

Wenonah Historical Society

Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we ring in the New Year I'd like to thank past President Lou McCall for all his hard work and dedication. Also, I would like to thank Jo Dominy for her tireless work as Secretary and her "all around knowledge" of our membership. I've counted on her many times and I hope she will continue to allow us to utilize her knowledge going forward.

Newly named for two-year terms are me, Treasurer Carol Wiltsee, Vicki McCall as Secretary and Brenda Birkland, Vice President.

This year I am looking forward to many new and special presentations. For instance, in February we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday with a much anticipated presentation from Reverend Frank Colburn. In March Katherine MacGregor will speak on her Historic Wenonah and WMA recollections. Those are just two of many great speakers we look forward to hearing from. This month's presentation will be by local resident and past speaker Paul Lader.

This New Year we will hope to finally see progress on our most beloved Train Station and also hopefully the completion of Marge Lentz's book on Wenonah. We have some other goals for the new year within our membership but most

important let's not forget those things most important. Our friends and family that we hold so dear to us are what is truly important. In this time of bad economics and warring countries, we should make sure to enjoy the things that don't cost us money. This year, make sure to reach out and connect with your loved ones and maybe bring them to one of our meetings, we would love to have new guests and see old ones. Wenonah was built on fellowship

WHS OFFICERS 2009

President	Barbara Capelli
Vice Pres.	Brenda Birkland
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Treasurer	Carol Wiltsee
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Meetings are held the second
Friday of the month at the
Community Center
except June, July and August

and working hard together. Let's do that this year and hope to enjoy peace and prosperity in 2009.

Have a Great Year!

Barb Capelli

TRAIN STATION REHABILITATION

We have been informed the funding for the station restoration has been confirmed and that work could start as early as the coming spring.

Outside improvements will consist of brickwork repair, gable end stucco-timber replacement. Also exterior woodwork repairs and replacement of the storm sash.

On the inside the plaster will be repaired and painted while termite damage in the basement will be attended to.

MARJORIE LENTZ'S BOOK "WENONAH"

Marjorie Lentz's second edition book *Wenonah*, finished at last. It was first written and published in 1976, in time for both the nation's Bicentennial and the dedication of our railroad station/Community Center. Marjorie permitted me to help her with typing and technical assistance and it was a lot of fun. Because of the arthritis in her hands she can no longer type efficiently. Instead she resorted to a "cut and paste" system to give me information for inclusion in the book. Her system resembled a method used by kidnapers for creating untraceable ransom demands. The book does contain some new material and photographs along with explanatory footnotes and an index. All that remains to be done is to find a book binder to reproduce the book at a reasonable price so it can be used by the Society for fund-raising purposes. Hopefully the book will be available in time for our February meeting.

Jack Sheppard

Wenonah 100 Years Ago

Clifford Armbruster, assistant foreman of the section gang on the railroad came in contact with the third rail below here yesterday and was hurled quite a distance.

Remember the oyster dinner to be given by the fireman at Noblitt's Hall Saturday evening. A good supper for a good cause. Price 35 cents.

The Mysoytis Sewing Circle will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Mehorter on Clinton Avenue.

The Wenonah Fire Company housed their apparatus in the new fire house this afternoon. The members of borough council were present to witness the event. (The apparatus at that time was a horse drawn ladder wagon and three hose carts.)

While going home last night Dean Williams was startled by hearing a strange noise in back of him at Synnott's woods. He turned around and saw a very strange animal. It stood about four feet high and had a head like a horse. When he saw it he struck a bee line for his house on the other side of the woods and did not come out any more that night. (There had been several sightings of the "Jersey Devil" in Wenonah during this period.)

There was a skating carnival on Green's Lake last night. It was largely attended by the Academy boys. They declared they saw the devil. They said it spit fire and had a head on it like the Gorgon Medusa.

The explosion at Gibbstown this morning shook the houses here like leaves. Several thought an earthquake had come.

M. F. Lummus. M. D. of Pitman has opened up an office on the northwest corner of Monroe and Mantua Avenues.

The revival services will continue all week at the Methodist Church and the pastor, Rev. O. S. Duffield would like to see a large congregation out every night.

A company of the cadet battalion, Wenonah Military Academy, under command of Major John R. Jones, will give the exhibition drill Wednesday

evening at the military reception and ball to be given by Company I, Third Regiment, N.G.P., at Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia.

Nuncio is the undefeated checker player of Wenonah. (He was the local barber.)

The Boy's Brigade held a camp fire at the church last night.

Miss Jean Duke held a donkey party at her home last night.

Wayne Ralston, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Lewis Holt yesterday.

Andrew Savage has returned home after working in Woodbury on Locke's express wagon. Andy said it was too cold for him.

A freight car door fell from the morning express yesterday on the track below here and it came near wrecking the Atlantic City Flyer, which was flagged just in time to avert a disaster.

The pictures of the fox hunt are now on sale at Buckhart's barber shop. It is a very good picture, especially of Lawyer Horace F. Nixon mounted on his steed. (This was in tradition of over a hundred years in Mantua and Carpenter's Landing. Many Wenonah people participated.)

An illustrated temperance lecture will be given in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening. This will be quite a treat for the people of this town and everybody should turn out if they want to see some fine pictures and hear some good singing.

Harold Buzby has returned to George School after spending the holidays with his parents.

The Wenonah Military cadets have started practicing for their minstrel show which will be held some time in February.

A good many people wonder why the brakemen on the freight train which arrives here at 7 o'clock wave their lanterns after they leave the station. Why do they?

Woodbury Daily Times January 1909 mhw

Genealogy of Thomas W. Synnott – A Founder of Wenonah

From: "*Sinnott genealogy : Michael Sinnott of Harpswell, Maine, his ancestry and descendants : also records of other Sinnetts, Synnotts, etc. in Ireland and America,*" by Charles N. Sinnott

Concord, N. H: Rumford Press, 1910, 142 pgs. page 122

Mr. Thomas W. Synnott, Wenonah NJ gives the following sketch of his family line:

- (1) Martin Synnott, b. Wexford, Ireland 1775; d. in New Jersey, 1812; studied in Wexford (Ireland) College; merchant; came to America about 1793; lived at Mary's Landing, N.J. and in Philadelphia PA; m. 1804, Hannah Scull, b. 1780; d. 1840. His brother, John Synnott, lived near Wexford, Ireland in 1832, his mother with him.
- (2) Dr. Miles Synnott, b. 1806; d. 1867; lived Glassboro, N. J 1833-1867; graduated 1831 from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia PA; m. 1842 Harriet Heston Whitney, b. 1814; d. 1854; the daughter of Eben Whitney, who was descended from Eben Whitney who came to New England in 1640, and of Bathsheba Heston, the daughter of Col. Thomas Heston, an officer in the Revolutionary War, and who in 1784 began the manufacture of glass at what is now known as Glassboro, N.J.
- (3) Abigail Whitney Synnott, b. 1843; m. Isaac Moffett.
 - (4) Herbert N. Moffett, b. 1877
- (3) **Thomas Whitney Synnott**, b. 1845; resides Wenonah NJ; a very efficient elder in the Presbyterian Church; trustee of Princeton Theological Seminar and of Lincoln University; member of Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School work; member of the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelization; president of the First National Bank, Glassboro NJ; retired from active business some years since; m. July 1872 Mary D. Eldridge, b. Philadelphia PA 1848, the daughter of Septimus T. Eldridge and Mary Pierce; these parents lived at Wilmington DE and at Philadelphia PA
 - (4) Clayton E. Synnott, b. 1876; m. 1897 Faith Botsford
 - (5) Marion B. Synnott, b. 1898
 - (5) Thomas W. Synnott, b. 1906
- (3) Fannie W. Synnott, b. 1847; unmarried
- (2) Margaret Synnott, b. 1808; deceased; m. Rev. John Crouch
- (2) Catherine Synnott, b. 1810; deceased; m. John Porch
- (2) Dr. Martin Synnott, b. 1812; d. 1871; graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia PA, 1839; no male heirs

Note: The Synnott Mansion is located at the northeast corner of Mantua Ave at Clinton

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