

CORRESPONDENCE

Hi Patty,

Thanks for your email. My relative's name was August Bickmeyer, although his name is spelled different each time I come across information on him. He went in as a substitute for another man from Allegany in September of 1864, so he didn't serve too long. My suspicion is that he entered the service purely for the money as he received several large bounties and had nine children at home. According to family tradition he took that money and built a brick farm house (which still stands) on his family farm. When the war was over he never joined the local GAR post or the regimental veterans' association, further supporting my suspicion. I have never come across a photograph of him (war-time service, or any other time in his life) and nothing has surfaced from him except in genealogical research.

Below are a few links to resources on the 10th NY Cavalry--I assume you might have already come across them though. The New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, NY has a wealth of information on their website about all New York State regiments that were in the Civil War.

[Links to 10th NY Cavalry info from the NY State Military Museum](#)

General Info-- <https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/cavalry/10thCav/10thCavMain.htm>

Roster of the 10th NY Cavalry-- <https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/rosters.htm>

The Communities of NY in the Civil War-- <https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/dornbusch/dornbuschIndex.htm>

At one point I went through the entire 10th NY Cavalry roster and organized the men who served in the unit by their town of enlistment. Below are the men, according to the roster, that served from Brant, NY .

Brant	Company
Benedict, George	E
Blinebey, George	E
Bower, Peter	E
Dimon, Abram	E
Hogaboom, Edwin	E
Kenyon, Hiram	E
Leach, Stephen H.	E
Leonard, Owen	E
Morey, Horace	E
Morey, Norris	E
Parker, Smith	E
Prentice, George S.	E
Prentice, William M.	E
Reeves, Samuel	E
Sourwine, William B.	E
Standclift, Edwin L.	E
Steadwell, Isaac E.	E
Tabor, George H.	E
Thompson, Reuben S.	E
Tucker, Abram	E
Wood, Francis	E

I collect original war-date items and veterans' memorabilia and have a number of items from the 10th NY Cavalry, and a few from the 64th NY Infantry. I just recently purchased a group of documents all belonging to Abram Tucker of Company E, 10th NY Cavalry who enlisted in Brant. Here is a bit about Tucker

from the 10th NY Cavalry roster:

Tucker, Abram. Age, 19 years. Enlisted, October 5, 1861, at Brant; mustered in as corporal, Co. E, October 5, 1861, to serve three years; re-enlisted, as private, December 18, 1863; transferred, January 15, 1864, to Co. F 24th NY Cavalry and appointed first lieutenant.

I'd be happy to provide you with images of these documents as soon as I find time to scan them.

I also just looked through my digital files on the 10th NY Cavalry, but not too much turned up in regards to Brant. I did find one letter written by Gilbert Southwick of Company B, 10th NY Cavalry in which he mentions a man from Brant who was sick. I have attached the letter in a Word document to this email.

I own a number of original images of members of the 10th NY Cavalry that were not from Brant, but from Erie County if they would be of interest to you. The 10th NY Cavalry began recruiting in late 1861 principally in Buffalo.

Another good resource for information on the 10th NY Cavalry is their regimental history. You may have come across a copy of it, but if not, it has been fully digitized online here: <https://archive.org/details/05535657.3380.emory.edu>

I have also compiled a binder of documents, images, and letters about the 10th NY Cavalry over the years; I'll look through it to see if I can find anything pertaining to Brant.

[Links to 64th NY Infantry info from the NY State Military Museum](#)

General Info-- <https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/infantry/64thInf/64thInfMain.htm>

Roster of the 64th NY Infantry-- <https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/rosters.htm>

Most of my research on the 64th NY has been on men that served from my hometown (Allegany, NY) that served with the regiment, so I don't think I have anything on Brant, but I'll check.

The 64th did not publish a regimental history, but Steve Rogers from Ithaca, NY (where one company of the 64th was recruited) has been working on one for years. He is really "the" authority on the regiment. You might also contact Phil Palen of Gowanda, NY. He is the historian of the town and has done a considerable amount of research on the unit as well. The first Colonel of the regiment, Thomas J. Parker, was from Gowanda.

That's a start I guess. I feel like I am just rambling at this point. You might have come across most of this information already, but if not, I hope it might be helpful to you.

Do you have any material (letters, photos, diaries etc.) from either of these regiments?

I'd love to continue this conversation. I'll keep looking, and I'll keep racking my brain for further info.

Best,
Kyle

CORRESPONDENCE

On Sat, Nov 7, 2015 at 9:53 PM, Diane Keating <d4441855@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is Diane Keating from Northborough, Ma. Last year I purchased a quilt on Ebay and since Quilts and Genealogy are my hobbies, I soon discovered that a great many people who signed the album quilt were from Brant. I contacted someone who designs reproduction quilt fabric and was told that the fabric in the quilt dates from around 1890.

This is the second quilt I have discovered and traced. My first was a quilt top found in Welfleet, Ma. and traces to Caverndish, Vt. circa 1940-1945.

I have a few photos of people I believe signed the quilt. Right now I am enjoying the "hunt" and was wondering if your historical society might have more info on the signers. I believe it was perhaps made for a wedding gift for Dora Knapp Hoffman Marriage Aug 1891. Just a few of the names - Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Weatherbee, Clark, Calkins Howard, Shearer, Evan and many, many more. Album quilts are so exciting, especially when you can discover how the families connect. May I subscribe to your newsletter? I would also like to purchase the history of Brant to help with my research. My family comes from Great Valley, New York and I was a member of Painted Hills Genealogy Society for several years. Would love to hear back from you. Also please let me know the cost of the book.

Sincerely
Diane Keating
82 Church St. Apt 8b
Northborough, Ma 01532
774 258 1275

On Jan 7, 2016 at 1:45 PM, Diane Keating <d4441855@gmail.com> wrote:

I will try to open the Shearer line to you, it would be fun for you to see it. I leave all options open until I go up and down each line for each signer, right now it is leading toward Belle Shearer, who does not appear on the quilt. Brides wouldn't I imagine. Marriage 1892. Are there any records from that Methodist Church for marriages that year? I have enjoyed the history lesson on Erie County and the migration of these people from Europe to Vermont and then to the different counties surrounding Brant.

There is at least one line of blood that leads to the Revolutionary War, the Shearers blood line goes to Barstable, Ma. and the War. There was also a large migration of Howards coming from Vermont. Many families came together and settled the area.

I would love more pictures, have somehow lost or misplaced Clara Calkins photo, would you send again if perhaps you find it again. Well, off to antiquing, something else I love to do. Oh, I have sent your contact info to Mr. Spangler and perhaps he will contact you. Remember Dora Knapp Hoffman is not out of the running and if it is her quilt, wow we go back Mrs. Sally Newell Jameson who is supposed to have a half sister who were the Clarks, another very old family in Brant.

Best Wishes, Diane Keating

The quilt was hand sewn and signed by women of the Brant ME Church in 1890.



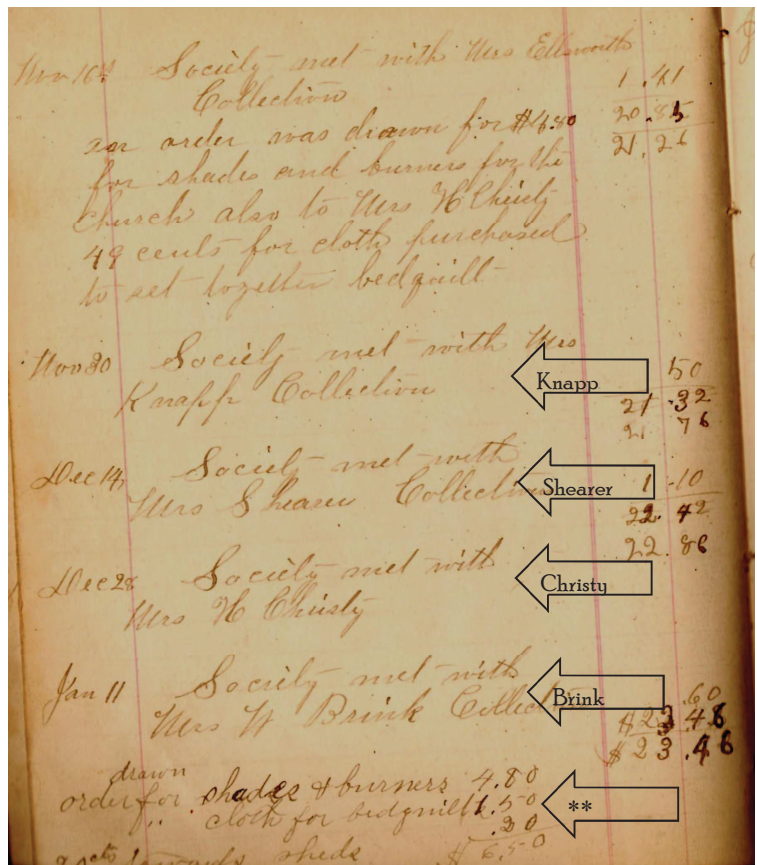
Sally Ann Newell Jameson

Sally Ann is a signer of 1890 Quilt and a member of the Brant ME Church.

Both photos donated by Diane Keating via email.

Historian Note:

After receiving Diane's note, I visited our historical room and came across some old Minutes and Treasurer Report books pertaining to the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Brant ME (Mission) Church. A page of the minutes can be seen below. Do you have any information to share regarding any of the family names? If interested, we do have more information regarding the quilt and Diane's genealogy research in the historical room available for review.



A page of the Treasurer's Minutes of the Ladies Benevolent Society of Brant ME Church.

**Note: Jan 11, 1890 Order drawn for cloth for bed quilt.

CORRESPONDENCE

Augustus B. Wood

Memorial Photos Flowers

[Learn about s](#)

Birth: Oct. 17, 1814
Durham
Greene County
New York, USA

Death: Feb. 4, 1899
Eden
Erie County
New York, USA

Son of John and Hulda Pierce Wood. Husband of Louvisa (1st wife) and Eliza (2nd wife).

Father to:

Albert Wood (1838-1843)
Andrew Wood (1839-1919)
Oliver H. Wood (1841-1921)
Francis B. Wood (1843-1935)
Mariette A. Wood Brayman (1845-1934)
Fillmore Wood (1849-1904)
Almeda Jane Wood Rew (1851 - 1936)
Augustus B. Wood (1853-1924)
Eugene Wood (1856-1922)

Family links:

Parents:

John Wood (1774 - 1850)
Huldah Pierce Wood (1779 - 1871)

Spouses:

Louvisa A. Perry Wood (1814 - 1857)
Eliza Anna Horton Wood (1822 - 1904)

Children:

Albert Wood (1838 - 1843)*
Andrew Perry Wood (1838 - 1919)*
Oliver Hazard Wood (1841 - 1921)*
Francis Burton Wood (1843 - 1935)*
Mariette A. Wood Brayman (1845 - 1934)*
Fillmore Wood (1849 - 1904)*
Almeda Jane Wood Rew (1851 - 1936)*
Augustus B. Wood (1853 - 1924)*
Eugene Wood (1856 - 1922)*

Siblings:

Sylvester Wood (1800 - 1863)*
Augustus B. Wood (1814 - 1899)
Martha L. Wood Clark (1817 - 1913)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

[Brant Cemetery](#)

Brant
Erie County
New York, USA
Plot: Section 29/30

Maintained by: [Ross Adam Wood Sr.](#)

Originally Created by: [Charles Dickey](#)

Record added: Jul 13, 2005

Find A Grave Memorial# 11380489

I wish to inquire on any information that you might have regarding A. B. (Augustus) Wood and his descendents. He is buried in the Brant cemetery along with his two wives and one son, Fillmore Wood. Augustus is my GGG-grandfather, his son Francis married Elizabeth Allen (from Hamburg, NY) and after the Civil War moved to Bradford, PA to try their hand at the oil business. That didn't turn out too well so they eventually moved on to NE and homesteaded. Anything you might be able to provide would be greatly appreciated, i.e., land documents, death certificates, obits, articles on the family, etc.

MSG Ross A. Wood Sr.

Army National Guard
Soldier Family Support Division Ready and Resilient (R2C)
Branch
111 South George Mason Dr,
Arlington, VA 22204
ross.a.wood2.mil@mail.mil Phone: 703-607-9765; DSN 327-9765
Cell:
571-451-6276

*Georgianne Bowman,
(North Collins Historian)
was able to help us with
Ross Wood's inquiry.
(See Census Information.)*

Augustus Sr. married first Lovica(Louisa?) A. Perry (1814 - 1857). They had nine known children:

***Andrew Perry** (22 July 1838 in Erie Co., NY - ?)

***Albert** (22 July 1838 in Erie Co., NY - 11 June 1843 in Erie County, NY; buried in Griffin's Mills Cemetery)

***Oliver Hazard** (April 1841 in Brant, Erie Co., NY - 18 March 1921 in Griffins Mills, Erie Co., NY)

***Francis Burton** (25 January 1843 in Hamburg, Erie Co., NY - 28 October 1935 in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles Co., California). He married Elizabeth Mary Allen (21 May 1843 in Hamburg, Erie Co., NY - 16 June 1946 in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles Co., California). They had five known children.

***Mariette A.** (13 October 1845 in Brant, Erie Co., NY - 12 June 1934 in Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio). She married Dwight Julius Brayman (17 March 1843 in Hamburg, Erie Co., NY - 27 February 1917 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio). They had three known children.

***Fillmore** (22 September 1849 in Erie Co., NY - 9 August 1904 in Erie Co., NY). He married Grace Bradley (18 January 1853 in NYS - 11 May 1889 in Brant, Erie Co., NY). They had one known daughter.

***Almeda Jane Wood** (7 February 1851 in Brant, Erie Co., NY - 9 March 1936 in Fitchville, Huron Co., Ohio). She married Perry H. Rew (5 January 1854 in NYS - 6 April 1927 in Huron Co., Ohio). They had two known sons.

***Augustus B. Jr.** (6 March 1853 in Brant, Erie Co., NY - 19 August 1924 in Wakeman, Huron Co., Ohio).

***Eugene** (22 January 1856 in Brant, Erie Co., NY - 14 November 1922 in Wakeman, Huron Co., Ohio). He married Ada Virginia Welch (June 1853 in Ohio - 22 February 1936 in Wakeman, Huron Co., Ohio). They had three known children.

Augustus Sr. married second Eliza Anna Horton (1822 - 1904)

(Find A Grave Memorial# 11380489 at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=qr&GRid=11380489&ref=acomound> and <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/19911/person/6612376874?src=and> and <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/27348553/person/26433138781> all on 10-9-14) (<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/27348553/person/5038011189?src=on> 10-10-14)

CORRESPONDENCE

Augustus B. Wood *continued*

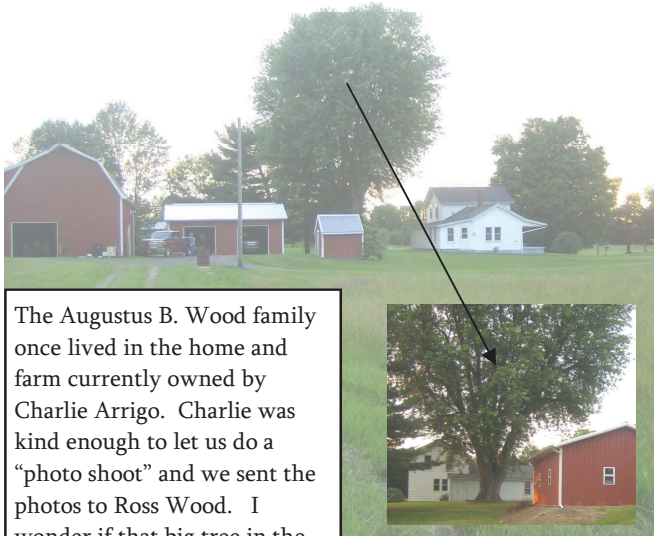
1850 US Census Agricultural Schedule, Town of Brant, County of Erie, State of New York

Taken 21 August 1850 by Jas. H. McMillan; Page 801

Line 24 - Wood, Augustus B. - 20 acres improved land, 30 acres unimproved land, \$1000 farm value, \$150 equipment value; has 1 horse, 3 milk cows, 2 working oxen, 1 other cattle, 11 sheep, 6 swine, \$150 livestock value; produced 175 bushels corn, 30 bushels oats, 35 lbs. wool, 2 bushels peas and beans, 60 bushels potatoes, \$3 value or orchard products, 300 lbs. butter, 8 tons hay, \$8 value of home manufacture, \$20 value of animals slaughtered

The Methodists of the vicinity formed a class about 1840 or 1842, under the Rev. Mr. Fenton, then a local preacher on the Collins and Brant circuit. Among the early members were Abram Vincent, who was the first class-leader; Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wood, and Ephraim Willis, a local preacher. As before stated, the Methodists aided in finishing the building belonging to the Baptists and occupied it jointly with them for many years, but having grown stronger they at length erected the handsome edifice now in use. There are now forty-seven members, with the following officers:—S. M. Butts, Ralph Evans, O. Elsworth, A. B. Wood and H. P. Christy, trustees; A.

B. Wood and O. Elsworth, class leaders; Anthony Taylor, clerk; Richard Christy, sexton. This church is in pastoral connection with the one at Evans.



The Augustus B. Wood family once lived in the home and farm currently owned by Charlie Arrigo. Charlie was kind enough to let us do a "photo shoot" and we sent the photos to Ross Wood. I wonder if that big tree in the back yard could have been planted back in the days of A.B. Wood??



Georgianne Bowman, (North Collins Historian) was able to help us with Ross Wood's inquiry. See Census Information.

1855 New York Census, Town of Brant, County of Erie, Election Dist # (illegible)

Taken 21 June 1855 by (illegible); Page 16

123/133 - framed home - Wood, Augustus B. - white male age 40, married; born Greene County, in Brant 15 years; farmer, native, land owner

Wood, Louisa (not a typo) - wife, white female age 41, married; born Vermont, in Brant 15 years

Wood, Andrew - son, white male age 16, single; born Erie County, in Brant 15 years; farmer

Wood, Olin (not a typo) - son, white male age 14, single; born Erie County, in Brant 14 years

Wood, Francis - son, white male age 12, single; born Erie County, in Brant 12 years

Wood, Mariette - daughter, white female age 9, single; born Erie County, in Brant 9 years

Wood, Fillmore - son, white male age 6, single; born Erie County, in Brant 6 years

Wood, Almeda J. - daughter, white female age 4, single; born Erie County, in Brant 4 years

Wood, Augustus - son, white male age 2, single; born Erie County, in Brant 2 years

1860 US Census, Town of Brant, County of Erie, State of New York

Taken 23 June 1860 by George C Akeley; Page 17

150/148 - Wood, Augustus - white male age 42, farmer; real estate \$1800; born NYS

Wood, Eliza - white female age 36, domestic; born NYS

Wood, Francis - white male age 16, domestic (not a typo); born NYS; attended school in the past year

Wood, Margaret - white female age 14; born NYS; attended school in the past year

Wood, Fillmore (not a typo) - white male age 11; born NYS; attended school in the past year

Wood, Almida - white female age 9; born NYS; attended school in the past year

Wood, Augustus Jr. - white male age 7; born NYS; attended school in the past year

Wood, Eugene - white male age 4; born NYS; attended school in the past year

1870 US Census, Town of Brant, County of Erie, State of New York

Taken 1 August 1870 by Wm Peacock; Page 18

154/160 - Wood, Augustus B. - white male age 54; real estate \$3000, personal property \$1350; born NYS; US citizen

Wood, Eliza - white female age 47, keeping house; born NYS

Wood, Augustus (Jr) - white male age 17, works on farm; born NYS; attended school in the past year

Wood, Eugene - white male age 14, works on farm; born NYS; attended school in the past year

1875 New York Census, Town of Brant, County of Erie

Taken 1 June 1875 by Horatio P. Muffett; Page 1

9/9 - frame house, value \$1500 - Wood, Augustus B. - white male age 60, married; born Green (not a typo) Co.; farmer, native, land owner

Wood, Eliza A. - wife, white female age 52, married; born (blank); keeping house

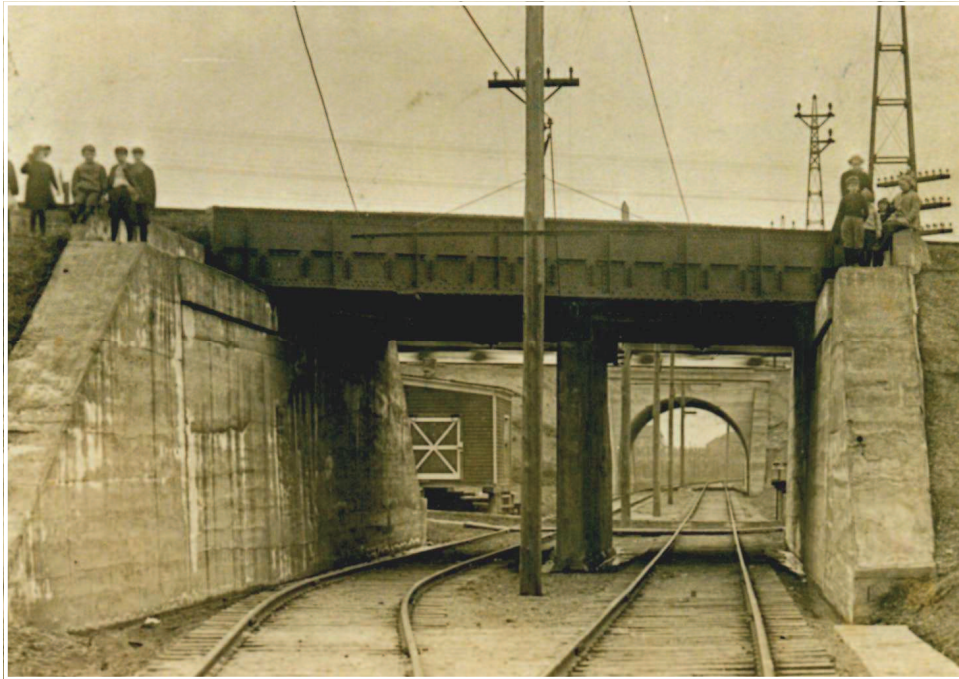
Wood, Eugene - son, white male age 19, single; born Erie Co.; farmer,

Patty,
So good to hear from you, thanks for sharing that additional tidbit of genealogy news re: my family. I have a request, I noticed on one of the plot maps that there was a Wood Bros for one of the lots. I believe it was near A.B. Wood's property. Here is my request, as far as I can tell from the 1820 and 1830 census (since there were no names other than the primary - head of household) A. B.'s father is John Wood. John had a many children and moved them (some or all) to the Brant/Hamburg area. I know one of A.B.'s brothers was Sylvester Wood. The name Sylvester is from John's wife Huldah Pierce, her father was Sylvester Pierce from VT, I digress (sorry). So I am wondering if the Wood Bros. was something that A. B. and some of his sibling were involved with? Not sure if you can discover anything along those lines. Sylvester had four children all born in Brant, (Dennis, Sarah, Lucelia, and Marvin). Sylvester moved on with his brood to Michigan before the war. Anyway, too much info I am sure, but one of my hopes is that I can locate other siblings of A. B., Sylvester was born in 1800 and A. B. in 1814, that leaves a lot of room for other children which according to the census of that time existed, alas I just do not have any names.

v/r

MSG Ross Wood
ARNG SPP NCOIC


Join Farnham's 125th Anniversary Committee Today!!

The Village of Farnham was incorporated on June 15th, 1892. In 2017, Farnham will be celebrating 125 years! A committee has been formed and celebration plans are underway. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please see Jackie Hoisington, Village of Farnham Clerk, for more information. Others who are part of this Anniversary Committee are: Jere Hoisington, Mayor; Yvonne Heller, Elizabeth Huffnagle, Maggie Borowoski, Shelia Rauker, with support from Bev Wasmund, Jo Battaglia, Patty Friend and the Brant-Farnham Historical Society.

The first recorded merchant in Farnham was Leroy Farnham, after whom Farnham was named. George Walker owned the second store. Other merchants followed: Charles F. Goodman, W.W. Hammond and Henry Slender. Farnham Station Business Directory circa 1864 listed W.W. Hammond, dealer in general merchandise and attorney at law; W.W. and G. Hammond, proprietors of a steam sawmill; W.W. Stewart and Phillip Cleese, blacksmith; Henry Lewis, manufacturer and dealer in boots and shoes; C. Jacob Cook: P. Brant, Pastor of Lutheran Church and Hiram

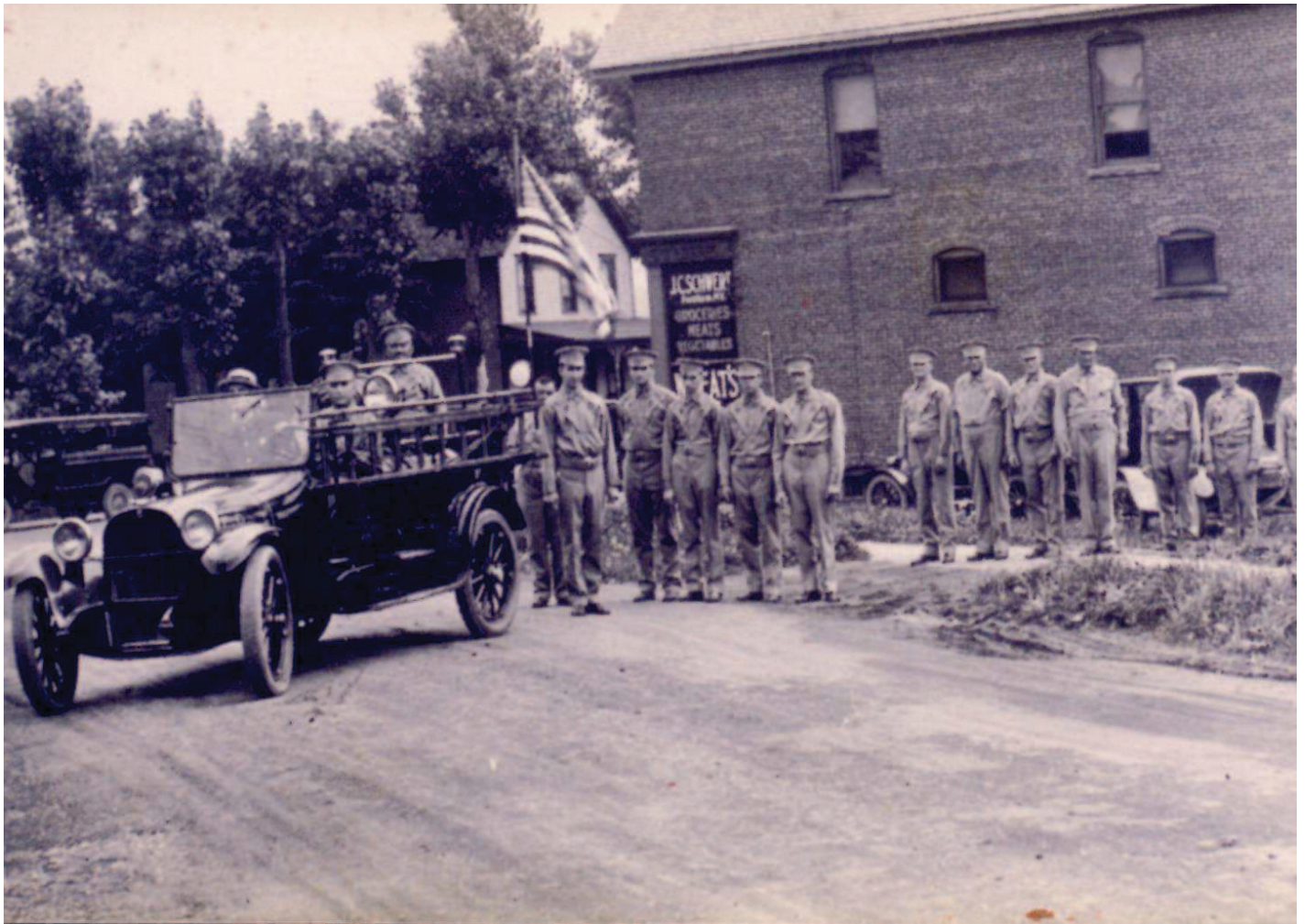


Crawford, F. Phillip, L.S. Shaw, L. Turk, John Steward, F. Brinkman, H. John Gropdal and Chris Sewert, residents.

In 1892 Farnham was a thriving community. It was an important railroad station mainly supported by the Erie Preserving Company, which was one of the largest canneries in New York State. A large business district developed, followed by a growth in population which required housing and services. To fill this need for incorporation, a petition was made and sent to the State. It was approved and the Village of Farnham was incorporated on June 15th, 1892.

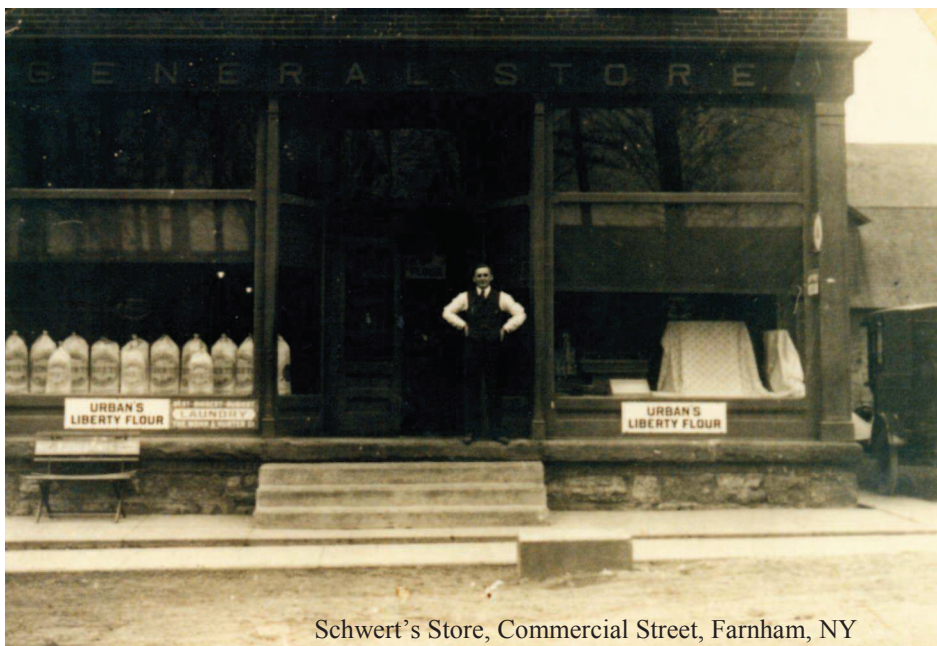
PHOTOS: Top; B&E Trolley Tracks/Tunnel. Middle: Looking East on Commercial Street, Schwert's store on corner. Bottom: Center of the Village of Farnham, looking West on Commercial St. Globe Hotel, Schwert's Store, Pizzolanti's, B&E Depot (Trolley Station).

- **Join Farnham's 125th Anniversary Committee Today!!** -



First Fire Engine 1917 Dodge and Farnham Firemen. Corner of Commercial Street and Railroad Avenue.

Note Pizzolanti's in the background of the photo and Schwert's store behind the men. The names of those men in the above photo order not available at this time.



Schwert's Store, Commercial Street, Farnham, NY

We do have a listing of the Members of Farnham's first Fire Department. They were: Carl Cook, John Guelzou, Fred Paul, Tom Christopher, Joe Muscarella, Lee Walker, Tony Muscarella, Christ Berns, Tom Walker, Lynn Weir, Maurice Avey, John Carbeck, Lynn Carbeck, William F. Avey, Norman Shultz, Charles Nordblum, Henry Badka, Clarence Crawford, Adam Ahlers, Luther Sager, Harmon Schwert, Jack Weir, and Jim Pizzolanti.

**1950 Joyce Cureo 8th Grade Graduation
from Farnham Elementary School**



Photo above: L-R Geri Cureo (sister), Mary Cureo (Mom), Joyce, Grandma Minnie Muscato, Judi Cureo (sister).



Photo Right: Joyce Cureo with her diploma and graduation cake.

**The BRANT-FARNHAM
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

If you would like to help us collect and preserve the history of Brant Township, you can become a member of the Brant-Farnham Historical Society. Membership rates are \$10.00 - Individuals, \$15.00 - Families for January through December.

Our plan is to publish a newsletter yearly in June, or quarterly on the 25th of March, June, September and December. Articles for publication should be submitted no later than the last day of the month preceding each issue.

Historical Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each Month at 7:00 PM at the Brant Town Hall. You are also welcome to visit the Historical room during the Town Clerk's office hours.

HISTORIANS

Farnham: Maggie Borowski, Shelia Rauker

Brant: Patty Friend

THE HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

Hello! Last June 2015, the Brant-Farnham Historical Society prepared a yearbook which spanned June 2014 - June 2015. Since that time, we have received and collected many family histories, local organization stories and photos. Our historical files are growing strong! THANK YOU to all who have been generous in sharing.

For our Town's 177th Year, we have a few special celebrations planned:

- = **Printing and Distribution** of our 2015-2016 News Journal
- = **13th Annual Brant Summer Festival**
- = **Special Display** at Brantfest, highlighting the sport of baseball in the Town of Brant and Village of Farnham.

= **Pictorial Cancellation** at the Brant Post Office June 21st celebrating the Brant Town Park Ball Diamond Dedication of "Flossie Field" in honor of Leah Mirusso, 1-5 PM. There will be a FREE raffle to win a regulation size baseball bat engraved with "Town of Brant, Flossie Field, June 2016." All those who visit the PO June 21st are eligible to win. Postmark to be announced in June 9th issue of Postal Bulletin. <http://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2016/pb22443/pb22443.pdf> Page 59.

= **Begin preparations for the 125th Anniversary** celebration of the Village of Farnham

More information on these events can be found inside this journal. Watch the local papers for more updates as well.

In order to make this journal a success, much help is needed. We are inviting anyone who has a story to tell or a photograph to share to please contact us. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. You may submit articles/photographs to historian@brantny.com or in person to Historians Shelia Rauker, Maggie Borowski, and Patty Friend. You may also bring them to the Town and Village Halls.

**From: The Brant-Farnham Historical Society
c/o Brant Town Hall
P.O. Box 228
Brant, NY 14027**

To:

BRANT– FARNHAM HISTORY

A HISTORICAL JOURNAL
for the
Town of Brant
and
Village of Farnham

July 2015 – June 2016 Edition
VOL. XVII June 25, 2016 WHOLE NO. 50