

Kanestio Historical Society Times

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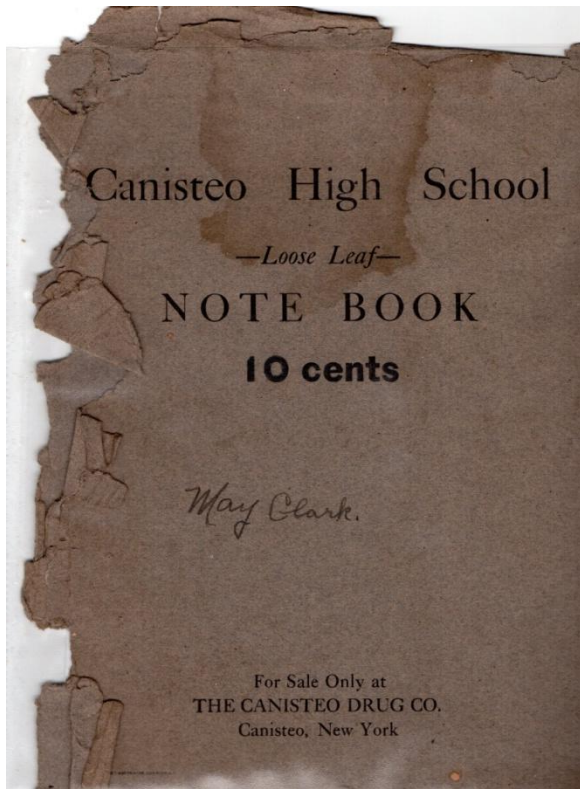
Canistota Academy Domestic Science Class - 1912



Gladys Jamison, Delores McKay, Esther Hepinstall, Helen Kilts, Miss Brasted, Alice Conway,
Virginia Goff, Mary Yung, Mary Travis, Lillian Crosby, Ethel Slawson, Helen Holmes

One of my biggest thrills as a volunteer is when someone brings in a piece of Canistota ephemera that adds more information to an existing collection. June Mullen Taylor (class of 1969) recently donated a school notebook that belonged to May Louise Clark. The notebook was for the Domestic Science Class taught by A. Brasted in 1913 and 1914, her 8th and 9th grade years.

I immediately thought of the photo above as it has always been one of the favorites. I can't imagine my 8th grade Home Economics class, taught by Bertha Miller in the Preston House, dressed in long aprons and head caps. I love the gas lights and what must have been one long gas burner down the center of the table. Especially rare for an old picture like this is the fact that everyone is identified. Can you find a great grandmother or aunt in the picture?



The cover had seen better days but interesting that the Canisteo Drug Co. carried these notebooks for the students.

Domestic Science in 1914 bears little resemblance to my 7th and 8th grade Home Economics Class. I still have several recipes in my card file but I don't remember learning all the science behind cooking recorded in May Clark's notebook.

Do any of you remember learning the difference between winter wheat flour and spring wheat flour? There is a half page devoted to "Care of the Bread Board." Do you know why a fresh egg is heavier than a stale egg? Did you know that too much salt makes heavy bread. You should not wrap bread; it should be stored in a tin box with perforations.

Care of Milk: (1) Place in clean vessel. (2) Do not expose unnecessarily to air. (3) Keep in cool place until ready to use. (4) Should not be exposed to flies.

Food Values of Meat: (1) Beef is the most nutritious (2) Mutton is second in nutrition (3) Pork is the most difficult to digest (4) Lamb - tender but not as valuable as mutton (5) Veal is the least nutritious.

There are 19 steps in making soups with these 4 added points to remember. (1) Much has been attributed to the earthen bean pot with small top and bulging sides. (2) Mustard has been thought by some to make beans more easily digested. (3) Beans may be tested to see if they are done by blowing on them when skins will burst if sufficiently done. (4) Throw water out of doors, not in sink.

Can you give the classifications of vegetables as to flavor and nutritional value? What advantage comes to housewives when no longer obliged to make homespun clothes for the family. Does the fact that women today take more time for recreation than formerly, necessarily indicate that any household duties are neglected?

There are two pages devoted on how to wash dishes; another on how to make a proper cup of tea.

To make toast: Cut stale bread (at least two days old) into slices 1/3" thick. Place slices on the toaster and keep it a little distance from the fire, turning so as to dry them well on both sides. When dry, hold nearer the fire until both sides are golden brown. It may be buttered at first but it is more wholesome if buttered as eaten. Serve on a hot plate uncovered.



This is just a small sampling from May Clark's notes. If you'd like to see more, visit our museum and ask to see the notebook from our Reader's Bookshelf.

Thank you for your support!

In our last newsletter we asked for donations to help offset the effects of Covid on our fund raising efforts. The response was unbelievable. A big thanks to everyone.

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Research Thank you

Our volunteers meet frequently with people researching family history. We received the following thank you from Anne Wain of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear George, Gail and Toni,

Thank you for meeting with me and my cousin Jean and all the wonderful help with the Carrier, Clark, Creesy & Helmer genealogy research.

We had such a nice time visiting the area, especially at such a beautiful time of year. Our trip could not have been more perfect!

Thank you for your dedication to history and those who went before us.

Best,

Ann Ely Wain

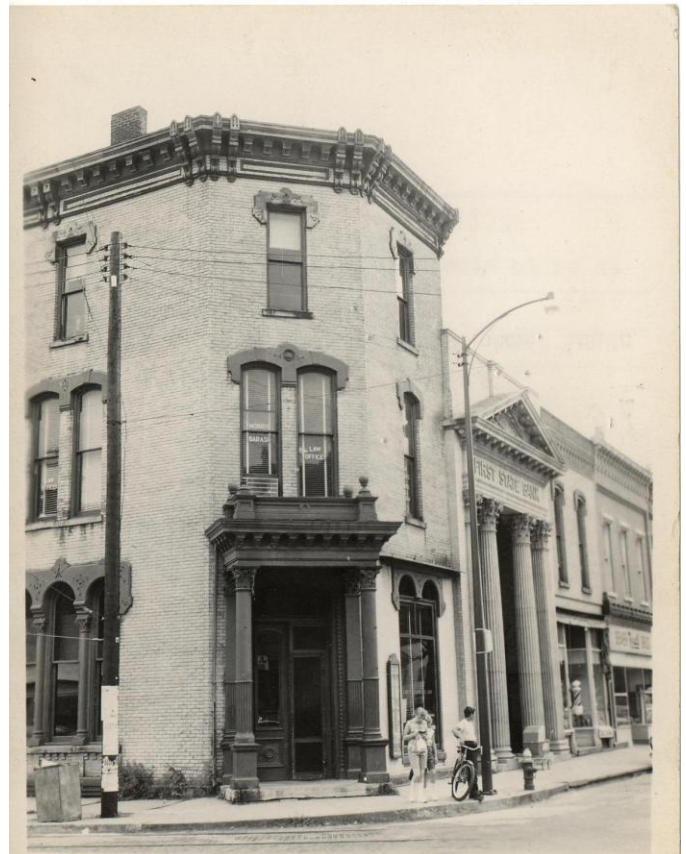
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Main Street Canisteo in the 1950's

The following photos represent Main Street Canisteo in the 1950's. We have listed some businesses we know occupied these buildings in later years. If you know of others please let us know.

Does anyone have a picture of the Kanestio Motel located next to the American Legion - home of Larry and Priscilla Bixby? It was owned and operated by Earl Helmer in the 1950s.



**1 Main Street
Canisteo Savings & Loan
Became Steuben Trust in 2008
Community Bank in 2020**



**3 Main Street
First State Bank**

Purchased by Citizens & Northern Bank PA in 2010



**7 Main Street
Beavers Pharmacy**
Closed in 2019

Urban Rustique opened in 2020



5 Main Street

Whittemore's Barber shop

Annexed by First State Bank in 1962



9 Main St.

Pauline Wilcox Fashion Shop - 1950-52

Gardner's Clothing 1958-93



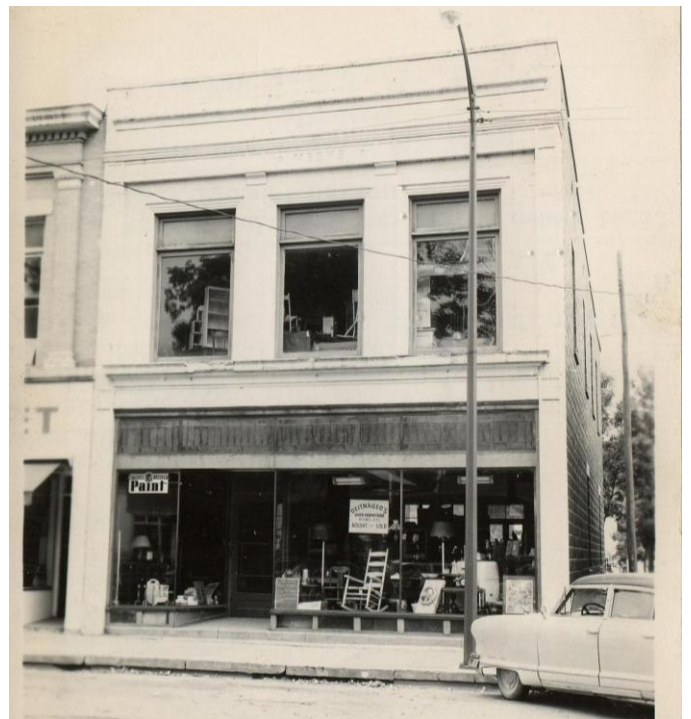
11 Main St.
Wilkinson's 5 & 10
 Later Western Auto, Widmanns, Dollar Store (1988)



17 Main St.
Market Basket
 Nu-Way 1959
 Valley Vision - Andy Murphy 1989
 Country Hearts - 1994
 Tammy's Travel Service 1994
 Elegance Bridal - 1995



15 Main Street
 PK's Restaurant 1950-53
Wambold's Clothing Store
 Hall's Closet 1989-94
 First State Bank - Annex Office during Remodeling
 J&J Barbecue - 2019



19 Main St. - Reitnauers Used Furniture 1959
 Canisteo Hardware - Baker
 Dollar Store - Karen Ohr
 Yesterday's Antiques - Karen Ohr



21 Main St.

Beattie Appliances 1950-54
 Redbird Service - Beattie & Cartwright 58-59
 Khan Video - 1989
 Stewart Grocery - 1994
 New China Restaurant - 2005



25 Main St.

Woods Wallpaper & Paint Store
 Penne-Saver 1994



23 Main St.

Canisteco Appliance - 1950-1989
 Burned 1967
 Kanestio Historical Society 1995



27 Main St.

Haring Jewelers 1950-55

29 Main St.

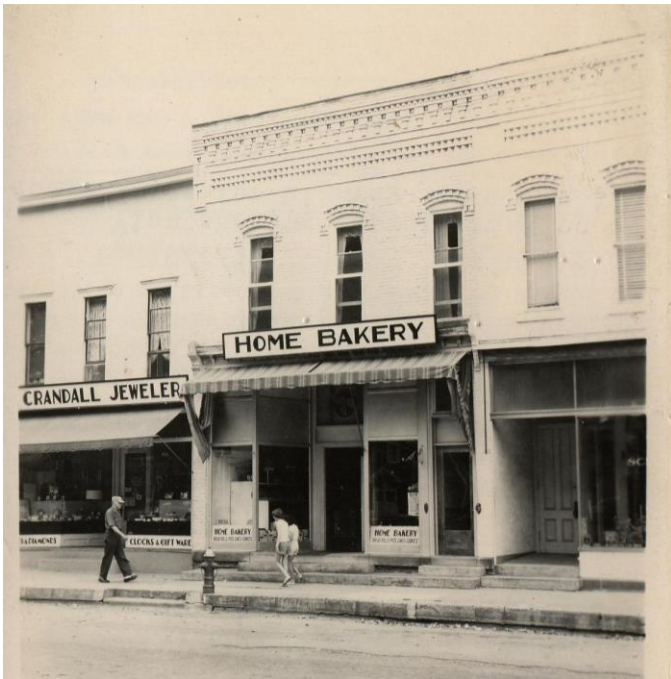
Red & white Grocery
 1950-57



27 Main St.
 E.W. Crandall Jeweler 1956-59
 Audrey's 1970
 Kanestio Zenith - Don Potter 1989-95
 Hat Express



31 Main St
 Empire Gas & Fuel Co. 1950-51
 Schnurle & Son Ins. 1959
 Burd Law Office
 Pizzeria
 Robie's Pizza 2019



29 Main St.
 Home Bakery - 1959
 Maple City Cleaners
 Iron Horse Restaurant - Tom & Pat Avery 1983-89
 Red Foxx
 Mars Bar



35 - 37 Main St.
 Canisteo Fire Department - 1956

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This newsletter is

written in tribute to Virginia Dickey whose dream was a Historical Society to preserve and display local history for future generations.

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