

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

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REGULAR HOURS
Saturdays, 10am – 1pm
Every Tuesday, 10am – 12pm
and always by appointment

A Quilt with Ties to Dryden

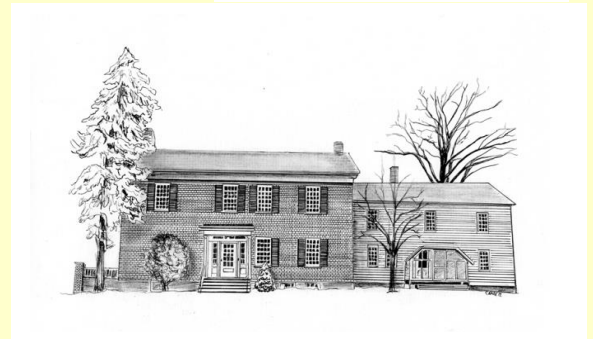
Thursday, July 14, 7pm
Dryden United Methodist Church
9 East Main Street, Dryden, NY

A quilt top was found several years ago at a flea market in Massachusetts by a member of a local quilting club and displayed at a meeting. The quilt top is embroidered with over fifty names dating from 1846 to 1849, all from Tompkins County and most from Dryden. Anita Loscalzo, also a club member, became fascinated and wanted to learn more about the people whose names adorned the quilt. After convincing her friend to part with it, Anita began extensive research into the origins of the quilt and is excited to present her findings as well as theories as to why it was created.

The Dryden Town Historical Society invites everyone to join us on Thursday, July 14th, at 7PM (doors open at 6:30PM) in the Dryden United Methodist Church Community Room to learn more about this piece of history. Quilts from the Society's collection will also be on display.

As always this program is free and open to all with donations gratefully accepted.

For more information call (607) 898-3461.



Embroidered quilt top with names of Dryden residents. Holding quilt are Gina Prentiss, Anita Loscalzo, and MaryLou Taylor.

THE DRYDEN TOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

HOMESTEAD HERITAGE FAIR DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
10 AM to 3PM

SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD, RT. 13, DRYDEN, NY

EXHIBITS ANIMALS
FAMILY FUN GAMES
MUSIC FOOD VENDORS
HERITAGE CRAFTS DEMOS
GREAT FOOD
AND LOTS MORE

FREE ADMISSION



Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Come see our great exhibit on baseball and softball in Freeville and Dryden in the 1900s through the 1960s featuring memorabilia from George Junior Republic and the DTHS archives.

Also read a feature story in Tompkins Weekly, with interviews by Trish Sprague and MaryLou Taylor. Go to TompkinsWeekly.com and search for "History of Baseball in Freeville".

"Who Was this Amos Sweet?" reduced to \$2 contribution, available at the Southworth House.

The author, David Waterman, says "This booklet shared my experience of historical revelations as well as what I learned about Amos Sweet, Dryden's first settler. A new book needs to just be about Mr. Sweet, now that I know his whole story. This Attleboro, MA blacksmith with no frontier skills wanted nothing but to operate the shop he inherited from his father, join the masons and be an upstanding member of the Attleboro community. But life had other plans for him and he ended up becoming a bigamist and, with help from his brother, set off with two wives and four young children to hide and survive in the deep Dryden woods. You are welcome to obtain a copy for a minimal contribution to DTHS, read it as a tickler, and toss it."

Annual Opportunity Sale

Once again, our "Op Sale" was a huge success. Thank you to Shirley Price for all her efforts, as well as Mary Hornbuckle, Muriel Likel, Craig Schutt and Deb Fisher. We had great weather, and netted about \$3,900. We're looking forward to next year.



Mary Hornbuckle and Craig Schutt with our great items for sale



Trish Sprague and Shirley Price discussing an item for sale. Always lots of surprises.



Items from our archives, including our replica of the Dryden Agricultural Fair building.

RESEARCH PROJECT WITH SOUTHWORTH LIBRARY

Our research project has ended, and we have an excellent exhibit at the DTHS Exhibit Room on **Women in Agriculture in the Town of Dryden**. Elizabeth Altier and Allison Payne from Southworth Library did most of their research using our archives, concluding with a great presentation on June 16 at Southworth Library called "Snapshot: Uncovering the stories of rural Dryden women at the turn of the century". Many thanks to working with them and all their efforts.



Elizabeth Altier and Allison Payne with exhibit on Women in Agriculture in the Town of Dryden



Current display on Women in Agriculture in the Town of Dryden at the turn of the century

Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

(for March 2022 through June 2022)

Donations in Memory:

Jack Bush	In memory of Cella Simons
Marcie Mann	In memory of Gina Prentiss
Claudia Melin & Charles Smith	In memory of Bard & Gina Prentiss
Emily & Peter Gladhart	In memory of Gina & Bard Prentiss
Maria Ortiz & Steve Wheaton	In memory of Gina & Bard Prentiss

Contributions to DTHS

Patricia Ard
 Bruce Beatty
 Paul Dedrick
 Elizabeth Gutches
 Jeanette Knapp
 Aiden Payne
 Mariah & Joshua Prentiss & Michelle Hochstetter

Contributions for the Southworth Homestead

Jeanette Knapp

Other Contributions to DTHS

Michael Delahanty	money for Charter Members Plaque
Shirley Price	money for tent rental "OP" Sale
Mary Hornbuckle	money for tent rental "OP" Sale



Allison Payne and Elizabeth Altier at presentation on June 16, Southworth Library, on "Uncovering the stories of rural Dryden women at the turn of the century". An exhibit is now at DTHS.

Our Business Supporters:

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DTHS display at Southworth Library on Dairy Day for their family fun day, "The Ole Dryden Fair: A Walk Back in Time". They had lots of fun activities such as ice cream making (the most popular), making a braided rug, and examining artifacts from the DTHS collection.

Doesn't Everyone Have an Outhouse in Their Backyard?

By Shirley (VanPelt) Otis Price

Well, you probably did have at one time if your house is 100 years old or older. They are still around if you look carefully, not necessarily being used as their original intent, but now used as a shed or to store garden or lawn stuff, as I do with mine. They were either a one-seater or a family two-seater, some had a window for ventilation and some did not. These buildings needed cleaning out periodically and very often the boys in the family were given the chore of cleaning out the outhouse using a rake or a shovel and pails. Think about the convenience today of just flipping a lever compared to the work it took to maintain your outhouse.

My outhouse was built circa 1900 by the Glazier brothers in Dryden. It has resided at three locations in my lifetime. It was located at Laura McKeon's house on West Main Street when my father Harold VanPelt acquired the outhouse. The Dryden Post Office is now at this location. My father had purchased a "vet" house on Beam Hill Road from Howard Havington around 1955 and there was not any running water, so he decided to put an outhouse there to use as it was originally intended. We all slept at the cabin (vet house) during the month of August as my father had hay fever and he could sleep better at the higher altitude. We also used the cabin for picnics every Sunday during the summers, so the outhouse was well used. My parents started renting out the cabin and the hardy people who lived there also used the outhouse. After Bing and I purchased the land from my parents, we continued to rent the cabin to Jared Prentiss. After a couple of years we installed a septic system and indoor plumbing. Waking up the next morning Jared made his way to the outhouse where it slowly dawned on him that he didn't need to do that. When I sold the cabin around 1999 to Jared, I sold it without the outhouse included as I wanted to preserve that bit of history so we moved the outhouse back down in the valley to my

house. We, meaning my brother Wayne, my husband George and a friend, Fred Terwilliger, loaded the outhouse onto a trailer and hauled it off the hill. George laughed at the looks they received while hauling an outhouse, it not even being Halloween. I remember hearing a story about young boys at Halloween tipping over outhouses in the village, one of them belonging to Art Hines's, the village barber, only he was in it and he broke his arm.

My outhouse is a two-seater, with a vent in the roof, a sliding window, it is wired for a battery for a light and the interior is wainscoted. The outside is cedar siding painted white with cedar shingles. My daughter Missy and my son-in-law Wayne and I replaced the roof shingles after moving it to my house. It has a hinged door in the back to access for cleanouts. It has a paneled wooden door with an antique latch and no, there is no moon on it. It is always fun when young children ask about the outhouse and you explain that 100 years ago this was everyone's toilet, rain or snow or freezing cold, and there was always a path from the house to the outhouse.



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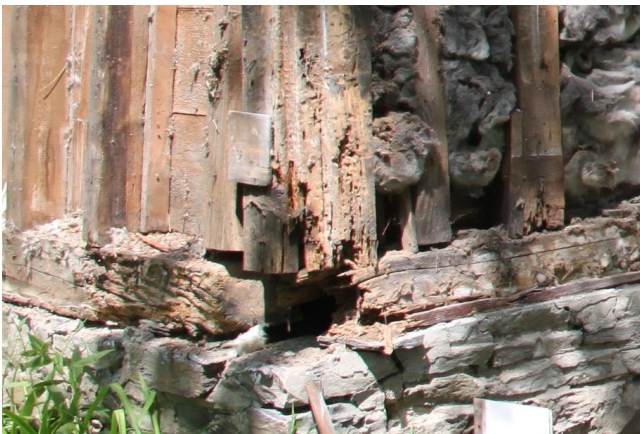
Ten Years at the Southworth Homestead.

At our Annual Meeting on May 17, John Kiefer did a wonderful presentation on our ten years at the Southworth Homestead. You can find the presentation at our website, and find some great photos of the state the homestead was in 10 years ago, the amazing repairs and the wonderful restoration work that has been done. Work will start on the barn this fall.

<http://drydennyhistory.org/southworth-house/>.



Original wood part of the Southworth House



Barn foundation showing rot. Work will begin on the barn hopefully this Fall.



The new office and exhibit space today, with apartment on 2nd floor.



House foundation from 10 years ago



Working on the restoration

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE SOUTHWORTH HOME

Each newsletter we will feature some interesting items from the Southworth Home. This newsletter we are featuring items found in **Southworth Family Desk**.



Anyone have any idea what these are? Beautiful insect decorations on ivory “tabs” and one with ornate gold decorations on the wood (and missing a tab).

Hint: it was used as part of a game



Dryden Town Historical Society float at Dryden Dairy Days. We took 2nd Prize! John Kiefer driving the tractor, our own “Flower Girls” Maria and Amy, Mary sharing candy, and Shirley in her fun costume. A fun day for sure.



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