I hope everyone is having a great Summer! Anyone visiting the Mansion on a Tuesday will be greeted by our new volunteer, Beverly McGraw and on a Friday afternoon you will be greeted by Sherry Vesotski. Beverly and Sherry both live in Greenhurst and came to the Fenton from RSVP, a volunteer program for Seniors. Welcome to our Fenton Family, Beverly and Sherry!

Fenton History Center membership is changing to a fiscal year of January 1st to December 31st. If your membership is ready for renewal in July, August, or September, we will prorate it to half priced for the rest of 2022. You will then need to renew again in January. Memberships due for renewal after September will be full price and will not expire until December 2023. If you have questions regarding the change, please call us at 716-664-6256.

Look for our table at the Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival on Saturday, August 27th, held in Mayville at Lakeside Park. We will be there from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and will be selling gift items, t-shirts, mugs, books and taking research requests for genealogy. The Festival is a fun event for everyone especially if you enjoy Celtic music and dancing, traditional Scottish Athletic Games, and of course, bagpipes!

Saints and Sinners Cemetery Tour tickets can be purchased through our website, www.fentonhistorycenter.org. You may also stop by the Fenton and purchase in person. All tickets for the Carriage Tours must be paid for in advance. Tickets for walking tours may also be purchased online as well as tickets for the Mausoleum Tour. We are in need of actors (especially men) for all of the tours and tour guides. If interested in volunteering October 1st, 8th, or 9th, email us at director@fentonhistorycenter.org or give us a call at 716-664-6256.

Don’t forget to stop by our gift shop and purchase a Fenton History Center t-shirt or mug. For the month of August “all things with wings” are 50 % off.
regularly share train and steamboat photos on our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Our members on Patreon can see our weekly #TrainTuesday and #SteamboatSunday photos a week early. Since this photo of downtown doesn’t have a train or a boat it may not make our social media accounts, but it’s nice to remember Jamestown. Do you remember when it looked like this?

Genealogy Support Group Presents:

New York State Research Workshops
a 6 part series

May 21, June 11
July 23, Aug. 20,
Sept. 24, and Oct. 15

Saturdays
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

$20 per session or $100 for all 6 sessions (non-members)

$10 per session or $50 for all 6 sessions (members)

Please call the Fenton History Center to reserve your spot at (716) 664-6256. Workshops are held in person and on Zoom. If you pay for all sessions and miss previous sessions, you will be given a link to our video archive.
Tuesday, Sept. 6th. 7 pm
In-person and Live on Zoom and Facebook

Join us for a fun, live in-person and virtual interview with author Mike Johnson about his new book about Dunkirk’s Airport, what inspired him to write it, and more! There will be a question and answer time at the end of the interview.

This event is free and open to the public.
For more details visit our website www.fentonhistorycenter.org, call us at (716)664-6256 or find us on Facebook.
A few weeks ago the widow of a friend came in with a box of photos found in the attic of the family home. Most were studio portraits and snapshots of people, some identified, some not. This is a common occurrence here. We usually do not keep photos we cannot identify as a local person, place, or event.

In this case, one 5" by 7" much faded print showed an example of a gasoline engine of the type common on farms in the first third of the 20th century. This was a relatively large one on its own custom metal wagon. Ordinarily I would have discarded it because of poor condition and unknown location. However, due to my interest in technological history, I had it digitally enhanced and enlarged. Then, helped by the knowledge that the family was from Clymer and included the surname Huntington, we were able to read the tag on the wagon frame: A. HUNTINGTON.

The A. Huntington engine is not even listed, let alone pictured in C. H. Wendel's *American Gasoline Engines*. Since 1872, considered the bible or ultimate reference on early engines. However, Bruce Swanson, then of Clymer and former president of the Chautauqua County Antique Equipment Association, wrote a brief typed unpublished history of early engines made in Chautauqua County in 1985. He devoted three pages to the A. Huntington. These engines were made in Ripley by Alfred Huntington starting in 1911 in the same factory building previously used by a different firm to make the very dissimilar Rumsey engine.

Two of the A. Huntington engines were known to exist at the time, pieces of others having since been discovered. All these have been exhibited in 1991 and a few years following at the Chautauqua County Antique Equipment Show, then at Hartfield, now in Stockton. The engines were basic, simple, conventional, and small. The one pictured here is much larger and shows a strong influence from the Rumsey, conspicuously absent from the known examples.

In recent years, Larry Barmore of the Valley Historical Society has uncovered some new information about Alfred Huntington and his engines including that he had previously lived and...

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**ALFRED HUNTINGTON, Ripley, N.Y.**

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made engines in Sinclairville from 1908 to 1911 and in Celoron where he made marine engines before that.

The four stroke internal combustion engine was invented by Nicolaus Otto in Germany in 1876. The subsequent development of an electrical ignition system then a carburetor to make use of liquid fuels around 1892 opened the way for small gasoline engines marketed for use on the farm and in small workshops to quickly end steam's century of dominance and enabled the mechanizing of many more tasks. These early engines were slow with large displacements and heavy flywheels. This gave them good low end torque despite their low power to weight ratio. Just before and after World War II, rural electrification rendered the old farm engines obsolete while modern small high speed gasoline engines took over as mobile and miscellaneous power sources. Eventually collectors, mostly aging farmers and other rural men, took an interest in the old engines that survived in junk yards and barn corners. Annual shows and publications sprang up. When that generation gave way to the next, the shows and the hobby in general swung strongly toward interest in old tractors and away from the engines. But, the old engines still come to life with their scrappy voices and shiny new paint jobs scattered about the show grounds each year.

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**Walking Tours**

$10 per person

$5 for Fenton History Center members

Children 17 & under: FREE

THANK-YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:
2022 Featured Exhibit
Learn more about the community that built the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and their history here in Jamestown. Exhibit opens June 22 and runs through October 31st.

Fenton History Center
67 Washington Street
Jamestown NY

Open Mon-Sat 10-4
$10 Adults
Children and Members Free
by Janet Wahlberg
PRESIDENT

Again, this summer the Fenton has two summer interns. They joined us on July 6, 2022 and have been helping with many different tasks including inventorying supplies for the Gift Shop, rearranging the Gift Shop to showcase our branded mugs and T-shirts and helping to enter data in some of our databases. They also have been greeting our guests and directing them as needed.

Amber Gleason lives here in Jamestown and attended James-town High School. She has not made any specific decisions on post high school education at this time; however, she has plans to start her own business and then to buy a home. During her time at JHS she has really enjoyed Art class and volleyball. During her time at the Fenton, she enjoys walking around reading all the many historic labels and signs.

Mia Raj lives here in Jamestown and attended Jamestown High School. She is planning to attend Buffalo State College with a goal of becoming a lawyer. Her planned major will be International Relations and politics. She seems to enjoy everything about school and has been involved in the Student Government and the Pride Club. When not in school she enjoys reading, writing and playing video games. Her love of learning continues into her time here at the Fenton as she is enjoying learning about the history of our area. She has enjoyed meeting all the new people that come in to visit the Fenton.

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Walking Tours
Saturday, June 25, July 16, 23, August 6, and 20, 2022
10 AM-noon
$10 per person
$5 Fenton History Center Members
Children 17 & under: Free
Tours leave from the Fenton History Center parking lot.

*Riverwalk tour meets in front of the National Comedy Center

The 2022 Walking Tours series is sponsored by:

July 16-
Fenton Buildings and Grounds

July 23-
Riverwalk Tour*

August 6-
Downtown Lucy

August 20-
Old Northside

For more information, and additional events, please see our Facebook page, visit fentonhistorycenter.org or call 716-664-6256.
GIFT SHOP NEWS: FLY AWAY FALL SALE AND FENTON BRANDED MERCHANDISE!

by Janet Wahlberg
PRESIDENT

Be sure to come in and check out our August Sale of All Things Wings. We have a sale table of birds, butterflies, bees and angels (All Things Wings) on sale for 50% off. What a great time to pick up a gift for a friend, mom, a favorite teacher or yourself at a great price.

We also now have a nice selection of branded T-shirts. They come in light steel gray and light blue with the Fenton logo emblazoned on both the front and back. They are $20 each and are available in several sizes. The mugs that we added last month are selling like hot cakes so get yours now. They are $10 each.
The Fenton History Center presents the 17th Annual Saints & Sinners Cemetery Tours and Mausoleum & More Tours at Lake View Cemetery in Jamestown at the corner of Buffalo St and Lakeview Ave.

Hear Costumed Actors tell revealing stories about Jamestown's famous- and infamous- former residents.

**Walking Tours**

Saturday, October 1st
6pm-10pm
Last tour starts at 9.

and

Saturday, October 8th
3 pm-6 pm
Last tour starts at 5:15

Tours start every 45 minutes

$15 adults presale/$2 children
(Adults at the gate $17)
Fenton Members ONLY $10
Join Now!
Group sizes will be limited!

**Carriage Tours**

Saturday October 1st
3, 4, & 5pm

and

Saturday October 8th
6, 7 & 8pm

Tickets $25

**Mausoleum and More Tours**

Back by Popular Demand. Sunday, October 9th, 2022 8 pm

Learn about the "residents" of Lakeview Cemetery's Mausoleums in this behind-the-scenes tour.

Events sell out fast! Buy your tickets now.
Tickets available at Fenton History Center- 67 Washington Street (Rte. 60 and Main St.)- Jamestown NY
For Information and Reservations call (716)664-6256 or visit www.fentonhistorycenter.org
During the first week in August, we welcomed a couple from Sweden who were in search of family members who came to Jamestown many years ago.

Many of our research requests revolve around this very subject, as most often the older generations who kept in touch passed away, leaving a void.

As we recount this fun experience, we hope to inspire those of you who are descendants of those brave immigrants - miracles do happen and contact can be re-established!

The couple, Anders and Dianna Hedenstöm, enjoyed a tour through their ancestor’s church with tour guide Janet Wahlberg:

“Jim and I were honored to be asked to take Anders and Diana for a tour of First Lutheran Church. The first thing that they said was, “Oh my, it is really big”. We took them first to the nave where they were again amazed at the size of the church and the fact that at one time all 1,200 seats were actually filled on Sunday morning. They commented on the beauty of the ceilings and the altar and were very impressed that one of the stained glass windows was of King Carl XVI Gustaf. I was unable to tell them why he was chosen for that honor. They took several photos of the nave. We then took them to the Fellowship room where they were able to see the portraits of all of our pastors including our first Jonas Svensson, who served from 1856-1858. After showing them a few more nooks and crannies of the church, we took them to dinner at the Celoron Hotel where we enjoyed a couple of hours of conversation. We learned that Anders had been an exchange student to the United States while in high school. Delightful couple.”

Cindy Dustin had been researching the names they sent via email, contacted “local cousins”, and set up a meeting for them at the Research Center:

“On Friday, August 5, the Hall House welcomed some very special visitors, two from far away, and several others from our own backyard. Anders and Diana Hedenström came all the way from Hjo, Sweden to meet Anders’ second cousins, Jean Pigman and Joanne Nelson.

Anders had sent in a research request in June, and the Hall House researchers quickly got to work on it, since he and Diana were to visit Jamestown from the Albany area, in early August. Anders’ great-grandparents, Anders Albin and Amelia Berg, were from Asgarde, Stora Aby Parish, Ostergotlands. Anders and Amelia had many children, five of which immigrated to Jamestown beginning in 1897. The three brothers, Carl, Erik and Anders (Andrew) and two sisters, Elin (Nelson) and Hilda (Madeden), arrived here and began their new lives. They worked and bought homes, and all but Andrew married and had families.

Several more brothers and sisters stayed in Sweden, one of which, Conrad Berg, was Anders Hedenstöm’s grandfather.”

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Anders and Diana were given the completed research which included cemetery records and property searches. They visited Lakeview and Sunset Hill cemeteries as well as First Lutheran Church and the Fenton History Center. They were amazed that we had so much information on their great aunts’ and uncles’ and their families. After researching the obituaries of the immigrant siblings, the Hall House researchers were able to identify the local cousins, and they happily agreed to meet their Swedish relatives. The cousins were able to visit and compare genealogical information. A great time was had by all!

“One last opportunity gave Anders and Diana a bird’s eye view of life in Jamestown “back in the day”.

As the newly reunited Berg descendants were saying their good-byes, I mentioned that because four of the Jamestown Bergs were Veterans, they were welcome to join an already scheduled “Behind the Scenes” home tour of the Mansion, including the Military Tour. The local cousins had things scheduled, but Anders and Diana were happy to come back after lunch and join in.

They seemed to be so very amazed at everything they saw, but a big surprise for Anders was discovering the chair exhibited in the Swedish Room which was made especially for King Carl XVI Gustaf on his 1976 visit to Jamestown. The real thrill was discovering that it was made at Union National Furniture Company, where his grandfather’s brother, Eric Berg, had worked many years before.”

We do hope to see them again someday, and we hope this story has inspired you!

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**Genealogy Support Group**

The Fenton History Center’s Genealogy Support Group serves to support both experienced and amateur researchers. Meetings feature invaluable lectures, discussions and are an excellent way to become familiar with the Fenton History Center’s impressive collection of resources. The Support Group typically meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the Fenton History Center in the historic Hall House building, located at 73 Forest Avenue in Jamestown, New York. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting begins at 6:30 with a brief business meeting followed by a program. Program topics and speakers are subject to change. Meetings are also often held via Zoom.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, August 20, 2022 @ 10:30 AM**

New York Workshop IV: 19th Century New York - *presented by Janet Wahlberg*

**Wednesday, August 31, 2022 @ 6:30 PM**

Research Center Open House - *open to the public*

**Saturday, September 24, 2022 @ 10:30 AM**

New York Workshop V: TBD - *speaker TBD*

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 6:30 PM**

Resources at the Prendergast Library - *presented by Kristie Bemus*
August 10th - Wendy Straight, Mapping Assistant, Chautauqua County 19th Century Sites on Mapping Jamestown Sites of the 1880s.

September 14th - Paul Johnson, Property Developer, on the History of the Packard Family in Chautauqua County.

October 12th - Tom Greer, Fenton Archaeology Director, on the 2022 archaeological dig results.

SECOND WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH AT NOON
HELD VIA ZOOM AND FACEBOOK LIVE

NEED FOR A DEHUMIDIFIER

Caring for our exhibits and artifacts requires constant temperatures and levels of humidity. Our basement area can get quite damp in the summer and requires that we run a dehumidifier continuously. We would welcome a new one if you are able to help us out.
Research center volunteers will be onsite to help you with local history and Genealogy research.

How to prepare and what to bring:

- Notebook
- Names, birth dates and place of birth for your parents and grandparents if you know them.
- Whatever information that you may have even if you are not sure that it is accurate.
- Have a goal in mind
- Who, or what, do you want to find?
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
• Unlimited complimentary admission to the Governor Reuben Fenton Mansion.
• Unlimited access to the Hall House Research Library.
• Reduced fee for Fenton events and programs unless specified.
• A discount to the museum gift shop.
• Members only e-mail updates.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS
• Student $15
• Senior (age 62+) $30
• Educator $30
• Individual (under age 62) $40
• Family $75. Includes 2 adults and up to 3 children.

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP LEVELS
• Supporting $120, can be paid monthly ($10). Includes 4 complimentary admission passes for guests.
• Friend of Fenton $250, can be paid monthly ($20.83). Includes 6 complimentary admission passes for guests.
• Representative’s Circle $360, can be paid monthly ($30). Includes 8 complimentary admission passes for guests.
• Senator’s Circle $500, can be paid monthly ($41.67). Includes 16 complimentary admissions for guests, lunch with Executive Director, and a behind the scenes tour of the Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion for up to four people.
• Governor’s Circle $1,000, can be paid monthly ($83.33). Includes unlimited complimentary admissions for guests, lunch with Executive Director, a behind the scenes tour of Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion for up to four people, and a behind the scenes tour of Hall House Research Center for four people.
As a result of the previous experience of Director Jane Babinsky, we are thrilled to have become a Blue Star Museum this summer. This means that those currently serving in the military and their families are eligible for free admission to the Fenton Mansion/Museum, from Armed Services Day in May through Labor Day in September. If the military member is currently serving out of the area, the family is still eligible for free admission. Summer vacation is quickly racing away, and a visit to the Fenton Museum is an excellent family adventure!

We are also currently making plans for a Blue Star Memorial Garden and are about to begin a large project which will provide a bench for seating in the Blue Star Garden. We will be collecting 500 lbs of soft, clean plastic and in turn will receive a durable and weather resistant bench! Included are grocery bags, bubble wrap, the plastic which wraps around large packs of water bottles, toilet paper, paper towels, and napkins, etc. The plastic must be dry and free of food or contaminants.

We would very much appreciate the help of anyone who would like to get rid of all that extra plastic and put it to good use! We will have a recycling container inside the entrance area and we have 6 months to gather the 500 lbs. We can do this!

Later this month, Vets Finding Vets will be hosting Patriotic Bingo for Veterans and a guest, at the Samuel Derby American Legion Post # 556 in Frewsburg. This will take place on Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the fun with friends that you know and some that you haven’t yet met!

This event will help fund our very long-awaited Veteran Cruise on the Chautauqua Belle on Saturday, Oct. 1st. The cruise was postponed due to two years of covid restrictions and we are so happy to finally have it scheduled again.

If you are a Veteran and would like to reserve a seat on the Chautauqua Belle cruise for yourself and a guest, please call 716-664-6256 and leave a message for Barb. At Walnut Press time, Cruise time on Oct 1 was still to be determined, so I will need a call-back number.

We are already receiving calls about our annual Saints and Sinners Tours. As you know this is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We have selected the stories to be featured and are beginning to arrange the routes. Various volunteers and staff are starting our research and we have even started on scripts. Now we need your help! Volunteers are the backbone of this event. We need Actors, Tour Guides and Volunteers for the tent to sell tickets, cookies, and generally keep things running smooth. While we have a great deal of information gleaned from previous years, we welcome suggestions and reminders. So if you can provide any of the above, please contact Janet Wahlberg at wjanet1946@gmail.com or Jane at director@fentonhostorycenter.org or call the Mansion at 716-664-6256.
One of the ways you can support the Fenton History Center is through our Amazon Wishlist. Of course we accept gifts purchased in other places, or monetary donations too!

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