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Former Brunswick Creamery Eligible for BHS Historic Marker

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Within walking distance of the Garfield School stands an old structure with a history that reminds us how life has changed over the last one hundred years. The gracious frame residence of longtime BHS members Bob and Becky Cipperly on Moonlawn Road was constructed about 1900 to serve as the headquarters of the Brunswick Creamery and Produce Co. The principal operator and probable founder of this enterprise was Louis B. Thurston. While a photograph of the structure in the Society's collection shows the Brunswick Creamery and Produce Co. featured a broadside painted across its front indicating it was a supplier of milk, cream, butter, and eggs, documentary evidence suggests Thurston's business was, at least at some point, a major producer of butter. Thurston's occupation, in the 1900 federal census, is listed as that of manufacturer of butter, and, in the 1905 state census, as manager of a butter factory. Thurston apparently spread his butter too thin, however, as the company was declared bankrupt about 1916. Butter jars and butter shipping boxes were listed as among the firm's remaining assets.

Alvah H. Carner subsequently purchased the property, establishing his residence and a milk dealership at the old creamery. His business was apparently substantial as Moonlawn Road

became known as Creamery Road (1925 New York State Census). One of Carner's daughters, Florence (1909-1999), married J. Roswell Lee, son of Joseph Lee who also operated a dairy. The Cipperlys have owned the old creamery for nearly 50 years, and learned about the various modifications made to the structure firsthand from Florence Carner Lee, who served as Brunswick Town Historian 1960-1985. The building retains its slate roofing and novelty clapboard siding. The Cipperlys enjoy telling how they found traces of the Brunswick Creamery and Produce Co.'s broadside while scraping old paint in preparation for repainting.

The bronze historic marker for the Cipperly residence is currently being produced, and we hope to present it before the holidays. This year our committee welcomes the participation of Dr. John Delano, and we anxiously await the completion of marker applications on behalf of several other homes with a history to share.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tracy Broderick

Our Annual Tag Sale that was held in September was once again a success. The winner of the quilt was Cathy Cioffi, Basket of cheer, Florence Strang, Lotto basket, Bryan Satterlee. Thank you to all who came to support us and for those of you who contributed. We had a few different vendors which was very nice to see. We also had a quilting demonstration inside the Society.

I have found in recent years, it's been very hard to get new members to become involved in the Society. I do realize that everyone has other obligations and life is busy. At the same time I'm finding it difficult to continue to ask the same people to help out over and over again, people who have been the cornerstone of our organization that have been supporting us for years. It's time that someone else can step up and help out. So, I am asking, to ALL members, please think about volunteering. We need new people, new ideas. Someone who can take us into the future. I'm not asking for all your time, I'm just asking for a few hours a month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015 - 2016

December: Christmas Open House, Friday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Society. The annual Christmas Tree lighting will take place at 7:00 p.m.

March: The Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 19th at the Brunswick Community Center on Keyes Lane. More details to follow.

VOLUNTEERS

In 2014 we had just over 330 visitors that came through our doors. Our sincere thanks to those members who donated their time to staff the Society during visiting hours.

Remember additional volunteers are always welcome! The job is not difficult or hard to learn. You will be paired up with a volunteer that will help you to familiarize yourself with the Society.

We are open on Wednesdays from 1-3 and Saturday's 10-3.



Check out our Facebook page. There are always interesting articles and items from our collection. Don't forget to like us.

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BRUNSWICK VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

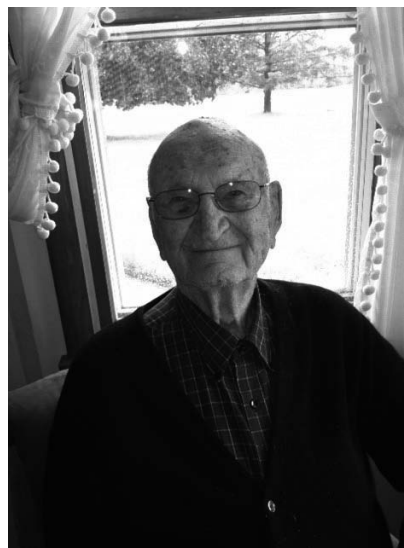
There is still an opportunity to order Memorial Bricks to be installed at the Veteran's Memorial Park, located on Route 2 in Eagle Mills. The bricks can be engraved with the names of veterans, non-veterans, residents, families of Brunswick, businesses and other organizations interested in being a part of Brunswick history.

Applications for the purchase are available at the Society headquarters, the Town Hall or the Brunswick Library. Any questions regarding the purchase or installation of the brick should be directed to President Tracy Broderick at president@bhy-ny-org (please write "Memorial Bricks" in the subject line). You may also call the Society with any inquiries.

Please note: Bricks are installed when a total of six (6) orders have been received from the public. If you have already placed an order and installation has not yet occurred, it is due to this policy and we regret any inconvenience.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY !!!

A long time member of the BHS and an outstanding citizen in Brunswick, Irv Miller owner of the Miller Farm turned 100 on September 29th. His family held an Open House in his honor. We want to wish him Happy Birthday!!



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Mission Statement

The Brunswick Historical Society shall bring together those persons interested in the discovery, collection and preservation of historical materials as they relate to the Town of Brunswick and Rensselaer County, N.Y. The Society shall encourage and promote the preservation of historical buildings, cemeteries, monuments and markers of local importance.

The Society is a non-profit 501(c) (3) educational organization, chartered by the New York State Board of Regents since 1981. In accord with the Society's Absolute Charter the Society continually meets the requirements of the Board of Regents, including research, collections management and providing programs and interpretive activities for the education benefit of the public.