

MARION HISTORIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Fall!



We had a wonderful Fall Festival !



Boy Scout Troop #137's weather rock showed sunny and mild. The Boy Scouts also had free s'mores! The Marion Alumni Committee had a great day and Cummings Maple Farm did well too. Many folks were about and about taking advantage of the food vendors (they sold out!), the music (a terrific band called "Swagger") and all the craft vendors.



The Marion Historic Association mounted a small tribute to commemorate the 20th anniversary of that terrible day, September 11, 2001 in front of the new memorial garden. The Marion Fire Department was out in force showcasing their antique fire truck as well as the latest equipment. They also canvassed for volunteers which are becoming more and more difficult to find. The Pioneer Gas Engine group also had a mini-tractor pull by the Elementary School for the kids and one local business had their best sales day ever! We enjoyed the music of a band called "Swagger" which had quite an extensive playlist.



Other visitors included Don and Christine (Cambier) Collier and their daughter, Debra, and sister, Linda Collier Newlander from California. Don dropped off a coin he had held onto from his time working at Freeman's Candy Kitchen. He has fond memories of his high school years, working behind the counter. It was great to meet everyone finally and the Colliers and Lonnevilles (Ron and Marcia) had a great chat on the front porch of the museum. I am not sure what time Freeman's Candy Kitchen closed as I cannot find anything after 1968 for them in the newspapers.



WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PLANNING *update*



Last night I attended the launch of the official Wayne County Bicentennial Calendar. This project has been the work of Loreen Jorgenson, County Church historian, and Christopher Davis, Newark/Arcadia historian and director of the Newark/Arcadia museum. They were helped in their multi-year endeavor by local historians and historical societies.

The result is a wonderful two year calendar chock full of interesting photos and tantalizing tidbits of Wayne county history. The calendars are \$15 each and available through the Marion Historic Association by emailing me at marion.ny.historian@gmail.com or calling me at 585-738-6577 for local pickup. To have a calendar mailed out of town, send me a note c/o MHA, PO Box 330, Marion, NY 14505 and enclose a check for \$19 (\$15 plus \$4 for shipping). If you are ordering 2 calendars the shipping increases to \$5. If you order three calendars it goes to \$8. The calendar is about 9" x 11".

The Marion Historic Association receives \$3 each from the sale of the calendars and we hope you will support us in this fundraising opportunity as every little bit helps us continue the project at hand.

If you would like to be involved in the Marion Bicentennial committee, please contact me either by phone or 585-738-6577 or email me at marion.ny.historian@gmail.com. We are looking for members from the Legion, local churches, school administrators/staff, businesses and any other interested folks. I appreciate your support in this wonderful celebration of our history.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

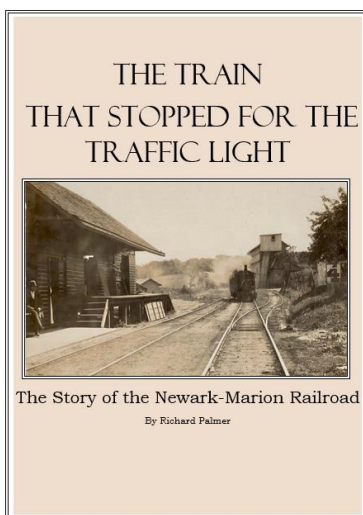


There's a "Haunting in the Hamlet!"

The Marion Historic Association is hosting its first ever "Haunting in the Hamlet!" on October 23 from 6 – 8 pm. We have gathered stories from near and far, and far and near. From the famous, and the infamous, both historical and hysterical, to amuse participants of our cemetery walk. Participants will leave the museum in 15 minute increments starting at 6 pm with their tour guide who will lead them carefully up North Main St. to the cemetery grounds. From there they will travel through time and the cemetery and out to Buffalo St. and back up to the museum for refreshments.

Rain or shine, with flashlights in hand, prepare to be frightened, fascinated, and perhaps, learn a little bit more of Marion's history. *Tickets are \$5 for age 16-adult and \$3 for age 5-15 and reservations/payment must be made in advance. Call or text 585-738-6577 to reserve your spot.* We will have a payment box outside the new entry porch at the museum with flyers as well as envelopes to make your reservation payment. *Payment should be received by Oct. 20 to ensure your spot.* Group size is limited to 15 with only 120 reservations available. Time slots are 6, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45 and 8 pm. Call or text today!

Newark-Marion Railroad:

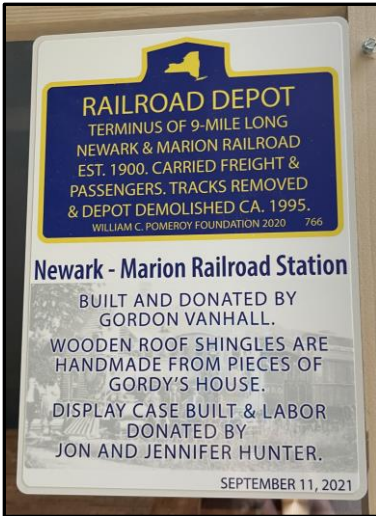


The book has been completed and will be heading to the printers soon. We have requests for quotes for printing out right now. It is 64 pages long and will be 8 ½" x 11" with many photos.

Our deep gratitude to author, Dick Palmer, for all his work bringing the story to life. We will have more information as we find out further costs.

I am SO excited and hope you are too!

Depot Display:



Progress has been made on the display case for the Depot model built by Gordon VanHall. The case was made of acrylic on a wood frame by Jon Hunter, husband of President, Jen Hunter.

He did a great job and with a few minor adjustments it will be in full service soon, keeping the depot safe and dust free.

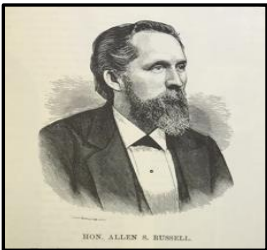
The table it rests on was one we had in the collection that was the perfect size (and age) to use for this purpose.

Ron and Marcia Lonneville donated this beautiful plaque that will be installed on the finished display case.



Thank you to the Hunters and Lonnevilles for their hard work and donation of the plaque!

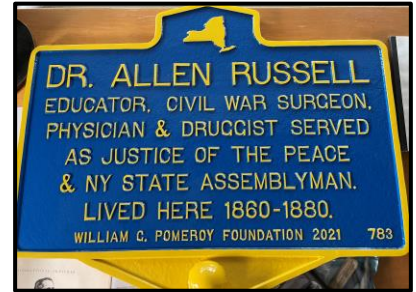
Pomeroy Historic Markers:



Dr. Allen Steele Russell

The historic marker for Dr. Allen Steele Russell has arrived after a bit of COVID induced confusion. It will be installed soon by the Marion Highway Department. Dr. Allen Steele Russell grew up in Williamson on Russell Rd. He was the son-in-law of local physician, Dr. Elisha R. Wright, marrying Dr. Wright's daughter, Emily, in 1856. Prior to marrying Emily, he attended the Marion Collegiate Institute, taught there and was also principal for a year before entering the University of Michigan. Upon graduation he attended the College of Physician's and Surgeons in New York City (now known as Columbia University). He enlisted in the army in April of 1864 as an assistant surgeon as part of the Wilderness campaign and later serving in Washington, D.C. in the general hospital service. In January, 1865, he was promoted to brigade surgeon.

Upon returning home, he served as physician and druggist as well as Town Clerk and Justice of the Peace. In 1875 he was elected to serve as the NYS assemblyman and served on the committees for Public Health and Federal Relations. Relected in 1876, he again served on the Public Health as Chairman as well as a member of the committee on Villages and Grievances. He eventually moved to Michigan, opening a pharmacy and serving in various medical capacities throughout the Midwest. He later divorced Emily and remarried, fathering serveral more children and eventually dying in Michigan in 1912.



New Members!

Welcome to new members **Erin and Mike Lane** and **Gina and Alex Shumski** ! We also met **Debra Collier** when she visited with her father, Don. Also welcome is the **Ronald McKenna** family! They joined during our Fall Festival Open House and we welcome them to our history family. Members are the lifeblood of any organization and no group can function without them.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****CDC requirements will be followed as long as required.****

Oct. 13 - Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm at the Museum

Oct. 14 - Training meeting for "Haunting in the Hamlet" hosts and actors

Oct. 23 – Cemetary Walk 6:00 pm at the Marion Cemetery entrance on Buffalo St. Details to be Announced

Nov. 18 – Marion Historic Association Membership meeting 6:30 pm at the Museum

Dec. 4 – Holiday Open House and Remembrance Ceremony 10 - 5 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 13 at 6:30 pm at the museum. We will be following CDC guidelines please.

Future Newsletters:

If you have any topics you would like information on, send them to me at marion.ny.historian@gmail.com. I would be happy to research an article and publish it in the newsletter for everyone. *Thank you again for your membership donations to the Marion Historic Association.* It helps us bring relevant programs to our community and we appreciate your support.

Caryn Devlin

Historian

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