

Latest Covid Updates:

We have temporarily closed the Heritage Research Library to the public and volunteers because of the recent local rise of Covid-19 cases. We continue to monitor this situation closely and hope to open again as soon as it is safe to do so.

We currently have postponed our events at this time. Watch your inbox for email messages from WCHS (please be sure we have your current email address on file so we can communicate with you). Updated information will be posted on our website (www.wchs-ny.org), our Facebook page and local papers, when possible. Our programming will depend on conditions as we continue to follow health recommendations.

WCHS hopes this *Newsletter* finds our members and families well. We look forward to more normal activities in the future; in the meantime, we appreciate your ongoing support for our organization, and thank you for your membership.

WCHS Welcomes New Librarian

We are very pleased to announce **Jennifer LaRock** joins the Washington County Historical Society as our new Librarian.



Jen moved to Greenwich, NY in 2014 with her husband and teenage daughter. She was born and raised in Albany, NY and then attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where she received her degree in Anthropology with a minor in History and Native American Studies. After graduation she moved to Bozeman, Montana and worked for Montana State University for the American Indian Research Opportunities Program.

After returning to the northeast, she began her hobby of beekeeping which quickly turned into a small business for her and her family. Jen has been passionate about family history and genealogical research since she was a teenager. As an adult she continued her education

in this interest by receiving her Certificate in Genealogical Research with Boston University and has done freelance work for authors and individuals researching a variety of topics from WWII veterans to family mysteries.

Prior to joining the Washington County Historical Society, Jen had been working as the Program Coordinator for the Greenwich Free Library.

Welcome, Jen!

**Washington County
Historical Society
Mission Statement**

*The Washington County
Historical Society is an
educational organization
dedicated to engaging diverse
audiences in the study and
application of the collective
heritage of Washington County,
New York, and its environs.*

- Rev. October 2005

WCHS has a constantly growing
collection of information,
original documents, and other
items of interest about
Washington County and its
inhabitants, past and present.

If you would like to find out more
about volunteering to help with the
Heritage Research Library, please
contact the Historical Society and
let us know.

Heritage Research Library



Librarian: Jennifer LaRock

COVID Update:

The library is temporarily closed for
visitors. Inquires can be emailed to
wchs.ny@gmail.com or by phone.

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Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Greetings From Your President

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy, well and able to find a few moments to relax and enjoy reading this edition as a little escape on a cold winter's day. I would like to extend a welcome to both Greta Hochsprung and James Arndt as new trustees to the Washington County Historical Society Board. They will be great additions to the group, and I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

I would also like to welcome Jennifer LaRock as our Society's Librarian for the Heritage Research Library at the Wing-Northup house. She brings much enthusiasm and has many great thoughts and ideas that will augment our library operations and services. Anne Dickenson has been another wonderful addition to our library volunteers this winter. We have temporarily closed the library to the public and volunteers because of the recent local rise of Covid-19. We will monitor this situation closely and open again as soon as it is safe to do so. When we reopen, I encourage you to stop in and meet our volunteers and new Librarian, and to see the changes and improvements that have been made. The Bookshop remains open for both online and call-in orders. Steve Lapham has added a few new books to our inventory, and we encourage you to visit our webpage at www.wchs-ny.org, and explore all we have to offer.

This fall I had the pleasure and honor of working with Sarah Borgatti to find and clean some of her ancestors' gravestones at the Parrish Cemetery in Hebron. Please enjoy Debi Craig's article about this in this *Newsletter* (pages 8-9). It is my hope we continue work on this project when spring finally arrives.

We are still holding off on scheduling programs for 2021, so we that we avoid having to make cancellations. When we can gather safely, we will begin offering programs. Please watch our website and your email for future communications. In the meantime, Connie Farrington suggested a History Book Club that could eventually meet at the Wing-Northup House. If you are interested, please email me at nhuntington64@gmail.com.

Also please note we have set our 2021 Annual Meeting for October 23, 2021 at the Strand Theater in Hudson Falls. Please mark your calendars and we will send out details as they develop.

Perhaps you have driven past the Wing-Northup House recently in Fort Edward and noticed that the cedar trees along the sidewalk have been removed so that the entire house is now visible again (check out photos on page 3). It looked especially nice at night this holiday season, with candles in the windows and lighted tree in the second floor window. Connie Farrington (Library volunteer and idea generator extraordinaire) has offered many great ideas for the next holiday season that we hope to enjoy when Covid is behind us.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for all your support for the Washington County Historical Society during this difficult time and I look forward to celebrating our history together when we can gather again.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel Huntington
WCHS President

WCHS Annual Membership Meeting Held

The Society was able to hold a brief and socially-distanced WCHS Annual Membership meeting on Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m. at the Strand Theater in Hudson Falls. The meeting was very different from past years, with no luncheon or program. Pre-registered members (with masks!) were able to sit distanced, as necessary business matters were conducted for the new 2021 year. Nat Huntington opened the meeting and introduced Jonathan Newell from the Strand. Mr. Newell gave a brief overview about the restoration work the theater has undergone since starting work on the project in 2016. They are looking ahead to enter the next phase, which will include work on the stage area. In addition to holding events, they also are planning to house a music library of records and books.

The proposed 2021 Slate of Nominations was approved. We welcome: Rob Hemsing, Queensbury, NY for a three year term; Gretta Hochsprung, Queensbury, NY for a three year term; Pat Niles, Cambridge, NY for a three year term; and James Arndt, Cambridge, NY for a three year term. The proposed 2021 operating budget was approved as submitted. There was no Chronkrite Award recipient this year. WCHS President Nat Huntington then announced the WCHS President's Awards, presented to:

- **Dale and Coral Grinnell** - For all the behind the scenes work they both contribute to the Society throughout the year, and their extra help and work with the Library re-organization.
- **Connie Harris Farrington** - For her volunteer work which allowed the Library to continue to meet the research needs of our patrons and spending countless hours at home corresponding with our patrons about their genealogical inquiries.
- **Jeanne LaPoint Wood** - For her volunteer work which allowed the Library to continue to meet the research needs of our patrons and for her instrumental help in organizing and cataloging our library contents.

We hope to perhaps hold a more traditional annual membership meeting again at the Strand in the fall of 2021. We will keep our members apprised of an event later this year based on guidelines at that time.

Before and After!

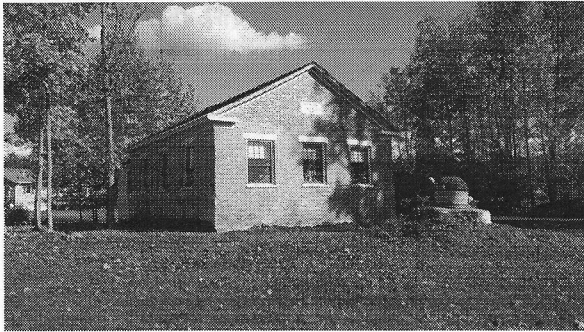


The Wing-Northup House has new curbside appeal! The overgrown cedar trees along the sidewalk have been removed opening the visibility from the road. The change is amazing and really opens the view of the house structure. For the holiday season, we especially thank Debi Craig and Coral Grinnell for purchasing candles to display in all the windows based on Pat Niles' idea. A Christmas tree was placed in the upstairs window (donated by Dale and Coral Grinnell) and decorated by Coral, Dale and Pat.

We look forward to the time when we can welcome visitors again to our headquarters. In the meantime, check out our new look the next time you drive through Fort Edward.

Gramp's Old School

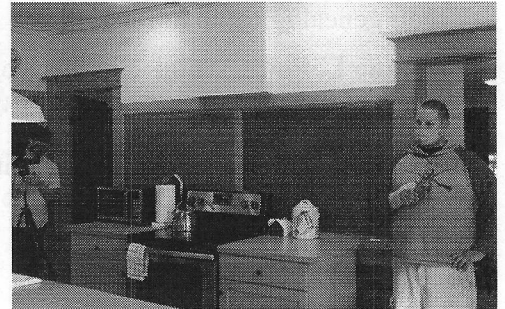
The father/daughter team of Richard and Jill Tefft purchased a derelict brick schoolhouse at the intersection of State Route 29 East and Ryan Road near the settlement of Center Falls (formerly known as Hardscrabble) in the Town of Greenwich. Daniel Anthony, father of Susan B. Anthony changed the name from Hardscrabble to Center Falls in the 1830s, when he worked there as the Postmaster.



Greenwich District #11, as this was then known, was built in 1853 and the schoolhouse has not been used since the mid-1940s. The Tefft's purchased it in 2017. The main reason for the purchase was that Jill's grandfather (Richard's father) attended the school as well as Jill's great-grandmother, Martha Dewey Tefft. It was one of the few remaining in the town that either wasn't in complete disrepair or hadn't been converted into a home with many modifications. Jill and her Dad planned to rehabilitate and convert the school into a one bedroom/one bathroom vacation rental.

The first step was to stabilize the building to prevent further decay. Then the proper permits were acquired to make needed repairs and changes as well as adding a septic system. Application was also made to the National Registry of Historic Places. The Tefft's secured a loan in April 2019 and then a year was spent refurbishing the schoolhouse.

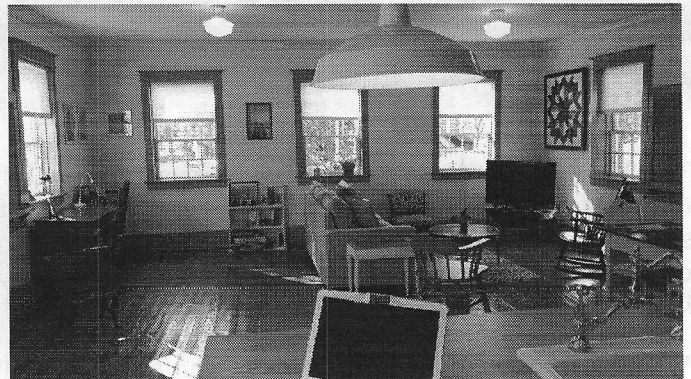
The schoolhouse is a one-room brick structure with a historic wooden addition for a total of 760 square feet. It features a slate roof, nine original windows with twelve over eight sashes, most of the original pine floor and five chalkboards. The floor plan remains the same with one large open room. Walls were removed in the addition and new walls were added to construct the bedroom and bathroom.



Original blackboards at Gramp's Old School

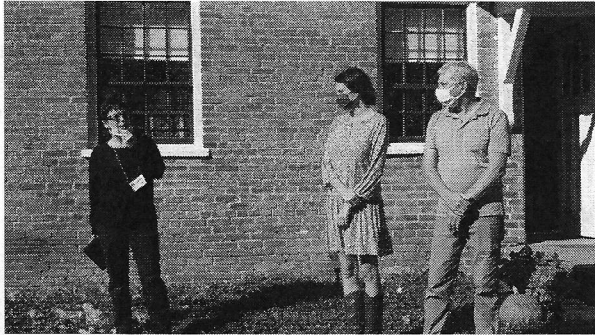
When the project began, there was a large hole in the roof where the chimney had collapsed as well as a hole in the floor underneath. New southern yellow pine floor boards were milled locally by Northern Hardwood to match the original floor. There was no well or septic system and many of the window sashes needed repair. The nine main schoolhouse windows date back to at least 1853. All the sashes were saved except one. Two windows in the historic addition could not be repaired so new period appropriate windows were crafted by a carpenter in New Hampshire. The west gable wall had cracked and had started to tip inward which required extensive repair, and a well and septic system were added. The slate roof was repaired and snow slides were added. Slates were repurposed to patch the 6' x 6' hole in the roof. A brick mason removed twenty-eight courses of bricks, palletized and reinstalled them.

The schoolhouse opened in early March 2020 as a vacation rental known as Gramp's Old School. Covid shut it down for three months and it reopened in June.



Interior Gramp's Old School, now a vacation rental.

The Tefft's were notified that they were to be the recipients of an AARCH (Adirondack Architectural Heritage) Award earlier this spring. The award is given annually to recognize exemplary historic preservation work throughout the Adirondack Park. Every year the committee seeks examples of sensitive restoration rehabilitation and demonstrates long-term stewardship. The schoolhouse project was nominated for the award by past WCHS President Debi Craig. The award ceremony was supposed to be held in May, but the pandemic delayed the ceremony until October 14 when the ceremony was held at the schoolhouse. The schoolhouse was open for those in attendance to tour. About fifteen attendees were present to see the Tefft's receive their award. Local dignitaries included Don Ward, and Greenwich Supervisor and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner.



Christine Bush of AARCH presents restoration awards to Jill Tefft and Richard Tefft.



Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Jill Tefft and Richard Tefft at the AARCH awards ceremony.

- Article and photos courtesy Debi Craig

New Women's Suffrage Statue in Seneca Falls, NY

On November 16, 2020, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission (the WSCC was created by Congress to recognize 100 years since the 19th amendment) announced the design of a new women's suffrage statue titled "Ripples of Change" which will be unveiled in Seneca Falls, NY in 2021.

It will represent a portion of the history of women's fight for the vote. The statue was designed by renowned sculptor, Jane DeDecker. It will depict four activists and will include: Laura Cornelius Kellogg, Harriet Tubman, Martha Coffin Wright, and Sojourner Truth. Haudenosaunee Clan Mothers, Chiefs, historians, scholars, and artists selected Laura Cornelius Kellogg, who was a member of the Oneida nation and a staunch supporter of women's suffrage. "DeDecker will work with Diane Schenandoah, a Haudenosaunee artist, to create indigenous characteristics within the statue." (quoted from an article by the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, November 18, 2020). Representatives from a large group of organizations collaborated on the project including the Haudenosaunee Nation, Women's Rights National Park, National Women's Hall of Fame, Town of Seneca Falls, New York State Museum, Seneca-Iroquois National Museum and Harriet Tubman National Historic Park were some of the groups included in the selection process. The statue will be unveiled in late summer 2021 next to the "When Anthony Met Stanton" statue on the Seneca Falls River. This site will be a temporary home and will eventually be moved to the Seneca Falls town center.

Quoting WSCC Executive Director Anna Laymon (from the PR Newswire release on November 18, 2020) "The four trailblazers who will be represented in this statue fought for freedom, equality and the right to have their voices heard and their votes counted. The suffrage centennial in 2020 has provided an unparalleled opportunity to honor the legacy of women like Kellogg, Tubman, Wright, and Truth, and, with this memorial, we will ensure their leadership and their contributions to democracy are not forgotten." From the same article, Seneca Falls Town Supervisor, Michael Ferrara said, "Seneca Falls is honored to be selected as the site for this incredible tribute, and we collectively extend our gratitude to everyone involved in this extraordinary project." More information will be available on our website and in this publication when we know what the exact date and time of the dedication will be in 2021.

- Article courtesy Debi Craig

In Memoriam — David Starbuck

Dr. David Starbuck, long-time archaeologist, writer and college professor, passed away December 27, 2020 at Glens Falls Hospital. Dr. Starbuck passed on his passion for archaeology to all those who came in contact with him. He was a longtime adjunct Professor at SUNY Adirondack, leading field schools on Rogers' Island, Lake George Battlefield and Fort William Henry, Fort Edward, Whitehall, Mount Independence and Saratoga Battlefield. David conducted at least two field schools every year, one for Plymouth State University (where he was a full-time professor), another for SUNY Adirondack, and some years conducting an archeological dig at his family farm in Chestertown.

David wrote over 500 articles and books throughout his career, many on the military history of Champlain-Hudson Valley. He took leave from Plymouth State University in 2019 to finish writing projects. He went back to Plymouth in the spring of 2020 and led his final archeological dig on Rogers' Island in Fort Edward from June to November.

Two of our board members worked with him and share some of their recollections about Dr. Starbuck:

Pat Niles: "I was an interpreter for the National Park Service in the 1980s and 1990s while David conducted field schools at Saratoga Battlefield. He dug at the American Headquarters, the British Woods, and the Schuyler House. Every time he saw me, he tried to convince me to dig with his group. Finally, while working at the Schuyler House, he got me to sift for him. While sifting with David for Native American artifacts, I constantly asked if I had found anything. He calmly answered each question. I found nothing; he discovered a hammer stone which he marched around the site making people guess what he had found, to his great delight.

During David's 2015 and 2106 Lake George Battlefield digs, I dug with him again. He conducted his field school differently than most archeologists. He wanted you to be productive at digging, but he also wanted his diggers to learn something daily by arranging a program on history, archaeology or anthropology during lunch hour. Many of those lunch hours were topped off with a blueberry pie which David baked nightly from blueberries off his Chestertown family farm. He had diggers come back year after year, some who had been digging with David for more than twenty years. David actually treated these digs as homecomings. He would arrange for people to stay at his home, to defray their costs while digging with him."

John Mead: "I met David in the summer of 1983. I had just gotten my Baccalaureate in Archaeology and Geology and was going to pursue my Masters, but wasn't sure at that time just which field to branch out in. At that time, David was a professor at R.P.I. and he encouraged me to apply. Life took me in other directions (Geology), but we remained friends through the years. I dug with David a multitude of times, some during his field camps, as one of his field supervisors, and other times in a contract archaeologist role. There were many times he would sit at our kitchen table and discuss all sorts of archaeological topics, ranging from classical European, Meso-American (which his Doctorate was in), and of course local military history. Once, at Rogers Island, I found a handful of lead Rupert shot (the smallest of bird shot that could possibly be made) near the barracks wall. He enjoyed having me map every single one in which there were over a hundred, then having me go to the lab and measure each one with a set of calipers. I can still hear him laughing. On a non-archaeological memory, David called and I answered, but became suspicious when he asked for my wife, Kelly. I told him right up front "David, NO cats." Sure enough, one of the cats at the farm had kittens and he was sure he could pawn one or two off on Kelly. This might be the reason why he had me process the Rupert shot. He was an advocate of Washington County archaeology and is missed by me (and Kelly)."

Excerpted from the obituary appearing in the *Glens Falls Post Star*, on December 30th, 2020: When asked, "What is the best thing you have ever done.", his reply was "The fact that I've had a thousand or more diggers, thousands of students, and I have taught 70 field schools." "If given the chance, I will dig to the very end — it is my passion." David finished his last dig in Fort Edward in November of this year while fighting stage four pancreatic cancer. Mission accomplished!

First Lighted Christmas Tree in North America

Many of you are familiar with the story of Baroness Frederick von Riedesel and the Marshall House in Schuylerville, just across the Hudson River from Washington County.

In 1776, her husband Friederich Adolphus von Riedesel, the Baron of Eisenbach, landed in Canada with a large number of German troops. The Baroness decided to follow her husband with her two young children and another on the way. She arrived in 1777.

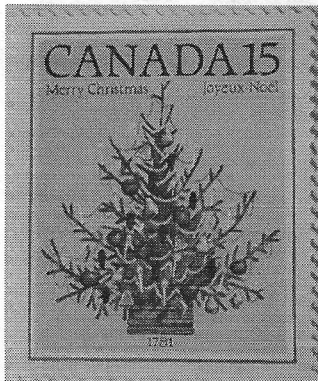
During the Battle of Saratoga, von Riedesel's Germany mercenary troops formed part of Lt. General John Burgoyne's British army. The American army opened fire on the British and German troops less than 1,000 feet from the Marshall House (which is just north of the present Village of Schuylerville). The Baron saw the house and implored his wife and their now three children to take cover in the stone cellar. The family was joined by other women traveling with the army and wounded soldiers.

The Americans thought the house must be an enemy headquarters and fired upon it. There are still three cannon balls embedded in its walls on display today. According to the Baroness' diary, a total of 11 cannon balls were fired through the house. The Baroness organized the women in the cellar to take care of the wounded. One German soldier referred to her as "an angel of comfort". They were under siege for six days. Beams were shattered by cannon fire and blood stains are left on the floor to this day. The Baroness earned the affection and respect of all who were sheltered in the Marshall House earning her the nickname, "Lady Fritz". The Baroness kept a detailed diary which is still in print describing the heroic and tragic events at the Marshall House.

The house has been on the National Registry of Historic Places since 2002. It was built in 1770 and is the only remaining structure predating the Battle of Saratoga in the area. It continues to be a private home. Most recently it has been a bed and breakfast.

After the British surrender, the Baroness and her daughters were guests of General Phillip Schuyler. They then traveled to Boston in 1779 with plans to leave for their home in Germany. The terms of the surrender were rejected by Congress and the prisoners including the von Riedesel's became the Convention Army. In 1779, they were allowed to move to New York City. In 1780, Fredericka gave birth to a fourth daughter who they named America. In 1781, the family left New York City and traveled back to Canada where the couple's fifth daughter, named Canada, was born (she did not live past two years of age).

In the winter of 1781, the Baron and Baroness gave a Christmas party for the Hessian officers in the small Canadian city of Sorel in the Province of Quebec. On Christmas Day, the family had moved into a house which stood on the site of the House of Governors. The von Riedesel's served an English pudding, but the highlight of the evening was the illuminated fir tree, lighted with candles and decorated with fruits in the corner of the dining room. This was the first time a Christmas tree (which was a German tradition) had been introduced in North America. The guests were astounded at the beauty of the tree, but to the von Riedesel's, the tree meant the comforting memory of their home far away.



The tree was commemorated on a Canadian Christmas stamp in 1981, the 200th anniversary of that first lighted tree. Today in Sorel, (known as a steel town) a stainless-steel tree stands on the site of the home where the von Riedesel's had resided.

A picture of the stamp honoring the Baroness von Riedesel for the first lighted Christmas tree in North America is shown at left.

- Article and photo courtesy Debi Craig

Uncovering Family History

WCHS President Nat Huntington was contacted by Sarah Borgatti, a young woman from Cambridge, Massachusetts, in October about coming to our area to do genealogical research. Sarah had discovered she is a descendant of the Parish (Parrish) family who had a farm off State Route 22 between East Hebron and Salem. Nat contacted WCHS past president Debi Craig who had become the Hebron historian last November after the death of her uncle, Harold Craig, who with his late wife Drucille had served as co-historian of Hebron for many years.

Debi knew where the farm was as it was identified to her as the "Little Farm". She remembered that when she was a child Ralph Little and his family lived on the farm. Ralph had been a long-time bus driver for Salem Washington Academy and was her bus driver when she started kindergarten. She also knew that several other families had lived in the house since the Little's moved to West Hebron 40+ years ago. Debi could also remember being able to see a cemetery near the house from the higher vantage point of a school bus as she rode to school every day. Over the years, trees have grown and the cemetery is not as easily seen from Route 22 anymore. She did a little detective work and was able to contact the current owner who granted permission for Debi, Nat and Sarah to visit the cemetery.



Looking at recently unearthed gravestone of Sarah Borgatti's patriot ancestor Josiah Parish

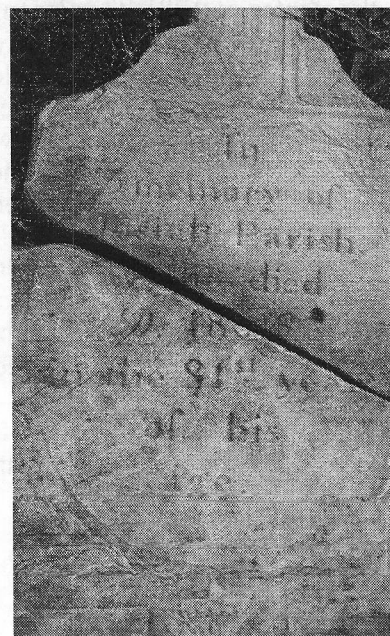
Using the Hebron Cemetery book (available from the WCHS Bookshop along with cemetery books from every town in Washington County) the trio was able to identify which gravestones are still in place 29 years after the book was written in 1991. Sarah is descended from 22 of the people buried in Parish Cemetery. Sarah and Nat checked off the stones and Sarah realized that the gravestone of her patriot was missing. Sarah is a member of the DAR in Massachusetts. In order to join the DAR, prospective members have to prove that they are descended from a soldier who fought in the Revolutionary War. (Other related organizations are Children of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution.) It is much easier to join after one family

member has proven their lineage. All the successive applicants have to prove is their relationship to the person who is already a member. Debi and her sister were able to posthumously induct their father into the Sons of the American Revolution simply by proving that he was their father.

As they talked, Nat was tapping the ground with the point of his shovel near where he and Sarah had discovered the gravestone of Elizabeth Plant Parrish who was the wife of Sarah's patriot. Suddenly, we heard the sound of metal hitting stone. Nat peeled the ground back and discovered the gravestone of Josiah Parish, who fought in the Revolutionary War, lying face down on the ground. Josiah Parish was Sarah's grandfather nine times removed. That was an exciting find!

In addition to visiting the cemetery and the farm, Sarah spent time researching at WCHS, with Salem historian Judy Flagg, and she also visited the East Hebron one-room schoolhouse as well as the East Hebron Presbyterian Church.

Patriot Josiah Parish's unearthed gravestone, pictured at right.



There are gravestones for other members of the Parish family. Quite a few of them are the graves of children that did not reach adulthood.

Sarah shared the following:

Growing up, my maternal grandmother instilled in me an interest in genealogy. I loved hearing the family stories that had been passed down to her which she in turn was passing down to me. My Grandma was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and she would also go over her family history research with me. She always placed more of a premium on research about the Savages, her family name, so growing up, I did not know much about the Parish family, even though they were the reason she, and now my Mom and I, were able to join the DAR.

That changed when earlier this year, I was asked to write an article about my Revolutionary War ancestor. I started doing some research and when I discovered that there was a family cemetery in Salem, only a couple of hours away from my home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I wanted to learn more. As anyone who becomes interested in family history can attest, when I started doing research, I was hooked and wanted to learn as much as I could.

I work in arts administration and had the opportunity to visit Cambridge, New York in 2020 when an opera company, with whom I was working, performed at Hubbard Hall. My hosts found out about my interest in Revolutionary War history and took me to see the Revolutionary War Cemetery in Salem. At the time I knew that my family had lived in Washington County, but I didn't know just how close I was to where they had settled when they came to New York from Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Now that I have had a chance to visit and get to know the area better, I look forward to coming back to continue learning about my family history.



Nat Huntington and Sarah Borgatti at Parish Cemetery, State Route 22, Hebron/Salem town line.

An aside from Past President, Debi Craig:

It was delightful spending time with Sarah. We even found that we knew someone in common from Greenwich and discovered we had both been members of the 4-H Club when we were younger. I am happy to say that Sarah has become a member of the Washington County Historical Society.

Welcome, Sarah!

- Article and photo courtesy Debi Craig

Old Hebron Cemetery

There are numerous abandoned graveyards in the Town of Hebron, including one that is directly across the road from the New Hebron Cemetery. If you drive Chamberlin Mills Road with any regularity, you may have noticed that this cemetery doesn't look abandoned anymore.

That is thanks to the effort of Hebron resident Nancy Crosier. Nancy and her husband Randy live near the cemetery and when Nancy retired, two years ago she started volunteering her time at the two Hebron Cemeteries near her house. She was especially interested in the Old Cemetery which she found out was abandoned. She felt that even though the cemetery is considered abandoned by the town and the State of New York, the people who are buried there still need to be treated with respect.



Nancy Crosier

Nancy started spending time in the old cemetery cutting brush, mowing the grass, cleaning the stones and ridding the cemetery of the poison ivy which made the cemetery a place that most people did not want to visit after April 1, because it was everywhere.

Nancy also researched those who are buried there and discovered that there are many veterans. She researched online and discovered there are 13 Revolutionary War soldiers and one Civil War soldier buried in the Old Cemetery. She has placed a solar light and a flag on the graves of each of these soldiers.

War Soldiers

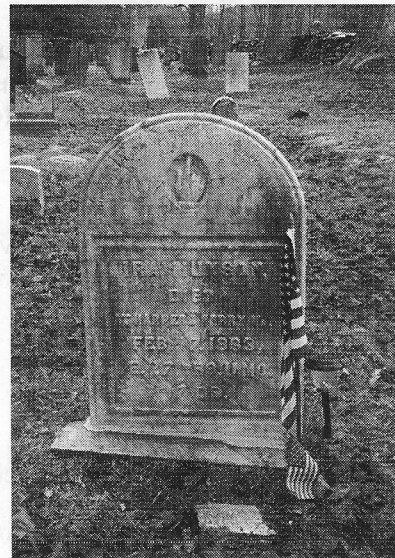
Revolution War 1775-1783

- *James Flack died 1/4/1840
- *John Foster died 10/16/1811 - DAR Marker
- *John Foster 2nd died 5/12/1817
- *William T Getty died 1/5/1867
- *Robert Long died 12/15/1873
- *Isaac Lytle died 3/6/1823
- *James McElherron died 12/20/1835 - DAR Marker
- *John D Munson died 7/22/1808 - DAR Marker
- *Nathaniel Munson died 11/17/1828
- *John Ray died 4/20/1832
- *Alexander Webster 9/21/1810
- *John Wilson died 3/2/1849
- * William McClellan died 2/10/1831 DAR Marker

Civil War 1861-1865

- *Ira Munson died 2/17/1863 (photo on right)

*Found headstone



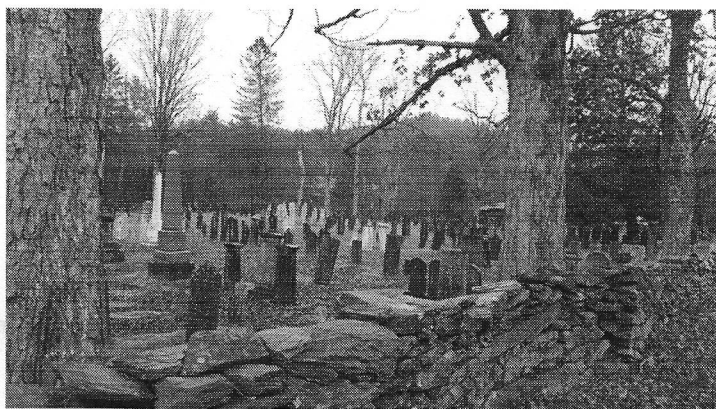
*The Civil War veteran that Nancy identified:
Died in Harper's Ferry, WV
WCHS member Claudia Blackler is
descended from Ira Munson.*

There are many abandoned cemeteries around Washington County. If you are retired and looking for a project in your town, please contact your local historian or the Washington County Historical Society to find a cemetery in your town that might need some tender loving care. Hebron is very grateful to Nancy for her efforts. (Two more photos appear on page 11.)

- Article and photos courtesy Debi Craig



*Newly repainted wrought iron gate at west entrance of
Old Hebron Cemetery*



*Stone wall was constructed by NYS Assemblyman
Sylvester E. Spoor and his half brothers. Spoor resided in the
home of WCHS Past President, Debi Craig*

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WCHS Board of Directors Meeting News

Our WCHS Board of Trustees activities and meetings have continued to be limited and no in person meetings have been held due to the pandemic. The Board does continue to handle important WCHS business remotely on an on-going basis. We hope to reconvene when it is safe to do so in person.

WCHS Trivia

Sharing a Washington County news tidbit from *The Greenwich Journal/Salem Press* **80 years ago** this past August: “The work of Miss Susan E. Wade, who last January was appointed Washington County historian, is highly recommended in the report of an inspection by Hugh M. Flick, acting state historian. Since her appointment, Miss Wade, who is a member of the staff of the county clerk’s office, has done a great deal of work classifying and indexing old documents and records of historic interest. She has also instituted a movement for the formation of a county historical society which gives promise of being very successful.”



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☐ Please contact me about becoming a WCHS volunteer. ☐ Please send me a list of WCHS Publications.

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