



### *~ April Meeting*

*~ J.B. Sanders*

Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm on April 4, 2022 at the Galway Public Library. No refreshments will be provided and social time will be limited due to Covid concerns. The April meeting will start promptly at 7 pm with the program for the evening, “Archive: Introduction to the GPS Archives” Presented by Arlene Rhodes and Pat Sanders, Co-Chairs for the Archive Committee.

We are working to jointly present the program live at the Galway Public Library 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. I recommend that anyone wishing to install Zoom on your computer should go to [Zoom.com](https://zoom.us) and download the free version of Zoom. 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 518-882-6239.

### *~ GPS Archives at the Galway Public Library*

*~ Arlene Rhodes*

Since the fall of 2019, under a mutual agreement with the library, GPS archives have been housed in a secure and climate-controlled room adjacent to the conference room at the library. GPS volunteers moved the collection and storage cabinets to the library with plans to open the archives to researchers by the summer of 2020. Temporary closure of the library and continued restrictions during the pandemic put the GPS plans on pause for two years.

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During periods when the library has been open to the public, archives committee members, Ray David, Bonnie Donnan, Margie Prasek, Arlene Rhodes, Pat and Bruce Sanders and Phyllis Sleeper, have continued their work. During the year 2021 more than 300 items, including photographs and documents, were added to the collection. The generous donation of items, some of which are listed below, gives a sense of the depth of the GPS archival collection.

Cartoons by A.B. Chapin, a nationally known cartoonist, who summered at Galway Lake, show a variety of community scenes including Denison Brothers Store in 1956 and Thanksgiving contrasting an American family dinner with a family in a war-torn area in 1944, gift of David Denison; Galway Village children producing a play in 1954, gift of Barbara Denison Freiert; and a copy of the Thomas Variety Store cartoon, gift of Emily Guby.

From the Collection of Florence Reedy, gift of Jim Reedy: minutes and scrapbook of the Dairyman's League Galway Young Co-ops, 1946-1960, cassette tape interviews with Shirley Knights MacMillin, Bill Brundidge and Duane McChesney.

From the Collection of Leah Hunter Olendorf, gift of Peggy Olendorf Little: IOOF by-laws, Mildred Follett poems, letterhead and bills of James T. Hunter store, real photo post cards of Galway Village during the 1940s, cutting the trees and widening Sacandaga Road in 1954, and paving Route 29 in East Galway c 1922.

Denison and Armer Family Items, gift of Jim Denison: the original Delia Denison Diary and copies of family records listed in the Denison, Hudson and Armer family Bibles. Also from the collection of Dawn Denison Pollack, Galway Fire Co. field day program, 1947 and many school and community event programs.

Additional donors and their gifts include Ray David, legal papers regarding properties on Galway Lake; Richard Fallis, genealogical papers on Hannah Foss Cruthers; Mary Bejian, account book of Dr. Henry Bejian detailing expenses for the purchase and improvements on the property at Cummings Pond; Richard Moy, U.S. Air Force service records, commendations and awards received by Newell D. Moy; Wayne Brandow, his book on the formation of early Baptist churches in the NY frontier including those in Galway; Robert Wemple, book on the Life of Walter Judson Armitage; David Waite, article on George Herrick West; William Hathaway, book on the art of building and using a brick bake oven; Ann Link Moore, two books, *'Saratoga' Education* and *By the Old Mill Stream, a History of Parkis Mills*, real photo post cards of Galway Village before 1915 and scenes of South Street during the 1940s; Lynda Thatcher, tintypes of the Mills family of West Galway.

The entire collection can be viewed by clicking on Archives on the GPS website. To make an appointment to access the archives, contact Arlene Rhodes or Pat Sanders, archives co-chairs. Many thanks to Maria Goldsmith, library tech assistant, for her help in posting the collection.