



October 2025

~Coleen Germond

We had a nice crowd at our September 8th GPS meeting. In a brief business meeting, Jon Hallgren informed the members about the planned speakers for the coming year, and the members approved our GPS 2025-2026 budget. The program that followed was Galway Movie Night. The movie features fresh young faces of Galway residents in the late 1930s and 1940s, going about their business delivering the mail, walking the tree-lined streets and showing off the community that once was. Dave Waite has done a remarkable job piecing together and preserving the films from the Galway Amateur Movie Club.

On Monday, October 6th, at 7:00 pm, we will welcome our speaker, Jon Jasewicz of the Mohawk Valley Historical Society. He is an American Revolution re-enactor. Jon brings to life one of our favorite sons of the Revolution, General Philip Schuyler. Although General Schuyler had homes in Albany and Schuylerville, he may have never visited the Galway area. My understanding is that Galway residents scattered to safer places during the war and there was no one here to visit. Jon Jasewicz on the other hand has already visited both the Galway Lion's Club and the Galway Seniors. His program got rave reviews. Jon has also done extensive research on the history of our area and discovered a variety of remarkable artifacts dating from the American Revolution. Do not miss his program Monday night.

From the Archives Committee

This year the archives committee has already accessioned more than 100 items from 13 individual collections. Among the recent donations is an extensive group of Galway Lake items from Sue Lantelme. The collection features the Camp Directories from 1945 to 2023 and correspondence between the Campers Association and the New York State Department of Conservation about stocking

the lake with fish from the years 1927-1931. Sue also donated a copy of her book published just this year, *Galway Lake History, Glaciers to Mills to Dams*, which includes photos and memories of Lake residents.

Other donations include a 1979 reprint of the 1878 edition of *The History of Saratoga County* by Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester, gift of Judy Knowlton; a rendering of Galway Union Free School, c.1901 by Ted Chamberlin, gift of Jennifer Evans; Peggy Link Peabody's collection of photos of Village scenes, c. 1948, gift of David Davidson; Galway Basketball Eagles booklet, 1990-1991, gift of Colleen Germond.

Arlene continues to sort through local history items and pass them along to GPS. Some are from the collection of Jeanne Schwarz: *Bench and Bar of Saratoga County*, 1876; watercolor painting of the Schwarz house on South Street by Wendy Lyon; photo negatives of the 7th grade class at the Union Free School, 1952 (With the help of Dave Waite and Bruce Sanders, prints have been made for our collection.) Other items are from her own collection: original artwork created by the students of Robert Stangle for the 1992 Bicentennial Celebration, copies of *The Footprint*, a Galway High school newspaper and *Sixth Grade Only*, a Joseph Henry Elementary School publication, and photos from the GPS field trip to Ellis Island in 1999.

With these donations, we continue to grow the GPS archives and to offer a wide range of materials for those researching Galway history.

From Our Collection

One Hundred Years Ago, June 1925



The Galway High School graduating class with just six graduates, left to right. Mary Gerardi, Alberta Clark, Russel Stone, William Clark, Hazel Morris, Thelma Bunyan

On the next page, Galway Union Free School, District 3. North side of East Street, Galway Village, c.1911. The school was built in 1901 and served as the first public high school in Galway as well as an elementary school for the children who lived in the Village and nearby. Through the years there were several additions to the building. The 1928 addition doubled the size of the building and included a combination auditorium and gymnasium. The building was used until 1958 and razed in 1963.

GALWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL



*Galway Union Free School
with its new front porch,
north side of East Street, c. 1911.*

According to 1911 State Education Department statistics, 29 students were enrolled in the high school. The total cost for academic instruction, provided by one male teacher and one and one-quarter female teachers, was \$1,552.90.

*Galway High School students,
c. 1910.*

*Front, left to right, Charles Barrett,
Dorothy Seabury, Stella Buell, Esther
Allen, and Albert Gray Hammond.*

*Second row, left to right, Howard Glenn,
Elmer Myers, Warren Mead, Howard
Barrett, and Ralph Willard.*

*Back, left to right, Margaret Seabury,
Catherine Turner, Helen Conde,
Professor Killian, Ruth Whiting,
Alberta McWilliams, and
Raymond Whiting.*

*Dewitt T. Killian was the principal
at the school from 1908 – 1911.*



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