

# PONDERING THE PAST

December 2001

## Parish Town Historical Society Lighthouse Talk

Linda McNamara

On February 6th more than 40 members and guests of the Parish Town Historical Society enjoyed a slide show "Lighthouses of North America." The show was presented by Gary Beckstead of Adams, New York.

Through his slides we traveled in Hawaii, California, Canada, the shores of the Great Lakes, and down the East Coast and to the Gulf of Mexico. Included were the lighthouses of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the 3 lights that are part of the Erie Barge Canal System on Oneida Lake.

He told us "every slide has a story" as he explained about walking across not so frozen ice to capture the shot or how the boat was almost wrecked trying to get closer to the lighthouse. At one light he accompanied a Realtor who invited him along on the trip when he was viewing the property for a client. They scaled the building and crawled in the window to get inside the lighthouse and he was able to get interior photos.

The end of the show was a conglomeration of many places to show that lighthouses were not his only interest. We saw round barns, iron and covered bridges, Japanese pagoda-



Sodus Bay Lighthouse

### Parish Town Historical Society Highlights....

#### DUES ARE DUE

*Membership dues need to be renewed NOW!!!!  
Always accepting new members, too!  
Individual \$5; Family \$10;  
Institutional- \$10; Sustaining-\$20*

#### DATE CHANGE

For next Parish Town Historical Society meeting at Mills & Petrie Memorial Gymnasium  
**March 6th— 7 PM**

Any one who has information on their family, that they would like included in the family tree files of the Parish Town Historian, may submit them to Bridget Swartz, PTH; PO Box 195; Parish, NY 13131 or drop it off at the Parish Town Office.

#### Trivia:

**Who were the first three sponsors of the annual Parish Town Historical Society Calendar?**  
**(Find answer on page 2)**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Once again the PTHS has been asked to change the date of our monthly meeting. We will meet on March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Gym.

A rough draft of the Tours of the Village of Parish has been completed. At this meeting all members will get a chance to review the draft, make corrections and possibly make additions.

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das, castles and ice sculptures.

Recently Mr. Beckstead had a four part slide show series at the Flower Memorial Library in Watertown. Each month he showed slides on a different topic which included lighthouses, covered bridges, mills, and barns. He has traveled extensively and his photos have appeared in national magazines and in several St. Lawrence Seaway travel pamphlets.



*The earliest known photo of the Selkirk Lighthouse, plainly displaying the original 8 over 8 windows and windscreened chimney. This may well have been reproduced from a glass negative, since close examination of various features could place it back to circa 1860 - 1870.*

When some people talk about their family tree, they trim off a branch here and there.

### THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please, submit information for your newsletter!

Deadlines-

Jan. 23	for February issue
Apr. 23	for May issue
Aug 23	for September issue
Nov.. 23	for December issue

Always looking for suggestions.

Trivia answer:  
Dave's Service Center;  
Key Bank, N.A.; F.E. Miller & Son

# Searching . . .

Looking for information on Victor Putnam Kinnan 147th N Y Infantry Volunteer. Got any ideas?  
Ron Hyde ronhyde@earthlink.net

Looking for information on Lena Edick b 7/7/1872 Parish, NY? She may have had brothers Louise and Nelson. Nelson lived in Central Square at the time of her death 11/1923. Any help appreciated. Thank you, Sandy  
sjcmr54@hotmail.com

Hello I am new to this mailing list. Looking to tie up some loose ends regarding the TOUROT/THOUROT/TURO family origins in Oswego County circa 1835 through 1860. Basically trying to find the missing link(s) between my branch and the others.

Do you have this family name in your ancestry, or perhaps come across it in your research? Let's share info. Here is a start: Settled around Caughdenoy circa 1835, several branches all from the eastern French (protestant!) province of Franche-Comte. Later in Hastings, Parish, West Monroe, Mexico,

someplace called "Villiard district", possibly Little France. Several buried in St Ann's, French Protestant, Pleasant Lawn, Nutting. Family connections to Syracuse, Buffalo, New York City, western Ohio, eastern Iowa.

Sound familiar? Thanks in advance for any help and info...for my part, I have a lot of general info, and some more detailed, on the French protestants who left that part of France circa 1835 and settled around Oswego and Onondaga counties. Perhaps there is something I could help someone else with... Thanks again! - Gerry Tourot

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tour0906@adelphia.net

I'm looking for information on Enoch Stevens who lived in Oswego County from at least 1840 to maybe in the 1860's. It looks like he lived in Mexico, Dugway, Albion and Granby during this time. I'm trying to especially find his wife's name and the names of his children of which I'm a descendant of Reginald, his son. If anybody has anything on his family, I would appreciate .....Thanks for helping with this on Enoch Stevens and his family.

I just found out from Reginald's Civil War diary that his mother and maternal grandfather, Norman Kellogg, both died around May 1864. Norman's wife's name was Mary. I got Norman and Mary's name from the Ellisberg, Jefferson County 1850 census. This might help you out.

Reginald also wrote letters according to his diary to Renouf, Julius, Hannah, Nell, Levy, which might be his brothers and sisters. Reginald enlisted in 1861 and served with NY 1st Regiment, light artillery, Battery G for three years. I don't mind at all about this being put in your newsletter. Thanks again, Scott Dorschner SCOTTS68GTO@aol.com

I am trying to locate a family with the name Pininski/Pininsky not sure of spelling. Her name was Kate Neider Pininski formerly of Syracuse NY. In 1974 she was living in Central Square. Kate was born abt 1897 lived on South state st in Syracuse until she married. I would greatly appreciate any help on locating her children or grandchildren. Thank You Carol Dana1895@cs.com

# REPUBLICAN LODGE NO. 325 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, PARISH, OSWEGO CO., N. Y., 1911

The title of this Lodge shall be Republicans Lodge, No. 325, of Free and Accepted Masons, hailing under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.



The first Masonic Lodge organized in Parish, N.Y. as Republican Lodge, No. 325, F. & A. M., was at Odd Fellows' Hall, on the 17th day of June, 1854, with the following members:

- PORTER, Samuel
- SKINNER, Avery
- ACKLEY, John B.
- LUDINGTON, Stephen R.
- PARSONS, Samuel
- ROWE, F.
- MATHEWS, John
- WILTSIE, West
- BAILEY, Daniel
- NUTTING, John
- WHITE, Austin
- RUSSELL, Mortimer
- RICHARDS, Meizar
- WALKER, Hiram
- ACKLEY, David P.

when the following officers were installed:

- Samuel PORTER, W. M.
- Avery SKINNER, S. W.
- John B. ACKLEY, J. W.
- John MATHEWS, S. D.
- John NUTTING, J. D.
- S. R. LUDINGTON, Treas.
- Austin WHITE, Sec.

-Daniel BAILEY, Tyler



## PAST MASTERS

- \*Samuel PORTER, 1853-54
- \*Avery SKINNER, 1855, '56, '58, '59
- \*Abram DAVID, 1860-61
- \*Austin WHITE, 1862, '63, '64
- Tobias J. GREEN, 1865, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '78, '79
- L. D. PICKENS, 1873, '74, '80, '81, '84, '85, '86, '88, '89, '90, '92, '93
- R. C. ROBERTSON, 1875
- \*James W. BLISS, 1876-77
- \*E. D. WELLS, 1882
- J. S. LUDINGTON, 1887
- H. A. DAVEY, 1891
- E. D. EDICK, 1894, '95, 1900
- F. B. FOOTE, 1896-97
- George FARRAR, 1898-99
- J. W. OWEN, 1901
- F. A. CHURCH, 1902
- H. H. EDICK, 1903-09
- J. R. RICHARDS, 1904-07
- B. J. MORGAN, 1905-06
- L. R. WASHBURN, 1908
- O. E. FOX, 1910



## MEMBERS

- ALLEN, Cyrus F.
- DeGARMO, Samuel

- ALLEN, Clinton
- DeGARMO, George S.
- ALSEVER, Melvin
- DAVIS, Henry E.
- ALSEVER, William R.
- DAVEY, Alfred E.
- ALSEVER, Charles L.
- DeWOLF, Harley B.
- ALLEN, Floyd S.
- DAVEY, Floyd I.
- ACKLEY, Claude H.
- EDICK, William
- BARTON, James E.
- EDICK, Edward D.
- BROCKWAY, Leland C.
- EDICK, Erastus D
- BAXTER, W. George
- EDICK, Herbert H.
- BAKER, William H.
- EDICK, Harry
- BUTLER, Frank A.
- FELLOWS, Willia
- BELEY, George
- FARRAR, George
- BENEDICT, John P
- FOOTE, Frank B.
- BRYAN, Charles D
- FULLER, Allen R.
- BRANDOW, Charles W
- FOX, Orville E.
- CROSBY, Harley N.
- FAIRCHILDS, Charles G
- COAN, Albert H.
- FOREMAN, Mitchell
- COLE, William A.
- GRAVES, Herbert F.
- CASLER, Elvin J.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Linda McNamara

Several members have proposed ideas for our annual day trip. The ideas will be brought to the membership to try to confirm a place and date for the trip.

The Society has received permission from Fran Sortman to hike to the primitive bridge on her property. This land is an abandoned section of the Rotterdam Road which at one time stretched from Constantia to Mexico. We hope to be able to take a slow hike from Dean

drive to Perry Drive.

This is still in the planning stage since we don't have permission yet from all landowners. More than likely this trip will take place in April or May or as soon as the weather is decent and the ground is fairly dry.

This might be a spur of the moment affair when we just call around and say "the weather is good, let's go!" If you want to be a part of this adventure, let another member know so you are contacted when a date is set.

The annual Art Festival will take place in June, and we will be voting whether or not we want to take part in this again. It is a good chance for the towns people to know that the society exists.

Early July means the Oswego County Fair. The society had a successful display last year. We hope this summer to continue and maybe complete the census of the Pleasant Lawn Cemetery.

The Parish Town Historical Society has some busy months

## Remember when... submitted by D. Clarke.

Mom was at home when the kids got home from school; when nobody owned a purebred dog; when a quarter was a decent allowance, and another quarter a huge bonus; when you'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny; When all of your male teachers wore neckties and female teachers had their hair done and wore high heels; when it was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents; when the worst thing you could do at school was smoke in the bathrooms, flunk a test or chew gum; people went steady and girls wore a class ring with an inch of wrapped yarn so it would fit her finger. And no one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked. And you got in big trouble if you accidentally locked the doors at home, since no one ever had a key; and playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game because baseball was not a psychological

group learning experience, it was a game. Remember when stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger. And with all our progress, don't you wish, just once, you could slip back in time and savor the slower pace and share it with the children of today. Remember when being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving student at home. Basically, we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! But we all survived because their love was greater than the threat.

Go back with me for a minute.... Before the Internet or the MAC... before semi automatics and back ... before SEGA or Super Nintendo... Way back I'm talking about hide and go seek at dusk, red light, green light, kick the can, playing kickball &

dodgeball until your porch light came on ... and mother may I? Red rover, hula hoops, roller skating to music, running through the sprinkler... And... Catching lightning bugs in a jar; Christmas morning; your first day of school; bedtime prayers and goodnight kisses; climbing trees; getting an ice cream off the ice cream truck; a million mosquito bites and sticky fingers; jumping on the bed; pillow fights; running till you were out of breath' laughing so hard your stomach hurt; being tired from playing; your first crush... remember that?

I'm not finished yet.... Kool-aid was the drink of summer; toting your friends on your handle bars; wearing your new shoes on the first day of school and class field trips. Didn't that feel good, just to go back and say, Yeah, I remember that! There's nothing like the good old days. They were good then, and they're good now when we think about them

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-GRAY, James T.  
-CROSBY, Frank L.  
-GEER, Ray W.  
-CHATEAU, Samuel E  
-HOUGHTON, Grovener  
-CASLER, Horatio S  
-HARTER, William B  
-CROSBY, Hart  
-HOUSE, Septimus  
-CARLEY, Frank L  
-HOUSE, Dennis P  
-CASLER, Melvin D  
-HOUSE, Amos J.  
-CAPLES, George H  
-HOUSE, Bryon H  
-COTTET, Elmer J  
-HOUSE, Burton D  
-COTTET, Ameil C.  
-HAMMECKER, Frank J  
-DONEY, James  
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-SCHUMACHER, Charles A.  
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-McNETT, Fred  
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-MILLER, Henry E.  
-TROWBRIDGE, Charles F.  
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-NILES, Thomas D.  
-TOUROT, Frank L.  
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-TRUAX, Edward L.  
-OWEN, Frank  
-VAULT, Frank L.

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-VAULT, Claud C.  
-PICKENS, Earl M.  
-VROOMAN, Roy A.  
-PICKENS, Floyd G.  
-WASHBURN, Leroy R.  
-RICHARDS, Melzar C.  
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B. J. MORGAN  
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**ROSTRUM**

of Republican Lodge, No. 325,  
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**WHAT IS A GENEALOGIST?**

A full-time detective  
A thorough historian  
An inveterate snoop  
A confirmed diplomat  
A keen observer  
A hardened skeptic  
An apt biographer  
A qualified linguist  
A part-time lawyer  
A studious sociologist  
An accurate reporter  
An hieroglyphics expert,  
AND . . . A complete nut!

# Parish Ads- 1909

## LOOKING FORWARD

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**PTHS**  
active member,  
1950's engagement  
who would this be?  
What year?



**PTHS**  
active member,  
classmate  
in class of '27  
Who would this be?

# C.R. "Bud" Mariotte- 1909- 2001



1961

Top of Form 1

Christopher R. "Bud" Mariotte, 92, of Pittsford died Saturday, December 15, 2001 at The Highlands Living Center in Pittsford. Born in Amboy, he lived in Parish most of his life before moving away about five years ago. He graduated from Parish High School in 1927 and Syracuse University with a master's degree in education in 1934. He retired in 1969 as principal and a teacher at Altmar-Parish-Williamstown High School after 35 years. His wife of 45 years, the former Elizabeth Schramp, died in 1985. Survivors: Two daughters, Judy Stahl of Pittsford and Betsy McLane of Syracuse; a son, James of Parish; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Services: Will be announced. Burial, West Amboy Cemetery. No calling hours. Harter Funeral Home, Parish, has arrangements. Contributions: Parish/Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Alumni Association, in care of Sharon House, 33 Easy St., Parish 13131.

"Bud"  
is remembered as...  
a father...  
a friend...  
an administrator  
an educator...  
a fisherman...  
a hunter...  
a sportsman...  
a baseball coach...  
a disciplinarian...  
a gardener..  
a neighbor  
a horseshoe player  
a very special man



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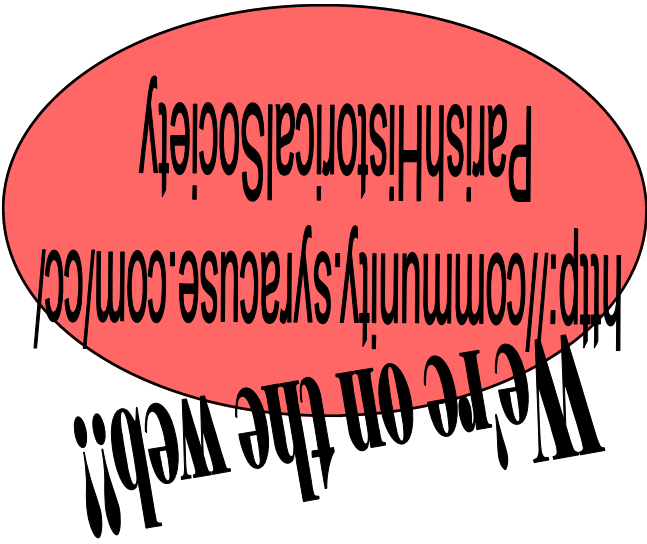
Senior picture

I remember Mr. Mariotte as the best teacher I ever had.. JW, class of

CR's mother — Stella Hess Mariotte

... came to her release.  
In early girhood she became a pupil in West Amboy yillage school and later attended Parish High School. She taught for two years, before her marriage, in the district school.

I remember Mr. Mariotte fondly. I also remember how strong he was. He picked me up one time with one hand and pushed me right up a wall. Needless to say, I behaved quite well in his classes after that. RM, class of



Picture identification  
from page 8:  
Clara Spicer Ellison-1927  
Jean Horning Wood- ?

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**Parish was and is the Place!**

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