

Sharon Historical Society Newsletter

Message from our President

Fall is here, and there is so much happening at the Sharon Historical Society!

The Sharon Springs Harvest Festival will take place on September 19 and 20. During the festival, we will hold a Sharon Historical Society sale in the ballroom of the Roseboro Hotel. We are seeking donated items for the sale, so please email us a sharonhistoricalsocietyny@gmail.com if you have something you would like to contribute.

The museum will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM both days of the Harvest Festival. These will be our final regular operating days before the museum closes for the season. Afterward, the museum may still be visited by appointment by calling (518) 860-5513.

On Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 AM, we will host a Fall Foliage Train Trip departing from Milford, New York. This promises to be a beautiful and scenic journey through the autumn countryside, and we hope you will join us for this enjoyable outing. Please see page 12 for reservation information and additional details.

Our annual Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Sunnycrest Restaurant in Sharon Springs. We had a wonderful time at last year's celebration, and this year's event will feature a fundraising art auction. More information is available on page 12.

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our lifetime members, we have also installed crowd-control barriers in each of the Historical Village vignettes. This will allow us to open each of the exhibits so visitors can see better what is inside each one. We hope to have most of the shops open and ready for visitors by Harvest Festival weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sharon Historical Society! We look forward to seeing you at one of our fall events!



Ron Ketelsen, President
Sharon Historical Society

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Sharon Springs Union High School Track & Field—1st row from left: Harold Townsend, Ralph Stevens, Julius Parsons, Allen Townsend. 2nd row from left: Elias Hartman, Jonas Smith, Bob Linden, Herb Bradley, Seth Parsons (Union School building in background.)

Images from the Past

Twelfth Annual Schoharie County



Coming To

Jefferson, N.Y.
April 23 & 24, 1977



MISS COLLEEN BROWN
Sharon Springs, New York
SCHOHARIE COUNTY MAPLE QUEEN XI

Maple Queen

Left: Colleen Brown was Maple Queen in 1976 for the Twelfth Annual Maple Festival held on April 23 & 24, 1977.



This Ford stock car, a regular at Sharon Raceway, Sharon Springs, is owned and sponsored by Sprakers Motors, Sharon Springs. It was also built by the same firm and has raced at Brookfield, Menands, Westerlo, Vernon and State Line. It was a feature winner at Sharon July 4 and Aug. 8. — Photo by Bergh

A Sharon Raceway Regular

Above: Ford Stock Car # 63, owned and sponsored by Sprakers Motors, was a regular at Sharon Raceway in the early 1950s.

A Wintry Day in the Lower Village

Below: A wintry day circa 1950 in the lower Village. At left is Berman's Little Village including the luncheonette and commercial/apartment building (at one time housed the telephone office) with its cantilevered corner porch on the second floor, Smith, Empie & Smith Store, Knopping Ice Cream Parlor, and Union Hotel.



The Sharon Springs Fife and Drum Corp

(Unknown Author-1952)



The Sharon Springs Fife and Drum Corp was organized in the fall of 1887 and was financed by George Klinkhart, an enterprising businessman, a man ever ready to lend aid to any movement designed to be of help to the village, especially the young people. The corps, sixteen in number, was furnished with new instruments. A room on the first floor of the building on the corner of Main and South Streets was rented from L. H. Jackson, then agent for the property, with the understanding that the term of the lease would be governed

by the good behavior of the members of the corps. The boys met regularly for practice and their progress was very good. Their first appearance on the street was St. Patrick's Day 1888, when they paraded and serenaded every business place in the village and numerous private homes. At nearly every place they received a contribution, and at the end of the afternoon, they had enough money to pay off the balance due on their instruments. A few days following, the boys were assembled in their quarters for practice when several left the room to snowball an Evangelist and his wife who were passing on their way to a meeting to be held in a private home on South Street. L. H. Jackson soon learned of this breach of the peace and ordered their room vacated at once. The following day in a blinding wet snow storm, all the equipment, furniture and instruments were moved on hand-sleds to the house that stood about 100 feet below the Samson house at the top of the hill. It was a disgruntled, defeated group of boys that moved along Main Street and Rockville Hill on that wild March day and reminded one of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. By this time, there were efforts being made to organize a new band. The band was organized in the following fall and was financed by George Klinkhart. The old drum corps soon fell apart and several of the boys were taken into the new band. Members of the drum corps were: George Jackson, Alfred Possen, George Hoffman, Julius Landon, Leon Wormuth, Alfred Wormuth, Harry Smith, John Hoffman, Bert Jackson, Alfred Smith, Edward Wilson, John Hiller, George Hiller, William Curry, Charles Moak and Myron Eldredge.



"The day's oration
is in flowers,
Sing, ye gardens!
Speak, ye bowers!"

The Klinkhart Cornet Band

(Unknown Author-1952)



The Klinkhart Cornet Band was organized in the late fall of 1888. It was financed by George Klinkhart and was named in his honor. Arthur Ingraham, a cornetist with some experience, was chosen as instructor and bandmaster. Practice quarters were in the large first floor room of the village hall. The members at the beginning numbered about twenty-eight. Several withdrew shortly after practice began and several others were dropped. Three new members were added and when practice really began in earnest, the band numbered about twenty men. Only three of the members had had previous instruction in music, the others starting from scratch. The boys put in long hours of practice regularly at the band room. Horns, drums, fifes, etc. were at practice in homes around town at all times of day and night. Progress

was rapid and on St. Patrick's Day, 1889, the band made its first public appearance in a parade through the streets of the village. Donations by business people were generous and the money received was later used to purchase uniforms.

As nearly as we can remember after more than sixty years, the membership and their instruments were as follows: Cornets—Arthur Ingraham, Austin Bradley, John Hoffman, Harry Smith, George Daenzer; Drums/Base/Cymbals—George Jackson; Snares—Alfred Possen, Alfred Wormuth; Clarinet—John F. Lehman; Base Horn—Frank Wiltsey; Tuba—Geroge Hoffman; Trombone—Alfred Smith.

Another trombone, several tenor and alto horns were divided up among the following: Charles Moak, Frank Hoffman, John A. Hiller, George Hiller, Lester Becker, Edward Wilson, William T. Smith, Myron Eldredge. Walter Hiller and Edward Klinkhart joined a little later.

Dissension finally developed in the ranks and three members withdrew. With a demand for workers in the factories, the members left one by one for employment in Oneonta, Canajoharie, Johnstown, Gloversville, and Schenectady, and so the band gradually faded out. Of the old band members now living (in 1952), only George Jackson and Walter Hiller, a later-comer remain.



Spa Mug Reproduction

In commemoration of the country's Bicentennial celebration and pride in their village and town's history, in 1971, residents of Sharon Springs produced a limited edition of 250 similar reproductions of a drinking mug used at the spa temple in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. The mug was sponsored by the Sharon Historical Society, the idea and planning was a joint endeavor of that society and the Sharon Restoration Corporation. The temple design was patterned after the original Sulphur spa temple which stood at the same site as the present edifice. These mugs were used for drinking the various spa waters by summer guests and local people as well. Execution of the temple decal was the work of Linda Bowers and production of the mugs was under the direction of Janet Judd. Others who joined in the cooperative endeavor were Marjorie Hayner, Faith Ensmen, Shirley Ethington, Katherine Maiorana, Rose Nuzzo, Carol Ashworth, Dorothy Greer, Irma Stein, Margaret Kettler, Patricia Knee, Arlene Stafford, Rosalie Rolle, Elsie Stoutland, and Lynn Abelman.

Choral Group at Adler Hotel

Do you recognize anyone?



**1st Row-3rd from left—Teresa Sterus, Audrey Lane Kennedy to her right
1st Row-4th from right—Virginia Kling, to her right Janet Carhart Lynk, next Ellen Schenck, Pauline Lambert.**

Feedback from a viewer on the “Revolutionary Wars in Schoharie County” Program

I absolutely loved this program! I have ancestors who lived in the area and were on both sides of the conflict. My 6th GGF Conradt Hopper was a Tory who participated in the attack on Currytown and the battle the next day with Willett, escaping capture. He was then arrested a few weeks later and imprisoned at West Point. His younger son Abraham was with Johnson's Loyalists while the older son Jacobus was part of the Patriot militia at Fort Plain.

After the war Jacobus Hopper married Maria Heerwagen, whose first husband Micheal Merckel was in the Tory militia supporting St. Leger in 1777 (as were Abraham and Jacobus Hopper along with Maria's brother Carl, who was also part of the Currytown raid). At some point Jacobus and Michael became Patriots, but Maria and Carl's parents were divided. Their father was a Tory who went to Canada while their mother stayed and supported the Revolution.

Your video brought to life how much of a brutal civil war the Mohawk Valley endured.

Louis Core

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Phantom of Sharon—but Where's Sharon?



Phantom of Sharon .. but Where's Sharon?

Taken from *Reporter Dispatch*, White Plains, NY , Tues., March 24, 1959, Section-Adventure Today at Home and Afield with G. Bloodby, Adventure Editor

Phantom of Sharon—but Where's Sharon?

This business of tracking down unusual off-beat stories for Adventure Today is a lot of fun, as well as work, and frequently the tracking down makes as good a story as the yarn being sought.

Some excellent stories come to me from readers who are kind enough to send them in, some are from folks who stop me to tell me their pet yarns, and others I find in old publications long lost in barns, attics and antique shops. Some relate experience by the tellers themselves and others I find in old town histories and diaries here and there.

Some which have been handed down many times and for several generations of story tellers improve with age, while others stick pretty close to the “facts” as told. The original yarn stays the same with minor changes along the way, to keep a real ring of authenticity about the story and where it happened.

If I can, I like to trace down where a story originated and, if possible go there to see what I can see. I've visited the famed haunted “octagonal house” in Washington, the haunted “Peddler's Bridge” in upstate New York, the “Ocean Born Mary” house in New Hampshire and a few more, but now I've come across one I guess I'll just have to pass along and forget about tracking it down. Perhaps some of you know it or have heard more about it.

This is the story of the phantom rider who is reported near Sharon, N.Y., every so often when some local character is engaged in evil activities. It seems this particular phantom is a bit unusual in several ways, even more so than many of the famed horseback riding ghosts of the past. (I wonder if, in the future, some of them will be told about as riding in cars, motorcycles or in jets?)

Phantom of Sharon *(Continued)*

The Sharon spectre is just a shadow of a fiery footprint—man riding astride a horse, most of which is missing. The rider always is seen riding Indian-style, bareback, yet dressed as a white man, and nothing of the horse is ever seen but his head, pounding hoofs and occasionally a jet black tail. He has been “seen,” they say, in broad daylight as well as at night, and the tracks that this horse leaves in the earth often smoke for several minutes after they are made, and occasionally tiny sparks twinkle about their edges as though left by burning sulphur.

The legend is that the spectre is visible only to local residents who are secretly engaged in some sort of mischief and apparently the appearance of the “rider” is a warning to change their ways—or else.

As usual, when I came across this story I looked to see if Sharon was within driving distance, but I couldn't find it on any of several maps. Indeed, I even consulted my atlas, which lists every town right down to a mere crossroads. Still, no Sharon!

As a last resort, I checked with our local Post Office and the postal register which can locate any settlement or post office even if it's not on a map. They'd never heard of Sharon, New York, nor could they find any record of such a place. The closest was a Sharon Springs, but as this report stated several times just plain Sharon, that could not be it. Perhaps the name of where he rides was entirely different. If I were you and engaged in some shady business, I'd keep my eye peeled. The town where “he” rides may be YOURS.

Newspaper Article tells of Roosevelt's Official Visit to Schoharie County 1930

(Cobleskill Index)

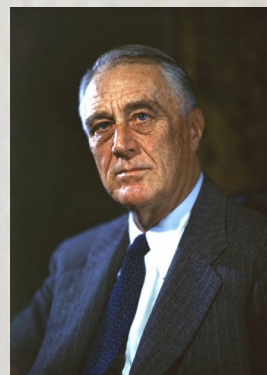
Residents of Schoharie County had their first intimate contact with late-President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he was serving as Governor of New York State and made an official visit of this section of the state in the month of August of 1930. The governor addressed the annual summer picnic of the Schoharie County Farm Bureau held at Howe Caverns.

The governor arrived in Cobleskill in the morning and made an inspection of the New York State School of Agriculture and Home Economics following which his party motored to Howe Caverns where they had lunch in the caverns' lodge. Mayor Silas Springstead and Farm Bureau Agent Ray F. Pollard headed the reception committee. The governor's party included Mrs. Roosevelt, his secretary Guernsey Cross, several State Democratic leaders, State Troopers and a group of New York newspaper reporters.

A crowd of 5,000 gathered at Howe Caverns to hear Governor Roosevelt describe the New York State farm relief program. The governor was introduced by Hon. Jared Van Wagenen of Lawyerville, a member of the governor's agricultural advisory board.

From Schoharie County, the governor's itinerary led to Otsego County with the party staying overnight at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown. Enroute there the party made brief stops at Sharon Springs and Cherry Valley. The Otsego County group met the tour at Sharon Hill and escorted it westward.

In November of that year Governor Roosevelt was reelected for his second term and carried Schoharie County, being the first Democratic candidate for the governor's chair to carry the county since William Sulzer did in 1912.



Sharon Spa Cagers Take Second Trophy



Photo by Beighmeyer, Cobleskill

SHARON SPRINGS, March 30—County league champions twice in four years, the Sharon Springs team playing brilliant basketball under Coach Hagen Andersen, former all-American, not only swept the county this season but placed first in the Class D sectionals of eastern New York state. They lost one league game to Schoharie. The team piled up a total season score in the league of 622 points against 508 for their opponents.

Left to right, they are, front row—William Snapsky, Donald Sheldon, Captain Malcolm Lynk, Art Cummings, Clayton Lowe; Second row, Francis Hazzard, manager; Alva Lane, Coach Andersen, Andrew Empie, Sammy Kaido. Back row, Durwood Vroman, Danny Schondra, Francis Karker, Alex Bautochka, and Lawrence Stevens.

Schenectady Daily Gazette: March 31, 1937

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Back row—Durwood Vroman, Danny Schondra, Francis Karker, Alex Bautochka, Lawrence Stephens. (It's sad to note that Andrew Empie and Lawrence Stephens were killed in 1944 in World War II.)

Winner And New Champ!

Schoharie County Journal, March 7, 1950

Sharon Springs Central, always among the leaders in the county interscholastic league, shook off the jinx Schoharie Central seems to have held over them in recent years and won league championship. The Spa five, winners of 12 out of 13 league games, will play Castleton in the sectionals at Saratoga. Sharon led the league in scoring and was second in defense.

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Second row: Bill Waring, Lee Cook, Al Van Schaick, Lee Cipperly, Dan Renovitz, Coach Al Doig, Milt Kling, Herm Buttery, Bob Hall, Keith Mallory, and Leo Empie, assistant manager.



Photo by Van Darvort.

SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL, always among the leaders in the county interscholastic league, shook off the jinx Schoharie Central seems to have held over them in recent years and won league championship Tuesday night. The Spa five, winners of 12 out of 13 league games, will play Castleton in the sectionals at Saratoga Saturday night. Sharon led the league in scoring and was second in defense. Left to right, front row, Ben Button, Dwight Lane, Jerry Ethington, Dick Van Schaick, Arden Fonda, and Bob Lynk; second row, Bill Waring, Lee Cook, Al Van Schaick, Lee Cipperly, Dan Renovitz, Coach Al Doig, Milt Kling, Herb Buttry, Bob Hall, Keith Mallory and Leo Empie, assistant manager.

Harold H. Dingman 1901–1984



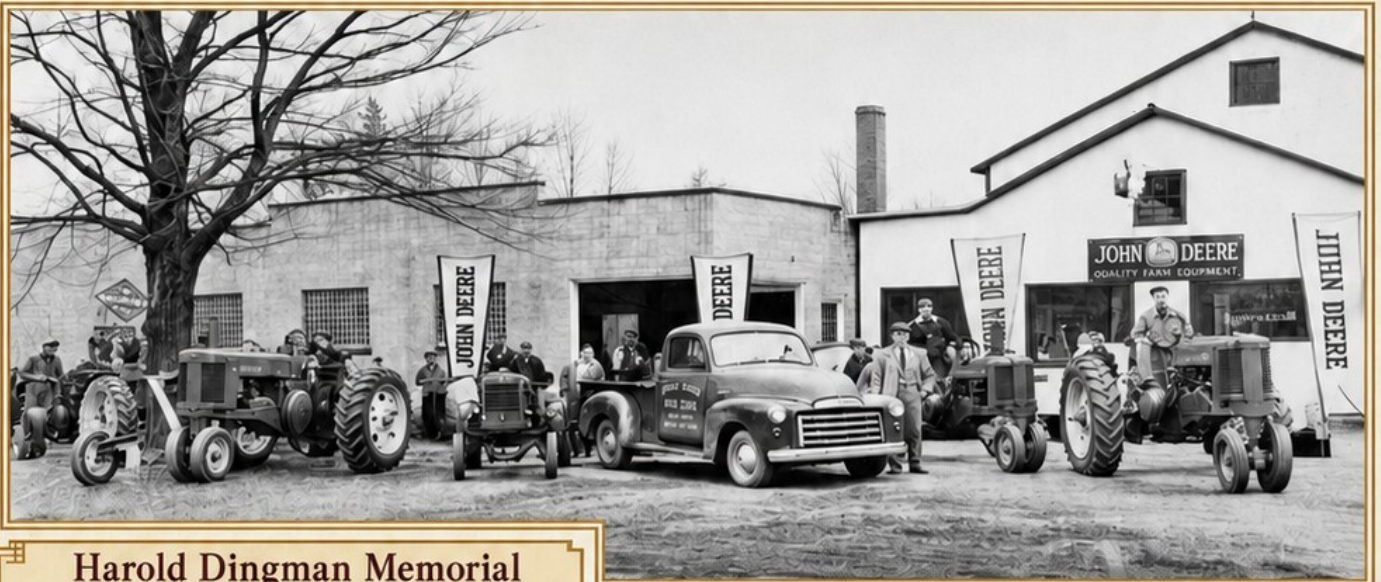
Harold H. Dingman was born in Sharon Springs NY, the son of John and Gertie Bellinger Dingman. He was four years of age when he, his sister and parents moved to the farm on Chestnut Street that was Harold's residence for the rest of his life.

Harold Dingman was married in May 1932 to Winona Bellinger. They had one daughter, Shirley Dingman Hoerle, and two grandsons.

After schooling in the Sharon Springs area, he worked for a short time at General Electric Company. In 1932 he formed a partnership retail coal business with his brother-in-law, Walter Roberts. After a few years, he became the sole owner. The building stood near the upper Sharon Springs Central School athletic field. He sold this when he became a John Deere farm equipment dealer and purchased a vacant triangle piece of property for his new business between Chestnut Street and Sawmill Road.

It took a long time for Mr. Dingman to sell his first tractor because it was at the period of time when horses were still being used and farmers needed to adjust to a change. His first mechanic was Ken Doyle, who later operated a dairy farm off Slate Hill Road. Ironically, on the same day of Ken's own death, his son, Pat Doyle, was killed in an accident. A few others who were employed by Mr. Dingman were Mildred Hiller, Howard Mann, Donald MacIntyre, Tom Zeller, and Peter Whitbeck.

Harold was active in the Sharon Springs Lodge F & AM, Sharon Springs Rotary, Sharon Cemetery Association, Leland O. White Laboratory, Republican Party, and a patron of the Sharon Springs Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.



Harold Dingman Memorial Scholarship Fund

A "Harold Dingman Memorial Scholarship Fund" was established at Sharon Springs Central School. This scholarship is awarded to the graduating senior who shows the most potential in agribusiness from June 1985, and on.

Harold Dingman was a businessman for over fifty years, but one who will be remembered as the John Deere man—of the popular green and yellow line. This was the end of the John Deere franchise in Sharon Springs.

Town of Sharon Supervisors

1796-1797 Tinas Pynneo
 1798-1807 Peter Loucks
 1808-1809 John Malick
 1815 Peter Hilton
 1816 Jacob Crounse
 1817 Peter A. Hilton
 1818 John Rice
 1819 Peter A. Hilton
 1820 Jacob Crounse
 1821-1824 Robert Eldredge
 1825-1827 Peter Hynds
 1828-1829 Jacob Crounse
 1830 Timothy Cook
 1831 John Scott
 1832 John F. Hiller
 1833 Adam Empie
 1834-1836 Robert Eldredge
 1837 Martin Merckley
 1838 James Parsons
 1839 William Royce
 1840 Robert Eldredge
 1841 Seth Eldredge
 1842 Cornelius Beekman
 1843 Daniel D. Webster
 1844 John Beakley
 1845 David Becker
 1846 John C. Moeller
 1847 Seymour Smith
 1848 John C. Empie
 1849 J. W. Van Schaick
 1850 John L. Dockstader
 1851 Adam Empie
 1852 Seymour Smith
 1853 Joseph Zeh
 1854 M. N. DeNoyelles
 1855 P. H. Sharp
 1856 Luther Taylor
 1857 Garrett Hone
 1858 Daniel Eldredge
 1859-1860 M. N. DeNoyelles
 1861-1862 Peter Law

1863 John A. Empie
 1864 John Beakley
 1865 M. N. DeNoyelles
 1866 Charles Craig
 1867-1868 M. N. DeNoyelles
 1869-1870 John B. Hoag
 1871-1872 Nathan W. Stratton
 1873 Augustus Parsons
 1874-1875 Peter A. Bellinger
 1876-1877 Garrett Hone
 1878-1882 Henry C. Lykes
 1883 James S. Staley
 1884-1901 C. M. Mallett
 1902-1904 George N. Jones
 1905-1909 John L. Empie
 1910-1917 George A. Parsons
 1918-1937 Frank Neville
 1938-1951 Lewis J. Lipe
 1952-1955 Milton L. Somers
 (died in office)
 1955-1959 Harold France
 1960-1965 Dwight Lane
 1966-1969 Douglas Putnam
 1970-1971 Robert Kinsman
 1972-1977 William Munz
 1978-1995 David Handy
 1996-1999 Anthony Desmond
 2000-2003 Daniel Schuppel
 2004-2009 Anthony Desmond
 2010-Present Sandra Manko



Village of Sharon Springs Mayors

1872-1873	Jacob Dockstader
1874	L. H. Jackson (resigned)
1874-1875	John Green
1876-1877	Manzo France
1878	Peter G. Fritcher
1879-1879	C. B. Fethers
1880-1883	John H. Gardner Jr.
1884	W. Winnie
1885-1890	John H. Gardner Jr.
1891	William Harper
1892-1894	James Bowmaker
1895	Alonzo B. Coons
1896-1898	James Bowmaker
1899	Seth Smith
1900-1902	William Morrell
1903	James Bowmaker
1904-1905	William Morrell
1906	George W. Clausen
1907-1909	William Morrell
1910-1911	Seth Smith
1912-1920	William Craig
1921-1923	Amiel H. Samson
1924-1928	Caniff R. Winnie
1929-1930	Duane P. Spraker
1931-1944	Seymour B. Smith
1945-1946	Clayton Bullock
1947-1952	Lynn Dievendorf
1953-1956	Clayton Bullock
1957-1960	Joseph McFee
1961-1965	Harrie K. Washburn, Sr.
1966-1968	Richard Empie
1969-1974	Samuel Kaido
1975	H. Arthur Herman
1976-1977	James Bowmaker
1978-1979	Richard Empie
1980-1981	Stanley Hadsell Jr.
1982-1983	Keith Mallery
1984-1985	Richard Thomas
1986-1991	William Barbic Jr.
1992-1999	Harrie K. Washburn, Sr.
2000-2003	Elliott Adams
2004-2005	Harrie K. Washburn, Sr.
2006-2014	Omer Cousineau
2015-2023	Doug Plummer
2024-2025	Denise Kelly
2026-Present	Paul Novko

HARRIE WASHBURN, SR.



Harrie Washburn, Sr. died April 20, 2012. In addition to being Village Mayor over multiple years, he was a Vocational Agricultural teacher at Sharon Springs Central School from 1945–1970 and was the first Driver Education teacher in Schoharie County, teaching from 1948–1978. He served as the Assistant Business Administrator at SSCS from 1969 until retiring in 1978.

SHARON SPRINGS CENTENNIAL PLATE



A Sharon Springs Centennial Plate was made in 1971 to commemorate the Village's 100-year birthday celebration noting the incorporation of the Village of Sharon Springs.



All Aboard!

Fall Foliage Train Ride with the Sharon Historical Society

Join the Sharon Historical Society for a picturesque autumn adventure aboard a scenic train ride through the stunning Susquehanna River Valley!

 **When:** Saturday, October 10th at 11:00 AM
 **Where:** Departing from the depot in Milford, NY (carpool available from the museum in Sharon Springs)
 **Cost:** \$21 per person

Settle in for a relaxing 2-hour round-trip excursion as the train winds along the tranquil Susquehanna River, past golden farm fields, and through forests ablaze with fall color. There's no better way to soak in the season than from the comfort of your seat, watching the valley's natural beauty roll by.

This is a round trip with no disembarkation — you'll depart from and return to the Milford depot. Food and restrooms are available on board, so sit back and enjoy the ride.

 Space is limited, so don't wait! To reserve your spot, email us at sharonhistoricalsocietyny@gmail.com.

 **Ticket cutoff: October 1st**

We can't wait to share this beautiful fall tradition with you!



Mark Your Calendar Now!

October 17th at 6 PM

The Sharon Historical Society's



Buffet Dinner and Art Auction

At Sunnycrest Restaurant

Tickets are available at NBT Bank in Sharon Springs or by going to our website:

www.sharonhistoricalsocietyny.org

Tickets \$30 each. Advanced ticket purchase is required.

For more information, please call (518) 860-5513



OUR NEXT

HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE SERIES

SEPTEMBER 11TH THE DAY THAT CHANGED AMERICA

*Twenty-Five Years Later: Survivor Accounts,
Historical Evidence, and Enduring Conspiracy Theories*

★ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 7 PM ★

**September 11th – The Day That
Changed America – Twenty-Five Years
Later: Survivor Accounts, Historical Ev-
idence, and Enduring Conspiracy Theo-
ries**

**Friday, September 11th at 7 PM
Zoom Only**

Note the Date Change!

This special commemorative program will be held on Friday, September 11, the 25th anniversary of the tragic events that changed America. Twenty-five years after the morning that changed America, the images of September 11 remain unforget-

table—but how well do we understand what happened? Sharon Historian Ron Ketelsen reconstructs the events of that tragic day through survivor accounts, eyewitness testimony, historical records, and the stories of ordinary people whose courage emerged amid unimaginable devastation.

The program then examines the enduring questions and conspiracy theories surrounding the attacks, including the collapse of the World Trade Center towers and Building 7, the attacks on the Pentagon, and the fate of Flight 93. Separating documented evidence from speculation, Ketelsen offers a respectful and thought-provoking exploration of September 11, its lasting impact on America, and why remembering the human lives behind the history still matters.

George Washington: Beyond the Legend The Man, the General, and the Complicated Road to American Independence

September 28th at 7 PM

Zoom Only

How did an ambitious young Virginian—whose early military career was marked by mistakes, defeat, and controversy—become the leader who held thirteen divided colonies together? Join Historian Ron Ketelsen as he follows George Washington from the dangerous American frontier through the triumphs, setbacks, and personal struggles of the Revolutionary War.

Discover the man behind the familiar portraits: a determined but deeply complicated leader who fought for liberty while enslaving hundreds of people. This thought-provoking program explores Washington's courage, contradictions, and enduring legacy—including his extraordinary decision to surrender the power he could have kept.

Note: As a member of the Sharon Historical Society, all presentations are complimentary. An email will be sent to you prior to the presentation with the Zoom link. We do ask that non-members make a donation to the Sharon Historical Society to help us cover the expenses of putting on these programs. For more information on how to register for our programs, please visit our website at <https://www.sharonhistoricalsocietyny.org/upcoming-talks-and-programs>.

SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE SERIES

George Washington: Beyond the Legend

*The Man, the General, and the
Complicated Road to American Independence*

SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 7 PM

Just a few of our Recent Sharon Historical Museum Acquisitions

FANGO PACKS

AS ADMINISTERED AT

FIN GELI HOSPITAL - Tel Aviv, Palestine
WARZAVA HOSPITAL - Warsaw, Poland
CARBARI - Carab, C.E.C.
MONTICRISTO - Monticristo, Italy
SPA (SHARON ARABIC) - Spa, Belgium
VANDER PLOEGE LEGHAT - Van der Ploeg, Belgium
ANDERSON - Andri-Andri, France
MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL - Munkin, France
BATH MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL - Bath Mountain, Germany
WILCOX KRAMERSHOF - Wilco, Germany

SHARON SPRINGS
NEW YORK

Take Time

Take Time TO THINK . . .
It is the source of power.
Take Time TO PLAY . . .
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take Time TO READ . . .
It is the fountain of wisdom.
Take Time TO PRAY . . .
It is the greatest power on earth.
Take Time TO LOVE and BE LOVED . . .
It is a God-given privilege.

Take Time TO BE FRIENDLY . . .
It is the road to happiness.
Take Time TO LAUGH . . .
It is the music of the soul.
Take Time TO GIVE . . .
It is two short a day to be selfish.
Take Time TO WORK . . .
It is the price of success.
Take Time TO VACATION . . .
It is the foundation of your future life.

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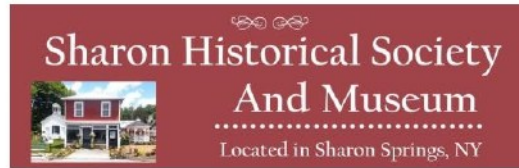
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