
PULTENEY'S HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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Historians Report

the month of January was fairly quiet. I did have the opportunity to speak with our new town supervisor Mark Illig. He and I plan on meeting together in person in the very near future to share some ideas.

Sharon Daggett and her gang of scissor wielding friends will be wrapping up her ongoing and in-depth project of sorting and cataloguing newspaper clippings that relate to Pulteney and its outlying communities.

I'm excited to hear that Lauren and Pat Welch will be opening Welch's Hometown Market in the very near future. I know I have some pictures that we can copy and enlarge for their store. They are also asking anybody else in the community that may have some pictures of historical significance that can be copied and hung in their store. It's always a good day when a small local business opens up in small town America.

This Month in History

Pulteney— January 1890--Please inform me who is not suffering from "LaGrippe". When you see anyone sitting down and holding his or her head, or see them going along clasping their arms across her stomach, or wiping their eyes, please have pity for them, they are not drunk, or just getting over a tear, it's the grippe feeling of them. And his hands are not light either. There are as many ways for it to commence on one as there are people to add it. No pneumonia cases here as yet, but all suffer with fever, pain in limbs and head, some are deranged and all very sick for three or four days, then look out for a relapse. — Very heavy rain Sunday night, but frozen up now. Summer weather and no wonder so many are sick. — Mr. Fred Arnold's youngest child at a severe fit last Friday, caused from teething; is better now.

Elmbois-- January 1911--Lewis Tyler Senior had his hip and ankle injured one day last week by a horse. -- Seymour Clark, near Wheeler, formally of this place, died last night at diabetis.--The nice sleighing, which we have been enjoying so much, seems to be slipping away.

Catawba— January 1920--if you young friends of Chandos Shuart gave him a little surprise party last Friday night. All had a good time.— The lake is frozen over. We have had some winter weather. Who said that it was going to be a mild winter? The roads are all drifted full. — Mr. J. S. Foster fell and hurt himself last Wednesday so he has been confined to his bed and is in very serious condition. — Mr. and Mrs. Will Ball gave a party last Wednesday evening for their son Alden and served refreshments. All reported a fine time. — Miss Ruth Cayward at Prattsburgh the last of the week and got snowed in, so there wasn't any school the first of the week.

Pine Grove— January 1891--Elmer Riley sprained his ankle one day last week, but is better at this writing. — This weekend is the revival meeting. Much of it is been done and we hope there will be more before the week is out. — John Dean and Co. made a shipment of a fine lot of those Razorback hogs we have heard about. If there was not enough car room they put several in a picking box on top. We think that the dentists of New York City will have a large order of false teeth in the near future.



Building on the right in the background should be familiar to most Pultenee residents. The Odd Fellows Hall was demolished 35 or so years ago. More on that building later. The house on the left remains in existence today. It had a few rough and tired years but has recently been brought back to life. I have it on good authority that the gentleman standing in the foreground in front of his car would be Pat Riley who lived up near where the Pinegrove and once stood.

Photo credit: Fred Holley

The picture on the right shows the house above completely renovated and will be opening soon as Welch's Hometown Market. It will be a grocery store, pizzeria, and deli.

