



Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:00 p.m. Greece Public Library
Up Close with Two Greece Pioneer Families

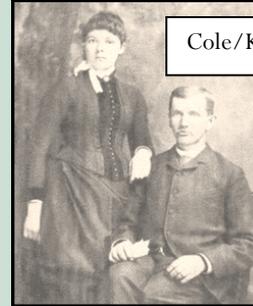
Come meet descendants of two early Greece settlers - the **Volkmar** and **Cole/Kenyon** families. Join **Jo Ann Ward Snyder** and **Marie Poinan** to hear how they interviewed these family members when researching their book *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece*. Marie and Jo Ann will show how community engagement helped us collect and preserve the stories of our town's pioneer families.

Carolyn Kerhaert descends from **Adam and Catherine Volkmar** who came to Greece about 1865 and were involved in the founding of St. John the Evangelist Church. Their story in the book was written by Jo Ann. **Deb Myers** and **Maureen Murphy** are from the **Stephen and Matilda Cole** family who settled in the area in 1814, before there was a Town of Greece or an Erie Canal. Abram Cole, Jr. married Mary Ida Kenyon in the Greece Baptist Church in 1875 and their story was written by Marie.

Volkmar family photo



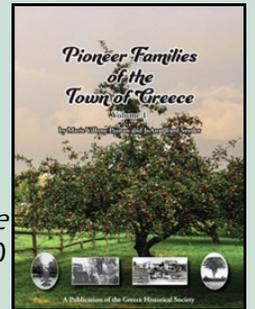
Cole/Kenyon family photo



Learn how these descendants became interested in tracing their families' history and came to the Greece Historical Society to have their stories preserved in our Bicentennial pioneer book. Feel free to bring your copy of the book to be autographed by the authors after the presentation.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Log in to Greece Public Library <https://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/> then click on Events then Calendar, then May 10 or call 585.225.8951. Attendance is limited.
Direct link: <https://greecepubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=10611&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/05/01>

Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece
will be for sale that evening. Cost \$30.00



Sunday, May 22 - 2:00 p.m. at the Greece Museum
Grandfather Stories by **David Kunz**

Dave's stories feature some of the great narrative poetry that entertained our grandparents, as well as tall tales, personal stories, and adaptations of favorite short stories. He started telling stories formally over 30 years ago in Minnesota, although he says he's been a liar most of his life. Adults and children of all ages will enjoy Dave's unique point of view and the entertaining twists of plots and characters that characterize his storytelling.



Dave has been an active member of several local and regional storytelling associations, both in Minnesota and New York State. He still enjoys listening to fellow storytellers at various festivals – there's nothing better than a good story! He lives on the shores of Lake Ontario in Greece, NY.

"President's Message"



I would like to thank all of you who have already sent in your membership, especially those who added a little extra. It is a big job for our volunteers to process all the mail this month so it may take a while to receive acknowledgements and thank you letters from us.

Our April 10 program drew nearly 60 guests, many from areas outside of Greece. A recording of the program is available on our website under Archives. The title is: The Architecture of Thomas W. Boyde, Jr.

GHS has kept me traveling this past month. I attended a museum conference in Corning, photographed some structures in Hamlin for one of our projects, picked up some family photos in the town of Manchester, and gave a talk at St. John's Meadows in Brighton. Then there were the daily trips to the Post Office to pick up all the membership renewals that have been mailed in.

Our plans for our June 20 Strawberry festival at the Town pavilion are moving along; we will have all the details in our June Corinthian. We could sure use some volunteers that Monday morning of the event in setting up chairs and tables etc. If you can help, please call me at 225-3760.

We had hoped to offer a couple of outside Sunday afternoon programs in our back yard this summer but because of the construction, we will probably have to cancel those events. However, we have scheduled our first indoor Sunday afternoon program at the museum for May 22.

As a reminder, our museum will be closed on Mother's Day, May 8, and Sunday, May 29 (Memorial Day weekend) so our volunteers can spend time with their families.

Bill Sauers, President



Last summer our vice president, **Tom Sawnor**, unexpectedly passed away. At the time, Tom was arranging for the removal of the overgrown bushes and adding the subsequent new landscaping in the front of our house. In memory of Tom, his wife Janie, financed the new landscaping and last month placed the memorial stone in the garden.

We are seeking able-bodied volunteers to help setup our Strawberry Festival in the town pavilion. On Monday morning, June 20, we could sure use a few people to help setup tables and chairs and to bring some things over from our museum. If you can help, give Bill a call at 225-3760 or the museum at 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com



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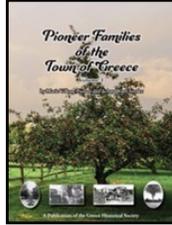


We are so glad to be open. We have seen many visitors. Someone stopped in to ask about her ancestors in Greece. After reviewing our Pioneer Families book, we discovered that we both attended the same school in Hilton. Her sister was in my class and my brother was in her class!

Local history is amazing. Any conversation can bring back many memories. Stop in and see if your ancestors made history.

As always, we'll see you on Sunday 1:30-4:00.

Wendy Peck
Shop Coordinator



Our Calendar

The Museum is open Sundays 1:30 -4:00 p.m.

Office hours, Mondays 10am -12pm

To make an appointment send an email to:

greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

CLOSED

Sunday May 8, Mother's Day

Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day weekend

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. Up Close with Two Greece Pioneer Families

Sunday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. Grandfather Stories

Monday, June 20, Strawberry Festival

Sunday, September 18, Pasta Dinner

Check our website or Facebook page prior to any event as COVID protocols may have changed.

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Pick up your Pioneer Certificate

Pioneer certificates will be available for pick-up at the office during business hours (10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) any Monday during the month of May. Anyone who has applied for a Pioneer Certificate can pick theirs up in person or make other arrangements by calling the office at 585-225-7221.

Those of you who want your certificate delivered via snail mail can expect to receive it by May 20. If you have not received it in the mail by that date, please call the office and let us know.

Each family who participated in the *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* book will receive a certificate.

GHS Happenings

On April 12, nearly 60 guests came to hear from our team working on the Architect Thomas Boyde study. **Katie Eggers Comeau** and **Christopher Brandt** were live at the Greece Public Library, while **Jeffery A. "Free" Harris**, spoke via video link from Hampton, Virginia.



On April 9, we were visited by the Shipmates group from Bethany Presbyterian Church.



Our April 10 used book sale of history material was a huge success with nearly 60 visitors shopping for that special piece of history.



In mid-April, with the help of a grant from the New York Council on the Arts, **Bill Sauers** was able to attend and represent the Greece Historical Society at the Museum Association of New York (MANY) conference held at the Corning Glass Museum. Conferences like this are a good chance for the Greece Historical Society to learn from and network with other museum and historical society colleagues.



The Bicentennial at GHS

Bicentennial Snapshots Have begun

Our Bicentennial Snapshots debuted on March 22 on the Society's Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel. Continuing weekly on Tuesday mornings for the next year, each Snapshot video gives a brief look at a particular aspect of Greece history; we will cover people, places, and events that comprise the vibrant history of our Town from its earliest days to the present.

These Bicentennial Snapshots are researched, written, and narrated by **Maureen Whalen** and assembled and produced by **Pat Worboys**. **Bill Sauers, Joe Vitello, Lee Strauss, Alan Mueller, Marie Poinan, and Jo Ann Ward Snyder** are contributing ideas, information, and photographs.



Bicentennial Snapshots is one of a variety of programs and projects planned by the Greece Historical Society to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Town of Greece.

You can find the Bicentennial Snapshots on our Facebook page or on our website at <https://greecehistoricalsociety.org/200-years/bicentennial-snapshots/>.

Here's the May Bicentennial Snapshots schedule:

May 3: We conclude our three-part presentation on the attacks along the Greece shores of Lake Ontario during the War of 1812 with a look at the battle fought on May 15, 1814.

May 10: We celebrate the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse, the oldest active lighthouse on Lake Ontario, which is also marking its bicentennial.

May 17: We introduce you to Giles Holden, the first keeper of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse.

May 24: We introduce you to Samuel and Lydia and George and Frances Latta from one of the preeminent families of the Town of Greece.

May 31: We begin our two-part presentation on "the Ridge."

Bicentennial Raffle Tickets Now Available

During the months of May and June, the Greece Historical Society will be selling raffle tickets for Bicentennial prize signs (pictured here and available to view in our gift shop), which have been specially created to honor the Bicentennial of the Town of Greece.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. They are available in the museum gift shop each Sunday during museum hours or in the office each Monday. Tickets will also be sold at the Strawberry Festival on June 20 where the pioneer family book will be available for sale.

The drawing will be held on July 10, 2022 and you need not be present to win. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards maintenance and upkeep of the house and museum. Thank you for your support.

1st prize



2nd prize



3rd prize



4th prize



5th prize



Greece History

A Community Gathering Place

by Bill Sauers

Every community or neighborhood has a gathering place. Over time many come and go, they may change hands or change their name, but eventually something happens and the old place becomes nothing but a memory to the local old timers. Then there are places like the Dutch Mill at Dewey and Stone Roads that seem like they were always there and always will be, but maybe not!

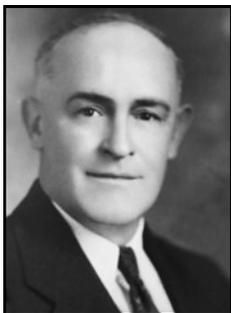
Back in 1928 Leon Cox, who helped organize the Barnard Fire Department, and his wife, Bertha, opened a hotdog stand. Leon constructed a windmill to use as an ornament on the stand. Bertha thought Old Mill would be a good name for their business while Leon suggested Dutch Mill. Drawing straws resulted in Leon's choice and the Dutch Mill opened with the windmill on top of the small building.

In 1932, with the end of Prohibition, the Coxes added a bar to sell beer and liquor. Then came a \$10,000 addition. Eventually the place was sold to Donald Hall, Thomas Brierly Sr. and Thomas Brierly Jr. The trio made extensive improvements. Next, the curved front of the building was added which was designed to provide a glass windowed private banquet hall on the second floor, although that part of the second floor appears to have never been used. The main floor was altered to include a distinctive bar from the famous, now demolished, Odenbach Peacock Room from Main and Clinton in downtown Rochester. In 1947, they changed the name to the NEW Dutch Mill. Saturday afternoon movies were added and in 1948 it was advertised as the nation's first Cinema Restaurant. Bands played for dancing in the evenings.

In 1984, Chester and Sharon Ventura bought the restaurant and remodeled it; the name went back to just the Dutch Mill. In 2016, AnnMarie and Bob Simmons took over the operation. The Simmons immediately became involved in the community by offering fundraising opportunities and participating in community events. They brought in new bands, started an open mic night, and with their big screen television, drew packed crowds during major sporting events.

Over the years the Dutch Mill was our town's gathering or meeting place. Nearly every organization held their meetings and banquets there. Clam bakes, dance lessons, and euchre clubs regularly met there and countless wedding receptions took place on the second floor. All the while, the old windmill, although now a bit tattered, stood atop the building.

This past spring, we were saddened to learn that the Dutch Mill was sold to the plaza owners next door. On Saturday, April 16, 2022, the Simmons served their last customers, then closed and locked the doors. Currently there has been no announcement about the future of the old place. It is not a designated landmark, so the new owners can do whatever zoning laws allow. We can only surmise its future.



Leon Cox



The Dutch Mill - April 17, 2022

Everyone who visits our museum or participates in one of our programs is expected to adhere to all stated safety protocols, which are subject to change and may be adjusted for consistency with the latest guidance.

Of Interest at GHS

An Interesting 100 Year Forecast

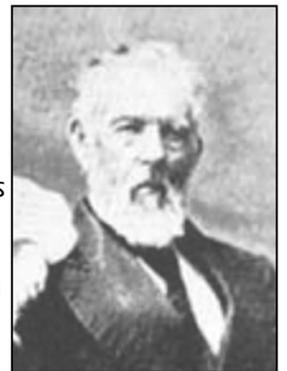
On June 20, 1850 **Lyman B. Langworthy**, supervisor of the Town of Greece, was called upon to dash off a set of predictions to be enclosed in the cornerstone of Monroe County's second court house.

This is the gist of his 100-year forecast:

- ◆ Rochester would become a great industrial center with a population of 125,000 by 1950.
- ◆ In the event of a war with the English, the city would be destroyed.
- ◆ During unusually heavy Spring freshets, floodwaters of the Genesee River would flow through the First Ward.
- ◆ Wheat would become a very uncertain crop locally. Peaches would fail and eventually would not be worth attention.
- ◆ Caledonia Springs or Allen's Creek would be Rochester's principal source of water supply.
- ◆ Railroad trains would be lighter and would achieve a speed of 60 miles an hour.
- ◆ Motive power would replace muscle for tilling the soil.
- ◆ The Atlantic Ocean would be crossed in between 12 and 18 hours, less than a week.
- ◆ No great discovery would be made to equal those of the last 60 years - 1790-1850.
- ◆ The United States would be divided into three parts, each with independent governments.
- ◆ No benefits ever would be derived from balloons, and microscopes and telescopes would not be improved to any great extent.
- ◆ Flying would never be accomplished.
- ◆ Various cults and sects would thrive (he named a few) "until common sense prevailed over superstition and bigotry"
- ◆ There would be changes in government in the Old World.

Lyman B. Langworthy, Supervisor of Greece, NY 1839 to 1841 and 1850 to 1851 by Alan Mueller

The U.S. Census of 1850 lists Lyman B. Langworthy as age 62, living in Greece. He was born in New York State about 1788, his occupation was listed as a farmer. The value of his real estate was \$12,000. The 1858 Map of Monroe County shows the Langworthy farm located on the south side of West Ridge Rd, a short distance east of what would become Dewey Avenue. The value of his personal estate was \$1,000. His wife Ann was also age 62, living in Greece. She was born in Canada. They married December 31, 1848. Both of their graves are in Mt. Hope Cemetery. According to the cemetery records, Mrs. Langworthy was buried May 20, 1862 at the age of 74. She had been living in Greece. The cause of death was given as "old age." Lyman B. Langworthy was buried March 29, 1880 at the age of 92 years, 6 months. His cause of death was the same as his wife Ann.



Lyman B. Langworthy

NOTE: Explore the story of our other Town Supervisors on our updated computer kiosk in our museum exhibit hall.

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