The Fenton History Center has been awarded two grants recently. The first is a Give for Greatness award from Arts Services Inc. ASI had $45,000 to award for capacity building for smaller arts-focused nonprofit organizations. There were 60 applicants and the awards were for up to $2,000. We were awarded $2,000 to purchase a new laptop for our Curator/Education Coordinator! Now our Curator can take the laptop upstairs or over to Hall House, wherever she needs to work. Thank you ASI!

The second grant was a Quick Grant from Humanities New York to hire a videographer to record a virtual tour through the museum. The virtual tour will be available for anyone visiting the museum who cannot physically come to the museum. Candlelight Productions will be filming the virtual tour on Sunday, April 30th. The first showing of the virtual tour will be at our Gala on July 29th. We are grateful for the grant from HNY and to Candlelight Productions who are also a sponsor of the Gala.

Just a reminder that our Lecture Series begins this month, Wednesday April 12th at 1:00 pm. Norman Carlson is giving a presentation on the Shearman-Davis murders that occurred in Busti in 1894. The murders were never solved. All lectures in the series are free. On Tuesday, April 18th, we will have a book signing and program at 7:00 pm. Walter Pickut, local author, will be presenting the book, *The First Counterspy* which he co-authored with Kay Haas. The book is about Kay’s father, Larry Haas, his work at Bell Aircraft, and working with the FBI. Walter will have books on hand to sign. Come find out what happened right in our own “backyard.”

The Hall House Research Center will be open Wednesday, April 26th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm to do research. There will be someone there to assist you if you are not sure how to do your searches. On Saturday, April 29th at 10:30 will be a workshop on Dutch genealogy, presented by Andrew Kolstee. The workshop costs $10 and is held at the Hall House Research Center.
During World War II, the FBI suspected that high Soviet official Andrei Schevchenko was a spy, though he was in the United States as a “legal agent” buying Bell Aviation’s warplanes for Russia’s struggle against Nazi invaders. FBI agents persuaded Larry Haas, a Bell aviation engineer, to let himself be seduced into revealing carefully doctored intelligence that Schevchenko was seeking about Bell’s top-secret P-59 jet warplane.

The FBI also recruited the head librarian at Bell’s technical library for the same task. The FBI eventually discovered that Schevchenko was operating a wide-ranging spy network hidden within a large segment of the American aviation industry. After nearly two years of surveillance and delivering incriminating material to Schevchenko, however, what Washington did was surprising: it blocked the FBI from apprehending him, since embarrassing the Soviet Union, a wartime ally, was seen as unwise.

FREE and open to the public!

Tues., April 18, 2023 @ 7 PM

at the Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion
67 Washington Street, Jamestown, NY 14701
The Fenton and Hall House Research Centers are hosting a graduate intern from Simmons University, Boston. Joshua Tomaszewski, a Jamestown resident, is taking his Master’s in Library and Information Science online. He is with us this spring semester to fulfill his internship requirement for his introductory archives course.

Joshua is sorting through and deciphering letters (with their respective envelopes) from the 1850s, 1860s, 1870s and 1880s. These letters involve the Gleason Family: mothers, brothers, cousins and aunts from Clymer, Westfield, Rochester, Amherst, Providence. Their correspondence pertained to topics revolving around farming, particularly concerning butter and wool; ice-skating; politics and religion. The latter is especially prominent in that it seemingly overrides important subjects such as education. For example, “...more important than your studies is your immortal soul”. One of the profound quotes from these passages is, “I say give all the rights of citizen to those who are loyal and can read and write whether white or black...” [from L.M. Gleason of Clymer to A.L. Gleason of Amherst]. Other interesting features that stand out are the phrase “Dear Bro” in some writings, which sounds rather modern, and learning what the word “copperhead” means (pro-peace). Additionally, there is a variety of beautiful and intricate embossed stamps (of images derived from nature and calligraphy) on the stationery which may be the printers’ logos. Joshua and I are intrigued by the many facets and imagery these letters provoke; one is the feeling of being transported back in time and imagining the surrounding environment and atmosphere. It was a time when hand-writing was the chief means of communication and was thus very significant.

We have around 250 of these letters in our archives. They are housed in binders and protected by photo sheets/sleeves. The plan is to digitize them and make them accessible to researchers and the public eventually. I thank Joshua for helping with this project and I hope that he is enjoying this field experience.
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FENTON HISTORY CENTER
60TH ANNIVERSARY

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$100 INDIVIDUAL / $175 COUPLE
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Fenton History Center
2023 Lecture Series
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Wednesday
April 12
@ 1 PM
Shearman-Davis Murders in Busti
presented by Norman Carlson

Wednesday
May 10
@ 7 PM
Jamestown Trolleys
presented by Bob Johnston

Wednesday
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@ 1 PM
Underground Railroad in Chautauqua Co.
presented by Wendy Straight

Friday
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@ 6 PM
Songs of Slavery and Emancipation
Documentary and Music
presented by Mat Callahan

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July 12
@ 7 PM
Prohibition in Jamestown
presenter TBD

Wednesday
August 9
@ 1 PM
Korematsu v. United States
presented by Randy Elf

Wednesday
Sept. 13
@ 7 PM
A Timeline of Chautauqua Steamboats and Hotels
presented by Paul Johnson

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This month I am recalling one of the most familiar, respected, and important names in Jamestown history, certainly one of the greatest from the 20th century. Crescent, as in Crescent Tool Company and the beloved Crescent wrench.

The Crescent wrench is an improvement of the 19th century monkey wrench which developed from the 18th century coach wrench. The overall story of adjustable wrenches in Jamestown is illustrated by exhibits on the stair walls going to the mansion basement.

We have been given, among a few other mementos from Crescent’s 50th anniversary observation, an eight inch Crestaloy wrench. Crestaloy was a steel alloy developed in the early 20th century, stronger than other steel alloys used at the time. Lighter wrenches, first intended for the aviation industry but also very popular in the general market, were made from the new alloy. They had been available for decades by the time the 1957 anniversary celebration was planned.

This particular example differs from the rest in one conspicuous feature. It is gold plated. How gold became associated with 50th anniversaries, I do not know. I suspect it may have been the work of some marketing genius in the Victorian era. In any event, this little wrench is actually one of the larger objects I have ever seen either made of or plated with that beautiful and valuable element. Gold is the oldest metal in terms of discovery. It was discovered independently in different regions and on several continents long before any possible record in writing or memory. Placer gold, gold in creek gravels, was the form usually found. I wouldn’t be surprised if the original discoveries were sometimes made by children.

Fittingly the Crescent Tool Company successfully aspired to be the gold standard among tools and especially wrenches. The company was formed in 1907 when Carl Peterson left a partnership with J. P. Danielson in a disagreement over the degree of emphasis to put on branding and quality.

At the 50th anniversary the company itself published a 30 page pictorial history of the firm. This we have on our library shelves. On the last page, company president Marvin Peterson, son and successor to the founder, stated, “I have great and abiding faith in America and in the American Way and look forward, with greatest confidence, to the next 50 years...We shall continue to make the best tools possible to meet the requirement of the day and its technology. We intend to maintain and enhance the Crescent reputation for quality of workmanship and design.”

The company history is extended on pages 401 to 406 of Saga From the Hills. Just three years after the golden anniversary, December 19, 1960, Marvin Peterson announced the sale of Crescent Tool to Crescent Niagara Corporation in Buffalo. For a few years the company continued to...CONTINUED ON PAGE 7
thrive with local management and leadership. By 1973, with Alaric Bailey as head for most of that period, the Jamestown plant was employing between 850 and 900 workers. Bailey had retired in 1968 and the company was acquired by Cooper Industries and most operations were shifted to Sumter, South Carolina. By 1977 employment in the Jamestown facility was down to 130. In April, 1984 production ceased and the following month, the Harrison Street plant was closed.

Today Crescent wrenches are still made and sold. “The brand is currently owned by Apex Brands, Inc. the intellectual property entity of Apex Tool Group. Crescent brand adjustable wrenches are manufactured in both Sumter, South Carolina and in China,” to quote Wikipedia.

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**NORMAN CARLSON TO PRESENT ON SHEARMAN-DAVIS MURDERS**

by Andrew Kolstee
OFFICE MANAGER

The Fenton History Center’s lecture series begins Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1 p.m. with Norman Carlson presenting on the Shearman Davis Murders. Norman has provided the following introduction to the talk:

“The first murder in the Town of Busti. The first unsolved murder in Chautauqua County history.

December 15, 1894. Nearly everyone in the neighborhood was attending a funeral in Lakewood for a tragedy plagued elderly farm couple. They had been killed December 7 when hit by a train in Lakewood. Frail Laura Shearman could not attend the funeral. Her daughter, 46 year old widow Cynthia Davis had stayed home with her. When the family returned, they found both women brutally murdered by multiple blows to the head. Nearly everyone who was not attending the funeral was a suspect. Suspects ranged from the closest relatives to strangers, at least 30 in all. The community was gripped by fear. The story was carried by newspapers all over the country including the New York Times.

The investigation was a shambles. At the time, Busti had no police force. The county sheriff had no deputies. No sensible immediate precautions were taken. Finger printing had not come into use. No one could tell if blood was human or chicken.

The coroner’s jury met eight times and on April 9, 1895 declared the crime was committed by person or persons unknown. A colorful former Congressman obsessively pursued the investigation on his own. After his death, his son continued the project until February, 1897.

The suspects and the investigation included some bizarre people and events: a science fiction effort to extract images from the victims’ eyes, an hysterical Salamanca prostitute, and a multiple married rouge daughter.

Forty six years later, one of the suspects, by then elevated to Supervisor of Busti, was involved in another almost equally bizarre crime.”

The Lecture series is free for Fenton History Center members.
On Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., I will be speaking on Dutch Genealogy as the second of our workshop series this year.

I became interested in Dutch genealogical research because of my own ancestry, in particular, my surname—Kolstee. My great-great grandparents settled in Clymer, New York, where there was a cluster of families from Winterswijk, in what is referred to the Achterhoek region in the eastern part of the Netherlands. My family can be traced back to the early 1500s (including those born in the 1400s) thanks to civil, church, and other registers, including records of serfs.

The Dutch kept very good records and there are many resources online. One major site I will discuss in the workshop is WieWasWie, which has indexed numerous Dutch records. Ancestry.com and FamilySearch have also began indexing these records, but Dutch language based websites (and WieWasWie has an English version) can be easier to find exactly what you are searching.

A couple of things I will want to highlight about Dutch history, which I will cover at the beginning of my presentation. The modern Dutch state emerged in the 1500s and was known under numerous names. Many people refer to the Netherlands as “Holland,” however, Holland is actually a region in the western coast made up of the provinces of North Holland (Noord-Holland) and South Holland (Zuid-Holland). The history of this region covers the Roman period through influence of the Franks, to the Dutch revolt (Hundred Years’ War), as well as conquest by the Napoleonic Empire.

The cost of the workshop is $10 for members or $20 for non-members. For all six-workshops this year, it is $50 for members and $100 for non-members. It will be recorded and available for those who have paid but are unable to attend in-person.
The Fenton’s Genealogy Support Group serves to support both experienced and amateur researchers. Meetings feature invaluable lectures, discussions, and/or research nights and are an excellent way to become familiar with the Fenton History Center’s impressive collection of resources. All events are held at the Hall House Research Center (73 Forest Avenue) at the times given except where noted. Program topics and speakers are subject to change. Meetings are recorded and available for members to review.

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**FIELD TRIP**

| Wednesday, July 26, 2023               |
| Visit to Warren County                |
| Public Library (details TBD)          |

**OPEN HOUSE**

| Wednesday, August 30, 2023             |
| Open House 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM          |

**DOCUMENTARY NIGHT**

| Wednesday, October 25, 2023            |
| Documentary TBD                        |

**WORKSHOPS**

| Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM         |
| April 29, 2023                        |
| Dutch Research (Andrew Kolstee)       |
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| Scottish Research (Janet Wahlberg)    |
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| Canadian - Maritime Provinces         |
| (Vince Courtney)                      |
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| Norwegian/Danish Research             |
| (Andrew Kolstee)                      |

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP**

| Saturday, June 3, 2023                |
| 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM                  |
| German Research                      |
| (Katherine Schober)                  |
FENTON TRAVELERS BUS TRIP
GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE,
JELL-O MUSEUM,
AND HISTORICAL LeROY HOUSE

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
$105 per person

$25 nonrefundable deposit to reserve your seat
(deposits are transferrable, if you need to sell your seat)
Balance due July 10, 2023

ONLY 25 SEATS AVAILABLE!

This historical trip takes us to the Genesee Country Village, the Jell-O Museum and Historical LeRoy House, followed by a dinner stop at Spragues Restaurant in Portville. The trip will include the coach bus, a guided tour/trolley ride at GCV, as well as time to explore on your own. Meals are NOT included in the cost. You may bring your own picnic lunch or dine at one of the facilities at the Country Village. A full menu option, at your expense, is available at Spragues.

The Genesee Country Village & Museum is the largest living history museum in New York State, encompassing the Historic Village, Nature Center, and John L. Wehle Gallery. In the Historic Village, 68 buildings from the 19th century range from a pioneer farm to a Victorian mansion, each bringing history to life. Costumed interpreters share knowledge and stories of daily life, trades, and culture, including the blacksmith, potter, tinsmith, and farmers. The John L. Wehle Gallery featured extraordinary collections of 19th-century clothing, wildlife, and sporting art. New for 2022 is “Duck, Duck, Shoot! The Story of American Waterbirds,” a sprawling exhibition exploring waterfowling in the 19th century and its ties to conservation movements in the 20th century. The Nature Center offers five miles of marked trails and programs throughout the year. The Museum grounds also offers restaurants, a pub, shopping experiences, classes and programs for all ages, and more.

Sign up at the Fenton History Center. Make checks payable to the Fenton History Center (67 Washington St., Jamestown, NY 14701) Call (716) 664-6256 to register over the phone.
HISTORIAN’S SECULAR APPRECIATION OF EASTER

by Norman Carlson
COLLECTIONS MANAGER

Although not a believer personally, I celebrate Easter with an historian’s perspective. Christians reflect on the most substantial elements of their faith on that day, and it deserves to be honored by everyone as a recognition of the founding of one of the world’s great religions and a foundation of Western Civilization.

Christianity, since the 5th century, has been one of the defining elements of Western Civilization. In fact, until recently, Christendom was used as the common name for our civilization and its territory. Christianity, along with the concepts of rule by law, individual importance and responsibility, capitalistic free market economies, science and rationality, on a some-or-all basis, distinguish Western Civilization.

Built right into Easter is the basis for the Christian attitude toward human suffering that early made it stand out from ancient established attitudes and helped define the line between the Christian era and antiquity. The ancient world was an extremely brutal and cruel place by our standards. Jesus was one of thousands of people who were crucified by the Romans and one of millions who were put to death in deliberately cruel and agonizing ways for trifling and even contrived offenses over the millennia or for just being in the way. Rulers in the ancient world were often not satisfied to kill their enemies, they expended significant effort and resources into making them suffer as much as possible. “Safe spaces” and Teddy bears would have been more incomprehensible than moon rocks to everyone back then. Slow, incomplete, and tardy though it may have been in the quest, we owe Christianity an enormous debt on that score alone. For example, organized institutions for helping the poor (charities) and the sick (hospitals) were a Christian innovation. Medieval Christians also developed the idea that some acts should be forbidden even in war.

We should all reflect on how historically unique our era is, for all its faults and imperfections. I often wander into the “pain” sections of drug stores and contemplate how much pain there must be in our small community reflected in that inventory. We never think of the vast number of generations who endured pain with nothing but alcohol and placebos. This is just one synecdoche. Life in the past was pain; scarcity; violence; filth; disease; enormous injustice; hard and incessant work; humiliating subjugation and even slavery for many. Easter should remind us starkly of how brutal and cruel we would be to each other without the aspirations and fragile inhibitions our civilization has acquired.

PARKING METERS

by Norman Carlson
COLLECTIONS MANAGER

“Parking Meter Up to 10¢”. There were no parking meter fees in Jamestown until November 28, 1940. On September 28, 2002 Warren eliminated its parking meters.
2023 WALKING TOURS

Sat. MAY 6  @ 10:00 AM
Riverwalk Tour
meet at the National Comedy Center

Sat. JUN 24  @ 10:00 AM
Southside Tour
meet at the Fenton Mansion parking lot

Sat. JUL 22  @ 10:00 AM
Lucille Ball Tour
meet at the Fenton Mansion parking lot

Sat. AUG 5  @ 10:00 AM
Churches Tour
meet at the Fenton Mansion parking lot

Cost: $5 for Members  $10 for Non-Members

Register online, by phone, or in-person in the Fenton Museum Store.

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Fenton Historical Society
67 Washington St.,
Jamestown, NY 14701
VIP: AL JOHNSON

by Janet Wahlberg
PRESIDENT

Al Johnson joined us as a volunteer in 2022. He started out helping in the Hall House Library with research. His ability to use the City Directories and Sanborn maps is amazing. Since then, he has stepped in wherever and whenever asked. During the January Shutdown he was at the Mansion working on the woodwork. His willingness to be flexible in his assistance is truly appreciated.

Let’s hear a bit about Al in his own words.

I was born in Ridgeway, PA in 1953. When my family moved to Jamestown, I attended Jamestown schools and graduated from Jamestown High School in 1971. I then attended JCC graduating in 1973 and moved on to Fredonia State University.

After school, I worked in the Quality Assurance Field for many years at SKF Bearing Co., Valeo Engine Cooling and General Electric Aircraft Engine Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

My interest in history began as a child, when I went in to abandoned buildings to see what was there. Sometimes while hiking in the woods, I would find “Ghost Settlements” where a small village was established for a few years and then abandoned because industry ended, usually logging or mining.

I like to use the census books here, as I have tracked down the various places my family has lived. In retirement, I enjoy trout fishing in the Chautauqua Gorge, hiking in the Allegheny Forest, metal detecting, and finding addresses for people who want to know where their ancestors lived.

We look forward to having Al as a volunteer for years to come.

Local Trivia

Q1. What was The Beehive?
Q2. Where was the first W.C.A. Hospital Country Capers held?
Q3. What was “The Rapids”?
Q4. What school superintendent was also known as a poet?
Q5. In what year did Quality Markets open their first cash and carry store?

See page 19 for answers.
by Barb Cessna

VETS FINDING VETS COORDINATOR

On a regular day near the beginning of March, one of our members, Josh Densmore, called me to see if I was at work. He was just leaving an antique shop with an awesome find and he wanted us to see it. He was so excited to show us a panoramic photo, measuring 10”x32.5”, of the Jamestown Armory in Brooklyn Square. It was located in the Rite Aid area and shows the enlisted men all lined up in front of the Armory, as they were going off for training in the US Army, at the beginning of the US involvement in WWI. Many of these young men enlisted in Co E in 1916, then were called to federal service on the Mexican Border for nearly one year, coming home in March 1917. They were discharged from federal service and reenlisted in the National Guard, but very shortly they were discharged from Co E and enlisted again in the US Army, Co E, 108th Infantry, 27th Division. All of this taking place in less than a month!

In the background of the left side of the photo, there is a Willard St Trolley car, and behind many trees the Fenton Mansion roof and the porch of the previous Gilbert Home (where Jeanette Fenton and her husband Albert Gilbert had lived) are barely visible.

The back of the framed photo had 2 names and addresses on it. Jennie Anderson and Albert Anderson, another name listed separately was Paul W. Anderson. A bit later I looked up my photo of the WWI Memorial plaque at the Armory. Then when I looked back at the names I realized that Paul W. Anderson had died in action. While looking his name up in online newspapers, (fultonhistory.com) I soon discovered that Paul’s widowed mother was Jennie and Albert was his brother. Paul was listed in the articles with 12 other Jamestown men who had fallen on the Hindenburg Line in France on Sept. 29, 1918. He was one of the men who was wounded and died just days later. Newspaper articles during this search showed that the 27th Division was highly...CONTINUED ON PAGE 15
acclaimed for breaking the Hindenburg Line on Sept. 27. Small consolation for the many families, not just our own, who lost those cherished sons, fathers, husbands, uncles, nephews and boyfriends.

When I sent Josh info about who the photo had belonged to, on Mar. 4th, and mentioned that Paul Anderson was one of 12 others from Co E who were killed or mortally wounded on Sept. 29, 1918, he replied that his GG Uncle, Elmer A. Nelson, had also died on Sept. 29th. What? Another newspaper search turned up an excerpt of a letter that Elmer had written on Aug. 11, 1918: “Well, mother and father, this war can’t last forever and I think it won’t be long now before we are on our way back home to the best place in the world.”

I was eager to delve into the Armory Enlistments. During the COVID-19 slow down, I was able to document the early enlistments stored at the Armory. When I looked up Paul Anderson’s enlistment, I realized that he enlisted on Mar 4th, 1918. Then I realized that the day I was sending Josh the bulk of the info was Mar. 4th. So, I was very eager to look up Ernest A Nelson, to check on his enlistment date or other date, but unfortunately, his enlistment was not included among those available to me. Too bad.

Another amazing find in these articles begins with the devastating news coming to Jamestown through telegrams. Families were being notified that their worst fears were true, including Mrs. Anderson. Then Mrs. Anderson was notified that her son was alive but in the hospital, then she received a third notice that indeed, her son had died. Often, the soldiers who died in a hospital had time to ask their nurse to write to their family if they succumbed to their injuries. Included in the article about Poor Mrs. Anderson was a really sweet letter from the Red Cross Nurse who did her best to soften the blow. It must have also helped the other families who didn’t have correspondence with a nurse as they read her reassuring letter.

I asked Josh if he was able to find Elmer Nelson in the photo. He replied that he did, but only with patience and a powerful magnifying glass!

The scan that was made from Josh’s photo now hangs in the Military Exhibit Room which has been undergoing changes in order to update and include more of the items in the collection. The simple sharing of a photo, which must have been the last photo taken of Co E all together as they ventured off to war, has furnished so much more information than we knew before and I’m sure there is so much more to find.
MOTHER'S JOY IS TURNED TO GRIEF

Mrs. Jennie Anderson Gets Positive News of Her Son's Death

FIRST REPORT DENIED

On November 6, Mrs. Anderson was notified that Private Paul W. Anderson had died of wounds received in action—Nov. 27 War Department informed her that he was alive—she was not. A letter from Red Cross Nurse, telling of his death—beautiful tribute written by nurse.

Experiences shifting from sorrow to joy, from joy to sorrow, have been the lot of Mrs. Jennie Anderson of 328 Forest avenue, this city. On Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, Mrs. Anderson received a telegram from the war department, stating that her son, Private Paul W. Anderson of Company E, 108th infantry, had died from the effects of wounds received in action on Sept. 29. About the time of the receiving of the government message, the mother of the young soldier received a letter written by a Red Cross nurse stating that Private Anderson had been wounded and was confined to a hospital in France. This letter brought a ray of hope that possibly the government message was erroneous. Accordingly a sister of Private Anderson wrote to Washington for further information.

Mrs. Anderson's sorrow turned to joy on the morning of Nov. 27, when she was advised by the adjutant general that her son was among the living. But this joy was soon to terminate. Another chapter must be written in the life of the mother. Mrs. Anderson is now in receipt of a letter written by Miss Harriet M. Dils, a Red Cross nurse, under date of Nov. 25, bearing sad news confirming the death of Private Anderson on Sunday morning, Oct. 27.

The young soldier was 25 years of age. He was a veteran of the Mexican expedition, and trained for some time at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina, before leaving for overseas duty. Besides his mother, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. D. E. Wright and Miss Ethel Anderson, and two brothers, James and Alberta Anderson, all of Jamestown.

The letter giving the details of the death of the young hero is here-with published:

No. 12, General Hospital
Rowen, France, Nov. 25.

Jennie and son, 323 Forest avenue,
Jamestown, N. Y.

My very dear Mrs. Anderson:

You have been advised of this, through the channels of the completion of his career that meant much to you, and I am writing as a friend, if I may, to give you a few more details which I believe you would care to know.

I had the privilege of visiting your son very often, while he was here, and I believe that together we sent you a letter. He often spoke of you, his sister and her family, and his brother, with deepest interest and affection. He hoped to be able to write all of you himself when strong enough. I believe he was planning to write you, his sister, Mrs. D. E. Wright, 407 Seventh street, and his brother, James Anderson, 407 Fifth street, and Miss Ethel Berglund, 3 Walnut street.

When speaking of his sister he referred to his two young nephews most affectionately and hoped that they were getting on well. He seemed very fond of them. Indeed, he frequently spoke most affectionately of his mother and hoped she would not worry. You may be assured, my dear friend, of the continued loyalty of a splendid son, whose sterling personality and strong spirit were most deeply admired by everybody who came into contact with him. I cannot speak too highly of his high spirit and great courage.

Your son was located in a pleasant ward, with plenty of air and light, and he received careful attention of nurses and doctors who were specialists in his class of cases. His injury was serious from the beginning, but it was hoped that with his splendid physique and constitution, he might overcome it. There was a chas wound and another wound of the limb. He seemed not to suffer, I am happy to say. The chest wound proved the more serious of the two, and on Sunday, Oct. 27, in the morning, he left us peacefully and quietly. According to custom he was borne to the church under the American flag and was accompanied by the nurse who had taken care of him.

On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 29, occurred the ceremony with the padre officiating, in the cemetery of St. Sylvere, where the Americans rest in one plot. Full military honors were shown, with a firing squad and bugler present. The number of the resting place is 3,260, and the plot will be kept up by the local military authorities. All day long people are working near, and Sunday mornings flowers are brought out to the plot where your son rests.

The cemetery is beautifully located. Around it are green meadows, in the distance is the pine forest of Rowen, and around the horizon are the green hills of the city. From the sky-line rises the spire of Rowen cathedral and frequently thru the day are heard the bells from the many churches of Rowen. I say truly that the site is beautiful, and the atmosphere there.

The hospital where your son was located was one of the largest and best in France. It was administered by an American unit of doctors and nurses, and in Paul's ward were a number of American patients. There was, therefore, no feeling of loneliness nor isolation, for he was with his own people.

I want to speak more of his sterling personality and splendid spirit. He showed the strongest heart and greatest courage that one can admire, it is—indeed. His admittance of death, calm, and composed, was a great credit to himself and to his family. He wanted to return home, and to meet his friends and family, to return to the land of his birth, and to be with his loved ones who were waiting for him.

With most earnest good wishes and sympathy, and at the same time, with genuine congratulations, I remain,

Most sincerely and faithfully yours,

Harriet M. Dils
American Red Cross, Jamestown, N. Y.
**FENTON HISTORY CENTER**

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**
- Your membership is vital for keeping the museum and research center running!
- As of the summer of 2022, memberships now run January - December. Memberships purchased between September 1 and December 31 are good through December 31 of the following year.

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**
- Unlimited complimentary admission to the Governor Reuben Fenton Mansion.
- Unlimited access to the Hall House Research Center.
- Reduced fee for Fenton events and programs unless specified.
- A 10% discount to the museum gift shop.
- Members only e-mail updates.

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You can also process your membership payment online and have the option to set your membership to automatically renew each year. Thank you for your support!

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Recipe of the Month
Transcribed by Cindy Dustin, Volunteer

Oatmeal Pie
Mrs. Wilbur Clark

4 tablespoons butter (not margarine)
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup dark corn syrup
3 eggs
1 cup quick oats
1 unbaked pie shell

Cream the butter and sugar. Add other ingredients in order, stirring in the eggs one at a time. Pour into pie shell and bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until set.

The Fenton History Center has an extensive collection of local cookbooks in its archives. This recipe comes from the Westminster Cookbook of Favorite Recipes dated November 1, 1981. The Westminster United Presbyterian Church, formerly at 1006 W. Third Street, was dedicated in 1925. The cookbook committee was Carol Dracup, Cora Peterson and Georgia Schlifke.

Bill and Mildred Miller, retired vaudeville performers, began their 21 year run of Meet The Millers on Channel 4 in Buffalo in January 1950. The couple interviewed Hollywood stars, and other days they cooked and baked together. According to The Buffalo News “Buffalo in the 50s”, housewives tuning in around Western New York were just as likely to be entertained by the sometimes-hostile relationship between Bill and Mildred, and Mildred’s tendency to put Bill in his place regularly.
Trivia Answers from Page 13.  
(A1) A jewelry store  
(A2) Southwestern School  
(A3) Jamestown’s original name  
(A4) George Persell  
(A5) 1913
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!

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PU3BVS0HQ5E0

Admission Prices

"Includes entry to Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion & Museum and William Hall House Research Center"

Members ........................................................................................................FREE
Adults (18+) ..................................................................................................... $10
Children (under 18) ......................................................................................... FREE
Veterans (with military ID) .................................................................................. $8
Seniors (62+, first Tuesdays only) ................................................................. $5
Active Military and Family (May 20-Sept. 4, 2023)........................................ FREE

Become a member today and your admission to the museum and research center is free!