

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

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Dryden Town Historical Society
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Homestead Heritage Fair Day DTHS takes part in "Authentically Rural Weekend" OCTOBER 6, 10 am – 3 pm

HOURS Saturdays, 10am – 1pm
Tuesdays, 10am – 12pm
and always by appointment 844-9209



Don't miss this **Free** day full of music and activities.
This year hear these three great bands:
FALL CREEK BRASS BAND 10 - noon;
ITHACA CONCERT BAND 12:15 - 1 pm ;
CORTLAND OLD TIMERS BAND 1:30 - 3 pm

New this year at Homestead Heritage Fair

- We welcome Pat and Tom demonstrating outdoor dutch oven cooking, soap making, and other 18th and early 19th century skills.
- Antique Quilts made by local seamstress, Lettie Burch will be on Display.
- Brooktondale Community Center will be present with the spectacular **Evening Star Quilt Raffle**.
- **Jacques Schickle**, Maryhill Clayworks will have his latest "**Dryden**" plates available.
- Meet Heritage chickens, and other farm animals.
- **Discovery Shed** for kids with pulleys, typewriters, stereopticons, telephones, and other unique items to use.

Come and join the fun! Watch spinners turning sheep's fleece into yarn or a blacksmith at his forge, take a ride in a horse-drawn wagon; watch demonstrations of sheep shearing, the ancient art of falconry (1pm-2pm), chair caning, cross-stitch, and basketry; see the magnificent birds of prey from Cornell's Raptor Program (10am-noon), play with toys that your great-grandparents might have enjoyed and listen to the music of the Fall Creek Brass Band, the Ithaca Concert Band and the Cortland Old Timers Band. You can also take a guided tour of the historic Southworth House (Tompkins County's *only* historic home open to the public). All this and much more!



Hand Spinners



Cornell Raptor Program

Celebrate Becky's Birthday on a Historic Southworth House Guided House Tour at 11 am, noon, 1 pm and 2 pm, and receive a free birthday gift!
\$5. Donation

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT MADE POSSIBLE BY A TOMPKINS COUNTY TOURISM GRANT

DTHS Local History Program: The Paul Layton Mystery of 1887

Thursday, October 25, 7 pm

Dryden Village Hall (doors open at 6:30 pm)

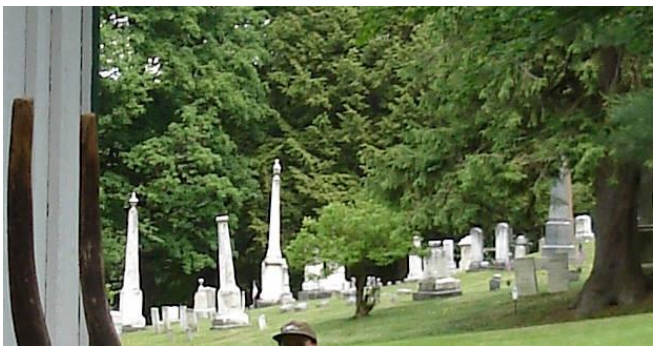
Randy Stewart and Bob Watros will present the facts and suppositions surrounding the Dryden Lake Mystery of Paul Layton.

Randy lived on the Stewart family farm at Dryden Lake Road. Bob Watros spent hours listening to Ross Sherman, Dryden history teller.

Together they will try to set the Paul Layton mystery record straight.



Layton Gravestone located in Section 1, Green Hills Cemetery, Dryden Village



Green Hills Cemetery, Dryden Village

Falconry Comes to the Southworth Homestead on Heritage Fair Day

Falconry, also known as hawking, is the sport of hunting with a trained bird of prey, usually a hawk or falcon. Falconry is also an art. It requires long hours, constant devotion, finesse, subtlety and skill. The falconer must train a bird to fly free, hunt, and then accept a return to captivity.

We are pleased to have Claire Kuiken and her Red-Tailed Hawk, "Ajax", give a presentation and a demonstration of the art and history of falconry.

Claire Kuiken, a senior at Homer High School, began training in falconry as a young teen under the tutelage of her mentor, Peter Harrity. She will discuss aspects of anatomy, evolution and conservation as well as the steps necessary to become a falconer. Her presentation will also include the origins of falconry, traditional vocabulary, and the impact on other cultures. Claire will be joined by her father in longer range flying demonstrations at the end of her talk.

Lastly, her magnificent young Red-Tailed Hawk, "Ajax" will be in attendance and, depending on his behavior and the crowd, she may allow others to hold him (with a glove on) and maybe even fly him!



One of the treasures in Southworth Homestead sitting room was made by Adelia Dwight. This beaded petit point fireplace screen sparkles with glass and cut metal beads in a bamboo style frame.

New Mini Exhibit in Exhibit Room "1903 Information Revealed About Dryden Springs Hotel"

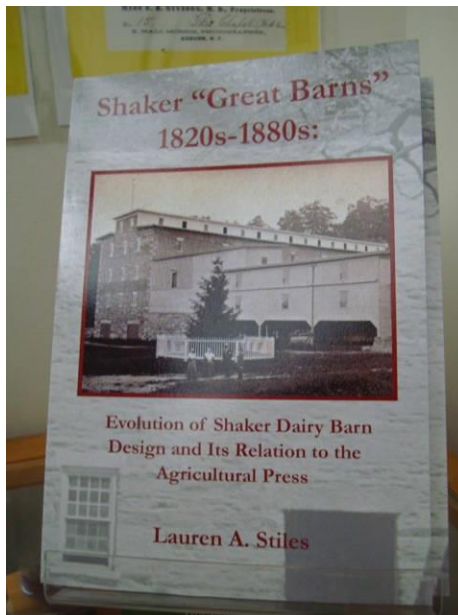
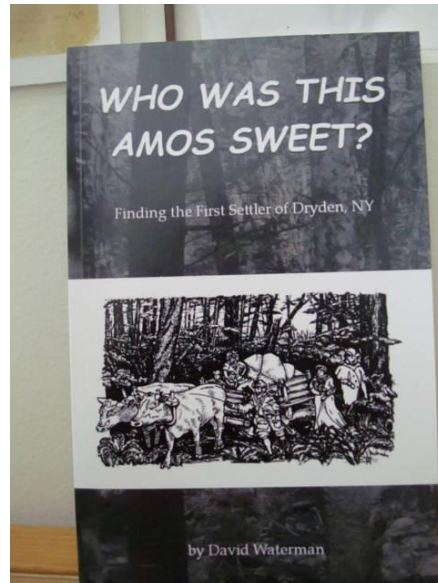
Mike Lane has loaned this framed architectural rendering that appeared in 1903 in the publication, American Architectural Building News Co. The proposed "Dryden Arms" to be located on the site of the former Dryden Springs Sanitarium formerly owned by Samantha Nivison. In 1903, R. M Blair was manager of Dryden New York Springs Hotel Company. Although this fine hotel was never built, architect, E.G.W. Dietrich of 320 Broadway, NYC portrayed a grand place.

Also included in the mini exhibit are DTHS photographs of the original Springs Hotel and copies of stereo views showing interiors.



NEW BOOK "Who Was This Amos Sweet?" is available at DTHS.

David Waterman explores information about Dryden's first settler.



A book that will appeal to all barn enthusiasts is available at DTHS. "Shaker Great Barns" by Lauren Stiles is a study about an unusual type of dairy barn.

Southworth Homestead Tree Planting Update

Fall 2018

In the Summer 2017 Newsletter we wrote about the loss of mature trees at the Homestead and noted that a landscape committee was working on a plan to plant replacement trees. Last fall the DTHS Trustees approved a tree planting plan with 28 new trees. That plan is described in the Fall 2017 Newsletter. Both newsletter issues are available on line at <http://drydennyhistory.org/>.

We are pleased to report that we planted 16 trees last spring, included a sugar maple that is a replacement for the one that had to be removed in 2016 between the barn and house. Two pin oaks and three serviceberry trees were planted along the north property line. Pin oaks are mighty oaks noted for fast growth and tolerance for the wet soils we have on the eastern part of the Homestead property. Serviceberry is smaller tree variety that is very showy in spring and produce berries favored by birds.



Pin oak (foreground) and three serviceberry trees.

Other trees planted last spring include a hybrid elm and a tulip tree to replace the giant cottonwood south of the barn. Someday the tulip will also be a giant! We are pleased to report all 16 trees are growing nicely. We installed fencing around each to discourage Dryden's ravenous deer population.

The 16 trees planted last spring cost about \$3500. Labor to plant them and keep them watered was provided by volunteers. Brad Perkins lent us his John Deere tractor with a small backhoe and we also used Bob Watros' loader, both of which greatly aided the planting work. So far we have received gifts for tree purchases totaling nearly \$2000 and hope to receive additional gifts so we can purchase the remaining trees for planting next spring. As always, we extend a grateful THANK YOU to all of our members for your interest and support of the Society.



Bob Watros holding Sugar Maple tree prior to backfill.

A quiet time to stop at Dryden Historical Society

Every Tuesday from 4 - 6 pm members of the DTHS Exhibit Committee meet to work on planning new exhibits, storing objects in the collections and organizing the archives. The lights will be on in the Exhibit Room. We invite Visitors to stop in during those late afternoon hours to see the exhibits or explore the archives with us.

Give us a call, 280-7328

Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

Southworth Homestead Project:

Sue & Sam Morrie

In memory of:

Viola Lane: Fred (Ben) Williams

Joyce N. Perkins: Brad & Kathy Perkins

Purchase of Trees at Southworth Homestead:

Pin Oak: Gene & Jean German

Pin Oak: Shirley Price

Donations:

Tent Rental "Op Sale": Mary Hornbuckle & Shirley Price

Candy for Dairy Day Float: Mary Hornbuckle & Shirley Price

Donations "In Kind":

Robert Timmerman: refurbish Southworth Homestead sign & update Harvest Festival banner

Vlado & Marco Novosel & crew: moving & transporting (3) display cases

Bob Watros: lawn mowing

Bob Watros & crews: replacing lawn sign, removing front steps and all the other things that are done

Our Business Supporters:

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North Star Art Gallery

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Fulkerson

July 6, 2018

Millie Genung Sherwood

August 24, 2018

Ray Harris

September 1, 2018

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