



~ December Meeting

~ J.B. Sanders

Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm on December 6, 2021 at the Galway Town Hall. No refreshments will be provided and social time will be limited due to Covid concerns. Anyone who has not been vaccinated is required to wear a mask and social distancing should be observed. The December meeting will start promptly at 7 pm with the program for the evening. "President Grant's Visits to Saratoga County" presented by Paul Perrault Town of Malta Historian.

We are working to jointly present the program live at the town hall and via Zoom for those who may wish to view the program remotely. Anyone wishing to join our meeting via Zoom should sign-in to the waiting room about 6:50 pm as the presentation should start promptly at 7:00 pm. The Zoom meeting number is 294 161 5132. Logging into this meeting number will admit you to a waiting room until I connect you to the meeting. I will send an email to everyone that I have email addresses for with a reminder of the upcoming Zoom meeting the week before and the day of the meeting. If you would like information about accessing the Zoom meeting you can go to <https://www.seniorsguide.com/technology/a-step-by-step-guide-to-zoom-meeting/> or the Zoom website. If you still have questions or need additional information, please contact me on 518-698-3295.

I would like to thank Paul Perrault for agreeing to do the combined presentation.

As a reminder, members who have not already renewed their membership should submit a renewal form along with \$10 per house hold.

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<http://www.galwaypreservationsociety.org>

~ Mosherville

~ Florence Reedy

Mosherville was named after the Moshers who settled there in the late 1870s. In the middle of the 1800s the Moshers built a foundry directly over a creek on the North side of rt.29. This foundry was powered by a huge 19 foot high water wheel. They specialized in two types of plows, and the Mosher Plow became a trademark. It changed hands several times and finally around 1895 was sold to Frank Fonda. Because low water in summer would sometimes cause power failure, Mr. Fonda replaced the wheel with gas power. Mr. Fonda also operated a cider mill at the same site for many years. The plow industry was discontinued in the mid-1920s. Mr. Fonda also ran a grocery store and delivered groceries all around the countryside, first by horse and wagon, later by an old small truck van. Upon his death, his son, Hawley, took over the store and became widely known for the cheese in which he specialized.

The old Wright Mill was located on the south side of rt. 29 almost directly across from the old Leonard Still farm, presently owned by Bob and Jean Koslowski.* It was powered by a large wooden water wheel set in a swiftly running stream about two hundred feet below the falls from a small pond to the west. When started it accommodated one run of stone, a turning lathe and a shingle mill. Lyman Wright ran this, but upon his death his son Charles and wife Emma took over, and during the late 1800s and early 1900s it was converted into a grist mill where they ground corn and possibly other grains. They continued to make shingles. It was probably abandoned somewhere between 1915 and 1920.

The original District 8 (Mosherville) school was located on rt. 29, halfway up the hill west of Mosherville. Arthur and Ruth Armitage now live at this site.* A new school, used until the consolidation of schools, was built just north of Mosherville, now converted into a home by Mr. and Mrs. David Davidson.*

*Note: This history of Mosherville was written by our member, the late Florence Reedy, and was part of a donation to the GPS Archives by her son. References to current residents of properties place the probable time of her writing this piece in the 1960s.

The Mosher Furnace of Galway New York- A Small Town Plow Factory, a book by our C. Donald Carpenter, is an in depth and well researched story of the Mosher Plow. Available for purchase at Waterwheel Village, and in the collection at Galway Public Library.