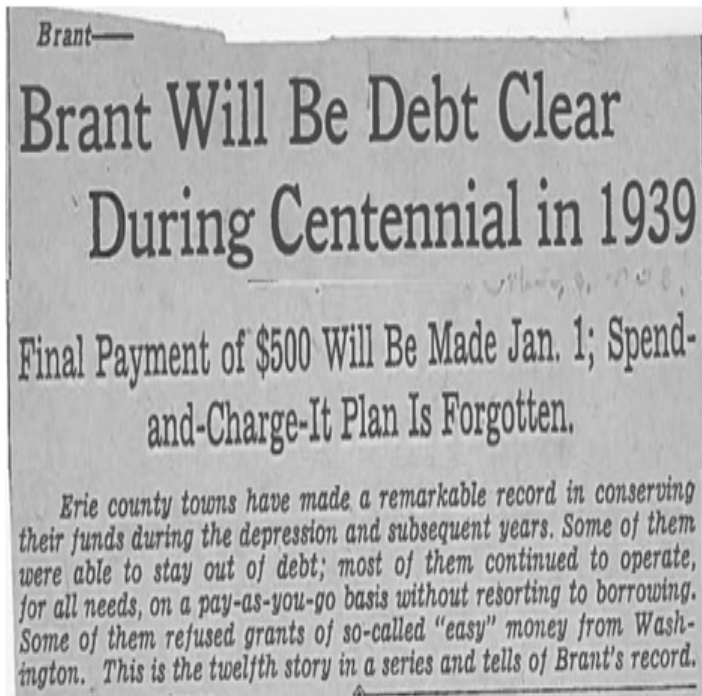


BRANT – FARNHAM HISTORY

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75 years ago...Buffalo Evening News

BRANT – THE FUTURE

Written in 1964

A public land area had been purchased by the Town of Brant for the development of a recreation area. It is located on the Brant-Farnham Road and is the former Brant Labor Camp. It is hoped that a picnic area, complete with cook-out facilities, baseball diamond and rest room facilities will be the first to be completed followed by a general community house with a year around swimming pool. Winter recreation with a skating rink is also being planned. On the same site will be located the town highway buildings to house the office, garage for equipment, shop and storage facilities.

Excerpt from the Quarto-Sequennial of the Town of Brant 1839-1964 Book.

Town of Brant Preparing for Celebration

Attics and trunks are being searched for old clothes for the Town of Brant Quarto-Centennial celebration on Sunday, Sept. 6 on the town recreation field, located on the Brant-Farnham Rd., Rt. 249.

A group of civic leaders in the town are making arrangements for the 125 anniversary observance of the township. Town Supervisor, Samuel Kalabate, has been named Honorary Chairman.

50 years ago, Lake Shore News
August 24, 1964...

JUNE 21, 1989

Prince and Princess Chosen

In commemoration of the Town of Brant's Sesquicentennial Celebration, all third and fourth grade students living in the Town were asked to write a twenty-five word essay on "Why I Love Brant." From these essays, a prince and princess was selected. Special "Why I Love Brant" essay paper was prepared by the committee for the children to use. All entries were judged by Mrs. Sandra Farrell, a fourth grade teacher at Lake Shore Central's William T. Hoag Elementary School and Mrs. Janet Kimatian, Reading Specialist, also at the Hoag School and Most Precious Blood School.

Chosen for Prince was Antonio Graci, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Graci of Commercial St., Farnham, a fourth grade student at the Brant I School and the Princess is Beth DeCarlo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeCarlo, Mileblock Road, Brant, a third grade student at North Collins Elementary School.

The Prince and Princess will read their winning essays on Sunday, July 2nd, be awarded a savings bond and ride in the Sesquicentennial Celebration parade on that day. Coordinating this essay contest was Annette Dispenca, Chairwoman.

← 25 years ago, Evans Journal celebrating the Town of Brant's SESQUICENTENNIAL.....

Submitted by Mark DeCarlo

AND now TODAY
We are
Celebrating our
175th Year of
Incorporation

March 25, 1839 -
March 25, 2014



Logo by Chrissy Yohn

FARNHAM & BRANT AND THIS & THAT

Expressing our Sympathy to friends and family
Our community sadly misses:

- Paul L. Chiavetta
- Josephine Notaro
- Joe Perello
- Jason DeJoy
- Laura Austin
- Christine (nee Seggio) Fullone
- Charles A. Genovese
- John Herc
- Kenneth P. Ditcher

And any we may have unknowingly omitted*

May they rest in Peace

* If you have names you would like mentioned in this section, please contact us.

**"THANK YOU" to "the someone" who RETURNED
The 1950ish Brant- North Collins Phone Book**

People are wondering

- ❖ **WHATEVER BECAME of the WWII sign that used to be on one of the Four Corners in Brant?** Does anyone have information regarding its whereabouts? Please let us know!
- ❖ **FERRIS RANDALL of Eden asks:** "Does anyone remember a house auction for a lady called Beuzenburg in Brant in the 1950's? I'm looking for a picture of Stephen Randall which may have been sold at the auction." Ferris can be contacted at ferris.wheel@juno.com

The **DEDICATION** of
THE TOWN of BRANT COURTROOM
in honor of **Peter F. Gugino Sr.**
will be held **March 22, 2014 at 6PM**

- An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Brant Town hall on Palm Sunday April 13, 2014 after the Brant Fire Hall's Pancake Breakfast.
- Thank you to Kevin Bartus for scanning photos for the Historical Society at the Brant Town Hall on January 28th.
- The Brant Board voted unanimously to renew fire and ambulance contracts for this year. Annual amounts and contracts approved are: Brant Vol. Fire Co. No. 1 Inc. for \$122K*, Village of Farnham Vol. Fire Dept. for \$108.6K, Village of North Collins Fire Dept. \$10.8K, Farnham Vol. Fire Dept. Ambulance Squad for \$42.6K. *Includes the compensation that was normally paid separately.
- For the second year in a row, Immaculata Academy participated in WNY United's "Drug Free New Year" - Art and Poetry Contest. Senior Justine Chiavetta placed 3rd in her age division for Art. Justine's parents are Mike and Kellie Chiavetta.
- The Brant Town Board's 2014 Organizational meeting was held on Monday Jan 6th.
- At the Jan 14th Meeting, the Brant Town Board designated a \$1,000.00 donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Evans-Brant.
- Supervisor Leonard Pero attended a rally to keep Lake Shore Health Care Center from closing. It was held at the Silver Creek School Auditorium on 1/11/2014 with over 1000 people in attendance.
- Brant Vol. Fire Co. Installation Dinner was January 25, 2014.
- Effective 1/27/2014 US Postage Stamps are now 49cents.
- The Farnham Vol. Fire Co. Installation Dinner was February 8, 2014.
- On January 20th, the Brant and Farnham Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliaries together hosted a meeting for all the local Ladies Auxiliaries at the Brant Fire Hall. About 60 ladies were in attendance, visiting from North Evans, Evans Ctr, Lake Erie Beach, Highland and Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Fire Companies. Sharon Catalano, President of Brant Aux, presided over the event. The meeting was organized to set the upcoming year's calendar, hoping to avoid scheduling conflicts between all the Auxiliaries and their various activities for the year.

In Recognition of.....

Town of Brant resident Tim Marien. He was first in the water to help during an emergency situation 8/24/13 at Evangola State Park. Tim was recognized at the 1/6/2014 Town of Brant Board Meeting.

Mary Jayne Ginnitti (nee Porsley) was named the 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce. Not only was she "...recognized for her unselfish service and excellence to our Community." She was also born and raised in Brant NY!

Engagements Announced:



...Christa Lee Kwilos and Joseph Richard Inglut of Brant have announced their engagement.

The bride to be is the daughter of Linda Cheney and the late Martin Cheney of Hamburg. She is the manager at Root 5 Waterfront Restaurant in Hamburg.

The groom to be is the son of Andrew Inglut of Angola and Maria Fetto of Brant. Joseph is currently attending the New York State Training Academy in Albany for the Department of Corrections program and will graduate in April. The couple will reside in the town of Brant.

...Amber Kelly and Sam Friend of Brant were engaged on January 13th 2014. Amber is the daughter of Duane and Kim Kelly of Angola. She is a teacher at St. Mary's HS in Lancaster. Sam is the son of Bill and Patty Friend of Brant. He is a superintendent, at Oak Grove Construction. A wedding date of August 16th is planned.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Donna Borngraber		02/04/2014
David Berns	82	01/11/2014
Bob Kaczmarek		01/21/2014
Bonnie Wik		01/21/2014

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fultonhistory.com

AND

wnyoldphotos.com

Corrections for the December 25, 2013 issue:

- Received a Donation from **Bev Wasmund** consisting of: Photo copy of 50th yr Anniversary booklet for Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Holy Cross will be celebrating ~~100~~ **150** yrs in 2014.
- Donation of Newspaper clipping listing the election results of **1973** from **Peter Loretto**.

Growing up during the “Crash of 1929” and the Great Depression that Followed

By Sherman Falk

My great grandparents came to this country in 1857 from Germany. At the time my grandfather was four years old. They settled in the Town of Brant. When my grandfather was old enough, he married and purchased property to build a home and start a farm. This property is presently owned by Joseph and Helen Catalano.

My grandfather August and wife Maria had two children; Edward and Elizabeth. My father Edward and wife Lora had four children Ernest, Augustos, Edward Jr. and me (Sherman).

I was born in 1925 so I was four at the time of *the 1929 crash*. After *the crash* money became almost non-existent, so to get the provisions necessary to put food on the table mother would take a big basket of eggs, about twenty dozen, and butter she made from our cows to a store in North Collins (George Browns) and barter for flour, sugar and spices. Most everything else was supplied by our farm. By the way, this situation was not unique to just our family. It was the norm for most families at the time. The recovery of *the crash* was very slow and really didn't end until World War II.

A friend of mine, Thomas Dimmick lived on Hardpan Road. There were six children in the family and they were very poor. To receive their welfare food ration once a month the complete family walked to North Collins. The youngest child at the time was six.

SHARE

(Sending Hope a Relief Effort)

By Donna Borngraber

SHARE, began when a group of people from three Town of Brant Churches wanted to do something to help the people in Joplin, Missouri, after a tornado ripped thru their city.

In 2011, money was raised through raffles and donations and \$1,000 was donated to *Americares*. *Americares* works with large drug companies and sends needed drugs into disaster areas.

It was important to us that as much of the money we raised went to those who needed it and not to administrative costs. *Americares* administrative costs were 4%.

In 2012, the Eden Quilt Guild held a Quilt Show. After the show, a quilt that had hung in the show was given to raffle as a fund raiser. We decided on the Salvation Army.

Through the quilt raffle and other fund raising activities we were able to donate \$1,540.00 to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief and \$320.00 to the Salvation Army for Disaster Relief for the Town of Brant.

In 2013, for the third year SHARE had a table at Brant Fest. It was decided that any monies raised from our basket raffle would go to the Falk family for their recent barn fire. Our raffle of an Amish rocker raised \$860.00 for the Salvation Army. Remaining monies are being held until we can find out what we can do to help the Tri-Parish Church that burned in Brockton, NY.

We as a small group are very proud of what we have accomplished in the last three years. If you have donated or bought a raffle ticket, thank you. If you are interested in working with us, please contact one of us listed below.

Our SHARE Committee: Nancy Rodler, Patty Friend, George Cordia, Lois Barefoot, Beverly Wasmund, Janet Bowman, David Berns, Beth Marien, Rebecca Mlacker, Sherman Reickart, Donna Borngraber.

December 29, 2013 Swearing in of Town Officials at the Brant Senior Building

Republican Committee Chairman, Carmen Vacco gave a short and sweet presentation with introductions for our newly elected Town of Brant officials:

Supervisor: Lenny Pero,
Councilmen: Jeff Gier and

Mark DeCarlo,

Judge: Clark H. Borngraber.

Judge Mills performed the swearing in ceremonies.

Pat Granica was the perfect hostess making sure we all had refreshments.

It was a great turn out with over 55 people in attendance.

From the *Erie Railroad Magazine*, Vol 31,
No. 12 February, 1936

Frank M. America, Editor & Manager

Attention Taxpayers!

ADVOCATES of government ownership of the railroads would do well to pause in their enthusiasm long enough to recall the true relationship of government business activity to the burden of taxes. It is of vital concern to every taxpayer.

Noone has pictured the situation more clearly and concisely than Edward E.

Loomis in “*The Forum*”. He says that private business is a taxpayer and that government business venture is a tax consumer.

“When government enters business in competition with its taxpaying citizens,” Mr. Loomis adds, “it destroys its most important tax source. As government encroaches upon private business, it demands more and more from taxpaying groups which, when not actually taxed out of existence, become weaker and weaker in ability to pay.”

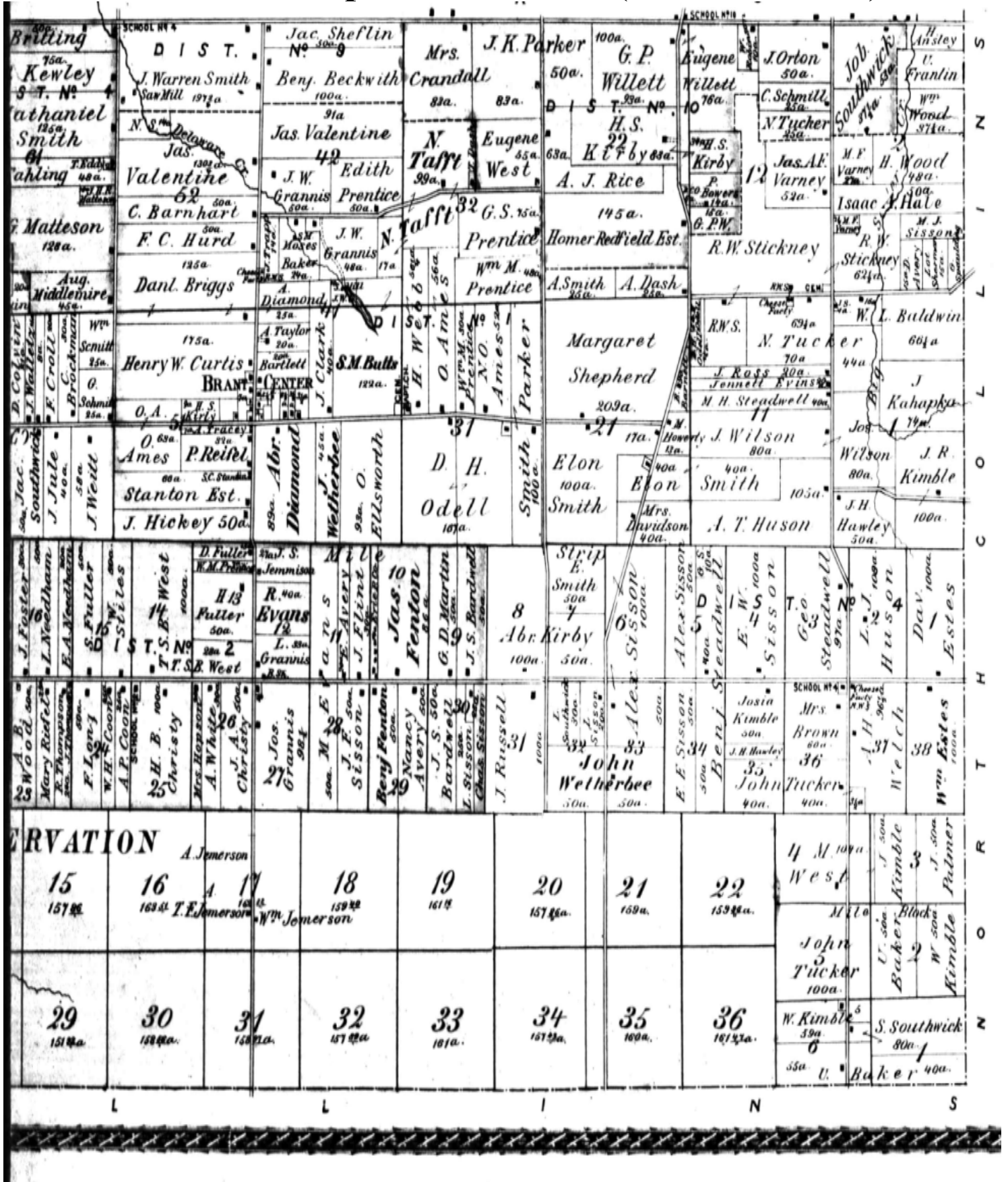
“For instance, under normal business conditions, the enormous sums paid by the railroads in taxes are available for the support of the various government functions. (about 45 per cent of all rail taxes goes to the support of the public schools.) In the event of government ownership of railroads, who will replace the carriers with this contribution in the common tax pot? The answer is simple—this enormous amount will be spread over the remaining tax payers.”

1880 Map of Brant NY (Western section)



This map appears in the "Illustrated Historical Atlas of Erie County, N.Y.," Published in 1880 by F. V. Beers & Company (Submitted by Dale Brose)

1880 Map of Brant NY (Eastern section)



SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT!!

Please consider being a Patron for the
175th Anniversary History Book

Patron and Business Advertisements Pages
for the History Book are **available** at the following cost:

One line Name \$25.00
(Example: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Catalano or The Anthony Catalano Family)

One Line IN MEMORY OF..... \$25.00
(Example: IMO Joseph Brant)

1/8 PAGE AD..... \$75.00

¼ PAGE AD..... \$100.00

½ PAGE AD..... \$200.00

FULL PAGE AD..... \$400.00

Color is Extra

**Each Line or Advertisement entitles you to ONE complimentary
175th Anniversary History Book.**

Checks should be made payable to:

Brant-Farnham Historical Society

Submit any required artwork with your check.

You may also email your artwork to:

historian@brantny.com

OR

Mail via US Postal Service to:

Brant-Farnham Historical Society

PO BOX 228

Brant, NY 14027

**ALL ADVERTISEMENTS/PATRON payments and requests
must be in by April 30, 2014**

Our plan is to have the book ready for the
2014 Brant Summer Festival.

Ad Preference FULL 1/2 1/4
 1/8 Patron(s)

PATRON NAME(s) _____ @ \$25.00 EA = _____

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED See pricing above \$ _____

Please print name legibly: _____

1989 Brant Sesquicentennial
~ 150th Year Celebration ~

Photos submitted by Mark DeCarlo



CORRECTION TO THE December 2013 issue: Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ 150 YEARS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located on Church Street in Farnham, NY and will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on 09/07/2014. There will be a church service at 10:30 AM and will follow with a dinner at the Colony House.

In 1861 Pastor Grabau of Old Trinity Lutheran Church of Buffalo started to organize the German speaking Protestants for worship in Farnham. Services were held for the next three years in a little school house, but all records began and all anniversaries since are held at 1864 being the real beginning. Services were held in German until 02/01/1916 when English replaced the German.

At Midnight 08/18/1930, a fire completely destroyed the building. They were able to save the altar, pews, statue of Jesus and few other articles. Site was cleared and construction of new church was started immediately. On 12/11/1930 the bell was rung for the first time at the Christmas Eve service and is still ringing today.

Two Pastors have come from this church, Pastor Henry C. Wasmund and Pastor Gary Koch. Many pastors have served here over the past 150 years. For approximately a ten year period between 2002 and 2010 we didn't have a pastor, we worked in the capacity of a teaching church. We had a number of vicars who learned from us and we learned from them. We also had supply pastors during this period.

One of our pastors, Reverend Donald Anderson (1969-1975) was instrumental in starting Community Concern right here at Holy Cross. He started it with the prayer and hope that it would succeed, and just look around and see what it has grown into today and how it serves the people in our area. He also had vicars in training during his six year stay. I still keep in touch with one of the former vicars and his family.

Holy Cross is also proud to claim the Holmes family as one of our long time church family members. Audrey Holmes was an English opera singer who married her husband Ed, one of our Gl's, in England during WWII. They came to U.S. after the war and settled in Farnham and lived her for many years. Mrs. Holmes taught music to many fortunate students. Their children, Clint and Gayle, grew up and found a life and fame in the entertainment world. Clint still comes back to his roots to participate in the Variety Club Telethon.

We are blessed to have Reverend Laurie Carson as our spiritual leader and our children will back that up with a big "YES". We have a wonderful Sunday School that starts at 9AM Sept - May. The children are also active in our regular Sunday church services. Our church service from September - May is at 10:30AM. June thru August we start at 9:30AM. Our doors are always open and we hope some of you will pay us a visit.

This is just my personal note: When I was writing this article I learned that my mother was confirmed on 04/16/1916 by Pastor Walter Rhode and it was the first class to be taught in English. 1915 ended the teaching in German. My son Roy was confirmed in the 100th celebration and my great-granddaughter Madison Justinger will be confirmed in the 150th Celebration year.

Submitted by: Bev Wasmund



Our 175th Anniversary Logo was
Designed by Chrissy (Ells) Yohn
Thank you Chrissy for a job well done!

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YEARS!



As part of the Town's 175th Celebration we are preparing a Historical Memory Book

The Brant-Farnham Historical Society has begun work on the 175th History Book. To all who have submitted a story, family history, photos and memorabilia...

A BIG THANK YOU

This is YOUR book of memories of the Town of Brant.

We could not publish a town history book without your help -

Our last book was distributed in 1989; We have 25 years to catch up on! A FREE 175th History Book will be given with each Advertisement/Patron Ad.

Your support will help to help cover the publishing expenses.

There is still time to purchase advertisements and or become a Patron.

Please show your community spirit by placing a Patron Ad as soon as possible.

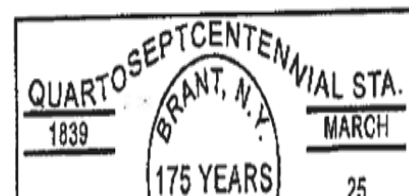
Advertising Deadline is April 30, 2014.



Brant's 175th Celebration Pictorial Postmark will be available At the Brant Post Office on March 25, 2014 Special Hours : 12:00Noon - 5:00PM

Making our 175th Anniversary Memorable with a Pictorial Postmark! We are commemorating Brant's 175th Anniversary with a Pictorial postmark. This unique philatelic item will be available only at this event or by mail order and is anticipated to be a great hit with participants who want a very special souvenir. The postmark will be announced in the Postal Service's biweekly *Postal bulletin*, so collectors across the country and around the world may request our 175th anniversary Postmark as well!

Shows 1/2 of the 175th Celebration Postmark /Cancellation ->



WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT? On the day of the event, the Brant Postal Office will provide hand postmarking service and the sale of stamps and other stamp products. The Brant Post Office will provide hand-back service - a customer personally presents an addressed or unaddressed envelope, postal card or other item with sufficient First-Class Mail postage the Postofficer in charge at the Brant Post Office. The clerk applies the 175th Anniversary Town of Brant pictorial postmark and hands the item back to the customer.

Forever Stamps that depict American pride and ingenuity will be available at the Brant Post Office for your selection. Bring a card, letter or envelope and the Brant Postmaster will HAND CANCEL this for you. This is an event that does not happen every day! A complete history and explanation of Pictorial Postmarks are available on line at: <https://about.usps.com/publications/pub186.pdf>

On Saturday March 22, 2014 The Town of Brant will Honor the memory of **Judge Peter F. Gugino** by dedicating the Brant court room in his honor. Peter was a tireless servant of the people of the Town of Brant and served his community with his dedication and compassion for fairness and honesty. He served in this capacity after being appointed in 1969 for 4 months after the death of then Justice Clarence Beuzenburg. Peter was elected and served our community from 1970-1977, appointed 1979 and won election 2002 until his untimely death on August 10, 2013. 22 years Peter dedicated to our community. Peter was on countless committees and was instrumental in the remodeling of our new court room. We find it fitting to name the court room in his honor. Please join us on **Saturday March 22, 2014** for the celebration of his life and dedication of our court room where the Brant Town Board at **6:00PM** will proclaim that this court room shall forever be called:

The Peter F. Gugino Memorial Court Room.

~Submitted by Leonard Pero, Supervisor Town of Brant

The 11th Annual BRANT Summer Festival

June 21 and 22nd 2014 at the Brant Town Park

Madison's 5K Run, BrantFest Parade, Firemen Water Ball competition, Music, Food, Bounce houses, Fireworks, Historical Display and Distribution of the 175th year History Book.

Two days of Fun and celebration in honor of our 175th Year!

If you are interested in helping on a Brantfest committee - Contact one of our Town officials ASAP!

**The
Centennial
Committee of
1939**

**Celebrating
Brant's
100th
Year**



Centennial Committee

Calvert Mellen
Harrison Beuzenburg
Rev. Walter J. Huthman
Rev. James Navagh
Rev. James F. Donovan
A. R. Wheelock

Joseph Guzzetta
Joseph J. Morgano
Joseph F. Catalano
Russell Everhart
Robert P. Galloway
Dr. Clifford Shongo
Dr. John S. McFarland

Nicholas Spratz
John H. Carbeck
John Jarvis
Walden Krull
Carl Chiavetta
Christian J. Berns

THE HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

Hello! The Brant-Farnham Historical Society has been so busy with the project of preparing a 175th Anniversary History book. The community spirit in support of this endeavor is amazing. We have received many family histories, local organization stories and photos. Our historical files are growing! THANK YOU to all who have been generous in sharing.

Another Thank you goes to the Evans Historical Society for their recent donations of 1939-1958 Lake Shore High School Year Books – 1939 was the first ever year book for Lake Shore School. Be sure to have a look when you visit the Brant-Farnham Historical Society at the Brant Town Hall. Consider a visit sometime soon!

We have a few celebrations planned for this 175th Year:



- ❖ *The Dedication of the Peter F. Gugino Courtroom*
- ❖ *Special Pictorial Cancellation at the Brant Post Office and*
- ❖ *Brant Summer Festival*

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

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

Our 175th Anniversary Logo was
Designed by *Chrissy (Ells) Yohn*
Thank you *Chrissy* for a job well done!



**Committee
for the 150th
Celebration
of 1989**

Seated row 1: Nina Notaro Faltus (co-Treasurer), William Fricano, Supervisor and Honorary Chairman, Angela Pero
Row 2: Ron Pfeffer (Historian), Brenda Giacchino, Annette Dispense, Police Chief Wayne Falk
Standing: Jack Giacchino
Not Pictured: Chairman Dan Kujawinski and co-Treasurer Angela Bedaske

**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 newsletter is published 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; 7:00PM at the Brant Town Hall. You are also welcome to visit the Historical room during the Town Clerk's office hours.

HISTORIANS

Farnham: Bev Wasmund and Jo Battaglia
Brant: Patty Friend

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

To: