

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

President's Notes

As the school busses start rolling so do we find Christmas in October upon us. The greatest support you can give us is to come out and shop in our Log Cabin and Jacober's General Store. The economy is tough, but our gifts are reasonably priced and will appeal to everyone on your list. Bring a friend or neighbor, we know you will be impressed.

This summer we had the most visitors we have seen on our regular Wednesdays. Many times we had 3 or 4 tour groups going at the same time. This is great news, but we need a little help. Anyone so inclined to lead some tour groups on Wednesdays stop in and let us know. We promise the tours are not that hard to learn. Think of it like doing Sudoku or crossword puzzles to stimulate your brain. Do tours and get the same results!

Finally, please drive out to see the Hatchery House. The painting is almost finished and you will hardly recognize our old friend. The first time I drove in and saw the white primer on I had tears in my eyes. Now the original two tone gray and white scheme is getting done and it is unbelievable. So much of what we do is to build something new to look old. So much of what happens in a bad economy is to tear down and let the old buildings go. You can never replace the history and craftsmanship like in the Hatchery House.

I am often reminded of the old Girl Scout saying: Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other's gold. So true for us here at WHS.

Hope to see you Soon!

Sally Strait



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Village News

So much has been going on recently. The Service Station has siding and all cement work has been completed in front. A new section of sidewalk now goes from the Service Station to the Print Shop. As the weather cools the men will move inside: to finish the Service Station, to build the rest of the counters for Jacober's Store and to work on the Bakery and Barber Shop. Stay tuned.

Oct-Nov-Dec

October 13

October 15 & 16

Friday & Saturday

Christmas in October

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

October 27

November 17

November 24

NO WORKDAY

December 1

December 4

CHRISTMAS SALE 10-4

December 8

December 9

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Membership Dues

Now is the time to get your annual membership paid for next year. All annual memberships are due on December 15th. All memberships coming in now will be good until December of 2011. We have much going on and don't want you to miss out!

Clip out your form and bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to our post office box:
Waterford Historical Society
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Christmas in October

Our Log Cabin store features Waterford sweatshirts, t-shirts and ball caps. Our Waterford afghan is a popular item as well as our note cards, mugs and cookbook. Our new 2011 calendar "Service Stations" will be available for only \$5.00.

Jacob's General Store will feature unique craft items made by our members, ornaments, gift baskets, pet items, aprons, collectibles, hand made greeting cards, gently used children's books, and a guarantee of something for everyone.

This year our bake sale in the Log Cabin will be cookies only. If you want to bake, please package your cookies four to a bag and we will sell the bags for \$1.00 each.

It is also not too late to help the **Crafty Ladies** in these last few days we have left. We have lots of last minute finishing touches you can do. If you made crafts at home, please bring them in. Any crafty questions call Margaret Maneese 248-332-0839.

Hands on History

Hands on History Pins will be available at Christmas in October (as well as here at the Hatchery House every Wednesday). The pins are \$5.00 and are part of Paige Daniel's Children of the American Revolution President's project to help build phase 2 of our bakery/millinery/doctor/dentist/barber building. These pins would make a great gift for someone who has everything! And they will know their donation is going to our Historic Waterford Village. Let's help Paige help us! Website: www.handsonhistorywaterford.webs.com



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help Martin Welsh [*his fathers' farmer who had come with them from New York and was living in one of the cottages*] draw stone. In the meantime, father had brought a team of horses and a yoke of oxen. So we were prepared to work. Martin drew stone and I drew lumber and was not long before work began on the house. I was boarding with Martin and going home Saturday nights. The house was to be a big one 40 x 40 and a wing 20 x 20. The main building was three stories high with a cellar under both main and wing. Of course, as soon as the house was finished we wanted to live there. So father sold the Pontiac house to my uncle Sam and that made the coast clear. We moved up into the new house in May 1854 and how happy we were.

And later in his letter...

About this time there were rumors of the Civil War and great was the excitement. Boys began to enlist. Cousin Perce came to me one day and said, "I am going to enlist but I want you to stay home for you have a family and besides you must take care of Mother and Father." Well, he went and gave his life. Johnny Cooper who was working for me at the time enlisted and left me in the harvest field and nearly all the young men went. And what an anxious time for us at home. Never knew what minute news of the death of some boy.

Your uncle, Percy Seaman Leggett proved himself a brave soldier (really too brave). He went into the army as a private and in less than a year he was a Lieutenant on General Kilpatrick's staff. At one time Kilpatrick called for a man to cross the Rappahannock River and to into Rebel lines. Uncle Percy said he would go and go he did and got valuable information. Of course he was a spy and would have been shot if caught. Another time he and four orderlies were reconnoitering ahead of his command. His men stopped at a house to inquire and Percy rode on. He came upon a rebel picket of five men who shot him to death. If he had waited for his men, it might have been different. He was over-brave, poor fellow. He was a noble man and we have always felt his loss not only as a brother and friend, but as an advisor.

Next issue: Mortimer writes about Eliza Seaman Leggett.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Written by Patrick S. Gilmore in 1863, this Civil War song was sung on both sides of the firing line as well as at home.

*When Johnny comes marching home again, Hurrah, hurrah,
We'll give him a hearty welcome then, Hurrah, hurrah!
The men will cheer, the boys will shout,
The ladies, they will all turn out,
And we'll all feel gay when Johnny comes marching home.*

Waterford Historical Society

We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:

Our Mailing Address is:

Contact us at:

◆ **October 16 Fisk Farm Community Garage Sale:**

◆ **Small Talks**



◆ **Escanaba in Da Moonlight**

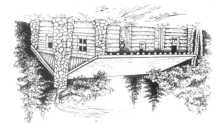
◆ **Civil War Talk**

Until Anti-etam: The Life and Letters of General Israel B. Richardson

Please save your VG's and Tenuta's receipts and bring them to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the above mailing address. This is free money for us!



Our Mission Statement:
Collecting, protecting and preserving the history of Waterford Township for the interest and education of present and future generations.



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