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A Murder Mystery



Date: February 1, 1900

Victim: Henry Egloff, 30, son of John and Susan Egloff of Crittenden

Accused: Mary Lovina Russ Egloff, 23, wife of Henry

Alleged Lover: Albert Wilhelm 23, of Alden

Weapon: Arsenic Poisoning

Justice: Frederick Dunham of Batavia

For the People: District Attorney FS Randall of LeRoy

For the Defense: Frank L. Barnet of Alden; John Laughlin of Buffalo

Witnesses: Dr. Edward Hummel of Darien; Dr. Bates of Corfu; Dr. Clarence Tyler of Alden; Alexander and Peter Egloff, brothers of Henry; George Russ, father of Mary Lovina; various neighbors of the Egluffs

Arsenic

A week before his death early in the morning of February 1, 1900, Henry Egloff returned home for lunch from the woods on his property on Allegheny Road, just south of Corfu, where he had been chopping wood with his brother Alexander. Shortly after returning to the wood lot, he was taken violently ill with fits of vomiting. Alex sent him home. Later, Lovina, Henry's wife, walked to Alex's house and asked him to fetch the doctor.

Dr. Hummel of Darien came. It was noted that Henry's mouth and throat had the appearance of being burned. Under treatment, Henry began to improve.

When Peter Egloff saw his brother on January 27, he and Alex spoke about removing Henry from his home. Lovina wanted to know why and Henry said, "You know why I want to go. Why don't you want Dr. Bates to come? You know he would tell the truth."

As reported by Peter, Lovina began to cry and asked Henry, "Haven't I been a good wife to you. I have done all I could for you." Henry replied, "You might have in your own way, but I will not get well if I stay here."

Dr. Bates testified that there was little furniture in the house and that many of the necessary things for housekeeping were lacking. To the doctor everything indicated poverty. The couple had been married in 1892 and had three young children—George, 6; Frank, 4; and Susan, 2.

Henry was moved to his brother Alexander's house and it was there that he died. The brothers testified that Henry had said, "They (supposedly meaning Lovina and Albert, her alleged lover,) dosed me and it was not the first time they tried it; but I guess they have beat me this time." Henry also wanted to know if Peter would see that they were punished for killing him. It was Peter who had Lovina arrested by Sheriff Bixley the next day for the murder of Henry.

Albert Wilhelm, son of Phillip and Margaret Wilhelm of Alden, had been employed by Lovina's father George Russ. He left that employment to become a teamster. Shortly after Thanksgiving 1899 Albert was injured in a friendly scuffle with an acquaintance in the Union Hotel in Corfu. Henry Egloff gave him a home when Albert was unable to work and paid the doctor who attended him. During his stay at the Egloffs, neighbors asked questions about the relationship between Lovina and Albert. When little George informed his father of what he had allegedly seen, Henry questioned Lovina, but she stoutly denied any relationship. She did object to Wilhelm being sent away, which Henry did after Christmas.



On December 31, Mrs. Egloff supposedly made an attempt at suicide, according to Wilhelm. Her symptoms were the same as in the case of her husband. She left their home on January 6th, saying she would stay away, and taking the children, went to the home of her father. According to Peter Egloff, Henry visited an attorney, Fred Dunham of Batavia, on January 8th to begin proceedings for a divorce. Attorney Dunham advised him that the evidence in his possession would not maintain an action but did advise him to advertise that she had left him and that he would not be responsible for her debts. Henry sent notices to Corfu merchants.

Later that week, Henry called upon his wife and asked her to return home with him. It is said that his purpose was to recover possession of his older son, George, his favorite child. Lovina did return home, but witnesses said that when her husband was gone from the house she was frequently visited by Wilhelm.

When told of Henry's death at his brother's home, Lovina was reported to be greatly upset and Henry's brothers would not let her see him. Albert Wilhelm had disappeared. Because Henry had died under unusual circumstances, an autopsy was performed. Using a cold chisel and a handsaw, his stomach, heart, brain and kidneys were removed and examined. Traces of arsenic were found.

Lovina's trial began February 20th in Batavia. Both Dr. Hummel and Dr. Bates were called to the stand, as were several neighbors, and Henry's brothers and their wives. Dr. Hummel testified that all the organs removed for autopsy appeared normal except for the stomach which contained some irritant. He also testified that from the time he was first called to attend Henry until his death, he did not know what was the matter with him. He also emphatically expressed his belief that Henry's death was not due to natural causes.

Witness, Dr. Clarence Tyler of Alden, testified that he had treated Henry for a blood disease in January 1899 and gave him strychnine and arsenic. He had seen Henry intoxicated and advised him to "brace up." When he saw Henry during his last illness, he asked him if he had been drinking again and Henry had replied that he had drunk some. The Egloff family denied that Henry was a heavy drinker.

When questioned about his remark to the District Attorney that he would not be surprised if arsenic was found in Henry's stomach, Dr. Tyler said his reason for making that remark was that he knew bismuth, strychnine and hydratus had been prescribed for the man.

George Russ, Lovina's father, testified in his daughter's defense saying that his daughter and her husband had had no trouble, but that Henry drank hard before his last illness. He also testified that he had never seen anything that would indicate that his daughter's relations with Albert Wilhelm were not proper, and that he knew nothing about Wilhelm's present whereabouts.

On Saturday March 24, 1900, after the People had rested their case, Frank Barnet, Lovina's lawyer, moved for her release on the grounds that there was not sufficient evidence to hold her.

When the court reconvened the following Monday, not a sound could be heard in the courtroom as Justice Dunham gave his judgment: "Mrs. Egloff, the law gives you the presumption of innocence from the time of your arrest to your discharge and the close of the case. I have tried to keep that presumption in mind and I believe that what the People and your lawyers have said is so. There is evidence that your husband died from arsenical poisoning. Who administered that poison we do not know; but I desire to say to you that I would rather let 100 guilty people go free than let one innocent person suffer. If you are guilty of this crime, the punishment which you will suffer from your conscience in the years to come will be a greater one than any at the hands of the law. But I don't want it understood as even insinuating that you are guilty and therefore, it becomes my duty to discharge you from custody."

After thanking Mr. Dunham, her lawyers, the jail matron and jailer, Lovina and her father took the train home to Corfu. The 1900 census, taken in August, shows Lovina and her three children living with her parents, George and Mary Russ. The same census shows Albert Wilhelm living with John and Minnie Rupp in North Collins. The Rups had been living in Alden in 1892.

In 1915, Mary Lovina was living in Buffalo with her second husband, Albert Kickbush, a worker at Larkin Soap Company and nine years her junior. They had living with them, Lovina's 17-year old daughter Susan, her husband and young daughter. In 1920, they are still living in Buffalo with her widowed father; Mary Lovina being listed as Mae,. Albert Kickbush died in 1924, Mary Lovina in 1942. They are buried in the Union Cemetery on County Line Road, as are George and Mary Russ, Lovina's second son Frank and his wife, and her daughter Susan and her husband. Son George is buried in Cheektowaga and Henry Egloff is buried in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Corfu.

Arsenic, an alleged lover, a dead husband and still a mystery.

Archivist Karen Muchow

Sadly Missed



ANNE H. NEWTON- of Alden, NY

September 15, 2016. Wife of the late Liol Newton; dear mother of Debra (Randal) Crist; grandmother of Ryan (Beth Weatherbee) Crist and the late Andrew Marx; also survived by six great-grandchildren; sister of Martha (late Edward) Zimmerman and the late William (Dorothy) Harbinson.



SHARON A. SCHMITZ - (nee Matthies)

September 26, 2016, age 70. Beloved wife of Nicholas T. Schmitz; loving mother of Amy (David) Neveaux, Nicholas (Rachel) II and Jason Schmitz; cherished grandmother of Ethan Schmitz; dear sister of William (Harleen) Matthies, Gerald (Margaret) Matthies, Carolyn (late Charles) Burger, Carl (Ann) Matthies and the late Linda Byerly; also survived by nieces and nephews.



RICHARD L. JABLONSKI - "Skip" "Opi" of Alden, NY

December 22, 2016 Beloved husband of the late Elfriede "Omi" (Dinklage) Jablonski; dear father of Elouise (Robert) DeFilippo and Richard (Ketsy) Jablonski; devoted grandfather of Ricky (Robin) DeFilippo, Katy DeFilippo, Abbey (Kevin) Kwietniak and Jenna DeFilippo; great-grandfather of Emily, Natalie, Wyatt, Benjamin and Carley; brother of Marion (Arthur) Hart, Virginia (Charles) Chauncey, Geraldine "Dolly" (Larry) Schmidt and the late Charlotte (late Roy) Neumann; also survived by many nieces and nephews.



KEITH W. STONE—of Akron, NY.

December 26, 2016, beloved husband of Mary H. (Kremer) Stone; dearest father of Tracy L. (Scott) McMaster, Keith W. (Sara), Ryan G.M. (Tammi), Cassandra B.A., Jeffrey S. (Kimberly), Amy R.M. and the late Daniel P. Stone; also survived by eight grandchildren; brother of Sheralyn (Mochaë) Hennessey, Lyndell (Jerome) Lawrence, Gerald (Susan) Stone and Randall Stone; also survived by nieces and nephews.

Message from the President



At the Alden Historical Society's Trustee meeting of December 1st, I was given the distinct honor of being re-elected President of the Board of Trustees. I appreciate the faith the Board has in me to continue to lead our organization during the coming year. With the help of our Board, we will work towards fulfilling the Mission of the Historical Society; to protect, present and promote the history of the Town of Alden and its people.

As we close 2016 and look forward to the New Year, I would like to give special recognition to our officers for their dedication and hard work. Elli DeFilippo has been terrific in her role as Society Vice President, often helping me perform my responsibilities as President by exchanging ideas or helping resolve a problem by offering suggestions that tap her experience and professionalism. Clarke Burke has been invaluable in his continued role as Society Treasurer. His attention to detail is without peer and has allowed the Society to manage its funds efficiently. We also thank Diane Casell for serving in the role as Secretary for the past two years. Diane has always been very helpful and one of the first to volunteer whenever something needs to be done. We look forward to Jennifer Strong picking up the reigns as Society Secretary.

Also, thank you to retiring director, Carl Matthies, for shepherding this newsletter over the past several years and for always being available and willing to assist the Society whenever the need arose. I have found Carl to be the very definition of the word "gentleman."

Thanks should also go out to the support the Society receives from the Town of Alden. Supervisor Rick Savage has, in particular, been very responsive to any issues we have encountered with our building and for that, we thank him. We have enjoyed a great relationship with the Town of Alden and the Parks Department and we are very grateful.

I have been privileged to serve as the Society's president over the past year. I have learned a lot and have been impressed by the dedication of our trustees and volunteers. I hope that we can continue to strengthen the Society's role as a cultural and educational institution within our great community. I thank each and every person, couple, family or business that is a member of our Society. Your support allows us to continue to fulfill our mission. All to best to everyone for 2017.

President Christopher Gust

c. 1870 Carousel



This unique carousel was on display in the Historical Building during December. The carousel is believed to have been made by German toy manufacturer Steiff and was given to Mabel Rohl when she was a child. Over the years the toy was brought out only at Christmas.

The base contains a working key-wound music box that plays "Rule Britannia". The five soldier dolls (probably Huebach) have porcelain bisque heads and torsos, carved wooden arms and legs, glass eyes and mohair wigs.

Marjorie Rohl donated the carousel in 1990. It was restored in 1992 by the Art Conservation Department of Buffalo State College.

Editor Lynda Tucker



The Alden Historical Society would like to thank the Alden Pharmacy for assisting us in the sale of Historical Society merchandise. With the Society building open on a limited basis, the Alden Pharmacy has graciously provided displays of local hometown featured items for sale at their location. The Alden Pharmacy, and its predecessors, have been our local, neighborhood pharmacy at 13203 Broadway for over 100 years.

Trustee Sue Galbraith

Alden Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Alden Historical Society met for our annual meeting and pot luck supper on Thursday, November 10, at the community center. The evening's activities opened with a scrumptious pot luck supper, after which President Christopher Gust thanked all those attending for their contributions to the meal. He then recognized the veterans in attendance and asked Veteran Larry Kocher to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. During the business meeting portion of the evening, an election was held to fill three expiring trustee positions. President Gust thanked outgoing trustees for their service: former Society President Gil Dussault for chairing fundraising and assisting with publicity and special projects, Diane Casell for serving as society secretary and assisting with building care and displays, and Carl Matthies for compiling and publishing the quarterly newsletter. The expiring three year positions were filled by Jane Burke, Doris Eastwood Brade, and Gil Dussault, who agreed to serve an additional term.

The program portion of the meeting was particularly timely following the recent electoral campaign. Historical Society Program Directors Conrad and Carol Borucki researched earlier presidential campaigns and discovered that the 2016 contest was not the first wherein "crass, coarse, and contentious" rhetoric seemed to be the norm. Basing much of their presentation on an article "Crude Language on the Campaign Trail" found in the July/August 2016 Saturday Evening Post, they shared several examples from earlier campaigns that rival the recent campaign. One such example was the 1828 campaign in which Andrew Jackson opposed President John Quincy Adams. One of the criticisms against Jackson accused him of adultery for marrying a woman before her divorce was technically final. President Adams was ridiculed for lavish living and squandering public money for buying a gaming table, which turned out to be a chess board. The Boruckis also shared a ranking of 41 of the 43 men who have served as US Presidents. The ranking, which reflected a compilation of rankings by several groups of historians and academics, identified Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, and Theodore Roosevelt as the top four choices.



Photo courtesy Christopher Gust

Vice President Elli DeFilippo

7th Annual Bake Sale



The 7th Annual Bake Sale was held December 3, and we are very grateful for the huge support from our trustees, members and the community to make this year's sale the biggest ever. This event involved a lot of people, and a ton of preparation, time and hard work. Bake sale chairman, Sandy Dussault and all her Special Helpers who had a hand in our success are to be thanked and congratulated. With many hands, our success was guaranteed. Exceeding our expectations, we raised, through the sale of baked goods and generous donations, over 40 percent of our annual budget. That represents outstanding support from our members and the community.

Interestingly, we filled 23 lines in our guest book at the building and not everyone who visited signed their names. Of those 23 lines some were individual, some were for a twosome, but many were for 3, 4, even 5 people. Many stated they had never been in the building. Our docents did a great job of guiding and answering questions. It was great to share our beautiful museum with those visitors and the children seemed to really enjoy the experience. As a Chamber of Commerce member, we responsibly participate in "Christmas in the Park", an event that draws many to the village. We would like more traffic in the village and our immediate area, an improvement that would be good for everyone.



Photos courtesy Christopher Gust

Trustee Gil Dussault

Elections and Appointments at December Trustee Meeting

The following officers were elected at the December 1 trustee meeting to serve terms running from November 2016 through November 2017: President – Christopher Gust, Vice President – Elli DeFilippo, Secretary – Jennifer Strong, and Treasurer – Clarke Burke. Karen Muchow was reappointed archivist, a post especially fitting in view of her other roles as Historian for the Village and Town of Alden.

Vice President Elli DeFilippo

New Trustee Doris Brade

Thank you for voting me in as trustee to the Board of the Historical Society.



I was born in Alden in the white house by the cemetery on Broadway. I am the youngest of four brothers (three deceased) and three sisters (two deceased) of the Eastwood clan. I moved to Akron when I was 19 and lived there six years. While there, I worked at Da-Ni Restaurant and met a lot of prominent people such as the owners of Ford Gum, Whiting Door, Perry's Dairy and Jim Gerber when he was in his 20's.

I then moved to Corfu with my husband where I worked as a cashier at Dolls Grocery store and later in the deli and bakery at the new Super Duper.

I joined the Corfu Presbyterian Church where I taught Sunday School and helped with the Youth Group two years. I also belonged to the Corfu Fire Dept Auxiliary and have earned a 25 year Life pin. While there, I organized the Auxiliary's catering business, where I volunteer.

After my husband was killed in an accident, I moved back to Alden. I worked at the Convenient Store and also in the shoe department of Ames. I also worked at the Uni-Mart in Akron.

I was a Girl Scout leader for the Brownies and the Juniors. I was a delegate to the Girl Scout Board in Buffalo. Our troop slept on the USS Little Rock in the Buffalo Harbor, and stayed at a horse camp in Orchard Park where they learned to walk and cantor the horse, brush the horses, and clean their stalls. We also went to the maple syrup farm outside of Attica, and to Shea's to enjoy a few shows.

I have ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, along with four step great grandchildren, who keep grandma busy. My maternal great great grandfather, Richard Buffum, founded Colden, NY and another great great grandfather, Obidiah Baker founded Orchard Park, NY. I have a lot of history!.

New Trustee Jane Burke



Although Jane grew up in Lancaster and graduated from Lancaster High School, she has close connections to Alden. Her grandparents, Arthur and Cora Seitz Heist, owned a farm on Broadway in the village, and her Dad, Ralph, graduated from Alden High School.

Jane studied sociology at Hartwick College in Oneonta, where she met her future husband, Clarke. They have been married nearly 50 years, and have two daughters: Erin Redmond and Kerry O'Hara, and three granddaughters.

Jane was employed at the Ewell Free Library for 26 years, first as assistant librarian, then director, retiring in 2006. She is active in the Alden Garden Club and is a volunteer at the Alden-Marilla Food Pantry.

Congratulations

A Look Back

The Alden Historical Society celebrated Alden State Bank's 100 years of service to the Alden community – its citizens, municipalities, businesses, and organizations, on Thursday, October 14, at the community center. Historical Society President and Alden State Bank Assistant Vice President and Deposit Operations Manager Christopher Gust led the program. Gust, who is unofficially serving as bank historian, began by narrating a pictorial presentation he had prepared detailing the bank's 100 year history from its origin on October 5, 1916, when it was housed in the Wright building (now the Alden Pharmacy), to its 1925 opening in what is now the Alden Advertiser building, to its current location at 13216 Broadway, opened in 1963. The Lancaster branch was added in 1995.

During his presentation, Gust identified many influential people, including the names of the bank's six presidents, one of whom, Charles Marks, wrote some comments for the occasion of the bank's 60 year anniversary in 1976. President Marks' recollections humorously revealed changes in bank practices from his early days at the bank beginning in 1929 until his retirement in 1979. Gust concluded his presentation by showing a video the bank previously produced in honor of the bank's 75 year anniversary in 1991. The program was brought to a close with the presentation of a plaque from the historical society to the bank honoring them for their dedicated service to the community. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Steve Woodard accepted the plaque on behalf of the bank. Refreshments included a cake, provided by Tops Markets, featuring an image of Arlotta Bass Koch's painting of the bank.



Photo courtesy Christopher Gust

Alden State Bank, a community bank, promotes itself as a "home-town" bank, one with close ties to the community it serves; that profile, along with sound financial management, has contributed to the bank's longevity. With the bank embarking on opening its second branch location in East Amherst, we thank them for their contributions to Alden, and we wish them continuing success.

Vice President Elli DeFilippo



Photo courtesy C. Gust

The cold, blustery weather did not diminish attendance at the Historical Society program held at the Alden Mennonite Church on Thursday, December 8. Presented by Don Schmidt, Alden Mennonite Church historian and retired Alden High School social studies teacher and coach, the program was informative and entertaining as Mr. Schmidt, comfortable before a large gathering, injected bits of humor into his presentation.

Don began by explaining that the Mennonite and Amish faiths are closely related and both evolved from the Anabaptist faith which began following the Protestant Revolution in 1517. The Mennonite faith began in 1536 and the Amish, in 1693. The Mennonite and Amish people were drawn to New York State and to Pennsylvania by notices they saw advertising land for sale in the Amish newspaper *The Budget*. William Penn, founder of the Province of Pennsylvania, promised religious freedom to those who settled there.

Several of the family names mentioned by Don as instrumental in the development of the local church are names that may be familiar to all of us for their contributions to the larger community where they have served as businessmen, merchants, contractors, classmates, friends and neighbors. Among the names mentioned were Bontrager (John, Sr., founded the Alden church in 1924), Beachy, Helmuth, Miller, Kipfer, Schlabach, Jantzi, Bender, Troyer, Baer, and Schmidt.

As the presentation drew to a close, mention was made of the fine music heard coming from their worship services, and the audience was invited to join in a cappella singing of some hymns. More information about the Alden Mennonite Church is available at aldenmennonite.org.



Photo courtesy Paul Henry

Vice President Elli DeFilippo

Historical Society Building

The **Alden Historical Society's** many exhibits are located in the village at the Alden Historical Society Building, 13213 Broadway, across from Alden State Bank. The mission of the historical society is to preserve, promote and present the history of Alden and its people.


HOURS:

The **Alden Historical Society Building** is open to the public from 1 PM to 3 PM the first and third Sunday of each month, **except during January and February**. Tours for individuals and groups may be arranged by calling 937-3700 or 937-6400.


MEETINGS:

Program meetings are generally held at the Alden Community Center on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Notices will be published in the **Alden Advertiser** in advance of the program. Open to the public, these programs are both informative and interesting, often featuring a guest speaker. You are very welcome to come and share your memories and experiences about the evening's program, followed by an informal social complete with homemade refreshments. In the event of inclement weather, we will postpone when Alden school activities are closed.


Trustee meetings are held at the **Alden Historical Society Building** at 7 PM. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month in February, April, June, August, October and December. Trustee meetings are open to the membership.



The Historical Building will be **closed** during January & February



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Annual dues are payable by April 1

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New members are always welcome. Your support will assure that the Alden Historical Society will continue to grow and prosper for years to come.

Please note: The membership year is April 1 through March 31, with the annual renewal due by April 1.

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	Historical Society members are invited to join the standing committees

Historic preservation is a conversation with our past about our future.

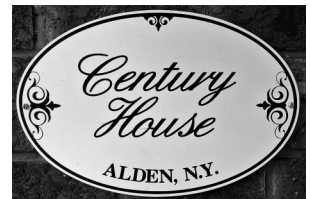


If you think the heritage to preserve and protect the legacy of Alden is important, the historical society is interested in your passion. The society is currently seeking a dedicated volunteer to occupy the open position of Curator.

The Curator is responsible for collecting, cataloging, repairing and storing historical objects; for arranging museum exhibits and the correct historic interpretation of these exhibits; and recording all loans of artifacts and other materials. The Curator shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Sue Galbraith

Century Homes

They have stood the test of time, and tower among the backdrop of Alden. They are the Century homes, scattered across Alden’s landscape. With the recent program by the Historical Society the village century house book is busting at the seams. Although we will always accept information on any century house, we are now focusing on the 100+ yr old houses located in the town. If you are interested in being included in either book, please email us at: AldenHistSoc@gmail.com Don’t forget we have Century House signs for sale for \$40.



Trustee Sue Galbraith

Programs



January 12, 2017 Forest Lawn Cemetery and the Rural Cemetery Movement – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo’s premier cemetery, encompasses 269 acres and over 162,000 people have been buried there. Sandy Starks, Interpretive Program Director of Forest Lawn, will present a program that will cover the rich history, landscape and roots of beautiful Forest Lawn. In addition, Ms. Starks will look at some of the lives of Buffalo’s most interesting and notable people, who now have Forest Lawn as their eternal home.

February 9, 2017 Amelia Earhart - Local educator and noted speaker Greg Kinal will examine the fascinating life and persistent mysteries surrounding aviator Amelia Earhart. What is known about Amelia’s last flight? Can any conclusions be drawn as to her final days? Join us as Mr. Kinal attempts to separate fact from fiction about this almost iconic personality.

March 9, 2017 The Pan-American Exposition – A Unique Perspective - There have been many programs highlighting Buffalo, NY’s World Fair. Western NY Historian Susan Eck will view the Pan-American Expo from a different perspective. Ms Eck will take us on a tour of the fair citing the actual words of the people in attendance. Focusing on the recorded memories of the fair-goers brings the already spectacular Pan-American experience another dimension, this time a more personal one.

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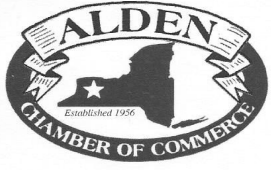
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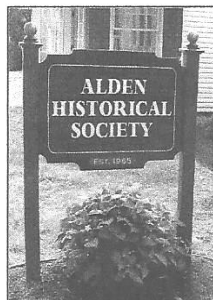
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