

KANESTIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY TIMES

23 Main Street – P.O. Box 35
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Canistota, New York 14823
Monthly Meetings - Third Tuesday 7:00 PM

Summer 2014

KHS is on Facebook – if you haven't checked us out yet please do so. We joined Facebook on March 28th 2013. Since then we have we have 593 likes, The Living Sign photo was shared by 213 people and reached 12,436 viewers. <https://facebook.com/pages/Kanestio-Historical-Society>

Anna Baker's Tombstone

Back in 1989 when our society was working on publishing the first Older Homes of Canistota book it was recorded on page 7; "Across the road on the side which is the Gulch Road is a path which leads to a cemetery where the descendants of Jeremiah Baker is buried. It is here the Jeremiah's wife Anna, was laid to rest. It is told that on her tombstone is the story of her capture during the massacre and her rescue by her husband."

"We made a trip to the cemetery. We found her stone, but could not find a story as previously mentioned."

On the web site <https://findagrave.com> you can find the above image of the bottom half of Anna Baker's tombstone. It reads: HIS WIFE DIED Nov. 10, 1823 78 yrs. Captured by the Indians in the Wyoming Massacre and rescued by her husband.

This portion of the stone is missing; however it's great to know that a photo of it exists. If you have not check out this website it's a great resource that available when doing research.



County of Canistota – in 1846 a proposal was sent to the NYS Congress requesting a new county of Canistota be formed from Steuben. The proposed county would include all the towns in the southern half of Steuben County: Hartsville, Canistota, Cameron, Thurston, Campbell, Hornby, Greenwood, Jasper, Rathbone, Addison, Erwin, Corning, West Union, Throupsburg, Woodhull, Tuscarora, Lindley and Canton. The county seat and jail would be in Addison. The request was turned down stating no new counties would be formed that year.

Why Hornell is called the Maple City – In 1814 Dr. John H. Lillie, who was the first president of Hornellsville planted over 3,000 maple trees on Jane, John, and Hill Streets.

Samuel Hallett inducted into the Steuben County Hall of Fame – in June 1980 Irene Hatch submitted a letter to the county's hall of fame committee nominating Mr. Hallett. Last fall Twila O'Dell (our former County Historian) pulled Mrs. Hatch's letter and other documentation and re-submitted Samuel Hallett nomination. On April 26th this spring a luncheon was held to honor this year's inductees. Steve Cotton of Canistota gave a biography of the life of Samuel Hallett, who, as a young man, met his death from a gunshot in 1864. Mr. Hallett was a banker who financed the building of railroads in the 1860s. The town of Wayne Supervisor, Steve Butchko, accepted the honors for Samuel Hallett.

KHS RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Contactor – Butch Woodworth – Quality Builders

Sub-contractors - Decorators Choice, Casey's Plumbing & Heating and Ari Tight

Renovations since our Jan 7th fire are progressing nicely and we hope to be back in the building early August. Updates include: spray foam insulation, tiled front and rear exits, new kitchen design, additional electric outlets, tank-less hot water heater, forced air furnace w/ central AC for humidity control, fire alarm w/ auto dialer, fire alarm pull boxes, knox box for an emergency entrance, cable TV wiring, main water shut valve, outside water spigot, new entry way lighting and can lighting for front display windows. Here are a few update photos:



Hope to see everyone soon – watch for a Grand-Reopening Ceremony.