



Marcellus Historical Society News

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Morris H. Mulroy

Morris H. Mulroy Dies, Marcellus Supervisor

Morris H. Mulroy, 62, Marcellus, a member of the County Board of Supervisors for 16 years and town chairman of the Republican party, died last night in Memorial Hospital less than a week after he was stricken with an abdominal illness.

Mr. Mulroy, chairman of the Supervisors highway committee, was co-owner, with his brother, Louis A. Mulroy, of the Mulroy Dairy, Marcellus, and the Mulroy Dairy Farm, breeders of Holstein cattle.

A graduate of Marcellus High School, Mr. Mulroy attended Central City Business Institute.

He was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors in 1937 and has been re-elected each term since. He has also been local chairman of the Republican party since 1944.

In addition to the highway committee, he served the animal disease control, court house, penal, and ways and means committees of the county. He was Supervisor of the Town of Marcellus.

Mr. Mulroy was employed by the Onondaga Highway Department before entering the dairy business with his brother in 1933. A life resident of the Town of Marcellus, he was born December 5, 1890.

On May 14, 1924, he married the former Miss Elizabeth Riel. Mr. Mulroy was a member of the Marcellus Citizens Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Holy Name Society of St. Francis Xavier Church, the Farm Bureau and the Syracuse Milk Dealers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Riel Mulroy; two sons, John H. and Edward R. Mulroy; a daughter, Miss Mary E. Mulroy, and a brother, Louis A. Mulroy, all of Marcellus; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Goodwin of Syracuse, Mrs. Kathryn Grant of Skaneateles, and Mrs. Caryle H. Dumond of Syracuse; five grandchildren, a nephew and several cousins.

Services will be at 8:45 a. m. Friday at his home, 23 W. Main St. and 9:31 a. m. in St. Francis Xavier Church. Interment will be in St. Francis Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p. m. today and from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Wednesday and Thursday at the home. W. S. Conley & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The Post-Standard

Tuesday April 28, 1953

EVENTS SCHEDULE

*The tentative schedule of events is as follows:
Meetings*

September 10, 2023

*Meetings are open to anyone and are held at the
Marcellus Free Library unless indicated otherwise.
A short business meeting will precede each program.*

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From The President

This Spring we have been very busy. A class of 6th graders came on May 9th to clean up the yard as well as clean in the house. The second week of June we had 5 classes of 3rd graders visit the society. The 3rd week in June we had 5 classes of 2nd graders visit. Olde Home Days we had 17 visitors on Saturday and 6 visitors on Sunday. Everyone that visited enjoyed their tours and were amazed at the number of artifacts that we have. If you have not visited the Steadman House, please do. Have an enjoyable summer.

Stay safe and healthy.

Doug Nightingale

Steadman House Hours (Weather Permitting):

Sundays 1 to 3 pm (except meeting Sundays)

Thursdays 1 to 4 pm

Or By Appointment:

Doug Nightingale-673-2539

John Curtin - 673-3660

Meeting Times

Regular meetings of the Marcellus Historical Society will be at 2 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the months of April, May, September, October and November except when Easter or Mother's Day occurs on the 2nd Sunday - in which case, the meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Current Membership: 177

New: 3

Business Members: 15

Remember: this is a non-profit organization supported by dues and donations!

Yearly dues cover the *calendar year* and if your dues are not paid by the *end of March*, we must drop you from the membership list.

\$10. a year is a small price to pay to help preserve our history!

In Remembrance

Volunteers Needed

The Historical Society would appreciate volunteers to assist at the Steadman House on occasion. Activities may include sorting through newspaper clippings to make scrapbooks, helping to catalog donated items, dusting, technology related assistance, etc. Young people are welcome. Volunteers would be eligible for service hours, helping to record and preserve the history of our town.

Please contact Doug Nightingale at djn@windstream.net.

Our Thanks for Cash Donations

Nancy Seeley
Andrew & Carol Merritt
Agnes Kennedy
James & Donna Quinn
Chris & Alma Christensen

In Memory of Ray Clark

Clara Clark

In Memory of Joy Buffan

Terry & Bonnie Ballentine

In Memory of Robert B. Shields

Terry & Bonnie Ballentine

Ask a friend to join our Society to help preserve the Steadman House and Marcellus History.

Steadman House Contributions

We are grateful to the following people for their donations of time, labor and materials at the Steadman House: Pat & Charlie Sanborn, Doug Nightingale, Carol Armstrong, and Chuck Paul for keeping the Steadman House open during scheduled hours; and the Village of Marcellus for mowing the lawn~

Treasurer Needed to Assist

Historical Society

After many years of service, our amazing Patricia Sanborn has retired from the position of Treasurer. We are currently restructuring the responsibilities of the Treasurer and are looking for a candidate to fill the opening.

The potential candidate must be willing to become a member of The Marcellus Historical Society (\$10 annual dues). Additionally, a background in accounting/bookkeeping would be helpful but is not required. The society uses Quicken software but we are very flexible on any system the new Treasurer would prefer. Training will be provided.

Interested parties should contact our President, Doug Nightingale at djn@windstream.net.

Happy Fourth

Of July

Wanted:

Member(s) of the Historical Society to help produce the **Quarterly Newsletter**. An interest in researching appropriate articles and a knowledge of Microsoft Office programs helpful. The Society files and computer at the Steadman House are available for researching and compiling the newsletter (Microsoft Publisher software is presently used).

Contact Doug Nightingale at 315-673-2539 or email djn0409@windstream.net ~

AVAILABLE AT THE STEADMAN HOUSE

Have you visited the Steadman House recently?

Our indexed collection (at last count) consists of:

3,475 Artifacts

887 Clothing articles

814 Books

13 Clocks

7,010 Photographs

68 Scrapbooks with **55,427** referenced items

Family files and genealogies

Gift shop with Afghans, Books, Prints, Cards, etc. ~

Marcellus Olde Home Days



Memories of Marcellus

Mrs. White willed the building and property where she had the Town Clerk’s Office to the Town of Marcellus. The building was built by the late Howard White’s grandfather in 1810. I don’t believe there is any other piece of property that was held in one family as many as the White family did this property.

I remember when Howard White married Mrs. White as I had a harness shoe shop at that time where the town clerk’s office is. The White’s lived in the home just west and owned by Roy Guernsey now. Howard told me that his grandfather came from the state of Connecticut. He built the building for a hat shop. He made beaver hats and caps. Mrs. White let me take the old man’s account book. He made hats for some men that I have known and some family names of people that lived here in those days. As I remember he got \$5.00 for some of them, which was a lot of money in those days. Howard had two brothers, Harry and Fred who left Marcellus for New York City. Harry never was married. Fred married and had a family when I came to Marcellus in 1899. John Palmer had a harness shop there. John told me that his father had a shop there for ten years, then bought a farm out by Cicero. After John Palmer moved down where the Liquor Store is now. Harry Tefft moved his powder office in the White Building. Then in 1904 I opened up my harness and shoe shop in the White Building and was there until 1917. After I moved John McDeid and James Powell had a tin and plumbing shop.

Howard White worked in Syracuse and after he got through working in Syracuse he had a clock shop in the building. He repaired old wooden works clocks and other old time clocks. Howard and I played a great deal together when we were young boys.

Frank Griffin
 Marcellus Observer November 21, 1963

The White Building is today the Reagan & Dailey Law

September Meeting

September 10, 2023 2 P.M.

At the Marcellus Free Library

Thanks to Volunteers

When we had the 6th Graders here for a cleanup day on May 9th we would like to thank Dianna Spencer, Karen Pollard, Linda & Gary Wilcox, Charlie & Pat Sanborn and Chuck Paul. The 6th graders did a fantastic job of cleaning up the yard as well as dusting and glass cleaning in the house.

Also, we had the 3rd graders on the second week of June and the 2nd graders on the third week in June. I would like to thank Charlie & Pat Sanborn, Linda Wilcox, Carol Armstrong and Chuck Paul for helping with the tours.

Also, the open house for Olde Home Days, I would like to thank Melissa & Nicole Sanborn, Charlie & Pat Sanborn, Chuck Paul with conducting the tours during the weekend.

Cleanup at the Steadman House

Mrs. Nancy Vanderven’s 6th grade class wanted a class project that would help their local community and they choose the Steadman House for yard clean-up as well as cleaning the glass cases and dusting inside the house. They did a fantastic job. We are hoping to make the project a yearly happening. The students asked many questions while they worked and seemed very interested in the artifacts we have collected over the years.



Daughters of the American Revolution

Chapter in Marcellus

The Col. Bigelow Lawrence chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was named after one of Marcellus' original settlers. He came to the area around 1795 following two of his sons. He purchased tracts of land which were given to soldiers after the American Revolution, and his family soon owned many farms on East and West hills "all within sight of each other". His daughter was the first female schoolteacher in Marcellus around 1796. Lawrence Road is named after the family, as Bigelow and 12 of his children settled here.

The DAR, founded in 1890, is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children through scholarships and civic projects. The DAR accepts any woman 18 year or older who can prove bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence.

Think you don't have a relative who served in the American Revolution? You probably do! There are several genealogical websites which are popular for helping people trace their family history. Most people need only trace back 6-8 generations in order to find their relatives who have Revolution service records. The DAR has records of everyone that ever served which are publicly available.

Some Marcellus family names related to Bigelow Lawrence are Woodford, Rich, Curtis, Waldron, Pardee, and Rice, to name a few.

If you would like assistance in determining your possible American Revolution ancestors, or would like information on joining the Col. Bigelow Lawrence chapter of the DAR, feel free to contact Mary Ellen Popyk for more information. me@maryellenpopyk.com 407-494-9817

Robert & Jane Amidon Memorial Park

The dedication of the Robert & Jane Amidon Memorial Park was held on June 10, 2023 at the Marcellus Free Library. All that attended had a good time. The children had a great time with the many pools filled with bubble solution.



Business Member Directory
Please Patronize These Businesses

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 www.marcellussmiles.com
 info@MarcellusSmiles.com
 19 South St., Marcellus 13108.....315-673-1013

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 8 East Main St., PO Box 191, Marcellus 13108.....315-673-2094

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 marydailey@reagananddailey.com
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- Olden Day Stories by Lawrence F. Mahoney.....\$10
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NEXT MEETING :

September 10, 2023

**(Your dues are paid through
 Dec. 31st of the year on the label.)**