



The Steadman House

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MISS MINNIE EVANS

Miss Minnie Evans Turns 100

Miss Minnie Evans, the oldest member of St. James Episcopal Church, will be 100 years old on June 22. There will be a birthday celebration in her honor in St. **John's** Episcopal Church, Orange St., Marcellus, held in Pilot Memorial Hall from 2-4 p.m. on June 22.

Born in Draycot, Somerset, England on June 22, 1873, she came to America with her parents, Dorcus and Naphthalim Evans and three sisters in February, 1888. They arrived in the Skaneateles area during a blizzard in snowdrifts five and six feet high. In her own words, she was "as homesick as a cat" that first winter. The family settled in the Sennett-Marcellus area.

At an older age, Minnie and her sister Mabel lived in Skaneateles, over Talbot's Department Store. During her years here she was a housekeeper, dressmaker and a nurse maid for many Skaneateles families, and was also employed by

Judge Edward P. Bartlett.

Her life has been devoted to St. James Church. She was a Sunday school Teacher, charter member of the Alter Guild, and served as its Directress for many years.

In 1909, while she was shut in and recovering from an illness, she wrote her book, "A Remembrance of St. James" which she dedicated to the Rev. Frank N. Westcott on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as rector of St. James Parish.

Later, she and her sister moved to Marcellus and lived in the Nightingale home on South for several years. After the death of her sister, she moved to the Clara-Mah Rest Home at 23 East Main Street Marcellus, where she now resides.

Among other congratulatory messages, she has received letters from President Richard M. Nixon and William F. Walsh, former mayor of Syracuse.

The members of St. James and all her friends extend, "To Miss Minnie" best wishes for a Happy 100th Birthday

Marcellus Observer Wednesday, June 20, 1973

Aunt Minnie was my 2nd Great Aunt. Her sister Anne, married my great-grandfather William Nightingale, Jr. Another sister Sara married Caleb Sevier and lived on the corner of Sevier Road and Rt. 20 where the Tyler Hollow school was located. Aunt Mabel and Aunt Minnie were spinsters. When William Jr died in 1926, Minnie and Mabel moved in with their sister Anne in the Nightingale House just north of the mill.

My great-mother Anne Nightingale died in 1945 and Aunt Minnie and Aunt Mabel continued to live in the Nightingale home until Mabel died in 1962. Aunt Minnie moved to Clara-Mah Rest Home on East Main Street in Marcellus. Aunt Minnie died in 1975. All are buried in their respected family plots in Section D in Highland Cemetery Marcellus.

Doug Nightingale

EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Meetings

September 10, 2023

October 8, 2023

November 12, 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

We have been busy with many visitors this summer. It was nice to see some of the students we had in June bring their parents and also grandparents to visit. Everyone makes the same comment, you have so many artifacts. Unfortunately we can not take any large items because we have no room. We continue to receive many small artifacts as well as pictures. If you have not visited the Steadman House please do and bring a friend.

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

MCS Teacher Retires

Miss Lucy Sweet, sixth grade teacher in the Marcellus Central Schools, recently announced her retirement from the school system after 47 years in the field of education.

A graduate of the Skaneateles Training Class in 1926 and the recipient of degrees from State University College at Cortland and Syracuse University. Miss Sweet has made a career of helping youth learn and grow. Lucy, having taught all grade levels one through eight during her career, formerly handled the Red Cross Drive within the school system and most recently had a major role in developing the sixth grade science program in the Driver Middle School. While being active in school related activities and scouting, she is very involved with church groups, Grange activities, Marcellus Community Council, Marcellus Historical Society and is the historian for the Village of Marcellus.

The many community members who were privileged to have Miss Sweet as a teacher, the faculty and the students wish Miss Sweet health and happiness in her retirement.

Lucy and her sister Ardelia Schultz, reside at 1 Park Street in Marcellus.

Marcellus Observer Wednesday August 1, 1973

Historical Meetings

October 8, 2023

November 12, 2023

Speakers TBA

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, Linda Wilcox, and Chuck Paul for keeping the Steadman House open during scheduled hours; and the Village of Marcellus for mowing the lawn~

Dedicated Educator Retires

After many years of dedicated service Mary Jean Lawless, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Ambrose Lawless, has retired from her career as an educator.

The recipient of an A.B. degree from Syracuse University, Miss Lawless pursued advanced studies in English and library science at the same institution.

Miss Lawless spent her entire career in the Marcellus School District first as an English teacher, then as a librarian in what is now the Chester Driver Middle School, and for the past seven years as the librarian in the Marcellus Senior High School. When the latter facility opened Miss Lawless had a major responsibility for developing a comprehensive facility. Through the years she has served in many different capacities including that of cheerleading advisor, organizer and advisory of the Press Club, class advisor, advisor to many students who have served as library assistance as a member of numerous committees.

The students, faculty and community wish Miss Lawless the very best during her retirement years.

Press-Observer Wednesday August 1, 1973

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

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13 Clocks

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Family files and genealogies

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



The above picture was sent to the historical society by William Hecht. He found the picture as a pictograph from many pictographs at a garage sale. This is the bridge and dam at Marcellus Falls. The dam is under the bridge in the picture. The current dam is fifty to sixty feet behind the bridge. The foundation in the left side of the picture was a flour mill that burned in 1874 along with the falls grocery store and post office as well as a house next to the store. If you look to the right of the bridge in the tree line you will see a house that was built by A. V. Smith the owner of the barley and bean mill that was located at that falls.



The picture is at the Marcellus High School located where Academy Green is today off of West Main Street. The picture was believed to be taken in 1912. Girls on one side and boys on the other side.

Memories of Marcellus

Farming has changed from horses and oxen to motors and machines. It seems that small farming is done on a large scale. Very little hand work is done any more. In my younger days when I worked on a farm, there were lots of 10, 15, 25 50 and 100 acre farms and they hired a lot of men. It didn't take so much money to start farming in those days as it does now.

A boy started to work by the month for some farmer when he was 15 years old. By the time he was 20 he could go farming for himself and of course get married. He could rent some farm if he had saved around \$300 which would buy some second hand tools, a pair of horses and sometimes live in part of the house with the owner. That worked out good for both if they could agree on dividing the produce. We have a lot of land idle that used to be worked, some of it growing up to bushes and farms cut up into building lots, but I guess it is as it should be as we are growing more food than we can use.

Frank Griffing

Marcellus Observer January 26, 1961

Three farms locally: Hourigan Farm 4000 acres and milks 3000 cows, Elmer Richards 2000 acres and milks 1500+ cows, Ken Richards 2000 acres and milks 1000+ cows.

September Meeting

September 10, 2023 2 P.M.

At the Marcellus Free Library

Mary Ellen Popyk speaking on The

Daughters of the American Revolution in
Marcellus

Memories of Marcellus

When I was a small boy, farmers didn't get very much money in the summer. Most of their crops were sold in the fall and throughout the winter. Their cash crops were teasels, then potatoes, wheat and oats, buckwheat and some rye. Of course, some hay. They sold straw to the paper mills. Lawless and Sherman Paper Mills made straw paper.

Some farmers grew tobacco. After they quit growing tobacco, they grew cabbage. There was a lot of cabbage shipped out of Marietta and Marcellus. The M&OL handled lots of carloads of cabbage, potatoes, apples and grain. Most every farm in those days had a apple orchard. They picked the wind falls (apples that had fallen from the trees) and took them To Nightingale's Mills and had them made into cider. Most farmers had one or more barrels of cider in their cellar.

Farmers had a few cows and made butter and fed the skim milk to the pigs. They kept some chickens, so they brought the butter and eggs to the grocery store or meat market and traded for what groceries they needed. In those days we had grocery stores and meat markets where they sold nothing but meat and fish. When you went in the store you told them what you wanted, then the clerk would weigh up your sugar or wrap up the coffee and they would grind it for you just as you wished. Oh how times have changed.

Frank Griffing

Marcellus Observer January 19, 1961



Progress at Baltimore Ridge



Construction at Marcellus High School

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NEXT MEETING :

September 10, 2023

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