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Historians Report

I shared a phone conversation with a gentleman who was renovating a home in South Pulteney. In one of the walls he found an old journal and several other items. They were in pretty rough shape, but I still look forward to seeing them sometime in the near future. Duane Bergstresser paid me a visit and gave me the opportunity to look at an old Steuben County census book. I spoke with a lady trying to locate a schoolhouse on Gibson Hill. That actually was quite an easy one, since the building still stands today. Her father attended the school as a child and now in his late 80s, she wanted to bring him back to see it once again. I also had an inquiry into the Waddell family and any descendents of Samuel Waddell. Sharon Daggett and her team continue to organize, record, and copy, historical newspaper clippings. We continue transferring records and documents to electronic files. Scanning these documents is taking a little bit longer only because I tend to find myself stopping and reading quite a bit along the way.

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Military Wall

Recognition and support of our veterans is a cause near and dear to me. Anybody from our town who has served our country belongs on our wall. If you are a veteran from our community, or know somebody else that is, and you do not have your name and picture up there, please contact me so that we can make it happen.

This Month in History

Catawba June 1923 -- Dan Gowans and his daughter, Anna, and son, Mary, well on their way to church, Sunday, or run into by an auto run by Bernard Snyder at the turn of the corner at Vaughan. The horse ran away and it through Mr. Gowans and his children helped, hurting them all, but the daughter the worst. Young boys who run cars should drive more slowly.

Pine Grove June 1902--the Children's Day exercises through a full house Sunday evening and were very enjoyable. The programme was well spoken of by all present. --Of what does a bad taste in your mouth remind you? It indicates that your stomach is in bad condition and will remind you that there is nothing so good for such a disorder as Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets after having once used them. They cleanse and invigorate the stomach and regulate the bowels. For sale at \$.25 per box by C. F. Hayes, druggist.

South Pulteney June 1904--we have too many crows in Pulteney and they are doing a great deal of damage in cornfields. We would like to know how to get rid of them.

Elmbois June 1910--Mrs. George Snyder senior celebrated her 59th birthday, Sunday, by having a family dinner. William Donnelly and family of Prattsburgh attended, and Walter Snyder and family. A pleasant day was passed and it is hoped she will see many more happy birthdays.— Measles are still spreading here.— The first two shipments of cheese from the Elmbois Cheese Factory sold for 14 and 14 ½ cents per pound

Pulteney June 1890--Sunday afternoon Isaac Purue found a dynamite And as he was like many others, "didn't know it was loaded" undertook to dig out the fulminate, and succeeded in accomplishing it, but in doing so got a thumb and finger mangled and will have a play spell for a few days.— The mills only offer 80 cents for best white wheat in Penn Yan, but don't fail to ask \$3.10 for their brand of flour, the Yates. Why is it that wheat is so low and flour so high? Something wrong we think.

Editor's note: In reading through our treasure trove of newspaper articles, there's one thing I have noticed. And that is that as much as times have changed in the last 100+ years, some things never do change. Teenagers still drive too fast around corners, drug companies are still trying to peddle snake oil, crows are still eating the corn, measles still rears its ugly head, and farmers get paid next to nothing for their crop and then pay a sufficient amount more for the finished product off the shelf.