

Hamlet of Beaver Falls
 Hamlet of Belfort
 Hamlet of Indian River
 Hamlet of Naumburg
 Village of Croghan
 Beartown
 Forest City
 French Settlement
 Gooville
 Jerden (Jordan) Falls
 Long Pond
 Prussian Settlement
 Sisterfield

Highlighting the Town of Croghan History

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Pictures from the 175th Anniversary April 9, 2016

The 175th Anniversary was held in the morning at the meeting room at the Town of Croghan Municipal Building and in the afternoon at the Beaver River High School Auditorium. The total attendance for the day was approximately 150 people. The following pictures show some of the activities that occurred that day. All of this could not have happened if this event did not have the support of all who participated and helped. A Thank You to all.

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Supervisor Andrew Lehman welcoming those attending the Anniversary. In the background is from left to right is Joy Jackson, OIC, Copenhagen Post Office and Dawn Ashline, Croghan Postmaster.

Town of Croghan

April 5, 1841

To

April 5, 2016

Stamp Cancellation



Stamp Cancellation being affixed to the back of the program. Bottom photo -Left to right– Joy Jackson, OIC, Copenhagen Post Office and Dawn Ashline, Croghan Postmaster





Guest Speakers

Our main speaker, Brian Cushing, from Locust Grove, Kentucky, talked about the life of George Croghan who lived at Locust Grove during his childhood and some of his adult years. Brian is program coordinator for Locust Grove and gave an informative talk.

Reminiscing Speakers included Charlotte Beagle, Dorrie Boliver, Glen Gagnier, Gladys Moshier, Laretta Widrick, Jim Wright, Diane Wright and Ed Widrick. Each speaker gave an insight into life and times of the history of the Town of Croghan from our early settlers, growing up in Belport to the Croghan Island Mill.



Dairy Princess, Harley Hancock and Kylie Spinner, dairy court serving milk punch and cheese.



The banner that will be on display for the Town of Croghan 's 175th Year.



Presentation of Proclamation from the Senate and Assembly. Pictured from left to right: Laurie Halladay, Deputy Historian; Mary Sweeney, Town Historian; Senator Joe Griffo; Supervisor Andy Lehman and Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush.



Ben Bachman



The Bachman/Lehman family presented books of Benjamin Bachman who was Highway Superintendent, Town of Croghan from 1921-1930 to the Town of Croghan archives. Front row, left to right: Cathy Lehman, Janice Crofoot, Geneva Virkler; Back row left to right: Clifford Lehman, Gary Herzig, Elsie Herzig and Alton Virkler

Walking—One Means of Transportation

In doing research, you never know what you will find. In searching the WATERTOWN DAILYS TIMES—June 1 to July 13, 1931 an article caught my eye “Walking from Watertown to Naumburg a Common Thing” by Charles R. Werner. He had written a series of articles entitled “Story of a Boy” which was the story of his early life. Mr. Werner lived in the Watertown area but his father had a brother that lived in the Naumburg area. An installment of the biography of Charles R. Werner appeared every night until it was completed.

Charles’s father was a walker and every year he would walk to Naumburg, at least once and sometimes twice to visit his brother, Uncle Christie. When he went at least one of the three older children would go along. When he came back, he would be lugging some cumbersome, substantial and very desirable gift from the farm. Sometimes, especially during the first few years, it would be a big chunk of venison, a whole hind quarter of a deer, sometimes a smoked ham, then again a bucket full of big luscious dill pickles.

During one school vacation, it was decided that Carl and his sister, Emma Amalia would go to visit Uncle Christie, who had a farm in the Naumburg area. They started out early in the morning and traveled through Champion and had dinner at Carthage with a relative and spent the night. They then started toward Naumburg and arrived there by dark. Aunt Weena gave Emma Amalia a bird, a fine singer, in a cage which she could easily carry. Aunt Weena gave Carl a nice fat little lamb which, she said, needed only one more month of feeding and then they could have some nice roasts and lamb chops.

Around 5:00 am after a hearty breakfast, Cousin Hannah tied the lamb’s legs together, fixed a broad band around the body, through which the boy could slip his arms. With the lamb on his back like a knapsack and Emma Amelia with her nice, big bird cage, they set out for Watertown. They had several stops on the way so the lamb could move around and eat some grass.

The arrived in Watertown, safe and sound. The lamb grew but became a pet and missed becoming roasts and lamb chops. What a journey! Today we would get in our car and be there in less than an hour. So the next time you go to Watertown think of the many people who have traveled by foot to the City.

Thank you to Lisa Carr at Watertown Daily Times for her help.

From the Historian's Desk

This newsletter highlights some of the events that happened on April 9. The pictures in this newsletter are taken by Photographer, Connie Noftsier, All Things Beautiful. These pictures provide a way of showing some of the special moments of the day in the Town of Croghan..

Not pictured here but should be recognized for the all the time and effort that went into making this a successful day was the 175th Anniversary

Committee. The Committee consisted of: Janice Crofoot, Laurie Halladay, Ruth Ann Hammond, John Jones, Karen Jones, Neil Keib and Mary Sweeney.

A correction to the last newsletter, January-June 2016. Under the picture of George Croghan on the front page, he is listed as a General but the highest rank he obtained during his Army career was that of Colonel.

The last issue of the newsletter also

mentioned including more snippets of our town’s rich history but it ended up that this newsletter contained some of the pictures celebrating the Town’s 175th Anniversary.

Mark your calendar for June 24-25, 2016 for an open house of the “Past and Present Businesses and Industries in the Town of Croghan”. Hope to see you there!

Continue to research and discover what history has to teach us. Enjoy!

**Town of Croghan
Historian's Office**

There will be a new phone number for the Historian's Office. As soon as the phone is installed, the new phone number will be placed on the town of Croghan web site.

"While we read history
we make history." —
George William Curtis,
American author-
editor (1824-1892)

Town of Croghan Historian's Office is open on Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to Noon. The office is also open by appointment.

The Town of Croghan Historian's Office is located at the Town of Croghan Municipal Office, 9882 State Route 126, Beaver Falls, New York. If you have any questions or additions to the articles in this newsletter, please feel free to contact Mary Sweeney's home phone:

(315) 346-6201

This and previous newsletters can also be downloaded from Town of Croghan web site:

www.townofcroghan.com

If there is a special topic you would like to see in a newsletter or if an error has been made, please let Mary Sweeney or Laurie Halladay know.

Please note that the new email address for the Town of Croghan Historian's Office is:

croghanhistorian@centralny.twcbc.com

Thank you.

Mary Sweeney and Laurie Halladay

You are invited to attend

Town of Croghan Open House

*"Past and Present Businesses and Industries in the Town of
Croghan"*

Dates: June 24 and June 25, 2016

Time: 11:00 am-4:00 pm

*Historical Displays/Slide Shows/A View of what was pro-
duced here and what is being produced today.*

**Town of Croghan 175th Anniversary
Event**