

Victor Genealogical Society

- ◆ **The Victor Genealogical Society is looking for new members.**
- ◆ **Your suggestions/comments are always welcome**

A NEW YEAR

Well, here we are. It is now a new year and much to do.

Several members of the Victor Genealogical Society are involved in a Bicentennial event to be held at the Victor Village Cemetery. See the article in this edition of the newsletter.

We are also working on a calendar of events important to Victor's history. Any and all information you have is welcomed to complete this project. Please send information to Kateandallie2@aol.com.

We have had some very good news recently. Babette Huber, Town and Village Historian and a member of our Society, obtained permission from the Town of Victor to allow us to



Woman's dress of the 1880's

move all of our collection to the new Victor Town Hall in its archival area.

This is climate controlled and secure. We have a section of the archives to store all of the binders and we even have a desk with a computer.

We also have access to a microfilm reader-printer, file cabinets and a large work table.

We have almost completed the move and will begin organizing the area shortly.

We are continuing to help folks with their research and have added several new members to our organization.

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We Need Your Membership

Anyone interested in joining the Victor Genealogical Society is urged to contact Dianne Parks at Victorgenealogy.com.

Membership is \$10.00 a year per person.

We will publish a quarterly

newsletter which will be mailed to all members in good standing.

Our goal is to gain non-profit status and to establish a web site for the Society.

Anyone interested in help-

ing us achieve these two goals is asked to contact us.

We will continue to provide research on families from the Victor area for a nominal fee.

Nathan Loofborough

Nathan Loofborough, son of Elias and Margaret Shanks Loofborough was born February 21, 1767 in Woodbridge, New Jersey. He married Sarah Morford on June 2, 1791 at Cranberry, New Jersey. During his life he resided in Woodbridge, Cranberry and Tucker-ton, New Jersey and then in Albany and finally Victor, New York.

Three years after his marriage to Sarah, he served as a Lieutenant under Captain Ezekiel Pierce, Third Regiment of Infantry from Middlesex County, New Jersey in putting down the "Whiskey Rebellion" in 1794.

The Loofborough family, a very loyal Methodist family, came to Boughton-town from Albany, New York in October of 1806. Like all early settlers, Nathan was a farmer and continued his expertise in carpentry.

Soon after the family settled in the area, Nathan allied himself with the

Circuit Riders Class and effected the first permanent organization in 1807, and became a local preacher.

A community church was built in 1806-1807. Nathan designed the building and led the construction of this house of worship. This building was used by the Congregationalists (present day Presbyterians, Methodists and Universalists). It was also used for town meetings.

The last of their nine children, William Lacy, was born in Victor on April 30, 1809. Just 10 months later, William Lacy died.

Nathan and Sarah chose a spot to bury their infant son under a tree on the land that had been purchased from Dr. Thomas Beach. His burial was the first in this cemetery—The Victor Village

Cemetery— and 2010 marks 200 years since this sad event.

That same year, Nathan bought a farm on the Victor-East Bloomfield Town-Line Road, in East Bloomfield. He welcomed preachers and Circuit Riders whenever they were in the area. This house still stands today.

On January 22, 1820, Nathan expressed his determination to build a house of worship, and on June 15, 1820, a lot on the south side of Main Street in Victor was bought for \$40.00. He drew up the plan for this building, and with Jeremiah Hawkins had it enclosed by winter.

Nathan Loofborough, Father of Victor Methodism, died at the age of 87 on July 17, 1854. He is buried in the Victor Village Cemetery next to his wife Sarah. Also buried there are his sons, William, Elias and Nathan B and a daughter, Margaretta.

Programs of Interest to Genealogists

We would like to begin including programs of interest to genealogists in this section.

Please send any information to me at Kateandal-lie2@aol.com.

The Pittsford Community Library, Pittsford, NY is sponsoring a series on introduction to genealogy. The following programs are scheduled:

3/21/2010—"An Introduction to Genealogical Research"

4/18/2010—"Local Resources Available for Conducting Genealogical Research".

In addition, Kathy Houser of the Victor Historical Society and Babette Huber, Town and Village of Victor Historian will conduct a series of presentations, the third Wednesday of each month throughout 2010.

Victor Village Cemetery Bicentennial

In January of the year 1810, young William Loofborough was laid to rest by his parents in the small cemetery behind the Methodist Church.

The land was owned by Dr. Thomas Beach who sold plots of land for burials.

William's father Nathan, was an active member of the Methodist Church and had in fact built the first wooden structure. He is known as the "Father of Victor Methodism".

On May 22, 2010, the Victor Village Cemetery Committee is planning a two part event. The first being a dedication ceremony of a memorial bench commemorating the bicentennial and the second a costumed tour of eight graves in the cemetery.

With 5 of our VGS members also members of the Cemetery Committee, we have been quite busy preparing for the event.

The Committee has been indeed fortunate in having many groups volunteer their time to participate in the event.

The New York State DAR will hold a workshop in Victor on that date and will perform the actual dedication.



The following people/groups will take an active role in the ceremony:

The Monroe County SAR— Sons of the American Revolution

Reynolds Battery L, 1st New York Light Artillery—a Civil War re-enactment group

Hoisington NY Rangers 1776—an American Revolution Group

Babette Huber, Victor Town and Village Historian

Preston Pierce, Ontario County Historian

Jack Marren, Supervisor of the Town of Victor.

John Holden, Mayor of Victor

NYS DAR— Daughters of the American Revolution

Reverend Steve Calos—United Methodist Church

Reverend Colin Pritchard—First Presbyterian Church

The American Legion, Victor

All folks with ties to Victor are invited to come and see this honoring of the men, women and children buried in this pioneer cemetery.

A Costumed Tour of a Pioneer Cemetery

Immediately following the dedication ceremony at the Victor Village Cemetery, will be a costumed tour of the cemetery.

Eight individuals will be portrayed including:

George Washington Torrence—Mexican War veteran and advance agent for Buffalo Bill

Eleazer Boughton— Revolutionary War veteran and Town of Victor Supervisor

William Bushnell— Prominent businessman and person for whom Bushnell's Basin is named after

Dr. Thomas Beach— Victor's first recorded physician and War of 1812 veteran

Nathan Loofborough—his son was the first burial and he is known as "father of Victor Methodism"

Winant VanDenbergh— Revolutionary War Veteran

Jeremiah Hawkins—War of 1812 veteran

James Moore— Civil War veteran

Anyone with information on these people please contact us.

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William Bushnell

William was born in 1775 in Sheffield, Massachusetts. At the age of 41, in 1817, William left the family farm and moved to Bloomfield, New York.

He began working at his brother's general store in Charlotte, NY. He returned to Sheffield briefly to pay back a loan and upon his return to the area settled in Victor, NY.

William was Victor's postmaster for 20 years. In 1823, he became a partner in Bushnell, Lyman and Wilmath, a real estate and retail firm. They purchased 100 acres of land in the southeast corner of Perinton and proceeded to build a boat yard, general store, distillery and warehouses. Upon the opening of the Erie Canal, the area was renamed Bushnell's Basin. By that time, William had become a very wealthy man.

In 1824, William married Lavinia Rowley. William and Lavinia had two children William, who died at the age of 1 year and Lavinia Amelia. William's wife died in childbirth. He later married his housekeeper, Ann Wells.

His daughter Lavinia married David Henry Osborne from another prominent Victor family.

William died in 1846 and he and his two wives are buried in the Village Cemetery.