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(MHS)

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Everyone Loves History



Christopher Blomgren a retired History teacher presented this scenario at the Fall Author's Forum this year.

Yes, you read that right: Everyone loves history. "But wait," someone says, I teach history, and I can tell you right now, many MANY people do not love history." And someone else is thinking, "What is this guy talking about? I don't love history. I don't even like history." Perhaps someone else is even asserting, "I hate history, especially American history. Most of the history we were forced to study was a bunch of pointless propaganda and

lame myths."

Okay, so maybe I wrote the heading just to suck you into the conversation. What I should have written was, everyone is *wired* to love history. There are many reasons why people *learn* to hate history, but that is a topic for another day. Right now I want to forward this premise; People are wired to love history.

My job involves convincing a cohort of 100 7th graders that this is true. But have you ever tried to convince a group of 12 year olds that they are wrong and you are right? About anything? If so, welcome to my world...

But while I have never been able to convince an entire class that history is a relevant, exciting, naturally engaging pursuit, I have batted around 80%, an average that lets me sleep peacefully most nights.

So how do I do it? Well, allow e to share some of my finely crafted vignettes and metaphors that tend to win kids over (or at least cause them to pause with a sour look on their face):

1. History allows us to legit peek at someone else's text messages (I used to say diaries, but they don't know what that is anymore). Have you ever been tempted to read someone else's mail, allowing you to sneak a peek at people's innermost thoughts, motivations and desires? Then you might be tempted to study history.
2. Do you enjoy taking or looking at photos? Why is this? Because you want to remember something from the past and maybe share it with others? Hmm, sounds like history.
3. You have just moved into a new house. In the attic of this house is an old trunk. Nobody knows what is in it, but there are many rumors floating around. It is locked, but the lock is flimsy. You think you could get this trunk open with a little effort. Do you take the time to open it? Why? Your answer explains why you like history.
4. You are trying to decide on a movie to watch and you have narrowed it down to two choices. The movies seem to be the same in every way, but one of them says, "Based on a true story." Which movie are you more likely to watch? What does this tell you?
5. In the corner is a time machine. If you choose to use it, you can go back to any place, any time that you want. You can see and hear much of what is going on,



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even though things are a little blurry. You are not allowed to interfere in any way. You cannot be killed or injured by anything you experience. Do you choose to activate the time machine? Why?

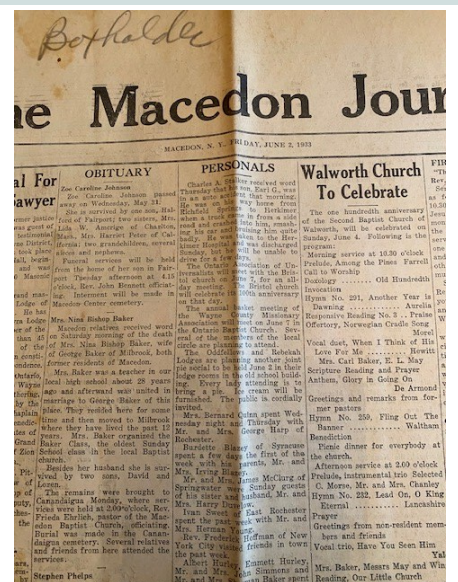
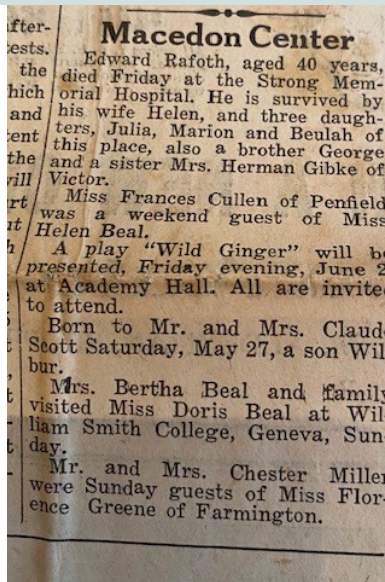
- You were adopted as an infant, and up until today you have had no knowledge of who your birth parents were. Just now your phone rings. It is the hospital calling and the doctor says that a couple were just admitted into the ER following a car crash. They claim to be your birth parents and a DNA test seems to confirm this. They are not likely to survive the week, but they have asked to speak with you. Do you speak with them? Why?
- You have been selected to go on a reality TV show. You know the program won't be exactly the same as last year, but it will be similar. Do you bother to watch shows from last season?
- You are sitting with two other kids. In the cafeteria with 2 other kids. One of them is still bruised from last week when he got beat up by the school bully. The other kid was able to avoid fighting with the bully. Oh, and they both tell you that the bully is looking to beat you up after school. Do you take the time to talk with these kids? Why?
- You have just survived a heart transplant and now have another human being's heart thumping away in your chest. The person donating the heart was a complete stranger; however, you do know that her parents are sitting out in the waiting room. Do you ask to meet them?

So.. There you have it. Most people, even the history haters, can find the metaphor in at least one of these vignettes and recognize that, hey, maybe the people and events of the past actually do relate to me. Maybe I can learn something from a bunch of dead strangers, and maybe I should, because it seems that some of them might be worthy of respect. And maybe those whom I don't respect can at least teach me something that might be of value in my life today.

History. We are all wired to love it, and if you still challenge this, you're probably in 7th grade; however, I will try to convince you with this final snippet:

- Nobody appreciates history less as they get older.....

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Meet at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse



MHS is reserving dates for 2025
Looking for a venue to hold your parties, graduation, craft show, a place to hold lessons, meet and greet? Look no further. The Macedon Center Meetinghouse is your ticket to a fun time. Large main floor, Kitchen access, heated, A/C and ample parking. Call 315-538-0051 leave a message or email curatormhs@gmail.com Check out MHS website under Facility use forms. Macedonhistoricalsociety.org

Please consider a donation for 2025

A donation starting off the new year will enable MHS to carry on their vision statement of preserving the history, sustaining two buildings and provide excellent programs for the community.

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Macedon Historical Society

- \$ 25 USD
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BULLIS COLLECTION ENRICHED with MORE items

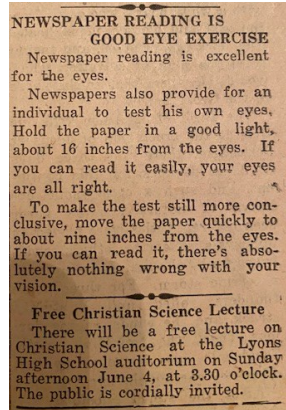
Evelyn Frazee and Tom Klonick, previous owners of the Bullis House on Canandaigua Rd.,

donated many documents from Charles Bullis . These items can be previewed at the Historic Macedon Academy and Museum.

Charlie Bullis was a collector, some may say he was a hoarder. There were several newspapers. These articles came from a Michigan paper in 1900.

BABE RUTH IS FREQUENT USER OF THE TELEPHONE

Babe Ruth, the Sultan of Swat, is a regular user of long distance telephone service. When the Yankees are on a road tour, the Babe generally calls up the New York home to recount the events of the day. Even after the baseball season is over, the Babe keeps this telephone busy. On a hunting trip at Camp Bryan in North Carolina at the end of a recent season, the party had put in a full day, having arisen about 4 A. M. and remained in the woods as long as daylight lasted. On the afternoon of this particular day, the Babe sighted a deer, which he knocked over with his first shot. When the party returned to camp that evening, all pretty well tired out after a hard day in the woods and ready to turn in, Ruth decided that he must call New York and tell the folks about the deer. The fact that the nearest telephone was at Havelock, several miles away from camp, made no difference, and he was not content until he made the trip and told the people at home all about his exploit-



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2023-2024



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Our Mission Statement

To promote and encourage historical research and preservation regarding the community of Macedon NY and to disseminate that information.

Membership

Update Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Board of Directors Meetings

(all members are welcome)

Membership Meetings

& Community Chat

Feb 11, May 13, August 12,
November 11,

Membership

All Members are encouraged to partake in contributing suggestions, insight, guidance etc. in support of the continued efforts of MHS.

Membership dues:

Individuals	\$25
Family	\$30

Dues and donations are used to maintain the buildings. MHS applies for grants for projects, such as painting the buildings, shoring up foundations, ADA Bathrooms, etc.

If you'd like to donate or become a member you can mail a check to: Macedon Historical Society
PO Box 303, Macedon, NY 14502

Or use the donation/membership buttons on our website .

macedonhistoricalsociety.org

and click the donation button, or drop down menu to membership.

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Shop Local Businesses



When you see something at an independent (mom & pop) store that costs a little more, try to remember that Amazon & eBay do not buy ads in the local football or musical program. Wal-Mart or Target or most box stores do not donate towards raffles. But you know who does, Small business owners DO.

Small Business owners offer better customer service because they do it face to face.

I have always been an advocate for local businesses, a major portion of their sales tax stays in our community. My rule of thumb is buy in Macedon, then Wayne County and then wherever. At Christmas time our family gift exchange has to be from a local Mom & Pop Shop.

Most of you know that my son Joshua, passed away in a car accident on Christmas Day (1993). That's not the content of this article. What is! Is the importance of LOCAL BUSINESS.

Picture this, my last name is Pagano, my son's last name is Morrow. The Canandaigua police pulled a Fairport number from Joshua's wallet and called that person. That person, had no idea how to locate me. She called Macedon's local florist, at the time it was Connie Harner. Connie tracked me down celebrating Christmas at my brother's house, Bruce Niven. Connie new the history of my family, since we patronized her shop.

Several years after the accident, Connie shared this story with me. At the time, I didn't even think how the police tracked me down. I totally support local businesses. Would Amazon know?

Sandy Pagano, President MHS

Be sure to check out your local Historical Societies for that unique gift. Most museums have small gift items available. Some Museums have Gift Shops.

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Wayne County Historian - presentation on Web Searching

Wayne County Historian, shares some research strategies with Macedon Historical Society and friends.

On September 29, 2024, Jane Milem, presented some additional ways to conduct historical research to an enthusiastic group of people. The people in attendance at the Historic Macedon Academy included local residents and area historians.

Jane reviewed ways that anyone can utilize the Wayne County Historian's office to conduct their research. Located in the basement of the Public Safety Building. 7376 State Route 31, STE 100, Lyons, NY. It is a unique place to visit. The historian's office begins with a phone call from the lobby of the Wayne County Office building. People need to be escorted to the basement of this building where all the archives are stored. Anyone is welcome to request information, or to go to the site to do their own research. The website includes a surname database which allows you to search for specific family names.

From the Historian's website click on the Historian's Surname Database. Jane has included specific instructions and recommendations to make a search successful.

Jane also shared the usefulness of the Wayne Historians Organization's website: <https://waynehistorians.org/>. This site, created with the help of local historians, is a place where people can research local historic sites, Wayne County Civil War Soldiers and Notable People from Wayne County.

We thank Jane for sharing her expertise with us! Jane can be reached by email: historian@co.wayne.ny.us.



The Wayne County Historian website is:

<https://waynecountyny.gov/398/Historian>

Historian Office hours

(except for holidays) are:

**Monday 2-5; Tuesday 12-5;
Wednesday 12-5; Thursday 10-4;
no Friday 315-946-5470**

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The above gave their time and talents through out August, September and October to have the Academy open for visitors and for our intern Maya to work in a safe environment.

These local businesses, sponsored the Holiday Appreciation Open House on December 1, 2024


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6 Raffle Baskets just right for the Holiday are available to see and purchase tickets at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse during MHS programs. Raffle drawings will be on December 8th after the Christmas Carol program.



MACEDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY's Tentative Calendar 2025

February 11 - Members & Stakeholders meeting 5:30 - Community Chat at 6:30

Sunday, February - TBA Jacob Ovenshire, session on archiving

March Nettie Bullis Birthday Celebration TBA

Saturday, April 19th 10:00am- 1:00pm—in conjunction with Earth Day, a day to freshen up the Historic Macedon Academy and the Macedon Center Meetinghouse. All volunteers are welcome. Dusting, sweeping, raking and general cleaning. You may pick up a paint brush too.

Sunday, April 27th - Open House Macedon Academy/Museum 2:00 - 4:00pm Program TBA

Tuesday, May 13th, 5:30pm Historic Macedon Academy—Stakeholders/Board members meeting—Community Chat at 6:30pm

Saturday, May 17th - Historic Pursuits with Christopher Blomgren sponsored by the Friends of the Macedon Public Library partnered with 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum and Farmington Historical Society

Monday, May 27th- Memorial Day Observance Macedon

Saturday, June 7th—10:00am—David Bloom Graveyard Guy - Field Training session at the Quaker Cemetery east side of the Macedon Center Meetinghouse - pick up a brush and learn how to care and repair headstones (Rain date June 28th)partnered with 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum and Farmington Historical Society

Friday-Sunday June 20, 21, 22—MHS Garage Sale Fundraiser Friday & Saturday 9:00am—4:00pm, Sunday 9:00 - 1:00pm at the Meetinghouse Lawn

Sunday, June 29th 2:00pm—4:00pm Open House and Concert at the Historic Macedon Academy TBA

Sunday, July 27th 1:00pm—4:00pm Ice Cream Social and Craft Fair—Meetinghouse Lawn

Saturday, August TBD —Genesee Country Village & Museum—MHS Booth 10:00am—4:00pm

Tuesday, August 12th—Stakeholders/Board Members meeting 5:30pm—Community Chat 6:30pm

Saturday, August 16th - Lock 30 Heritage Festival Noon til Dusk

Sunday, September 28th - TBA

Saturday, October Vasalisa - a performance written by Rand Darrow TBA

Sunday, November 2nd 2:00—4:00pm Authors Forum “A novel idea”

Tuesday, November 11th—5:30pm Stakeholders/Board Members Meeting 6:30pm Community Chat

Sunday, December 7th—Holiday Appreciation Open House

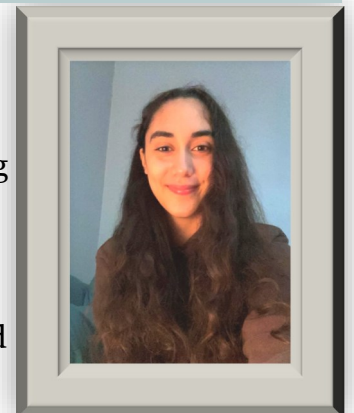
TBA - Marj Perez presentation on prominent black families in the Macedon & Farmington area. Program is partnered with 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum and Farmington Historical Society

For more information on these events call 315-538-0051 leave a message or check out MHS's website: macedonhistoricalsociety.org

New Events will be added throughout the year—Keep in touch with FB Macedon NY History

Student Volunteer - Maya Santiago-Smith

Maya Santiago-Smith is attending Nazareth University and will graduate this month. Maya worked tirelessly at the Academy in the research room scanning 75% of the documents and artifacts that are in MHS's possession. Under the direction of Jacob Ovenshire, MA History, Archival and Museum Studies Candidate, Claremont Graduate University, assisted Maya in archiving the material. Maya was able to summarize most of the boxes in the Research room identifying what the content was and the condition. Maya is planning on continuing in this field after she graduates. She is working on a grant for the Macedon Historical Society for the proper way to preserve all these fascinating documents and artifacts that are being preserved at the Academy. MHS wishes to thank Maya for all her hard work.



Student Volunteer - Erika Newcombe



Erika Newcombe was instrumental in restoring the Old Baptist Cemetery off Walworth Road. This year Erika received her Girl Scout Gold Award for the work she has done on the Old Baptist Cemetery restoration project. Some of the websites Erika and her mom, Dee used were the MANY website to help with the research. Not only did they research online but they have also attended ‘field training’. In June they were invited to the Webster Union Cemetery and attended a cemetery preservation ‘class’ hosted by the cemetery, where they had Mark Morten of Gravestone Guardians of Ohio teach the proper way to clean and repair headstones. Dave Bloom (The Gravestone Guy) from Farmington, and Scott Banker from Greece were also on hand. The next morning after the training in Webster, the 3 professional headstone repairmen joined us at the Old Baptist Cemetery in Macedon and applied what they had learned, along with help from Erika’s Dad, Scott and help from Brian Kelly from the Macedon Historical Society. Everyone left that evening feeling satisfied (and tired) with what they had accomplished.

With the information they gathered, they were able to order military headstones for a few of the veterans through the Department of Veteran Affairs. One headstone application was approved, and the headstone is currently at the Macedon Highway Dept. The headstone will be placed in the cemetery in the spring of 2025. The second application was denied because the veteran has a personal headstone already in the cemetery and didn’t meet the requirements for a new one. The last headstone application, they are desperately trying to find documentation that of the Revolutionary War Veteran (Aaron Brister 1762-1821) was in fact buried at the Old Baptist cemetery as his application is pending until we find documentation. His wife is buried there and with a lot of help, her large broken headstone was set upright. There are more records of Revolutionary War veterans that are buried at the Old Baptist cemetery that do not have any headstones. That is another project of the Newcombe’s will be applying for military headstones for them as well. Currently there are 5 Revolutionary War veterans and 2 War of 1812 veterans in the cemetery. With the new winter season approaching there is a hold on any more work at the cemetery until spring 2025.

Erika is attending college full time, works part-time and in her spare time she continues to do research and update her website. In December Erika will have earned her associate degree at FLCC and in January she will be transferring to Hobart and William Smith Colleges to continue her major of Creative Writing.

Erika, Dee & Scott Newcombe unearthed Hannah Harwood’s headstone from the Baptist Cemetery. Webb & Hannah were the first settlers in Macedon in 1789 from Massachusetts. The headstone is now at the Academy waiting for the next step in preserving it.

Websites Erika used most often:

[Mark Morten](#) [Scott Banker](#) for more information click on their names.

Ancestry.com Newspapers.com and fold3.com are all fee based

FamilySearch.org

FindAGrave.com

<http://wayne.nygenweb.net>

<https://ontario.nygenweb.net>

Archive.org

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org>

<https://ochs.org>

VA.gov

<https://www.waynehistorians.org>

DAR.org

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<https://pioneerlibrarysystem.advantage-preservation.com>

David Bloom
the “Graveyard
Guy”
will be
conducting a
field training
session on
June 7th, 2025
at the
Macedon
Center
Meetinghouse
In the Quaker
Cemetery
10:00AM





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Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie

Saturday, August 16th, 2025
NOON - Dusk at Canal Park Lock 30



Macedon Academy Alma Mater

"May the wreath you have won never
wither, nor the star of your glory
dim.
Published in the 1841-1891 Academy
History

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it to the pay-
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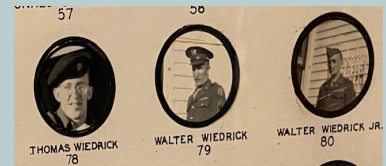
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Monthly Board of Directors
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Stakeholders/Membership Meetings
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April through November
Historic Macedon Academy
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February & March
Macedon Center Meetinghouse

All are welcome—Refreshments available

**Community Chat with the Wiedrick's
Veterans Day 2024**



Joan Wiedrick
and her
daughter
Holly Wiedrick
McCoy



Holly Wiedrick McCoy read excerpts from her grandfather, Walter Wiedrick's diary for when he was stationed at Pearl Harbor. It was a very moving afternoon as she read excerpts, covering moment by moment of the day as her Grandfather wrote. Holly made a scrapbook of all the items of her Grandfather, Walter Weidrick, Sr., Uncle Walter Weidrick, Jr, and her father Thomas Wiedrick. She even has the dog tags.

One of the most emotional moment is when Holly spoke of dates after December 7th, 1941, The mayhem continued for many years.

