner, then Sisters Café, opposite the museum], which Judy ran. With Bob Mueller, we bought the building for the business in 1978 when it was Strohmeyer's Store." Jack continues, "We are part of the community." Jack was on the Minerva School board for four years working with E. Wescott Mangine. He was also the town clerk for 19 years, ending the year 2000, while Dan Palmer was supervisor.

Minerva Historical Society Museum Report

The Minerva Historical Society Museum had a great season this year. At least 135 guests signed the guest book and we know there were many more visitors who did not sign. Thank you very much to those who volunteered as docents. This list includes: Fran and John Paradis, Joy Healy, Dawn Galusha-Hoctor, Nellie Halloran, Heidi Kelly, Keith Iversen, Ann Hornbeck, Betty LeMay, Phil Johnson, Art Liberty, Joyce Tuffey, Nancy Booth, Ronnie Silver, Martha Galusha, Margo Bartolomeo and Tom Kelly. We would also like to thank Mike Kelly for keeping the lawn so well-manicured.

The Minerva Central School, grades Kindergarten through Fourth, came to visit the museum on Friday, September 22nd. Martha Galusha, Margo Bartolomeo and Teresa Brannon Haley helped the students learn more about our town history and the items in the display. The students from each grade will submit a drawing or essay (or both) of an item that they noticed in the museum. These submissions will be judged by four museum/community members and the winners will receive a monetary prize to be awarded at the school later this October.

It was suggested that we decorate the museum this winter for a holiday celebration. One suggestion was to display a collection of nativity scenes. Another was to hold Christmas caroling, etc. If anyone has ideas for this, please share. You can email me at Minervahistory@hotmail.com or call the museum at 518.251.2229.

The guest speaker for our October 24th meeting will be Mr. Richard Nason, of Glens Falls. Mr Nason held a position in land management for Finch Pruyn for 34 years. Today he shares the history of the logging industry of the Adirondacks. His presentation of video/slides will describe the logging history from the 1890s to the 1950s and will include phases of logging such as log cutting and transport on the river drives.

Gifts to Historical Society

A big thanks to Frances Kellogg Feldsine for the gift to the Historical Society of :

- 1872 *Montheith's Comprehensive Geography* textbook, used and signed by Lillian C. McGinn for teaching in 1904.
- several report cards from grades 4 to 7 earned by her mother Mildred Kellogg, signed by teachers Kathleen Mea, Mayme Farrell Banks, Margaretta Mea and Alice E. Mallon.
- Mildred's Preliminary Certificate from North Creek High School, signed by G. W. Hamilton, Principal
- Receipts were also gifted from the time when an electrical strike burned the Kellogg house on the corner of 14th Road and McKee Rd., and her father, Orson Kellogg, was rebuilding the structure. The receipts are from Richard Roblee (North Creek) for roofing slate, to North River Manufacturing Company (North Creek) for spruce and poplar boards, to Kendrick and Brown Company (Glens Falls) for flooring, columns, porch posts and cedar shingles.
- A Braley and Noxon receipt showing the purchase of a haymaker was also included.
- 6 Postcards of early Minerva Lake
- Mildred (Kellogg) Haley photo, as well as disk with several other old photos showing the Kellogg Family History
- Copy of Orson Kellogg's Last Will and Testament, signed by Orson Kellogg, Clarence Jones and Edna Kellogg

For the photos of George West and family and his discharge papers, thanks goes to Georgia West Ball.

For some time now, John Galaway has been sending digital photos of the Galaway family (Briar Patch, home just south of Balfour Lake), of the Helawells (cousins to Galaways and lived in Ramshorn, home next to Briar Patch). John reveals that "My family throws nothing away!" Keep them coming, John!

Around Town, by Kathy Halloran

The **Sleeping Giant Seniors** write: "Minerva's Sleeping Giant Seniors do anything but sleep! Besides enjoying the annual breakfast, this year held at Lil' Nony's, they also came together for the annual picnic at the beach, with Paul Lampson and Geoff Crouse serving as chefs. Anne Brown designed the bicentennial float, on which sat several of our seniors on Minerva Day. A July trip to Raquette Lake allowed the group to enjoy a luncheon cruise on the Durant. Topping off the activities was their monthly meeting in September, when Selina LeMay-Klippel shared her experiences on the Medical Missions trips to Honduras that she has participated in for the past six years.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for 2017-2018: President Carol Frazier, Vice-president Phil Johnson, Recording Secretaries Dawne Lampson and Laura King, Corresponding Secretary Helen Sylvester, and Treasurer Frances Paradis. Seniors greatly enjoy friendships, food, and fun. Please come join us! 4th Friday, 1 p.m., of each month, Town Hall, lower level."

The **Minerva Service Organization** continues with its sponsoring and fundraising activities. The Backpack Program which started in 2016 will continue through the 2017-2018 school year. Once again the group held the Harvest Pie and Soup Sale on Saturday of Columbus Day weekend. The event was a great success. The business brochure was not published this year. Kathleen DeGuilme gave an excellent presentation on the Food Pantry at the September meeting.

The **Minerva Historical Society**'s 10 Week Club dinner was attended by about 70 people. The event was organized by Nellie Halloran and the delicious food was catered by Joe Donaldson, Katy Smith and Nellie Halloran. The big winner of the night was Jack Vanderwarker. The society still has Christmas ornaments for sale for $10 each. They are lovely wooden profiles of the Sleeping Giant Mountain. Call Heidi Kelly at 518-251-3343 to order. President Kelly is working with a committee to update the bylaws. MHS is hoping to build a shed on the Irishtown schoolhouse this fall for more storage.

The **Minerva Bicentennial Committee** has received word that DASNY (Dormitory Authority-State of New York) has released the funds for the Veteran's Memorial to be built next to the Town Hall in Minerva. Teresa Haley, Town Historian, is working on filling a time capsule to be concealed at some location before the end of the year. The decision on how long it is to be sealed and where it will be kept is still to be decided.

Seniors on Durant Boat Trip

MSO Pie Sale

Bicentennial Veterans Committee Military Members

During this special bicentennial year, each Quarterly has highlighted two of the town's veterans who served on the Bicentennial Committee. This edition presents to our readers Keith Iversen and Dolores Smith. The town is especially proud of all of our veterans, whether from the early 1800's or prior to that, and those who are still living amongst us.

Keith Iversen, Veteran

One Friday in June 1970, Keith Iversen graduated from Minerva Central School, and the very next Friday he was in the Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was there for nine weeks, going next to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a Persian Missile Crewman. He then had leave for two weeks, before being transferred to Germany, outside of Heilbroon, at a little town called Neckarsulm. He became part of the S-3 Headquarters Battery Charlie Company, working as a draftsman. When Keith expressed that he would like to be an "outside" man and explained how it would mean care for all the equipment, they gladly granted his request. In the field, Keith served as liaison personnel, setting up on top of mountains so that messages could be relayed to them and from them down to the firing batteries, for Persian missiles that had nuclear warheads. Keith was in Germany for all nineteen months of his active duty time when forces in Germany were reduced by 10,000 men. Keith was sent home five months early, in January 26, 1972.

Dolores Marie Lopez (Smith) – Veteran

Dolores, better known as Dee, was 25, single and looking for meaning in her life when she was inducted into the Army. She was taken to Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, where she had her physical and was sworn in on December 10, 1970. For basic training, Dee was flown to Fort McClellan, Alabama and then on to Fort Eustis, Virginia for her technical training in Transportation. As army families would be transferred to new stations, it was Dee's job to make all the arrangements for moving the contents of their household belongings. Her MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) changed to Supply and Dee was transferred to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, where she worked with the blankets, helmets, gas masks, etc. for new recruits. Dee was discharged as an E-2 on December 15, 1973.

4th Annual Dog Show

'Woof' was the password to the sunny day's excitement at the Donnelly Beach area, where this year's annual Dog Show was sponsored by the Minerva Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, organized by Patty Warrington. Thirty-three vendors were on hand to make shopping exciting, offering the ever-present raffle of goods donated by businesses and individuals, to the Minerva Service Organization table which was filled with delicious baked goods for sale. Other organizations on hand to offer education and answer questions were Adirondacks Save-a-Stray, SARRT Search and Rescue, K9 Karing Dog Trainer, Warren County Sheriff and K9 Demo, Crane Mt. Valley Horse Rescue, Glens Falls Kennel Club, and Minerva Fire & Rescue Blood Pressure Checks.

Kurt Brunn w/Schatze

Interesting Construction Projects that are Ongoing in Town

In 2016, two bridges on Trout Brook Road were tagged by the county for replacement. This year after Minerva Day, large construction vehicles pulled into place and began tearing apart the Minerva Stream bridge. A fascinating process to watch, the bridge builders are in the cement-pouring phase, quickly working to finish this important project.

Also, just after Minerva Day, highway department workers pulled their machinery next to Beach Road to enlarge piping, which would solve the water flow issues in that part of town.

In late September and into October 2017, the county ground up and replaced Trout Brook Road from the town line located beyond Wamsley Road and reaching as far as the western side of the Trout Brook bridge. Last year, the road was similarly paved from that point up to the Pottersville Road.

Anyone traveling north on 28N through Minerva will also have noted the construction taking place next to the town hall. At this writing, the Chester company that won the bid for the cement work has been very busy completing that phase of the new building. Some refer to the site as a new senior meal site and others as a community center.

New water main on Beach Road

New Community Center

New bridge over Minerva Stream

New road surface on Trout Brook Road

In Memoriam

Queensbury – Charlotte J. Carpenter, 89, a Queensbury resident, passed away on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Glens Falls Hospital. She was born September 22, 1927 in Penn Yan, NY, the daughter of Niels and Willa C. (Nielsen) Jensen. Charlotte graduated from Penn Yan Academy, Glens Falls Hospital RN School of Nursing and Adirondack Community College, where she received her RN in Nursing. She retired from Glens Falls Hospital with over 20 years of service. She was a former communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Olmstedville, where she served as a former Eucharistic Minister and presently was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Henry B. Carpenter; a son, Jack H. Hack; a sister, Kathryn Moser and a brother, Rupert C. Jensen. Survivors include her three grandchildren, Timothy Hack, John R. Hack and Rachael Gregory; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at St. Mary's Church, 62 Warren Street, Glens Falls. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, South Glens Falls. Family and friends called on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the Singleton Sullivan Potter Funeral Home, 407 Bay Road, Queensbury. From the *Post Star*

OLMSTEDVILLE — Stacy Scott Killon, 49, died unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Born Sept. 9, 1967 in Glens Falls, he was the son of the late Robert Killon and Tressa (Dutcher) Warrington. Mr. Killon was a carpenter and also worked as an excavator in the Minerva area. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and riding his four-wheeler and dirt bike. As a young man, Stacy enjoyed skiing at Gore Mountain. He also enjoyed spending summers on Minerva Beach with friends. Besides his father, he was predeceased by his brother, Kevin B. Killon; paternal grandparents, Bernard and Ruth Killon; and his maternal grandparents, Cassias and Nina Morehouse. Survivors include his mother, Tressa (Ken) Warrington of Ticonderoga; two brothers, Shawn (Hayley) Killon of Olmstedville and Jason Olden of Bakers Mills; two sisters, Kelly Zatolla of Wappinger Falls, New York, and Colleen (James) Panos of Brushton, New York; and many nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held Monday, July 24, at Federal Flats Cemetery, Federal Flats Road, Olmstedville, with the Rev. Randy Cadwallader, pastor of Faith Bible Church, officiating. A Celebration of Life followed at Minerva Fire House, State Route 28N, Minerva. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements entrusted to Barton-McDermott Funeral Home Inc., 9 Pine St., Chestertown, NY 12817.

OLMSTEDVILLE — Leo F. McNally 88, passed away Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017 at the Adirondack Tri County Nursing Home in North Creek after a long illness and a short stay in the nursing home. Leo was born Nov. 25, 1928 in Olmstedville, the son of the late Thomas and Mary Jane Cotter McNally. He was a lifetime resident of Olmstedville. In addition to his parents, Leo was predeceased by his brothers, Robert, William and Thomas; his sisters, Jane and Elizabeth; and his children, Robert and Mary Louise. After graduating from Minerva Central School in 1947, Leo worked for the Town of Minerva, installing the town's first water system (1947-1948). Leo began working for N.L. Industries in Tahawus on Jan. 5, 1948, but was drafted into the U.S. Army on Nov. 20, 1950. Leo served in Germany with a Support Unit until he was honorably discharged on Nov. 24, 1952. Leo returned to N.L. Industries and worked for 35 years, retiring on Aug. 18, 1980. Leo and Effie Jane (Morse) were married on Sept. 29, 1956 in St. Joseph's Church in Olmstedville. Leo was a member of the Minerva Volunteer Fire Department. He was an avid Mets fan, enjoyed smoking his pipe, ice fishing and golf, but mostly spending time with his family. Leo is survived by his wife of 60 years, Effie Jane (Morse) McNally; his brother, Patrick McNally of Olmstedville; his three sons, James McNally of Olmstedville, Daniel (Stacy) McNally of Guilderland and Peter (Jessica) McNally of Olmstedville; his grandchildren, Ryan (Kelly), Gabrielle, Zachary, Danielle, Katelin, Robert, Kevin and Briana; and his great-granddaughters, Jozy, Emma, and Gemm, along with many nieces and nephews. Per Leo's wishes, he was cremated, and a private family memorial service was held at the Butler Cemetery in Olmstedville. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorials take the form of donations to St. Joseph's Church or the Minerva Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Funeral arrangements were under the directions of the Edward L. Kelly Funeral Home, Schroon Lake. *Post Star*

Mitchellville, Maryland - Frances Elizabeth O'Connor was born in Pascagoula, Mississippi July 29, 1943, the daughter of Frederick O'Connor and Grace Lynch O'Connor. She was predeceased by her parents, a sister Rosemary O'Connor and a brother, Richard O'Connor. She is survived by her children Monica Pellettieri and Dr. Juan Castro, four grandchildren, her brother Fred and several nieces and nephews. Fran was living in Mitchellville, Maryland when she died on July 18. Fran attended Minerva Central School starting in Kindergarten and graduated in 1960 at the age of 16. The reason for her graduating so young was that when she finished third grade in Helen Shevlin's third and fourth-grade classroom. Helen told her parents she had already completed all of the fourth grade work and would be bored if she stayed with her so all agreed to move her to fifth grade. Upon graduation Fran enrolled in the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. When she graduated in 1964, she joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to teach college in Bogota, Colombia and then worked with the United States Embassy Trade Mission Secretary in Bogota. On her return to the United States she went to work as a chemist and statistician at the National Institute of Health's National Institute on Aging. She maintained her fluency in Spanish and did translations of documents when she retired. She also became an accomplished wood carver, avid kayaker and cyclist. Frances was a smart, pragmatic and fiercely independent woman who possessed a deep well of love and generosity. Her lifelong love of nature and adventure was cultivated from her years growing up in the Adirondacks.

OLMSTEDVILLE — Robert Lee Savarie, 90, passed away suddenly Aug. 5, 2017 at the home of his son. Bob was born Aug. 25, 1926 in Indian Lake, New York, the son of the late Henry and Ida (Burgey) Savarie. In addition to his parents, Bob was predeceased by his sister Marie Farrell and his brothers Stanley and John. He was a 1943 graduate of Indian Lake Central School and immediately joined the U.S. Army where he served in WWII in the European and Pacific Theatres. At the age of 19, he was promoted to Sgt. Major of the 332 FA BN 86th infantry division. After his honorable discharge Bob enrolled at Buffalo State graduating in 1951 and began his teaching career at Minerva Central School as the Industrial Arts teacher. He graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1956 with a master's degree in administration. He served as Industrial Arts Teacher and assistant principal at MCS until his retirement in 1982. During his first year of teaching he met the love of his life, Florencetta Brannon and they were married Aug. 30, 1952 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Olmstedville. Over the years they became parents of six children. Bob was always very active in his community and parish activities, he served on many committees of the New York State Teachers Association, he was an active member of the Minerva Volunteer Fire Department and a charter member and former Captain of the Minerva Rescue Squad. He was the Essex County Representative on the Mountain Lake EMS Council and their representative to the state council in Albany for nine years. He received the Leadership Award for Mountain Lakes and NYS EMS in 1992. He was the 2017 Town of Minerva Citizen of the Year and as many people stood in the rain to hear him speak of the three most important things in his life; his faith, his family and his community of friends in that order, was a true testimony to a great man. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where he served as a parish council member, Eucharistic minister and lector. Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years Florencetta (Brannon) Savarie, his daughters Mary (Bill) Hall and family friend Lynn Malerba, Beth (Terry) Allen and Ruth (David) Olbert, his sons Christopher (Pat) Savarie, Joseph (Patti) Savarie and Thomas (Amanda) Savarie, his 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Olmstedville; interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery Irishtown. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Edward L. Kelly Funeral Home, 1019 US Route 9 in Schroon Lake. In Lieu of flowers Bob requested memorials take the form of donations to the Minerva Volunteer Rescue Squad, Minerva, NY 12851.

MINERVA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

Heidi Kelly, president, called the meeting to order at 6 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence to honor members who have passed away was observed.

Treasurer's Report: Report was filed for audit

Committee Reports

Trustee Report: Trustees met July 22. Megan Kelly received the $5,000 Mabel Jones Scholarship. Trees at the cemetery need to be removed. Cost would be $5,500. Ann Hornbeck made a motion to spend the money. Seconded by Martha Galusha. Passed. Storage is needed. Steve McNally will lead a volunteer effort to build a storage shed. $2,500 was previously approved for materials. The shed will be built behind the schoolhouse and will look like the woodshed that used to sit on the spot. Ann Hornbeck is working on the budget. By-laws are being reviewed and revision suggestions will be presented at the October meeting. Trustees recommend the purchase of software, phone and internet for the museum. Ann made a motion to proceed in purchasing these items. Seconded by Ronnie Silver. Passed.

Finance: Ann Hornbeck is preparing the 2018 budget. She suggested the budget use the same format and categories for all reports and balance sheets. She also mentioned to include the cost for the new history book in creating the new budget.

Museum: Teresa reported the number of visits at this time is equal to total number for 2016. She wants ideas for a time capsule. Volunteer docents needed.

Cemetery: Martha reported there was one burial. Trees will come down and the stumps will be ground up for mulch.

Quarterly: In July, 94 copies were sent by email. 73 were sent by USPS. Cost $48. Special Bicentennial Issue will be sent in August. Issue will focus on the year's events leading up to Minerva Day

Schoolhouse: Kathy Halloran said there was nothing to report. Need a new chair for this committee. Electricity will be put into the Schoolhouse so the building can be used more often.

Fundraising: Heidi Kelly reported the 10 Week Club has raised $6,800 so far. The dinner is scheduled for September 2. The first drawing was on Minerva Day. Over 100 ornaments have been sold and more are being ordered. There will be a TV raffle in the Fall.

Membership: Ed Healy reported there are three new members since April. Total 168

Bicentennial: Nancy Shaw thanked everyone. The celebration was very successful despite the rain. The town is awaiting the Veterans Monument. The committee is hoping to bring the Veterans display back when the monument is dedicated.

Hospitality: Ann Hornbeck will do hospitality in October

Old Business

Heidi thanked everyone for helping with Minerva Day. The Minerva Town Tour was very successful. Suggestion was made to do the tour more than one day. Heidi thanked Teresa for the wonderful museum exhibit.

John Paradis said the Old School House needs painting. Heidi said once the shed is built, both will be painted. Stumps will be removed when the shed is built.

Program Committee needs a chair person.

Building and Grounds Committee: Suggestion was made to combine the two committees into one committee. Need a chairperson. The Schoolhouse and Museum maintenance would be coordinated by this committee. Stone work along the museum foundation needs to be repointed. It was mentioned Jake Hitchcock could possibly do the work.

Cemetery: the lawn at the cemetery is mowed separately.

Bylaws: Bylaws have not been reviewed since 2011. Heidi Kelly, Kathy Halloran and Nancy Shaw will review the bylaws to be presented to the trustees.

Elections: Since no nominations were received from the floor, Nancy W. Shaw moved that the secretary cast one vote for a slate consisting of Martha Galusha, Alice Halloran an Art Liberty for three-year terms. Ann Hornbeck seconded. Approved.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2017

Adjourn: Ed Healy made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ann Hornbeck. Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

MINERVA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OLMSTEDVILLE, N.Y. 12857
QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING 6/30/2017

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT		
BALANCE 3/31/2017		**$ 63,230.93**
INCOME:		
DUES	$ 225.00	
DONATIONS	85.00	
MUSEUM SALES	75.00	
BI-CENTENNIAL	1,064.00	
TRANSFER IN FOR SCHOLARSHIP	5,000.00	
10 WEEK CLUB	3,050.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**$ 9,499.00**
EXPENSES:		
PHONE-MUSEUM	$ 128.84	
ELECTRIC-MUSEUM	98.01	
ELECTRIC-SCHOOLHOUSE	68.58	
STAMPS	49.00	
BULK MAIL PERMIT	225.00	
BI-CENTENNIAL	100.00	
QUARTERLY	95.90	
ORNAMENTS	510.50	
10 WEEK CLUB MAILING	532.47	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,018.00	
INSURANCE	2,829.42	
SCHOLARSHIP	5,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$ 10,655.72**
BALANCE 6/30/2017		**$ 62,074.21**

M. Lanphear, Treasurer

HISTORICAL SOCIETY-	**$32,770.85**
BI-CENTENNIAL –	**27,498.65**
VANDERWACKER TOWER –	**$1,804.71**
UBS INVESTMENTS BAL. 6/30/2017	**$224,560.17**
KEY SERVICES BALANCE 6/30/2017	**$18,299.00**
LIABILITIES AS OF 6/30/2017 (SCHOLARSHIPS)	**$20,700.00**

BUILDING FUND

BALANCE 3/31/2017	$ 2,258.08
INTEREST	.28
BALANCE 6/30/2017	$ 2,258.36

FEDERAL FLATS CEMETERY

BALANCE 3/31/2017	$ 4,803.98
EXPENSES – MOWING	250.00
TRANSFER – SPECIAL ACCOUNT	320.00
BALANCE 6/30/2017	$ 4233.98

FEDERAL FLATS CEMETERY SPECIAL

BALANCE 3/31/2017	$ 1,123.22
INTEREST	.17
TRANSFER IN	320.00
BALANCE 6/30/2017	$ 1,443.39

Correspondence

Dear MHS: July 24, 2017

Thank you so much for the newsletter! I'm looking forward to learning more about the Morses and other Minervans! My wife and I were just staying in North River, and had a chance to pass through Olmsteadville. It's a long way from our home in Philadelphia, and it was great to see Minerva. (I'm related to the Tallmans, who left in the early 1800s.) Keep up the great inter-generational work. Steve Jones, Philadelphia

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August Bicentennial Edition – "Fabulous" – Ronnie Silver

Welcome to our newest MHS members!
Desmond and Geraldine Hitchcock; Mary K. Hensel of Orlando, Florida; Robert and Cindy Curtis

Please support the Minerva Historical Society

Member Benefits: A Quarterly newsletter and access to archives and research materials.

The Minerva Historical Society works hard for the community in ways you may not be aware of; We give a substantial scholarship every year to a graduate of Minerva Central School, we have an essay and art contest each year for grades K=3 and 4-5 with money prizes and certificates for the winners and we have a lecture program that is available at the quarterly meetings, and of course our annual Pot Luck dinner meeting each July at Minerva Beach. Every July we have the season museum opening along with all the activities of Minerva Day. We maintain the cemetery on Federal Flats Road and the One Room Schoolhouse in Irishtown. The Irishtown school has been renovated and is constantly maintained to preserve its integrity. The Minerva Historical Society participates in the annual Christmas Bazaar.

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