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# PULTENEY'S HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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## Historians Report

I received an email inquiry looking for descendants and living relatives still in the town of Pulteney of Samuel Waddell. I have come across the Waddell name several times and newspaper articles and such. I also welcome any information from people who know of, or are related to the Waddell family.

## The Pulteney Presbyterian Church celebrates 200 years this month!

There will be a 200th homecoming service Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM at Pulteney Presbyterian Church.

The church was forged from the will of the pioneers in a new territory. On July 29th, 1815 the Presbyterian Union Society was organized by Rev. James Hotchkins along with John Hopkins, John Ellis, and Jabiah Havens as elders. The early church used school houses to worship including the school house in Stewart's Corners Road and in 1831 received a gift of one hundred acres from the Sir William Pulteney Estate.

The first church was erected in 1835 near the house of Mr. Nevyus and in 1851 the original building was replaced with a more modern structure. In 1897, through the efforts of Mr. James Drake, a pipe organ was purchased (one of the 29 made) and it was converted to electric in 1941. Beautiful stained glass windows adorn the north, south and east sides for the building which were given in memory of many who faithfully served the church during early years.

As the church celebrates its 200th anniversary, a special "Homecoming" service is planned for September. Commemorative ornaments and mugs will also be available for purchase.

From the beginning, the church on the hill overlooking Keuka Lake has flourished. Early pastors to the present have guided our church forward as we continue serve our community and town.

(Special thanks to Susan Davis Faber McCullum, MD for her input.)

## 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— July 1904--the warm weather brings a large crowd along the lake. Every cottage in place that has a roof over it is filled.— Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Arnold, of Prattsburgh, were guests at the Gibson house Sunday.— Mrs. C. W. Holliday and daughter Mary of Albany, are at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Holley.

Pine Grove— July 1894--Wallace Stone mourns the loss of his pet skunk. We extend our sympathies.— There is a person in this place who has nearly worn himself out trying to find out who the Pine Grove correspondent is. He has got him nearly run down now, and if his wind holds out for a few weeks more he will surely have him fast, and then woe be it to the poor reporter.— W\_\_\_\_\_, the next time you write to three different girls at the same time, you had better seal the envelopes, as it **will** save lots of trouble.

South Pulteney--July 1904--the union C. E. Meeting was held with the Methodist Church at Pulteney Sunday evening. A very pleasing program was rendered. A solo song by Mrs. H. D. Bedell was much appreciated and several excellent papers were read, one by Mr. W Smith and the subject, "If Jesus were here would there be no more evil done?" He referred in particular to the licensed saloon and of the duty of the church and working as a unit against it.

Elmbois--July 1910--at the last M. Y. P. S., Action was taken to procure a box of fruit for Miss Minnie McCann of Pulteney, who is quite ill. It was presented to her on Friday night by Mrs. Jesse Snyder and Gladys Watkins, and was very thankful he received. --The many friends and old neighbors are very sorry to learn of Lyman Horton's illness.

Pulteney--July 1895--the navigation companies did a rushing business July 4. Every boat carried good crowds at every trip.-- Raspberries are an excellent crop and the crop is being rapidly harvested. The prospect for lots of fruit is good, except for plums, which are very light.— Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cook are rejoicing over the happy event of the daughter at their home. Their friends and Pulteney rejoice with them.— Drake's fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> drew a very large crowd in boats and many by other conveyances. The display surpassed former years and is reported to have cost several hundred dollars.— Nelson Retan injured his left hand on Friday last, quite severely, having the tip of the index finger taken off by a heavy shaft falling upon. Fortunately he carried an accident policy.

