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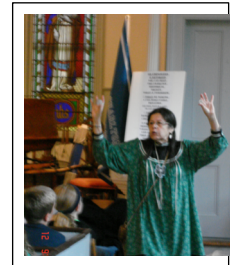
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CHS Children's Program June 14, 2014

Charlton Historical Society was honored to receive the Stewart's Holiday Match donation of \$300.00 to be used directly for children 18 years and under. On June 14,

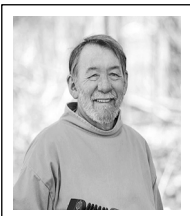
one hundred 4th graders from Charlton Heights hopped on buses and traveled to the historical society museum to learn about Native American history in New York State. At the museum, they met Kay Olan (lonataie:was), a Mohawk educator and storyteller, who told stories about the Native American life that were passed down through the oral tradition of her people. After the program, the pupils crossed the street to the one room schoolhouse to hear about the school life of Charlton children from 1849 to the mid 1950's. They looked around the schoolroom and spotted the bell pull and were eager to try their hands at ringing it. They enjoyed ringing the school bell that beckoned Charlton children to school in the past.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**TO KICKOFF THE FALL SEASON, JOIN US FOR A
JOINT PROGRAM WITH HARMONY HALL ON**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM



John Roberts has been singing English folk songs since the early 1960s, when he joined a local folk club in his native Worcestershire. Coming to the U.S. as a graduate student in 1968, he soon joined with Tony Barrand to form a duo, which has lasted ever since. While continuing to work with Tony, and with the seasonal performances of Nowell Sing We Clear, John has continued to work as a solo performer, accompanying a broad repertoire of British Isles songs on concertina and banjo.

He's performed at major folk festivals, including Old Songs and the GottaGetGon in our area.

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Maple Ave Schoolhouse, Charlton
Presenters: TBA

Holiday Party

Date: Monday, December 1, 2014
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Charlton Tavern

Welcome New Members

The Charlton Historical Society would like to welcome our two latest new members. Judith Barney Kless of Bethesda, Maryland joined us in June and Bonny R. Cook of Rancho Palos Verdes, California joined us in August. Judi is trying to determine if she has ancestral ties to Charlton by a Daniel Barney. Bonny's husband is definitely a descendent of Nathaniel Cook.

Judi has been researching an area ancestor, Daniel Barney, who married a Jemima Rogers [b. Connecticut ~ 1772?] in July 1791 by Minister William Scheneck at the Ballston Center, NY Presbyterian Church. The church at Ballston Center was unable to help Judi because the fire that they had a while ago destroyed their records. Judi's attorney cousin found a Daniel F. Barney, listed on a NYS mortgage record dated March 20, 1795, as an "Attorney, Town of Charlton, Southerly half of Lot Eleven of the XIII allotment of the patent of Kayadarossas". We are not sure if Daniel F. Barney is Judi's ancestor.

Daniel and Jemima Barney had two children who were orphaned at an early age. The first, Elizabeth "Eliza" Barney was born about 1792, followed by James Rogers Barney [b. 1796] who lived in Glenville and taught school, possibly at the Green Corners one-room school.

Judi has provided us with MUCH more research and I have passed on the original papers to our super sleuth, Chuck Latham. Chuck has not been able to find out more about this Daniel Barney or Daniel's parents, and the Town Historians for Charlton and Ballston have found nothing either. If any of our members think that they want to take a stab at finding more, please let Chuck Latham or Susan York know.

Bonny Cook's husband, Alan Lincoln Cook, is a descendent of Nathaniel Cook, who was born 1728 in Upper Freehold, NJ and married to a Margaret Robbins. With much thanks to Joyce Riedinger, Fern Cook, and probably many more helpers, the Charlton Historical Society has a WHOLE book of information and photos on the Nathaniel and Margaret Cook family tree. For the book, Fern Cook wrote a Cook Family History about how Nathaniel and Margaret had 9 children, all born in New Jersey before they moved to Charlton in about 1778, to settle down at a farm on Peaceable Street. For the 1994 Festival of Families at Harmony Hall, Fern helped to assemble a "Cook Display" with all kinds of artifacts, photos of which are in the book. The book also shows that our very own Al

LaRue, who everyone in Town knows, is descended from Nathaniel and Margaret Cook. Our Charlton Town Historian has index cards that show that Nathaniel and Margaret are buried in plots # 344 and #343 of Sweetman Cemetery.

The Charlton Historical Society would like to thank the 2014 Sponsors of our 5K Race and ask that our members patronize their businesses.

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We also wish to thank Bill Herkenham and his race committee for doing another wonderful job to organize this year's 5K race. We ESPECIALLY thank Bill and Elizabeth Herkenham for their generous donation of many of the race expenses.

CHUCK LATHAM'S CHARLTON HISTORY—FACTS AND LEGENDS

Reminiscences

By Winifred McConchie Palmateer

A Halloween Scare!

(This occurred in the 1920's)

Like all children, we wanted to go Halloweening. The only trouble was we lived on a farm and the nearest neighbor was probably close to a half-mile away from us. We coaxed to go until finally our folks gave us permission. Kenneth, the neighbor boy, came up to our house and the three oldest of us children, Ruth, John and I, started off with him. I cannot remember just how old we were. I do know none of us was yet in our teens.

What a funny sight the four of us must have been as we trudged off down the road carrying a lantern! In those days children did not go out for Trick-or-Treats-at least, not where we lived. You might put a tic & tac on someone's window or knock on someone's door and run like mad to get out of sight before they saw you-but that was all.

However, we did not go near any of the four houses we passed as we walked down the road to the nearest corner, which was more than a mile away.

Instead, we just made noise-lots of it. We walked to the corner and then started home again. Everything went fine until we reached the second house where the LaRues lived. Then things began to happen.

Just as we got in front of their house, a dog began to bark right behind the bushes close to the road. Were we scared! We started off up the road just as fast as we could run with the dog in close pursuit.

All might have been well if it hadn't been for Ruth. She couldn't run as fast as the rest of us could because she was smaller. Besides, she was carrying the lantern alone by this time because whoever had hold of it with her had run so fast he was far ahead. She became so frightened that she fell over in the ditch and was unable to move. In addition to that, when she fell, the lantern went out and we were in complete darkness.

We had to run back and find her. She was so afraid she could not get up by herself. Two of us pulled her along while the other carried the lantern. After we had stumbled along over the dirt road for some distance and felt sure the dog was no longer close behind us, we stopped to light the lantern again.

With shaking fingers, we finally managed to get it going and once more started off with two of us dragging Ruth along as fast as we could while the other one ran ahead with the lantern.

I am sure we went back up that dark, lonesome road much faster than we went down it. When we finally reached the safety of our own home, we were a much quieter group of children than we had been when we left. We were sure we never wanted to go Halloweening again.

Hurriedly we went into the house to tell our terrifying experience only to have the folks start laughing so hard the tears rolled down their cheeks. We did not know why they were laughing until they finally explained that LaRues had no dog.

You see, Mr. LaRue had heard us going by and then decided he, too, would have some Halloween fun.

Volunteers

To carry out the mission of Charlton Historical Society, we need community involvement. This includes the support by attending our programs as well as volunteering to preserve the 1804 and 1859 buildings and the museum collections. By giving just an hour or more, you will be strengthening the preservation of Charlton history as well as providing activities for Charlton residents. If you can help us, please call Sue York at 399-3797 or at yorkmm474@aol.com.

The Charlton Historical Society also thanks volunteers who gave their time to organize the Founders' Day activities and spring activities. A thanks goes out to:

- John Hussey and his committee for organizing, setting up, and supervising the Founders' Day Parade.
- Eileen Stone and her committee for running the Founders' Day Farmers' Market.
- The Dairy Princess Organization under the supervision of Shelly Smith for providing the Ice Cream Social.
- Chuck Latham and Penny Heritage for planning and providing a meaningful Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Town Historian Marv Livingston and BH-BL Social Studies teacher Kevin Ahern for presenting the May CHS meeting.
- The Charlton Garden Club for tending our beautiful gardens.

Our nominating committee is setting to work on putting together a slate of officers and trustees for next year. If you would like to be more involved in the Society, contact Alice Crotty at 399-4153 or Sue York at 399-3797.

Announcements:

If you have stories about Ballston Lake in the good old days, contact Suzanne Bishop <kwenebishop@gmail.com>.

Copies of the centennial reprint of *The Charlton Cook Book* are on sale at the gift table at program meetings.

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