



# The Grannytown Gazette

The Newsletter of the Alden Historical Society

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## Letters Home

The archives of the Town and Village Historian received a wonderful gift recently—a box of receipts, bank statements and letters found in a cubby in the attic of the Hanft house. The receipts were interesting, especially from businesses no longer in existence; but it was the letters that were the real gift.

The Hanft house once belonged to Wesley and Alice Heist. The letters were from (and some to) five of their children as they were serving in World War II, or just after.

Henry "Bill" Heist was Wesley and Alice's oldest son. He was born in Kentucky in 1918 and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940. Wesley's letter to "My Dear Bill", written on March 8, 1943 was re-

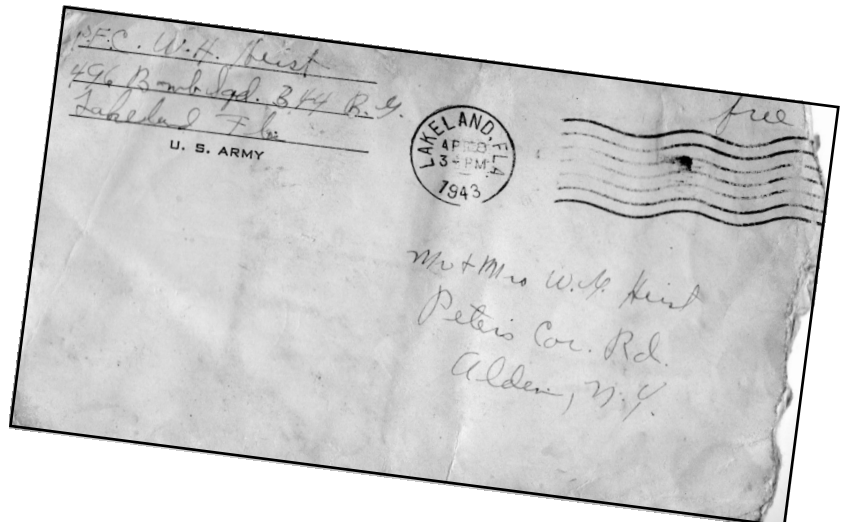
turned to the Heist's. Bill's plane was lost at sea off the coast of Venezuela while on a dangerous mission on February 23, 1943. The family received an official notice of his death on May 10, 1943. Staff Sergeant Heist was the first Alden boy

killed in World War II. His name is inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing at the East Coast Memorial in Battery Park, New York City.

Bill's younger brother, Walter "Pete" Heist, was born in 1921, also in Kentucky. He worked in a machine shop before enlisting in the Army Air Corps on July 21, 1942. He was attached to the 496<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron, acting as an aerial gunner. The majority of the letters tucked in the box were from Pete. In one letter he thanked his mother for the package she had sent, but told her, "Please mother don't send me things you have trouble getting for yourself. Down here it's really hard for the civilians to get any of the things you sent me."

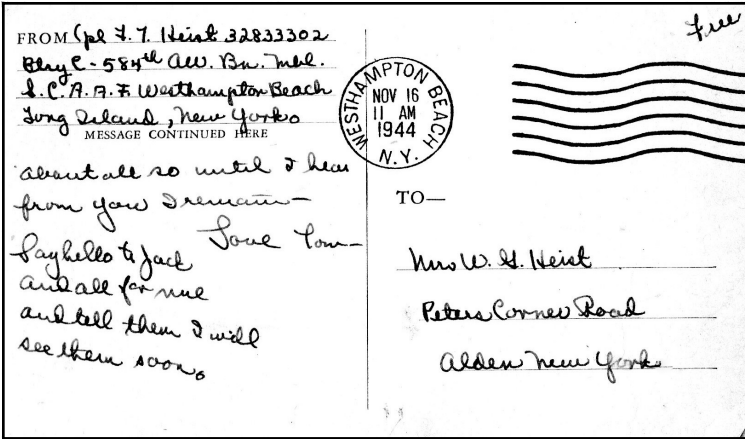
Pete was aware of the rationing going on, enforced by a letter from his father stating "the gas situation is quite acute" and "butter is very scarce and meat getting there." There is letter to Alice Heist from a girlfriend of Pete who met when he was stationed at Davis Field in Lakeland, FL. She was wondering why she hadn't heard from Pete and wondered if he had been shipped out.

He had been, and was reported missing in action on April 27, 1944, while on a raid over France. Mrs. Heist received letters from several of the mothers of other crew members, all wondering about their sons. There were reports that two of the crew had parachuted out of the plane and were most likely captured by German soldiers.



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On May 5, 1948, the Heists finally received an official statement of Pete's death from the War Department. Then on June 27, 1949, they received a letter from the Department of the Army stating that their son's remains were originally buried in the Civilian Cemetery at Dunkirk, France, then reinterred in the US Military Cemetery in St. Andre, France, and currently the remains had been casketed and the Army was waiting for word as to the disposition, either in the US or in a military cemetery overseas. Staff Sergeant Heist was finally laid to rest in Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial in Neoprene, Belgium.



Meanwhile, another brother, Frank Thomas "Tom", born in 1924, enlisted in the Army on February 20, 1943. He served with an anti-aircraft unit. In one letter home, while he was stateside, he asked, "By the way, what are the chances in sending me something to eat. Get awful hungry around here in the daytime." He often asked about the animals on the farm, how they were getting along. Tom was discharged on February 9, 1946.

Their sister Jean, born in 1919 in Kentucky, graduated from Meyer Memorial Hospital's nursing program in 1941. She served as a nurse in North Tonawanda before she enlisted in the Army on August 30, 1944. She received a commission as a second lieutenant and was stationed in England where

she complained about the cold and rain. One night the nurses had to go to bed with all their clothing on when their stove went on the fritz—long winter underwear, fatigues, sweater, jacket, knitted cap, two pairs of woolen socks and mittens. She said it was easy to get up the next day. All they had to do was put on their leggings and shoes. In January 1945 she was stationed in France and asked about Pete. The family still hadn't heard.

In August of 1945, Jean wrote home to say she was very upset with her parents. It seems they had requested she be assigned to non-hazardous duty without consulting her. She did end the letter with, "Maybe someday I shall thank you for your kindness, but now I'm upset." Jean was discharged on March 11, 1946, and married Robert Lorenzi in 1950.

A younger brother, John D. "Jack", born in 1926, enlisted in the Army Air Corps on February 27, 1946. He had just turned twenty. His father tried in October to have him discharged. Mr. Heist said in his letter to the Adjutant General that Jack was "one of five from my family who were in the Service, two of whom were casualties." He went on to say that since the time of Jack's enlistment "matters have changed at home and his help is very urgently needed."

It would appear from the dates of Jack's letters home that he did not receive a compassionate discharge and served his two years.

Five children in the service, two dead, and all come alive in their "Letters Home."

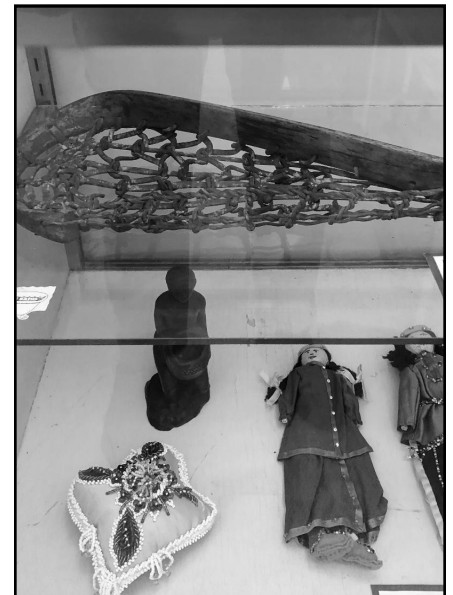
*Karen Muchow*

## Curator's Corner



In the corner of the Davis room, there are two cases to display artifacts from our indigenous people. The "People of the Longhouse" or Haudenosaunee as they called themselves, occupied the land where Alden sits, for thousands of years. We have a student made model longhouse that shows the construction of that type of dwelling. Beneath the longhouse model, we have the Webster collection of projectile points and some examples of grinding/pounding tools found in the area. Most of the arrowheads were found in the Townline vicinity.

It is important that the present occupants of the land, remember the strong and resilient people who were here long before us.



*Kris Rogers*

## Message from the President



I hope everyone has had a pleasant summer. Your Alden Historical Society has been quite active during the normally quiet summer months. I had an opportunity to work with Society members Mark and Diane Casell on establishing a transportation-themed exhibit at the Erie County Fair, our first participation in the annual competition among countywide historical societies since 2019. There was a perfect symmetry in laying out the display inside the original Exchange Street Depot, now owned by the Casells, before transporting it to the fairgrounds for setup.

For this column, I'd like to share the description of the display that I submitted to the Fair exhibit committee. Hopefully, Gazette readers who were not able to see the display in person can better visualize what we were attempting to convey. Our exhibit was rewarded with a third-place overall ribbon. It was a terrific experience but more so, it was important for the Alden community to be represented at the Fair during the year the Town is celebrating its bicentennial.



*‘The exhibit established by the Alden Historical Society focuses on the importance of the railroads during the mid-18th to mid-20th centuries to the Town and Village of Alden. Four railroads passed through Alden at one time. The first was the Buffalo & Attica Railroad, which later became the Lake Erie & Western, and then the Erie. The second railroad was the Buffalo & Rochester built along the northern edge of the Town of Alden in 1853. This became the Central Railroad. In 1883, a third line, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad was built through the town, south of the Central and north of the Erie. The fourth railroad was the Lehigh Valley built in 1893 between the Central and DL&W Railroads. The four railroads were lifelines for the Town and Village. They brought not only freight and mail, but also passengers for the park at Wende and the three blackwater bathhouses in the village. They were also a means of transporting milk and other products from the farms in Alden to Buffalo.*

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*Our display depicts the desk of a local depot station agent, complete with manuals and train schedules. Windows are in front of the desk through which local Alden scenery can be viewed, from a pastoral field to the iconic beanery located nearby the Exchange Street depot. All paintings displayed in the windows are from Alden artists. The Town of Alden Bicentennial logo is included to acknowledge the ongoing celebration leading to Alden’s 200th anniversary in March 2023. Flanking the desk are objects that represent the importance of the railroads to Alden during its formative years. There is a milk can and several wood crates in which goods were transported. On the other side of the display, we have a luggage trunk to represent the people who used the railroads to visit Alden, particularly the blackwater bathhouses. Other objects from a typical railroad depot, including tools and a coal stove, are found. A picture of the four railroad depots that once operated within the Town of Alden and a map depicting the location of the four rail lines that ran through Alden round out the display.*

*The Alden Historical Society thanks members Diane and Mark Casell, who lent several items from their personal collection to help establish this display. I thank our membership and volunteers for your interest and support.*

*Christopher Gust*

## Maintenance at Henskee Schoolhouse



Alden Historical Society President Chris Gust and member Dawn Sitzman gave the Henskee Road Schoolhouse some necessary attention in July, sanding and painting the outside windowsills and other areas of exposed wood. Thank you to Alden State Bank for donating the painting supplies. The schoolhouse welcomed visitors on Saturday, July 30 during Bicentennial Weekend.



*Photo credit and article Christopher Gust*

## *Society Wins Award at Bicentennial Parade*

We were thrilled to receive Best Car by a Community Organization at the Alden Bicentennial Parade on Saturday, July 30. Thank you to Larry and Patti Strong for driving their beautiful 1956 Ford convertible and to member Carol Battista for marching with President Chris Gust and Secretary Elli DiFilippo. (Photo credits: Rick Penny) *Christopher Gust*



## *Yellow Ribbon for Erie County Fair Display*



The Alden Historical Society returned to the Erie County Fair for the first time since 2019 and earned a third-place ribbon for our Transportation-themed exhibit on the importance of the Railroads in Alden's history. Society members Diane and Mark Casell, owners of the Exchange Street depot building, lent several items from their personal collection and assisted Society President Christopher Gust in establishing the display. *Photo and article Christopher Gust*

## *Society at Art Show*

The Society had an informational table at the 64<sup>th</sup> annual Alden Lancaster Outdoor Art Show on September 4<sup>th</sup> with copies of the popular "Reflections of Alden" book available for sale, as well as complementary copies of the Grannytown Gazette, membership information and more. We appreciate the opportunity to have a presence at this long-standing community event and we thank everyone who stopped by our table and said hello. *Photo and article Christopher Gust*



## *Quilts and the Underground Railroad*

The Historical Society hosted retired educator Theresa Wiater presenting "Quilts and the Underground Railroad" at their September 11 program. Ms. Wiater displayed actual quilts and images of more quilts as she thoroughly explained various patterns that she had learned were used to communicate coded messages to escaping slaves in the underground railroad. Ms. Wiater shared that she had learned about the practice of using quilts in this way by reading Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad by Jacqueline Tobin and Raymond Dobard, Ph.D. The book is based on family stories reportedly passed down orally through the generations. Ms. Wiater further shared that following her reading of the book, she did more research into the subject. She visited various sites commemorating the underground railroad and its participants, and she did more reading on the subject. Her research led her to consult noted historians and discovered that they refuted the idea of quilts being used to send coded messages claiming that there is no historical evidence of such a practice. Despite the lack of legitimate historical evidence, there are still some who believe that quilts were used to send coded messages.



Those in attendance at the program were left to decide whether they accepted the stories passed down orally regarding the use of quilts or whether they preferred to do further research as Ms. Wiater provided a list of books to consult. *Photo Christopher Gust, article Elli DeFilippo*

## *Thank You!*

The Historical Society would like to thank the Alden Garden Club for weeding the flower beds and for the plantings at the Henskee Schoolhouse. They look beautiful!

THANK YOU!  
We are grateful.

## Banner Books

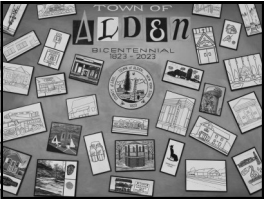
ALDEN'S
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STORIES

The Village of Alden in conjunction with the Town of Alden, have erected "Hometown Heroes" banners throughout the village. These banners have been purchased by families and friends. Information compiled by Historian Karen Muchow on these highlighted Aldenites are available in a booklet for a self guided walking tour. The book lets will be available soon at village hall Monday – Friday, 9-4 or the Alden Heritage Center the first and third Saturdays of the month from 11-1. For information call the village hall 716-937-9216x110.

Sue Galbraith

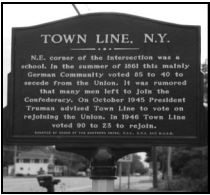
## Fall Programs

### October 13 - Bicentennial Mural



If you painted a block for the Bicentennial Mural at the Alden-Lancaster Art Cub Show on September 11, and even if you didn't, you will want to come to this Alden Historical Society program. Artist Conrad will have the completed mural on display and he and Town & Village Historian, Karen Muchow, will present some information about the iconic buildings on the mural, perhaps even some little known facts. You will be invited to share some memories of these buildings.

### November 10 - Annual Meeting and Town Line Reunification Film



The annual meeting of the Alden Historical Society will be held. Due to ongoing health concerns, the potluck dinner will not be held. Annual reports will be presented and new trustees elected. At the annual meeting, trustees are elected for a three-year term.

Mike Weber, former Town Line resident, will give a brief program on the 1946 Town Line Reunification including a short film of the festivities of that day.



### December 8 - Holiday Open House

Plans are still being drawn up for the Open House. The Bake Sale will not be held this year due to continued health concerns. Please watch for more details on our Facebook page, website, and the Alden Advertiser. We hope you will have a safe and happy holiday.

## Annual Trustee Election

The Historical Society hosts its annual meeting as part of its November program. At the annual meeting, trustees are elected for a three-year term. The Society generally has eleven trustees, although that number fell to nine the past year. In the interest of providing docents for open house hours and for relying upon trustees for assistance with building and yard maintenance, the Society would like to increase the number of trustees back to eleven.

The terms of three current trustees are expiring, and all three have indicated willingness to continue serving. The trustees are Jane Burke, Sue DeWitt, and Renee Nelson. Additionally, two more Society members have expressed willingness to serve: Carol Battista and Sarah Miller. The election will be held during the Society's annual meeting at the Community Center on Thursday, November 10, at 7 PM. Other Society members interested in serving as trustees are invited to submit their names for addition to the roster of candidates by calling Jane Burke (716) 937-7055 or Elli DeFilippo (716) 574-9830. Membership in the Society is required for eligibility to serve as a trustee. Board of Trustee meetings are held on the first Thursday of the even numbered months.



The Society thanks the trustees for their service and appreciates their willingness to continue serving.

Elli DeFilippo

## Individual Renewals

Rice, Barb

## Family Renewals

Schmidt, Herbert

## New Members

Czechowski, Buddy, Individual  
Miller, Sarah, Family

## Donations

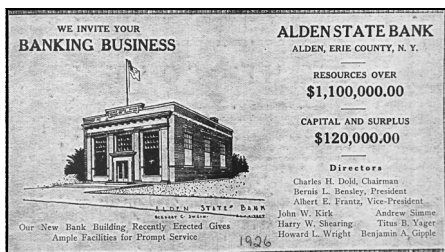
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DeFilippo, Elli

## Business Spotlight—Alden State Bank

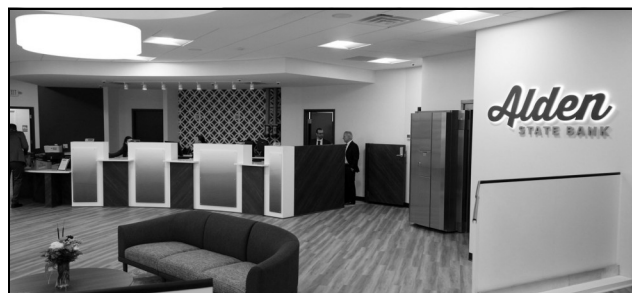
The Alden State Bank opened for business on October 5, 1916, in rented quarters in the building at 13205 Broadway, at the corner of Exchange Street and now the home of Alden Pharmacy. The establishment of the bank was the result of several local people who felt the need for a financial institution that would meet the needs of a growing Alden community. At this time, commerce was surging forward, largely due to business generated by the Black Water Baths.



In 1924, construction began on a new brick structure across the street from the bank's original location. Sound management practices enabled Alden State Bank to weather the Great Depression and continue to serve the community. The bank continued to grow during the 1940s and '50s, with total assets reaching over \$10 million as the Bank celebrated its 50th anniversary.

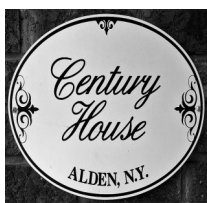
In 1960, plans were made for a new building. In November 1963, all of the bank's operations were moved to the completed building at 13216 Broadway. A drive-thru teller and more teller stations were added. During the mid 1970's, the basement was finished to house the bookkeeping and computer operations departments. Ground was broken in May 1992 on a 6,500 square foot addition and remodeling. The lobby was remodeled and an additional drive-thru window and nine offices for customer service were added.

To better customers in a rapidly growing Lancaster community, the Bank built its second location at 5802 Broadway. The 3,000 square foot office opened its doors in March 1995. In November 2021, a third branch office was opened at 6545 Transit Road in East Amherst, allowing the bank to serve customers in the Northtowns.



The bank was founded to meet the needs of the community. With that philosophy in mind, Alden State Bank has invested in Alden schools, the fire department and purchased issues of local municipalities. Assets have grown from \$78 thousand in 1916 to \$443 million at the end of 2021. This success can be attributed to sound management and financial practices and to the loyalty of its customers.

## Century Houses



In 2020 we started to send out applications and information to Century House owners in the town. It took a couple of years, but we have now contacted everyone on the list in time to celebrate the towns bicentennial. If you reside in a Century House in the Town of Alden and did not receive correspondence, please let us know. Please contact Sue Galbraith at [mustangcov@aol.com](mailto:mustangcov@aol.com) for information and an application. There is no charge to be included in the book, and century house signs are available for \$55.

Sue Galbraith

*Happy Fall*

## Genealogy Corner

From time to time we will present the genealogy of one of Alden's forefathers or foremothers. In this our bicentennial year, we will begin with Moses Fenno, reported to be the first settler in Alden.

Moses Fenno was born January 15, 1773, in Stoughton, Massachusetts, the son of Moses Fenno and Mary Pitcher Fenno. Moses Fenno, Sr. died in 1775. Mary Pitcher remarried in 1780, to John Carl Kranske, a widower. Kranske had been a Hessian soldier in the Revolution who defected and was given permission to go at large in Albany County, NY in 1778. He had married twenty year old Arabella Kossuth in 1777 and may have had a son, Jason.

Mary and John Carl had three daughters, Rebecca, Polly and Miriam. Miriam married Jonas Stickney, son of Abigail Pitcher (Mary Fenno's sister) and Solomon Stickney. Polly is recorded as the first person to die in the new Alden settlement in 1812. Solomon appears in the 1790 census, living in Brookfield, Vermont.

Moses, Jr. married Sarah Springsteen about 1802. Moses and Sarah had four children, three daughters and one son. The oldest was Rebecca born in 1803. She married Nathan Clarke (1800-1844) February 4, 1823. They had five children: Savilla (1824-1891), Russell (1826-1886), Julesta (1828-1905), Edwin (1837- ), and Mary (1840-1881) Rebecca and Nathan moved to Hanover, Michigan, in 1846. Rebecca died in 1875.

Joseph, the only son, was born in Vermont in 1807. He married Betsy Dye (1815-1896), an Alden neighbor in 1841. They moved to Erie County, PA after 1850. They had six children: William (1842-1863) died of typhus serving in the 145<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry; James (1846-1892) killed by lightning; Charles (1848- ); Henry (1850- ), Weston (1853-1889) and Ida (1857-1948). Joseph died February 7, 1889, in Amity, PA.

Margaret was born in 1808 in Vermont. She married Amos Rathburn (1812-1887) and they moved to Ohio in 1837. They had eight children: Ann Marie (1838-1927), Mary Ann (1840 -1862 ), Sarah Ann (1840- 1920), Franklin (1842-1906), Sidney (1845 - 1929), Lovina (1868 - 1924), Charles (1848-1927) and George (1851-1903 ). Margaret died November 13, 1906, in Michigan.

Susan Maria was born in 1812, reportedly in Rhinebeck Flats, NY. She married Jonah Pixley in 1829 and they lived in Niagara County before moving to Michigan around 1847. Susan and Jonah had ten children: Moses Fenno (1834-1873); Naomi (1837-1907) who had 18 children; Adonijah B. (1839-1904); Owen (1840- ); Julia (1841- ); James (1847 - ) served in the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry during the Civil War; William (1848 – 1920), served with the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War; Jonah (1849 – 1860); Charles (1852–1860); and Sarah (1854 –1907).

Moses purchased property in Lot 21 in Darien on May 18, 1809, and also bought property in Lot 17 in Alden the same day. The next spring he moved to Alden and planted the first crops and set out an orchard. He was a sergeant in Hopkins Regiment of the New York Militia during the War of 1812. He was killed in the Battle of Black Rock on December 30, 1813.

Sarah Fenno married Daniel Gates, a widower with two sons, in October 1814. She applied for Moses' pension under the name Gates. Her burial place is unknown.

## Sadly Missed



### November 10, 1952 - May 11, 2022 Czechowski-Thomas S., Sr. "Duke" of Alden, NY

Survived by his beloved Peggy Green; loving father of Thomas (Kristin) Czechowski Jr. and Amber (Steve) Szalay; step-father of Sheri (Joel Drier) Green, Jackie Green and Valerie (Bryon) Sperduti; doting papa to Blair, Alison, Anna, Katie, Orion, Brennan, Reid, Stelly, Desi and Thomas III on the way; brother of MaryAnn (late Rudolph) Hey, Marjorie (late Clinton) Munn, Walter (Mary) Czechowski Jr., Nancy (Raymond) Smith, Patricia (late Paul) Anderton, Deborah (Alan) Vilagy and Richard (Pamela) Czechowski; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins; pre-deceased by his parents, Walter and Mary Czechowski Sr. and his wife Mary F. (Stoffel) Czechowski.



### November 17, 1942 – August 10, 2022 Edward W. Reich, Retired Lt. Colonel of Livonia, NY:

At age 79. Son of the late Edward A. & Verna Reich, brother of Gloria Nelson, Lakeland, FL, uncle of Jillian Wilder, Plant City, FL. Also survived by many cousins in New York, New Jersey, and Texas.



### December 8, 1931 - August 29, 2022 Joseph N. Kipfer of Alden, NY

At the age of 90. Beloved husband of 57 years to Josephine (Stutzman) and 13 years to the late Wilma (Schrock) Kipfer; dear father of Dallas (Peggy), Darwin (Fan Marie), Kevin (Denise) and the late Denise and Nancy Jo Kipfer; also survived by 10 grandchildren: Justin (Chris), Nick, Malinda (Roland) Martin, Jon (Allison), Veronica, Emmalene, Andrew, Trey, Jonas and Katherine, 7 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by one great-grandson; brother of the late Nelson (late Anna Lee) Kipfer, the late Laurane (late Allen) Erb, the late Reta (late Walter) Schmidt, the late Amos Jr (late Dorothy) Kipfer, the late Melvin (survived by wife Glenda) Kipfer, the late Rebecca (late John) Bontrager and the late Aurelia (survived by husband Calvin and second wife Marlene Beachy). Son of Amos and Rebecca Kipfer.

## *Looking to learn more about local history?*

What better way to learn more about the history of your community than by helping others learn about it? Such is the goal of the Historical Society trustees and officials who volunteer their time as docents at the Heritage Center during open house hours. By escorting visitors through the building and answering questions, docents become better acquainted with the history of Alden and its hamlets. Training for docents will be provided and self-guided tour instructions are also available to assist visitors.

The Historical Society is hoping to find volunteers willing to serve along with trustees at the open house hours the Society hosts at the Heritage Center, 13213 Broadway, on the **first and third Saturdays of the month from 11 am – 1 pm**. Alden Town and Village Historian Karen Muchow also plans to volunteer her time at the open hours on the first Saturday of each month.

If you are interested, please leave a phone message at (716) 937-3700 or send an email to [www.aldenhistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:www.aldenhistsoc@gmail.com)

*Elli DeFilippo*



## *Early American Home Remedies*

### **Bleeding and Cuts**

To stop blood, bind on goose feathers, pressing them into the wound. Allow them to remain until they come off. Or

A spider web on a wound will stop the bleeding at once. Or

Tie up fresh cuts with warm ashes from the stove.

### **Colds**

Mix one-fourth ounce of gum camphor in one-half tea cup of goose oil, put on a flannel around the throat and on the chest, and rub it on the nose.

### **Hemorrhoids**

You must take a turtle, put it in a pot, well-covered on the fire, and leave it until it is entirely burnt; then take it off the fire, and reduce it into powder, which you will apply on the hemorrhoids, after having well washed that part; and after two or three applications of that remedy, the person will be cured.

### **Sore Throat**

Slice a piece of old smoked bacon, the older the better. Stitch this to a piece of flannel and make it black with pepper.

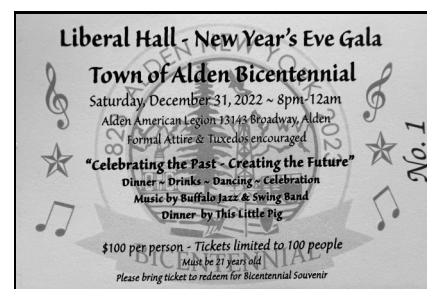
Warm it and fasten it closely around the throat. Do not remove until the inflammation has been drawn to the outside.

### **Toothache**

Burn a piece of paper on an old plate, then with a small wad of cotton, wipe up the brown sweat on the plate and plug it into the tooth.

## *Town of Alden Bicentennial New Year's Eve Gala*

Tickets are now available for Alden's Bicentennial New Year's Eve Gala, to be held at Liberal Hall (Legion Hall, 13143 Broadway). The cost is \$100 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, drinks & desserts, catered by This Little Pig. Live music by Buffalo Jazz & Swing, a commemorative souvenir, party hats & horns to ring in the New Year will also be provided. Tickets are limited to 100 people (you must be 21 to attend) and are available at Town Hall & Village Hall. Get yours soon!





## *Alden Heritage Center*

The **Alden Historical Society's** many exhibits are located in the village at the Alden Heritage Center, 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 Heritage Center** is open to the public from 11 AM to 1 PM the first and third Saturday of each month, **EXCEPT during January and February.** Tours for individuals and groups may be arranged by calling 937-3700 or 392-4295.

**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, as protocols allow. In the event of inclement weather, we will postpone when Alden school activities are closed.

**Trustee meetings** are held at the **Alden Heritage Center** 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.

### 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.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

**ANNUAL DUES**

Single     \$12.00

Couple     \$20.00

Family     \$25.00

Business   \$50.00

Please include your  
Business card

Name.....

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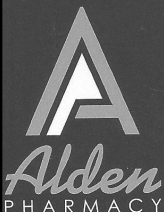
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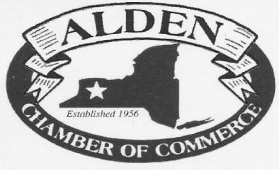
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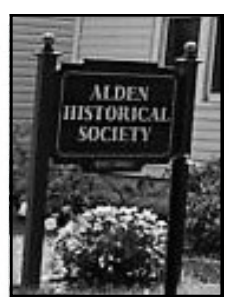
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