

# Town of Pulteney Historian Report

December 2014

I have just received a folder with a treasure trove of goodies regarding the Stever-Ford family. Blanche Kinkaid Ford owned the grocery store in South Pulteney. Marion Ford Simonson was her daughter who lived her life in South Pulteney. The pictures of family are wonderful, plus all the genealogy information. The Ford and Simonson family files will be greatly enhanced by this information. I also received a call from Linda Lewis regarding working on researching historical houses and buildings in Pulteney. I will try to return her call soon.

I am entering a diary from 1887 into the computer right now. He was a teacher, but I have yet to figure out who it is. I've almost completed it and there is a second one from 1889 to enter. Perhaps the second one will give me a clue as to who he is.

This will be my last Historian Report as I'm resigning at the end of the month. I would like to keep helping to enter information in the computer from home to help out the new Historian if he or she would like.

## **Pulteney News December 8, 1981 by Conny Tears**

The Pulteney 4-H ers would like to remind the people of Pulteney that they will be setting up a community Christmas Tree on Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who might have an approximate 10 foot tree that may be donated for this special event, may contact Karen Rooks at 868-4211. Everyone is welcome to participate in this event and refreshments will be greatly appreciated for after the tree setting. For anyone interested in helping set the tree, they will meet at the Pulteney Town Hall at 1 PM.

On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, the 4-H ers will be Christmas caroling at 7 PM. A donation of refreshments for these young people to have afterwards at the Pulteney Town Hall, would surely be welcomed.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Tears of Bath and Mr. & Mrs. Don Snyder of Pulteney were the dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Ernie and Sharon Daggett on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. & Mrs. Seymour Harris of Macedon, were the guests of Mrs. Minnie Perry of South Pulteney, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mike Welch and Vince Gibson from Cub Scout Den #3 each received a digital-alarm wristwatch for being second and third top salesmen in the "Three Jacks Curiosity Shop" that the scouts sold.

The Pulteney Firemen's Drill will be Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM at the firehouse.

## **Pine Grove News December 20, 1894**

Mrs. Alice Osborn of Rochester is visiting around here this week.

John Wheeler and family visited at Rev. F. A. Wildman's Sunday.

We understand that Frank Alexander, the retired cowboy, is now hunting lions in the dense jungles of Scuttville.

The farmers of this vicinity are busy plowing, and from this it looks as though we might have a black Christmas.

Some certain persons who attended the donation, if they can't find anything better to do than to steal gloves and rubbers, had better stay at home for they will not be missed.

### **Catawba News December 25, 1919**

Mr. & Mrs. James Reed, daughter Madeline, of Elmira, visited Mr. & Mrs. Ira Gibson the last of the week.

Miss Grace Dillenbeck of Hammondsport spent the wee-end with Miss Mildred Cole.

Miss Florence Littler visited Mary Sullivan the last of the week.

Ralph Casselberry has returned to his home in Jamesville after spending some time with Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Sullivan.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Clark, and son Lewis, spent Thursday in Corning.

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Davis and children visited Mr. & Mrs. William Laffler the last of the week.

Lozier Wheeler has gone to Indiana to spend the winter.

Mr. & Mrs. James Earley and children spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Jephtha Bennett.

Mrs. Edward Gibson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Perley Eggleston, at Aurora.

Mrs. William Tears of Prattsburgh is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Ball, for a few weeks.

Miss Dorothy Stone who is teaching in Campbell and Miss Ruby Stone of Corfu, are spending their Christmas vacations with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Stone and Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Stone.

Mr. & Mrs. Derastus Tillman of Elmira are the proud parents of a baby girl, Helen Lucile.

Mrs. James Hall, who has been very sick, is much better.

Geo. Schoffler, who has been very sick, went to Bath the last of the week to see a doctor.

Mrs. Smith Gowan and Mrs. Mary Hall spent a few days in Bath visiting Mr. & Mrs. Avery Carrigan.

Miss Lulu Hadden spent the week in Hornell and Bath visiting friends.

Mr. Gilbert Dykiman and Gilbert Waters of Dundee visited Mr. & Mrs. Smith Girvan (Gowin??) the last of the week.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Bert Stone, a baby boy, Dec. 18, 1919.

A good many from this place attended the Kelly and Smith murder trial in Corning.

A Merry Christmas to all.

### **South Pulteney News December 12, 1892**

A much needed rain came last week.

Frank Beech is pressing hay for William Lines.

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Williams were in this place last week.

Mrs. Dolson J. Wixom of Urbana is spending the week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. William Lines.

Mrs. C. M. Hayward of Prattsburgh was at her farm in this place last week.

Miss Hattie Lines was in Pulteney last Monday.

Commissioner E. C. Smith of Hammondsport visited our school last week.

### **Pulteney News December 16, 1886**

Mr. Ira H. Horton, whose death occurred Monday morning, the 6<sup>th</sup>, was a son of John Horton, and of a family consisting of six sons and three daughters, all of whom have become useful and respected citizens, and who survive him except Morris Horton who died sixteen years ago.

He was born in Pulteney May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1822, on the farm now occupied by Stephen Stone, and was a resident of that town till 1874 when he moved to Prattsburgh village. Here he

has followed the occupation of a house-painter till a little more than a year ago, when he met with a fall that proved to be quite serious and which probably hastened his end. Thrice was he married. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters to mourn his departure.

Mr. Horton possessed in a great degree those qualities which make up the true citizen, neighbor and friend, and his family relations were emphasized with care and love which are inseparable from the conscientious discharge of every trust. The honest convictions of his heart were illustrated in his life without dissimulation. He was a member of the M. E. church of this village, and adorned his profession by a quiet Christian life. His funeral was held at the church last Wednesday, the pastor, Rev. G. S. Spencer, officiating.

Mr. James McConnell expects to go to the hospital at New York, for an examination of his back. He has been troubled with it for years-----Marion Brush is attending school at Franklin academy---Miss Ida Hall and several of the young ladies of this place are attending school in Prattsburgh.

Henry C. Lyon Post, No. 535, of Pulteney, N. Y., voted to hold their annual camp fire on Friday evening Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1886. General invitaion to all.

Miss Sarah Northup of Pulteney died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1886, aged 38 years. She had been an invalid for a year or more.

### **Elmbois News December 11, 1902**

Mr. VanGelder and daughters recently visited friends at Risingville.

Mrs. Mary Tobias is the guest of Mrs. Mary Watkins and other relations for a few days.

Mr. & Mrs. Byron Drew and little daughter Alice visited friends at New Fane, Niagara Co., the past week.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller, of Italy Hill, visited Mr. Mrs. F. D. Potter Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Everyone is busy getting ready for the Christmas tree and entertainment to be given at the church Christmas eve.

Mr. & Mrs. William VanGelder entertained a party of young people Saturday evening in honor of their daughter Katharine's eighteenth birthday. A most enjoyable time is reported.

## **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

Sharon Daggett  
Town of Pulteney Historian

**Donations given to Town of Pulteney**  
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