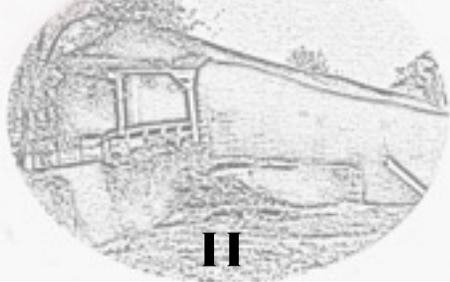


ECHOES OF FISH HOUSE



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MAY 2016

Summer Breakfast Dates
July 24th, Aug. 14th, Sept. 4th

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Rummage Sale 2016

This year's rummage sale is scheduled for Friday July 8th from 8 AM to 4 PM and then on Saturday, July 9th from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Donations can be dropped off at the center through July 5th. Now is the time to clean out your camp and/or closets! You can leave your donations at the front of the Community Center. We try to get there on a daily basis to bring in any donations. If it is at all possible, please package donations so they will be safe from the weather.

We cannot accept mattresses, upholstered furniture, TV's or computers.

Thank you in advance. The generosity of this community amazes us every year with the large number of donations we receive.

If you would like a Donation Form for your taxes, we now have them at the Center. So be sure to ask for one if you are donating items.



Bottle Drive 2016

People have already been bringing their NY refundable bottles and cans to the FHCC drop off area behind the Community Center.! Thank you!

Jim Moore is our Bottle Drive volunteer. He picks up all of the donations and brings them to a recycling center for us.. It is a large and many times messy task. Please empty all bottles and cans before you drop them off.

All proceeds go to the maintaining and improving the Community Center.

Thank you for your donations!!



Little Free Library

The LFL has officially opened for the summer. Feel free to borrow books and/or donate books. Let's hope the weather warms up so we can relax by the lake and read a good book!



Fish House T Shirts & Sweatshirts for Sale!

The T-Shirts this year are a sand color. And at the request of many, our sweatshirts are a camouflage print,,,green and also pink! In the past, they have sold out quickly, so don't wait! Buy them now at this breakfast!

Fish House Veterans Memorial

Many Fish House residents were and are veterans. The stone memorial next to the Community Center was erected in 1968 to honor local veterans.



One of the earlier veterans was Abel Scribner Jr. who was born in 1755 in Beekman, NY. His great great grandfather, John Scribner, came here from England in 1650. Abel Scribner married Helitje Bulmore in 1776 and they had 12 children. Abel served in the Revolutionary War as a Private in the 14th NY Regiment under Col. Willet. He also fought in the War of 1812 in the Prior's Regiment of the NY Militia. He received a military pension.



Abel Scribner Jr. moved to the Fish House area in 1803 and was friends with one of the first settlers of Fish House, Alexander St. John. St. John's house still stands on Old Fish House Road. Abel Scribner's oldest daughter, Martha, married Alexander St. John.

Abel is listed in The History of Montgomery & Fulton Counties as an early settler near Denton's Corners. (a town near Osborn Bridge)

Abel Scribner died in 1825 in Osborn Bridge. There is no record of his gravestone. If he was buried near Osborn Bridge, his grave would have been moved in preparation of the lake.

Remember our veterans this weekend.

Paper Money

There has been a lot written lately about who is on our paper currency. Andrew Jackson, who is currently on our \$20 bill, is going to be replaced by Harriet Tubman. She will be the first woman on U.S. paper currency in over 100 years and the first African-American ever! Hooray!



It came as a surprise to me, when researching our American bills, that the USA has not always had paper money. During the Revolutionary War, there was paper money, called Continentals. The Continental Congress printed them to help finance the American Revolution, but they were virtually worthless by the end of the war. After that, coins were the primary way to exchange money. For 70 years, until the Civil War, private entities, not the federal government, issued paper money. The notes were printed by state-chartered banks. The notes could easily be counterfeited.

When the Civil War began, people were hesitant to use gold, silver or other metal coins. They began hoarding the coins. As a result of the hoarding, some businesses started printing their own currency to fill the need for small change. The Ten Cent note pictured here, was printed up for the Smith General Store in Fish House, NY. Note the date, October 24th, 1862. This form of "scrip" was called Fractional Money.

Then on February 25, 1863, President Lincoln signed the National Banking Act which established the federal dollar as the sole currency of the United States. The government then started printing up Legal Tender Notes. This type of paper money was issued up until 1971. They were originally issued into circulation by the U.S. Treasury to pay expenses incurred by the Union during the Civil War.

* A larger picture of the Fish House Ten Cent Note can be found hanging up in the Community Center.

When I first became the deputy historian of Northampton, I concentrated on the houses of Fish House since many of them had been moved or torn down in preparation for the flooding of the Sacandaga Valley in 1929.



Now I am starting to concentrate on the past residents of Fish House, many of whom are buried in the Northampton Cemetery and the abandoned cemetery next to the old brick Church.

With each profile, there will be a timeline of U.S. historical events that occurred during that person's lifetime. This helps put things into perspective.

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Seneca Deuel 1805-1881

The Deuel's were one of the very early settlers in this area. Tristram Deuel, Seneca's father, came here from Rhode Island in 1797. Seneca Deuel was born in Providence, NY, in 1805. Seneca started out as a blacksmith, like his father, in the Fish House area. His son, George, was also a blacksmith, but in Northville.



Seneca married Elizabeth Warden and they had three sons, Charles, Clarence and George.



The Fish House Hotel was built by the Fay family. Seneca Deuel ran the hotel for 50 years after the Fay's left the hotel business. Seneca's grandson, Charles, ran the hotel after him.

Seneca also became active in local politics. He was one of three representatives from Providence who went to the 1873 County Convention in Ballston Spa. It was at the Ballston Spa courthouse where he suffered a major stroke in 1873. He died three years later, in Northville, and is buried right here in the Northampton Cemetery.



U.S. History Timeline from 1803-1881 events during the life of Seneca Deuel

- 1805- Thomas Jefferson is starting 2nd term
Lewis and Clark arrive at the Pacific Ocean
- 1812- The War of 1812
- 1818- Paul Revere died
- 1821- New York gives free blacks the right to vote
- 1825- Erie Canal completed
- 1828- Andrew Jackson elected president
- 1830- The "underground railroad" is established
- 1837- Battle of the Alamo
- 1844- Samuel Morse sends 1st telegraph message
- 1861- The Civil War starts.
- 1865- President Lincoln is assassinated
- 1876- The first telephone call between Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Watson - Boston, MA
- 1881- Gunfight at the OK Corral - Tombstone, Arizona