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Mission Statement: "The purpose of the Marion Historic Association is to promote the dissemination of the diverse cultural and historical heritage of the town of Marion and its connection to the history of Wayne County, the State of New York, and the United States. We are committed to educating the community and future generations through the preservation and exhibition of local historical items, artifacts and records."



The Haunting in the Hamlet is Back!

HAUNTING IN THE HAMLET

Historic Haunted
Cemetery Walk

3rd Saturday in October

6:30-8 PM

Reservations Required

Text: 585-738-6577



This popular event features costumed interpreters telling the stories of people eternally resting in the Marion cemetery.

Who were they? What makes them notable? Find out on October 15! We meet at the North Main St. entrance to the cemetery.

Tours leave at 15-minute intervals starting at 6:30 -8 pm. at the old bus garage. Reservations are required. Text your reservation requirements to 585-738-6577 and then mail your check to PO Box 330, Marion, NY 14505 OR use our Paypal link at <http://Paypal.me/marionnyhistoric>.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM?

Great News!

As part of our process to achieve a full charter for the museum, we needed a lease agreement with the Town of Marion for the use of the building. I am pleased to report the Town Board has passed a resolution granting us a 30 year lease at a cost of \$1 per year. We also will have ownership of the collection of items that has been amassed over the past 40 plus years. The Town of Marion will be responsible for all building maintenance and systems, utility costs and snow removal and the MHA will need to pay for any alterations to the interior to suit our purposes. This straightens out a tangle and crosses one more item off our TO DO list for completing our final charter process. The next item on the list is creating a Disaster and Emergency Preparedness plan.

Work, Work, Work!

Great news! We had several major projects completed in the museum. The first involved installing the siding on the new addition. We have had the siding since before the COVID pandemic but had a delay during that time and then could not find a qualified contractor. Enter Cornelius Construction! They did a wonderful job and it looks super!

We then contracted to have the chimney taken down. We had a leak over the winter that caused the drywall in the main parlor to crack. It was much more cost efficient to take the chimney down than repair it. The

contractors who did this work were Brick, Blocks and Stone, Inc. We were also fortunate to have the plumbing done to the bathroom before the Fall Festival. It is wonderful to have on site ADA compliant facilities now. Thanks to Burgio and Son Plumbing for completing this work in time.



Our next project involves painting all three porches. The front porch was peeling, the side porch on the south side had never been painted and the new entrance also needed to be done. This will be completed before the snow flies. We are grateful to the Town of Marion for approving financing for this work.

Charter Change

At the last meeting of the Marion Historic Association, it was decided to try and simplify membership renewals. We were currently trying to do renewals on a rolling basis but it was not efficient. The Board of Directors voted to go a simple once a year system where everyone will renew in January. Membership renewal letters will be in the mail in November 2022 for 2023 membership. Thank you to all who have recently mailed your membership renewals.

WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL UPDATE

The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee has been busy. We have quite a schedule of planned events.


The kick-off celebration will be April 11, 2023 in the Town of Lyons in front of the courthouse, followed by a light luncheon for invited guests at the Lyons Community Center.

In May, we have the Bicentennial Gala planned at Carey Lake in Walworth. Tickets will be going on sale soon. The Gala will feature John Kucko as a speaker.

In August we will start with a Torch Relay which will travel through every town in Wayne County and cover over 200 miles. This will end on August 14 with the relay runners streaming into the Wayne County Fairgrounds to kick-off the fair. On August 19 we will have a Family Fun Day with all kinds of activities planned to close the week long celebration.

All towns are being encouraged to have additional preparation for their celebrations

Wayne County Bicentennial 2023 Events
(Updated 7/18/22 - Subject to Change)



April 11, 2023
OFFICIAL date of Wayne County's establishment as an independent county in New York State. To "kick off" the year-long celebration, a special CEREMONY will be held in Lyons (the County Seat) on the Court House steps. A reception and program will follow at the Lyons Community Center.

May 13, 2023
Bicentennial Gala at Carey Lake in Walworth

August 14-18, 2023
Torch Relay (5 days @approx. 40 miles per day) through each Town in Wayne County. The relay will begin and end at the Wayne County Fair.

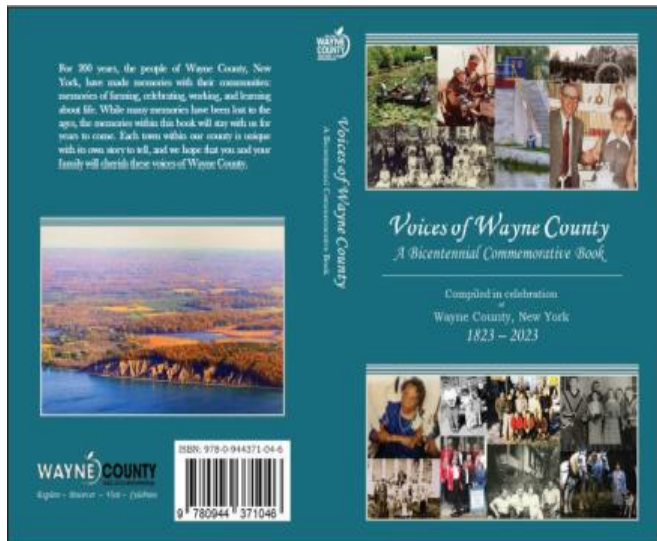
August 19, 2023
Family Fun Day at the Wayne County Fair! Reenactments, demonstrations, historical music, displays, games, and hands-on-history will make this a day to remember for "kids" of ALL ages.

Visit www.waynecounty200.com for up-to-date information

NEW YORK WAYNE COUNTY
1823-2023 BICENTENNIAL

If you would like to be involved in the Marion Bicentennial committee, please contact me either by phone at 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.



The Bicentennial Commemorative Book “*Visions of Wayne County*” will be available October 25, 2022 from the Marion Historic Association. The cost will be \$25 plus \$2 for sales tax, a total of \$27. If you need it shipped, it will come book rate for an additional charge of \$4.

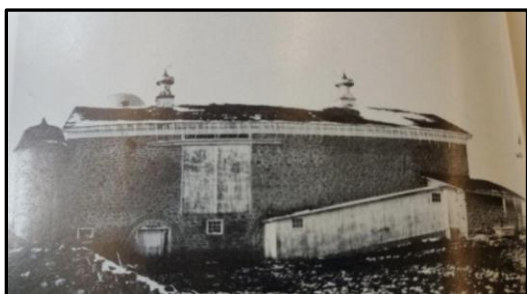
This book contains 140 written pieces by local residents and 120 images of Wayne County life over the past decades.

Contact historian Caryn Devlin by emailing marion.ny.historian@gmail.com or calling her at 585-738-6577 to reserve your copy and make arrangements for pick up or mailing.

This will make a wonderful Christmas gift for both current and former residents of Wayne County.

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One of the nice things about this work is when people contact me with questions about their home. I love to be able to tell them something but it isn't often easy. I quite often learn from them. Recently, the Semmler family contacted me about the home they had just purchased at 5117 Eddy Ridge Rd. I had my eye on this place since I became historian and mourned the fact that it was slowly decaying into the brush. The house appeared to be a lake stone construction with stucco exterior. The southern wing roof had collapsed but the main house was still standing tall, with original porch posts and moldings. Then the owner sent me this photo of the original barn! I was astounded at the size of it! Do any of you have a memory to share about this barn?



I found it on an 1894 map listed as the Seth E. Harkness homestead. The current owner told me their deed also listed VanHaneghan and Cook as previous owners. The estimated size was approximately 40 feet long, 30 feet wide and 24 feet tall. The barn currently has one end wall standing with the silo. I wonder what kind of farm it was and when it was built. The owner thought the house had been built in 1870's but that is late for a stone house in this area. I would love to hear what you know!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS:



Part of our recent display at the Fall Festival included several items, two of which were recent acquisitions. The yarn winder was donated by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevens. It is a family piece and in very nice condition. The museum did not have one in its' collection. Thank you also to Dr. and Mrs. Stevens for their financial contribution to help us complete the electrical work in the basement.

The Caldwell Place sign was an auction find. The Rich Dairy used Guernsey cows for their milk production and raised award winning animals. The sign is two sided and in reasonable shape for being about 75 years old. Because it had all these elements, the Marion Historic Association voted to purchase it for the museum. It will be placed in the Agriculture display when we get it up.

The third item is not new but we thought it was fun to put it out so children could guess what it was for. It is a Nortier's Dairy milk box. We placed two milk bottles in it so we could tell the story of how milk used to be delivered to the home by local dairys.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: October 13, 2022 6:30 pm at the museum

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 OR if you have a topic you have researched and would like to include in the newsletter, I would be happy to include it.

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. Enjoy your our beautiful fall weather!

Caryn Devlin

IMPORTANT DATES 2022 – all meetings at the museum unless otherwise noted

October 13	6:30 pm Board of Directors and all interested parties
October 15	6:30 pm “Haunting in the Hamlet” cemetery walk
November 17	6:30 pm Full Membership meeting (planning for winter celebration)
December 17, Sat.	5:30 – 7 pm Holiday Parade and lighting contest, Museum Open House

With Many Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors and Members!

We can only accomplish our goals through the continued support of the community and our members. We currently have over eighty members plus corporate sponsors and we are grateful for their support.

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Carolyn Adriaansen*

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Sally and Bill Hoffman*

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Andrew (Mickey) Erb*

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