

The Story of Mayfield

ERIC CLOSE, TOWN AND VILLAGE HISTORIAN

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A SACANDAGA SUMMER

CIRCA 1978, A VIEW OF SCOUT ISLAND (CENTER) AND VANDENBURGH POINT (NEXT BEHIND) AND MAYFIELD FROM ABOVE NORTH BROADALBIN – COURTESY OF SHARON WAGER.

Apparently, a picture is worth about a thousand words or so. But sometimes it doesn't even take one word to invoke the feeling of nostalgia. An image, smell, taste, or sound can teleport us directly into our memories. And just for one fleeting moment, we can feel young again. So, what are our memories worth? A thousand words? A million bucks?

No and No. They are *priceless*.

Summer on the Great Sacandaga Lake is a luxury indeed. Here lie some of the most beautiful scenes at the gateway to the Adirondack Park.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1968, Governor Nelson Rockefeller signed a bill that officially changed the name of this body of water from "Sacandaga Reservoir" to the "Great Sacandaga Lake." An official dedication ceremony was held at the Sacandaga Boat Club, August 29, 1968

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Rice Homestead, April 1936

Come take a step back in time at The Rice Homestead! We look forward to seeing you!

Bob Suits
President,
Mayfield Historical Society
 Rice Homestead
 328 Riceville Road
 Gloversville, NY 12078

MAYFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This past summer the weather gods have been on our side when it came time for our Annual Strawberry Festival in June and the Annual Ice Cream Social in July affording a great turn-out for each event at The Rice Homestead, and in August we had a large crowd for the Amsterdam DAR Presentation on discovering your ancestry. As I write this, we are hoping Hurricane Helene does not affect this Saturday's weather so that the very popular Fall Harvest Cruise-In will go off without a hitch. Local Mayfield people really enjoy the hot dogs we serve up with Lee's Snack Bar's secret meat sauce and who doesn't enjoy taking in all the cool antique and hot rod vehicles, petting farm animals, having a glass of cider and a cider donut, and asking Historian Eric Close a question (yes, he'll be on hand!) October will also bring a musical and narrative presentation by Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle on "Appalachian Mountain Songs - Georgia to Maine and Everything In-Between" at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m. on October 21st. And then, your Mayfield Historian Eric Close will present "Communities of Mayfield" on Monday, November 4th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Should be an interesting presentation! Wrapping up 2024 will be the Annual Christmas Open House at The Rice Homestead on Saturday, December 7th, from noon - 4 p.m. Live music, fires in the hearths, old-fashioned Christmas decor, cookies, hot mulled cider, Santa Claus - all free! And even more home-made pies on hand for sale than last year! (They sold out very quickly last year, so we have asked our bakers to do some over-time this year!).

We hope to see everyone at our events and to also become a member by calling or texting 518-332-0538 to receive a membership form. Your support of the Mayfield Historical Society is crucial to its ongoing existence in your community.

Thank you and Happy Autumn!

Carol Johnston,
 Secretary,
 Mayfield Historical Society

"Like" us at
www.facebook.com/ricehomestead!

Would you like to be interviewed for a town history project?

As your historian, it is an important part of my job to not only share our local history, but to preserve the present. Capture details about your life in Mayfield to be stored in our historical archives. Preserve a piece of yourself for generations to come!

Generations of our ancestors are forgotten. Their pictures have nothing written on the back. Their stories, memories and likeness have all faded with time, and all that remains is a gravestone. Some gravestones are faded beyond legibility—but some of our ancestors don't even have a marked gravesite. There are many abandoned, unmarked graveyards in the mountains here in town, and everyone buried there is forgotten. Don't let yourself be forgotten.

I will be placing forms in the entryway of town hall. The form is one page, double sided, and titled "FACES OF MAYFIELD."

For more information, send an email to historian@mayfieldny.org or get ahold of me, Eric Close, through Facebook, or call (518) 774-0703



PAINTING CREWS
WORKING ATOP THE NEW
MAYFIELD WATER TOWER,
APRIL 26, 2024

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

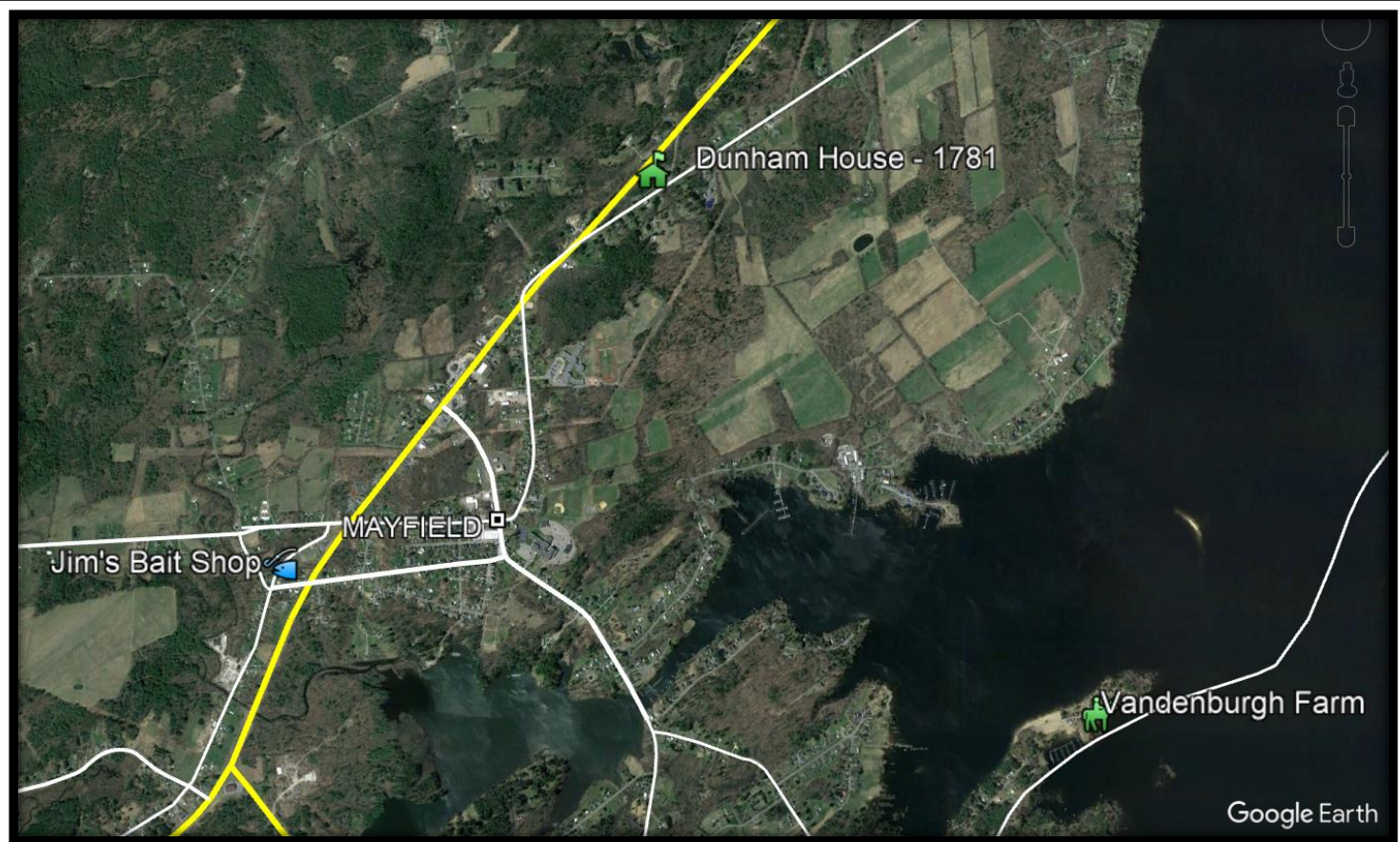


ERIC CLOSE
MAYFIELD TOWN HISTORIAN

IF YOU ARE NOT ON FACEBOOK, YOU CAN FIND SOME OF MY WORK PUBLISHED ON THE MAYFIELD TOWN WEBSITE. I PUBLISH A WEEKLY MEMORIAL ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE, IN HONOR OF A CITIZEN OF MAYFIELD WHO HAS PASSED AWAY. YOU CAN FIND THESE ON THE HISTORY SECTION OF THE TOWN WEBSITE, UNDER THE LINK OF "[Town Historian's Digital Archives](#)" THE LINK TO THE WEEKLY MEMORIALS CAN BE FOUND AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND HONORED IN THIS MANNER, PLEASE CONTACT ME. – HISTORIAN@MAYFIELDNY.ORG

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Mayfield's History Tour SUMMER 2024

The earliest pioneers of Mayfield are discussed at the Dunham House, the site of the 1779 Indian Raid. The house was burned and rebuilt in 1781.

Jim's Bait Shop supplies all the fishing needs to get in the boat and troll around the Sacandaga, above the foundations of the old Vandenburgh Farm in Munsonville

Rain or shine, hot and humid, or fully frozen, people will go far out of their way to cast their line into the water and enjoy natural serenity. Whether for sport or to put a little food on the table, fishing is something that families and friends can do together, or in complete solace way out in the wilderness.

For the last 38 years, Jim's Bait Shop on 2nd Ave Extension in Riceville has served the Sacandaga region proudly and with a consensus of five-star reviews. Jim provides a variety of live bait, tackle, rods, reels, lines, and a thorough knowledge forged by decades of experience.

He operates the shop as the only employee of a sole proprietorship, in a converted barn/garage behind his house. It is set back a bit from the road, but you can't miss the sign out front: Jim's Bait Shop, Est. 1986.



This story begins with Jim's parents, Marsha and Jim Johnson, Sr. They were both natives of Gloversville, and married in '64, while Jim Sr. was serving in the United States Coast Guard. They were stationed in New Jersey, where Jim Jr. was born in 1965. Two years later, the family returned to this area, buying the property at 118 Second Ave Extension in Riceville, and turning the house into their home.

Local Business Spotlight



Jim was raised in Mayfield, and while still in school, started his own business, "Jim's Odd Jobs." He cut lawns, painted houses, and did all kinds of various work--the business name did its justice. After graduating from Mayfield Central in 1983, Jim went to work at the Johnstown Knitting Co., while keeping up with his own work.

Jim Sr. worked for many years at Bartyzel's Brewing Company and was an avid outdoorsman. He had a lifelong dream of making a living in the fishing industry. He and Jim Jr. Worked together to make the dream come to life.



They started out in what was a shed addition to their garage with four tanks to fill with live bait. In the early years, a large part of the business was to head out in the early morning anywhere within a 50-mile radius to catch live bait to sell, basically

from the Schoharie Creek to Mason Lake and everywhere in between. This was a lucrative operation and a very fun one too. Fishing lies at the heart of this passion, which made Jim's bait shop a very successful business. So, Jim and Jim--father and son--worked side by side until Jim Sr.'s untimely passing in 1993. In the past 30 years both the industry and business have undergone many changes.

In 2005, a highly contagious fish disease, Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) was discovered in aquatic populations of Lake Ontario, which began a subsequent spread through New York in the following years. VHS causes the hemorrhaging of fish tissue. It is incurable and can result in death, but it is not a threat to humans. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation enacted several laws regarding the handling of live baitfish. Live bait caught from one Lake could not be used in another to avoid contamination. If bait was caught in a lake, it was to be used in that Lake and only that Lake, only that day. Any dealers of live bait from that point on have had to procure all live bait fish from certified bait dealers licensed through the state. This became very costly. With this in consideration, Jim had to redesign his business. Jim's Bait Shop now sells certified live bait out of his freshwater tanks. There is also a hot turnover of a variety of products on his shelves, with everything you would need if you wanted to go fishing right now, today.

For most of the year, the shop opens at 5:00 in the morning, seven days a week. The early *fish* gets the

worm. When hunting season begins in October, the shop stays open one day a week and Jim takes his vacation, spending the rest of that time...believe it or not...fishing!

In years gone by, winter has been the busiest season for Jim's Bait Shop. Surprisingly, ice fishing is a much bigger sport than its summer counterpart. The ice-fishing season is especially impactful on our local economy given the many fishing tournaments held on the Great Sacandaga Lake. However, with more mild Winters in recent years, the expansive and unpredictable Reservoir has not held a good solid freeze through the season, which has resulted in many of these tournaments being canceled. With 44 lakes in Fulton County alone, Jim doesn't worry all too much about it.

The Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic from 2020 to 2021 showed a sharp increase in business for Jim's Bait Shop. Fishing is a sport that basically requires solitude and therefore was an activity that married perfectly with the social distancing ordinances issued by the government. "Keep your mouth shut and stay away!" Might just be the fisherman's motto.

Two generations of Jims at Jim's Bait Shop, spanning four decades, have certainly made a positive, productive, and memorable impact on not only Mayfield, but also 50 miles in every direction.



Jim's Bait Shop

118 Second Ave Ext, Mayfield, NY 12117

(518) 661-5724

<https://www.facebook.com/jims.baitshop>

www.jimsbaitshop2023.com

Regular Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 5 am to 6:00 pm

Friday and Saturday: 5 am to 7:00 pm

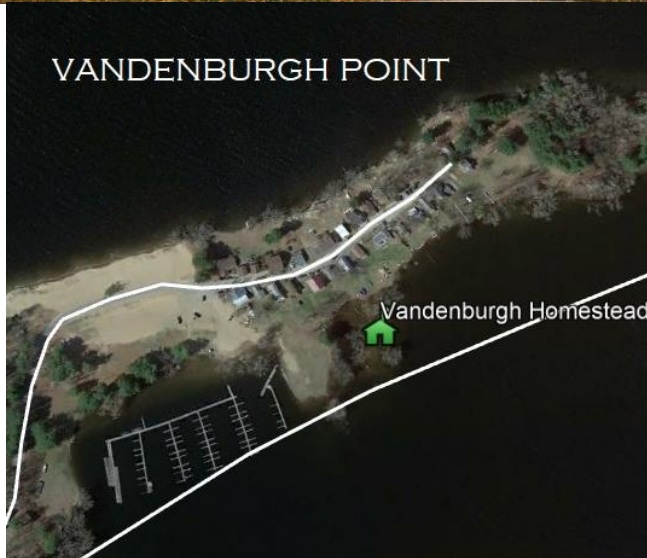
Sunday: 5 am to 3:00 pm

A Ghost of the Past

THE VANDENBURGH FARM, MUNSONVILLE



This beautiful, picturesque farm is no longer standing. Instead, the foundations and tree stumps sit just beneath the waters of the Great



Sacandaga Lake. Vandenburg Point gets its name from this family and their farm. In the days before the reservoir, "Vandenburg Point Road" was known as Vlaie Street and continued straight into the valley toward Sand Island. Along this road, families settled, and valley farms prospered for generations. In about 1795, Matthew and Mary van den Berck settled on nearly 500 acres on old Sacandaga trail and built their homestead. A family tradition was carried on there for five generations. They had one of the most productive and respected farms in the area, with a large dairy and sheep herd. The old home farm was last owned by Maurice Vandenburg before it was purchased by the State of New York in 1928 and burned to the ground.

VAN DENBURGH HOMESTEAD

Mrs. Harriet Van Denburgh, Owner.

Post Office Address, Mayfield, R.F.D., No. 1.

Dairying and Hay Special Features. General Products

This farm comprises 190 Acres. It has a choice of three markets, Gloversville, Amsterdam and Mayfield, the latter being the convenient and natural shipping point. 130 Acres are devoted to meadow and grazing lands. There is a splendid supply of timber, consisting of 60 acres. The most prominent industry of the farm is no doubt the raising of hay. The northern and southern portions of the farm are watered by creeks, the buildings by never failing springs. The name is selected in honor of the long-continued ownership of the Van Denburgh family. It is claimed that it has been in the possession of this family for five generations or since 1795. The building adornments consist of a two-story frame house 24 by 42 with woodshed attached and cellar under all. The arrangement of this house is convenient, and it is kept in the best condition. There is a general barn 45 by 30 with 16 ft. posts and basement, with wagon house and horse barn attached. Three other barns, one 35 by 52, complete the group of buildings. The surface of the farm is rolling, the soil a sandy loam. It was settled by Mathew Van Denburgh, who was followed by Peter Van Denburgh. Mathew Van Denburgh, son of Peter, came into possession in 1866, deceased, 1875, since which time his wife, Harriet, has been in possession of the property.

Century Map Co., Atlas of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, 1905

LIVING HISTORY TOUR

HISTORIC HOMES OF MAYFIELD

These photographs portray what is quite possibly the oldest house in town. It is difficult to prove how old this house actually is, as there are no records from that time. They have either been lost to history or were never recorded to begin with. Also, it is quite possible the records were burned during the Revolution. However, the only indication of this house's age is burned into its timber frame: **1781**.

Today, this private residence in the town of Mayfield sits in great shape on the corner of Paradise Point Rd. and the Ferguson Rd.; just a hop, skip, and a jump from NY-30. If the surrounding woods could talk, they could share 250 years of our town's history.

The family of Jacob and Elizabeth Dunham settled on lot 21 of the Claus Patent shortly before the American Revolution. They came to this frontier along with the Woodworth and Canfield families who settled nearby. From the wilderness, the Dunham family cleared the land and built their home along the old *Indian Trail* sometime between 1774 and 1776.

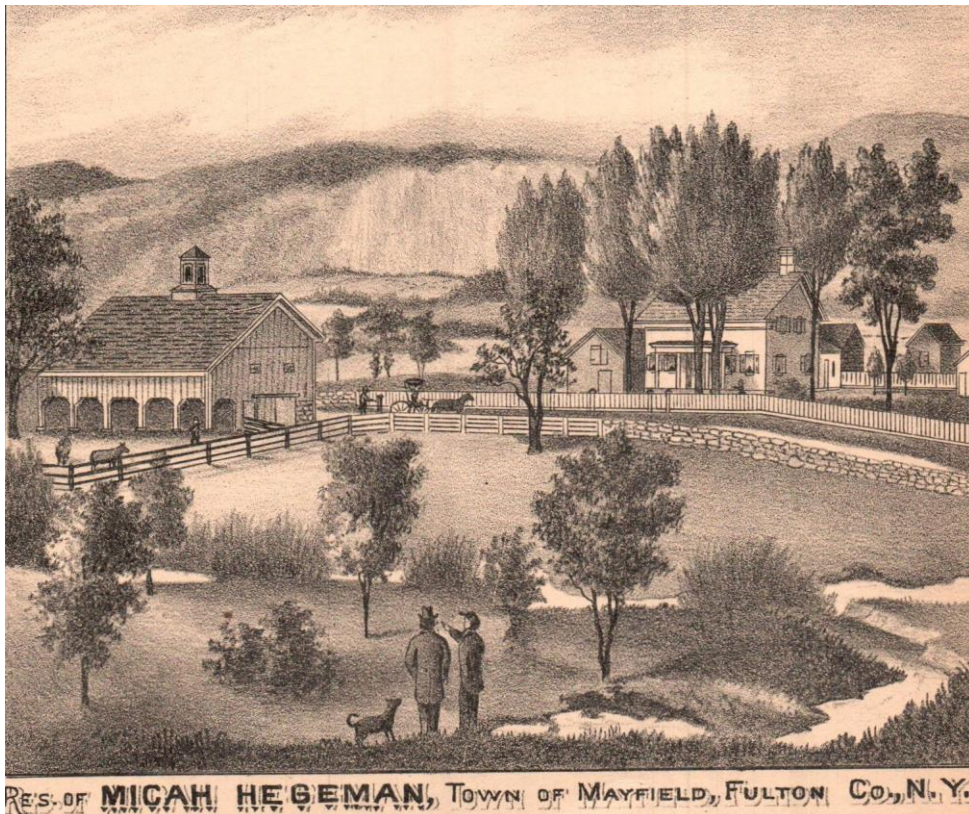
The outbreak of the Revolution put everyone on high alert, and the trail passing through this area was a main route of transport for Loyalists and Mohawks fleeing this area for Canada. On the afternoon of April 11, 1779, Jacob Dunham and his son Samuel were some 200 yards from their home "chopping a fallow" (butchering a deer?), when a party of Indians returning with their families from Fort Hunter to Canada came upon them. They snuck upon them and shot down Jacob and Samuel, "securing their scalps for market." The gunfire alerted Mrs. Dunham, and her sons took cover in the woods until they fled to Johnstown. The party briefly captured young Zebulon Dunham, who escaped captivity while the house was plundered. The house was reportedly burned following the raid.



There are no records of Mrs. Dunham and her sons Silas and Zebulon after this day. It is speculated that she remarried, and her sons died either that day or not long after. Another son, John Dunham, was killed alongside Capt. Solomon Woodworth in Herkimer County; her daughter Rebecca married Selah Woodworth; and her son, Ebenezer returned home and apparently rebuilt the house on the original foundation in 1781. Ebenezer remained there until selling this land to Robert Jackson in 1806. Since then, the land and house have been owned by several families.

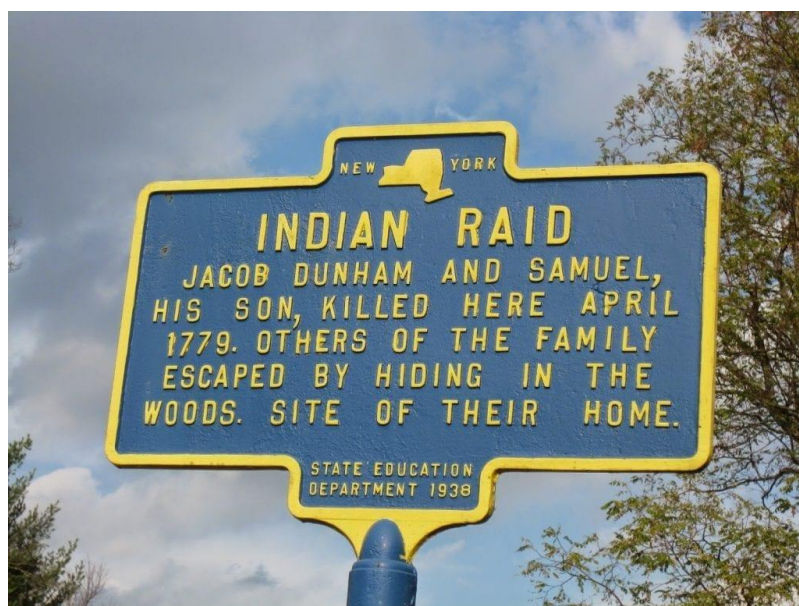
For many years, this place was the farm of Micah Hegeman, and it was known as "Hegeman's Corners." His father, John, bought the place in the 1850s, and Micah took it over from him. Mr. Hegeman left Mayfield in about 1890, and not long after, the land was acquired by the Ferguson Brothers, who farmed several hundred acres of land in this area.

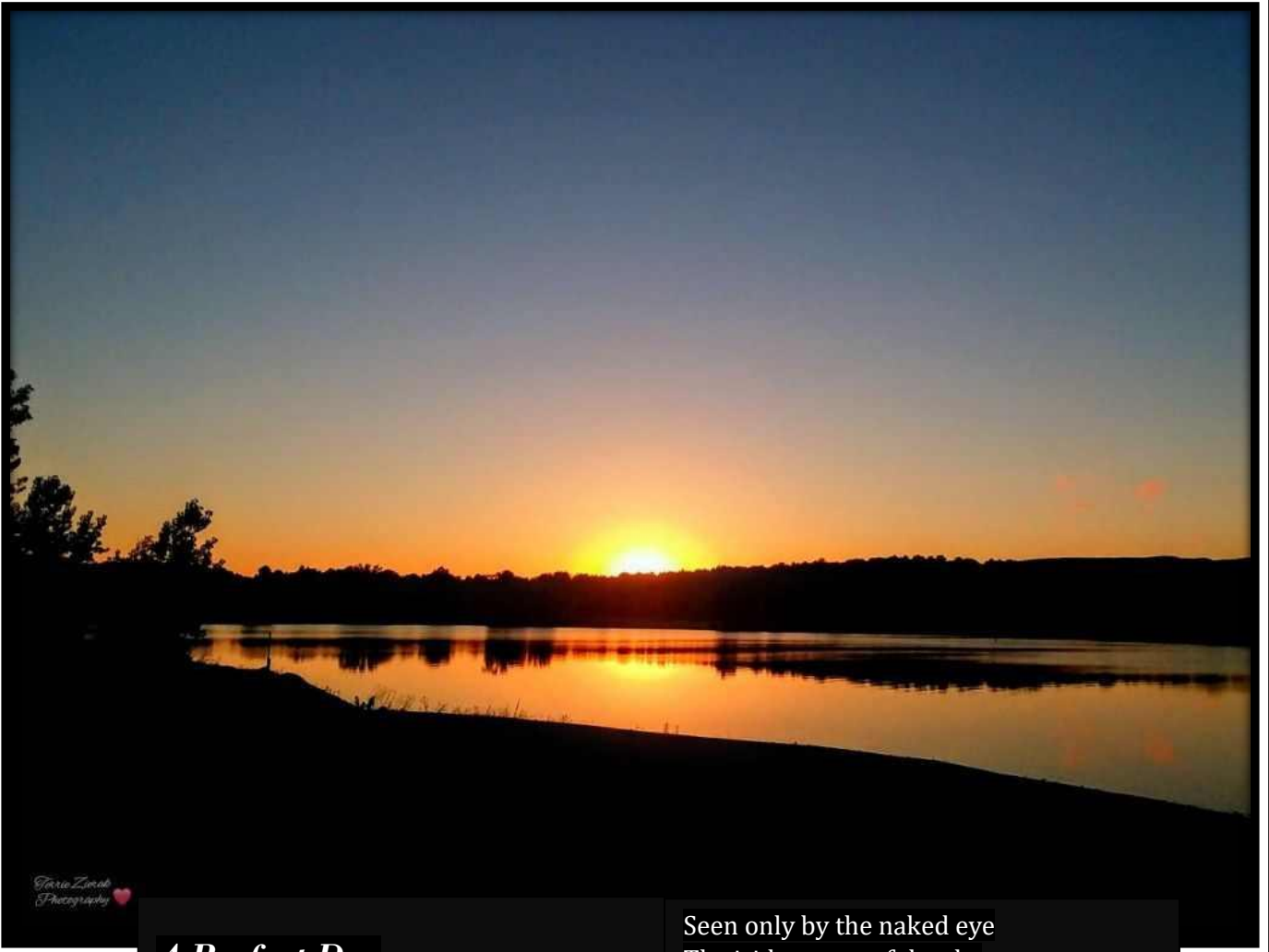
Former Mayfield Historian and Leader Herald Correspondent, Betty Tabor, wrote an article about this house in 1975. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Naylor purchased the house in 1954. At the time, the house had a lean-to on its rear that was used as a summer kitchen. It had a



front porch with four small pillars—as seen in the sketch of "F.W. Beers & Co., 1878." Two dormers on the second story have been added, and at that time, (1975), the windows on the sides of the house and front doorway were the ones installed in 1781. Several outbuildings had been demolished over the years and a garage was built adjoining the house. Much improvement has been made to the interior, but the house has its original timber frame. "The timber has the date 1781 burned in the wood which may be seen through a keyhole covered with glass, by use of a flashlight." - Betty Tabor.

According to John Dunham, son of Ebenezer and grandson of Jacob Dunham: not long after the massacre of his family, "some 20 rods where the Dunhams were killed, a piece of dry upland which had been plowed over for several years, sunk down to a considerable depth, leaving a hole 10 or 15 feet across, and superstition said it was a consequence of those murders."





Terrie Zierak
Photography

A Perfect Day

There's nothing I would like much more
than hear the waves upon the shore
Of this great lake that I have known
Since I have lived in my childhood home.

Monarchs light so gently down
Upon the beach, the hallowed ground
Where nature's wonder, God's great gift
Soothes the soul, heart it lifts.

Making music, where there seems none
The rising and the setting sun.
Continue on through time and space
Worries left, without a trace.

Treasures are unearthed with time
The changing shore the stones that shine.
To capture children's dreams of treasure
The magic here, no one can measure

Seen only by the naked eye
The iridescence of the sky
Even on a cloudy day
The hills exude their majesty.

And create a place that's home to me
The stars, the trees, the life I see
The breeze that caresses, oh so sweet
The waters lap against my feet.

Another perfect day I will
Remember this one, when I'm still
And old and seated in my chair
Remembering my golden hair

That matched the burnished late day sun
Children playing, having fun
Upon the beach, where I once lay
Against the sand on a perfect day.

♥ ~Terrie Zierak, Mayfield, N.Y.

The Lost Sacandaga Valley

FOR CENTURIES, THE PEACEFUL SACANDAGA VALLEY WAS A BOUNTIFUL SEASONAL HUNTING AND FISHING SANCTUARY INHABITED BY THE MOHAWK PEOPLE. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON ESTABLISHED THE FIRST EUROPEAN SETTLEMENTS HERE IN THE EARLY 1760S, WHICH BROUGHT FORTH THE FIRST FARMS AND INDUSTRY. DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, MUCH OF THIS VALLEY WAS RAIDED AND BURNED BY SIR JOHN JOHNSON AND HIS BRITISH LOYALIST AND MOHAWK FORCES.

AFTER THE REVOLUTION, THE VALLEY HEALED ITS WOUNDS AS SEVERAL COMMUNITIES BEGAN TO DEVELOP. THERE WAS PLENTY OF FERTILE LAND, VAST FORESTS AND SIGNIFICANT WATER POWER IN SEVERAL CREEKS AND THE SACANDAGA RIVER THAT LED THE FARMING, TANNING AND LUMBERING INDUSTRIES TO FLOURISH. THE GLOVERSVILLE AND NORTHVILLE RAILROAD (BOUGHT OUT BY THE F&J&G R.R.) WAS BUILT IN 1875, WHICH ALSO BROUGHT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SACANDAGA PARK — "THE CONEY ISLAND OF THE NORTH." AS THE LEATHER INDUSTRY BOOMED, THIS PLACE BECAME A VERY POPULAR PLAYGROUND, EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY RAIL FROM PEOPLE FAR AND WIDE. THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY BROUGHT MANY CHANGES.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES CREATED A LIFESTYLE SHIFT. PEOPLE MOVED FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES TO WORK IN CITIES, FARMING AND LUMBERING BEGAN TO DECLINE AS THE AGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE BEGAN.

AS EARLY AS THE 1860S, THE IDEA OF DAMMING THE SACANDAGA RIVER WAS DISCUSSED. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE CATASTROPHIC FLOODS OF THE HUDSON RIVER IN 1913 THAT DISCUSSION TURNED TO LEGISLATION. IN 1922, THE HUDSON RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK. BY AUTHORITY OF EMINENT DOMAIN, THE REGULATING DISTRICT ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF THE SACANDAGA RESERVOIR IN THE SUMMER OF 1924. AN EARTHEN DAM WAS TO BE BUILT AT CONKLINGVILLE AS A MEANS OF REGULATING THE FLOW OF THE HUDSON RIVER. THE ENTIRE VALLEY HAD TO BE CLEARED OF ALL LIFE—EVERY HOME, BARN, TREE, AND FENCEPOST.

OVER 3,000 PEOPLE WERE DISPLACED AS OVER 26,000 ACRES (40 SQUARE MILES) OF PRIVATE LAND WERE ACQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK. 3,872 GRAVES WERE REMOVED FROM 24 CEMETERIES AND REBURIED ON HIGH GROUND. NEARLY 50 MILES OF NEW ROADS AND 10 BRIDGES WERE BUILT. SOME RESIDENTS TRIED TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES DESPITE EVICTION NOTICES. HOMES AND BARNES WERE EITHER MOVED OR BURNED TO THE GROUND. THE 12 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT WRAPPED UP AS THE GATES OF THE CONKLINGVILLE DAM WERE CLOSED ON MARCH 27, 1930. HOWEVER, OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, WORK CONTINUED ON REMOVING WHAT WAS LEFT BEHIND AS THE WATERS BEGAN TO RISE...

LEST WE FORGET THE PEOPLE AND PLACES OF THE LOST SACANDAGA VALLEY

COMMUNITIES LOST TO THE SACANDAGA RESERVOIR, 1930

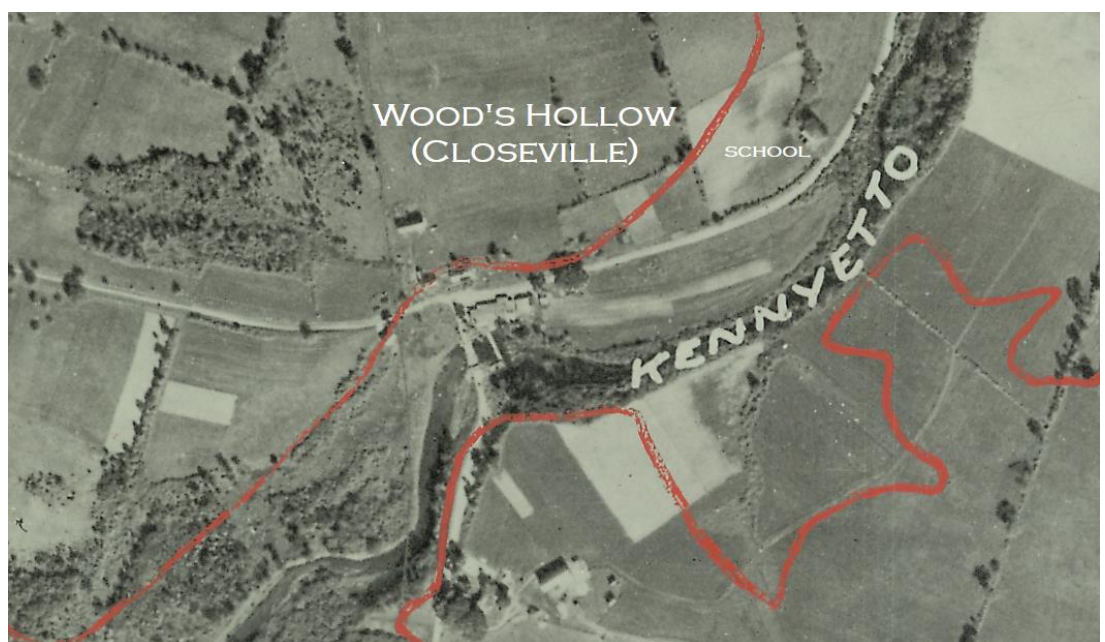
CONKLINGVILLE — COMPLETELY LOST	BENEDICT — MOSTLY LOST	CAREY'S CORNERS — PARTIALLY LOST
DAY — MOSTLY LOST	NORTH BROADALBIN — PARTIALLY LOST	CRANBERRY CREEK — MOSTLY LOST
WEST DAY (BARTLEWELL) — COMPLETELY LOST	WOOD'S HOLLOW (CLOSEVILLE) — MOSTLY LOST	OSBORNE'S BRIDGE — COMPLETELY LOST
EDINBURG — PARTIALLY LOST	MUNSONVILLE — MOSTLY LOST	SACANDAGA PARK — HALF LOST
BATCHELLERVILLE — HALF LOST	SHAWVILLE — MOSTLY LOST	NORTHVILLE — PARTIALLY LOST
NORTHAMPTON (FISH HOUSE) — HALF LOST	MAYFIELD — MINIMALLY LOST	PARKVILLE — COMPLETELY LOST

THIS MAP IS COMPRISED OF 14 SEPARATE IMAGES WHICH WERE SAVED FROM SCRAP BY FIELD SUPERVISOR DANIEL RIGGS, HUDSON RIVER, BLACK RIVER REGULATING DISTRICT. THE IMAGES WERE DIGITALLY STITCHED TOGETHER BY ERIC CLOSE, MAYFIELD TOWN HISTORIAN, APRIL, 2024.

SACANDAGA VALLEY, JUNE 1927

At the meet and greet hosted by the Mayfield Historical Society on April 15th, I presented this map as part of a project I am working on. This is a digital conglomeration of 14 large sheets that I meticulously aligned and stitched together to create a contiguous aerial map of the Sacandaga Valley *as it was*, before any clearing began on building the reservoir. If you would like a copy, Postmark in Gloversville has a digital copy on file, and they will print it for you. The image is 36" x 86" (3 feet by roughly 7 feet), and the print costs about \$15 to have done.

Below is an excerpt from the image showing a closeup of Wood's Hollow in the town of Mayfield. Note the red line is the approximate present shoreline. Most of Wood's Hollow was lost to the reservoir project including the "Closeville School," Keefe Hagadorn's Shoddy Mill, and several homes & farms. The road traversing from the left side across toward the top right corner is the Woods Hollow Rd, which presently terminates at the red line. Instead of mills and farms, this area is now populated by camps, homes, a restaurant, and marinas. The mills on the creek operated from about 1790 until the reservoir came in 1930.



The 47th Annual Bannertown Fair

AUGUST 15TH 16TH 17TH 2024



Bill Trojan escorts the Bannertown Court:

Miss Bannertown Fair, Vivienne Crandall
Jr. Miss Bannertown Fair, Shelby Welke
Princess Bannertown Fair, Quinn Palleschi
Jr. Princess Bannertown Fair, Ariyah Johnson
Baby Bannertown, Emery Vincent

Courtesy of Julie Ernst

This year's Bannertown Fair was a great success, despite many severe challenges. Wheelock Rides, which provided the ride and midway services for years, had gone out of business. With very little time to organize, the Fair Committee was able to complete a "Hail Mary" play with the procurement of services from Green Mountain Amusements. When so many other companies were booked or wouldn't travel this far, Green Mountain Amusements was able to

Weather seems to always be an issue. Mid-August rain showers usually saturate the ground or quite literally, "rain on the parade." Conditions of the fairgrounds have improved since Kimball Industries laid down new gravel lanes in August of 2023. The rain held off this year for the most part, but I can happily report that conditions in the tent were always dry—except for my beer mug!

The Parade kicked off at noon on Saturday. The honor of the parade's Grand Marshal was bestowed upon Jon Close, cited by the committee as being "an influential member in helping to shape the Mayfield community through his volunteering, leadership, and goals of a better community for us to reside in."

47th Annual
Bannertown
Fair

Mayfield NY
Thursday August 15th - Saturday August 17th

Live Entertainment • Food • Vendors • Rides
Midway by Green Mountain Amusements

Wristbands Available Daily

Thursday * Rev-D 6-10pm

Friday * Skeeter Creek 7-11pm

Saturday * No Limit Band w/ Shianne Hopkins 1-5pm
* The Sheaman & Marty Greco 5-7pm
* Tommy V 7-11pm

Fireworks Saturday Night!




47th Bannertown Fair Grand Marshal Jon Close and his wife Laurie, escorted by Phlan Hart.
Courtesy of Roman Yudin, Team Yudin Productions.



The MCS Class of 2025 with their 1st place parade float.
Courtesy of Roman Yudin, Team Yudin Productions.

The Bannertown Cup was hard fought for by several teams competing to best exemplify the theme of Halloween. The MCS Class of 2025 was hailed as the winners of the “Boo Bash,” with their float spoofing a zombie apocalypse at the Mayfield Cemetery.

Historically, a pageant has generally been a part of the Bannertown Fair festivities. In the early 1990s, the event served as the “Miss Fulton County,” as this fair is the only one in the county. Participation has waned in recent years, but 17-year-old Mayfield native Chloe Bronk took the initiative to revive the pageant this year. Her dedication has given many young ladies an

opportunity to serve this community in a high spirited and friendly manner. She, the contestants, and all fair-goers enjoyed a fruitful experience together.

American Fireworks Display did a phenomenal job for the fireworks show. It seemed to me to be one of the best in years. Regardless, countless volunteers put in an incredible amount of work to make this beloved local fair a success for the 47th time. The Mayfield Firemen’s Association does more for this community than anyone could imagine. Without their decades of service, not only would our village be an abandoned field of ashes, but every August, this town would have a deep void in its spirit. Their dedication makes our community a wonderful place to live. They all deserve recognition, our admiration, and our applause—but I’d like to thank two of them by name.

To Jake VanEvery and Amanda Mormile:

We all thank you, deeply, for your continued dedication to not only the Fire Department, but in your efforts to organize this great event for the last several years. You are carrying a heavy and bright torch for a longstanding Mayfield tradition.

Right: The culmination of all the successes of the 47th Annual Bannertown Fair. Courtesy of their Facebook Page.

