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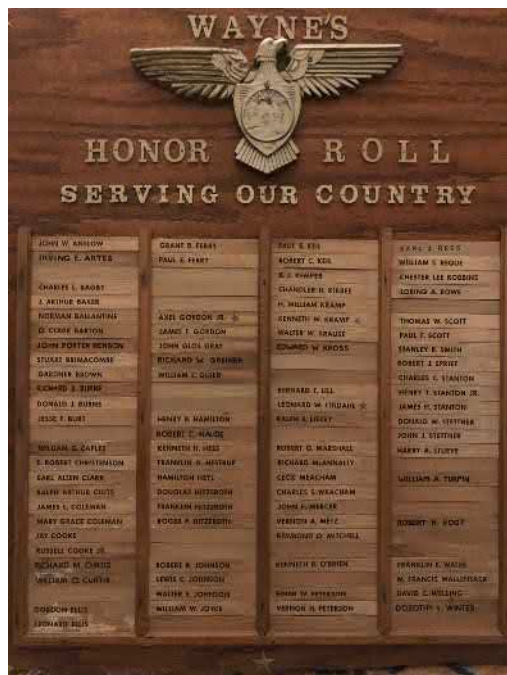
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PRESERVATION WORK GOING ON AT WHPS

In *An Honorable Heritage*, our local historian, Tannis Blatchford, states that as early as February 1941, nineteen Wayne men had enlisted in the war effort. Wayne resident and chronicler of local events, Francis Peterson "was appointed chairman of a committee to obtain a scroll on which to inscribe the names of those in the service of their country". "By D Day, June 6, 1944, 62 names had been listed on Wayne's Honor Roll. The original scroll was retired and a handsome wooden shield replaced it, a gift from **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanton** who had three sons in the service."

In another of her historical narratives, *Eyewitness Wayne*, Tannis finalizes the description of the memorial plaque: "Eighty four names had been placed on it before the war ended, three of them had gold stars beside their names". For a Village of 206 at the time, this was remarkable!



Before being acquired by the WHPS, the plaque had been stored for many years in less than ideal conditions and showed signs of water damage. James Twomey of Book Restorations Co, who has done conservation for the WHPS in the past, was engaged to do the work.

At right is the silicone mold that was fashioned to make a replacement for the wing missing on the medallion.



We are fortunate to be able to trust such a meticulous professional with our local treasures.

The plaque will have its first showing to a small group of veterans who live in Wayne on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021 at the Village Hall. In future, when we are not restricted to small gatherings and the Depot can be used as the venue, the Honor Roll will be available for all to see on the day in November when we celebrate the men and women who have protected our freedom.

IN OTHER NEWS.....

While doing research for the World War II memorial, the names of some of the Wayne soldiers who served in World War I were found. According to Francis Peterson,: “Wayne lost many of [its] best men on the battlefield. William Gorham, Clarence Hall, Arthur Shadle and several others...”

Further research brought forward the names of WW I veteran John Kelly; WW II veterans Ray Steel and Jim Venetucci; Vietnam veterans Sam Fantino, Joseph Franzese, Angela Hafertepe, G. Dennis Higham, Jerry Marchese, Terry Starai, and Danny C. Webb; Operation Enduring Freedom Sebastien Wodzinski and Afghanistan and Iraq Ryan Reed.

In addition, we have the names of current military from our Village: Joseph Franzese Jr., Kurt Larson, Adam T. Hommowun, Christopher Kopeck, and Timothy Ryan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

THE NEW WAYNE TREE LIGHTING TRADITION TO CHANGE LOCATION

Join your neighbors at the Depot for the start of the Christmas holiday season on
December 4
5 PM



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Thanks to Kelly Hadfield of FOX VALLEY LIGHTING, the tall tree at the Old Town Hall was lit in anticipation of the Christmas holiday.

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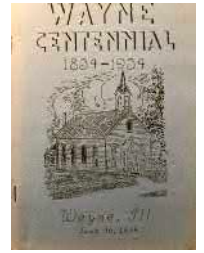
Thanks to Gary Timmer of SPRUCE TREES DIRECT, and again the generosity of FOX VALLEY LIGHTING, we will start a new holiday tradition at the Depot. (Plenty of parking)



WAYNE LOVES A PARTY!

....and the WHPS has records and memorabilia from most, if not all of the community celebrations.

First-hand observer and chronicler Francis Peterson said of the 1934 Wayne Centennial: "The big event of 1934 was the Wayne Centennial pageant which was held at the Mare Barns on the Dunham Farm. More than 2,000 people were present to witness some of the finest acting produced in the community coupled with a spirit that would make any undertaking a success".



The 1968 sesquicentennial of statehood was a huge celebration throughout the State of Illinois and chronicled by Tannisse Blatchford in a lovely scrapbook held in the WHPS collection.

The Bicentennial of the USA was celebrated in 1976 with a community wide festival and the installation of the memorial rock that is next to the police station, which hides a time capsule to be opened on July 4, 2076.



For the 1984 Wayne Sesquicentennial, the history of Wayne was again reenacted by the whole community, this time in the show ring at Dunham Woods Riding Club. (Pictured at left are Morgan McDonnell, Jane Dunham and Mary Jean Schless).

In 2009 we commemorated the 175th anniversary of the founding of Wayne at Wayne Day. A refrigerator magnet showed the "new" Wayne logo that would be used on the Police cars and uniforms.



The WHPS submitted a short narrative of the Village's history, which was added to the many other communities commemorating the bicentennial of the statehood of Illinois, to the State of Illinois website in 2018. At home we celebrated the milestone at the Flag Day parade.

The Little Home Church has always played a significant role in each of the Wayne celebrations and has also celebrated its own founding as often as possible! The latest, just last month on October 17, was the 150th anniversary of the Little Home Church and was recognized by the Illinois State Historical Society as an Illinois Sesquicentennial church. Participating Illinois Sesquicentennial churches will be honored at a ceremony in Springfield in 2023.



OUR NEXT BIG EVENT WILL BE THE 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF WAYNE IN 2034.

THE WHPS WILL MAKE SURE THE VILLAGE IS READY!

Daniel Dunham

January 31, 1821 – November 26, 1910



Oh, to hear the stories that Daniel Dunham could tell us about the settling of the little Village of Wayne! In 2015 WHPS was contacted by a great-great-great granddaughter of Daniel's who was on a family history pilgrimage. This was the beginning of a fruitful journey of seeing Daniel move off the impersonal pages of a history book to becoming a live, flesh and blood person. In the process we grew to love him and his 21st century family. The Village of Wayne owes much to this delightful man and his wife, Olive.

In 1835 when Daniel's folks Solomon and Lydia Ballard Dunham left their home in Saratoga County, New York to move "out west" they brought with them nine children. As Solomon drove one covered wagon, Daniel at age 14 drove a second covered wagon, guiding it through clear roads, swampy roads, and everything in between. On page 3 of her book titled *An Honorable Heritage*, Wayne historian Tannis T. Blatchford wrote,

"As they reached the Toledo area, the wagons sank to their axles in the muddy marshes. Daniel was left to stand guard over the family possessions overnight, while his parents and sisters found shelter. The next morning, the wagons were unloaded, pulled onto dry ground, reloaded and the journey continued." Having met up with the Bartlett family on the trail, they continued to the recently birthed town of Chicago. Leaving the women and children in a one room log cabin on Randolph Street, the men made their way west where Solomon purchased land in the Little Woods section of the Fox River Valley. Bringing his family from Chicago to a quickly built and crude log cabin on his claim (the original starter home of the day), he and son Daniel using clay from the banks of what we call Norton Creek to create bricks, began building the eastern portion of the red brick farmhouse that now houses the Dunham Woods Riding Club.

Within a few years, Daniel purchased 291 acres of land east of Wayne and named it Grove Place, a name that continues to this day. In 1853 he married Olive Hathaway from downtown Wayne, and they took their place in the adult world of building a home (later moved to 32W077 Army Trail Road), growing crops, raising four daughters, buying more land on Munger Road, raising farm animals, seeing DuPage County (b.1839) grow in population, watching the railroad tracks being built on the western edge of downtown Wayne, helping to fund the building of The Little Home Church, seeing Daniel serve as President of the Percheron-Norman Horse Association...and the list goes on and on. The "Can Do" spirit that Daniel observed in his dad spilled over to his own life and subsequently to the lives of his daughters. While Daniel saw his sisters marry young men from the Fletcher, Pratt, Albro, Stearns and Carswell families, his daughter Julia married Col. Walter Powis, an editor and publisher from Brooklyn, NY, who built a red brick house with plenty of room for his in-laws. This home still stands on the Grove Place property today.



As often happened in that day, that beautiful home become more than just a place to live. For many years Daniel's granddaughter Louise Powis Brown operated the Powis-Brown Lingerie Company with Julia out of Grove Place, bringing embroidered handwork back from their trips to the Philippines that would be sewn into the lingerie. In time Louise moved the company to New York and sold it in the early 1920's. After the death of Louise's first husband, Elwood Brown, she eventually was remarried to Owen Young, founder of RCA.



From the time Daniel arrived in 'The Little Woods section of St. Charles Township' to the time he passed away in 1910, he saw our village grow from a handful of people to multiple families, from no railroad to two railroads, from paths traveled by wagons to several surveyed roads, from farmers using simple plows to farm machines. He saw a church, a school, and multiple businesses built, family members and friends married and buried, daughters raised and launched into adulthood. His father Solomon's wish was that his own family would be agriculturally minded and live near each other. Daniel lived up to that hope, and in so doing helped create this little Village we now have the privilege of calling Home.

WHPS focus on.....

Pat Schiltz



Everyone who has moved to Wayne has been offered a special welcome, either by Pat Schiltz herself or by one of a group of women who have taken over her thoughtful mission since her recent passing.

Pat moved to Wayne with her husband and two daughters in 1979, and after settling in, thought newcomers might get involved in the community sooner if they were welcomed right when they moved in. Beginning in 1987 Pat put together a basket of brochures of various organizations, lists of babysitters and other helpful info and proceeded to knock on newcomers' doors offering information and asking what she could do to make their transition easier.

The Village Board was so delighted to have such a willing volunteer to guide newcomers through the ins and outs of life in Wayne and at the same time collect much needed info for Village records that she was named citizen of the year in 1993 and honored by the Village Board with a resolution recognizing her volunteerism in 2008.

One of Pat's happiest places was her garden which was the backdrop for her Garden Gatherings and a source of seeds and cuttings for neighbors and friends, as well as numerous flower arrangements for individuals and organizations throughout the area.



Pat made The Preservation Society one of her top priorities. She provided initial seed money with her donation of the notecards that are sold to this day, and came up with ideas for fundraisers and events to bring people together and promote Wayne's history.



Dunham Woods Riding Club
Original artwork by
Alison Brashaw
While a high school student and resident of Wayne, IL (1980-1983),
A graduate of the School of Art of the University of Wisconsin,
Ms. Brashaw is currently an artist in New York.
Proceeds benefit the Wayne Historical Preservation Society,
Box 234, Wayne, IL 60184

She loved hearing stories from Wayne residents about how they had moved here and donated several binders of those emailed reminiscences to the WHPS.

However, her proudest accomplishment, because of her deep faith, was founding the Wayne Area Women's Bible Study that she started in 1982 with 7 women, which grew to a whopping 200 by 2000. To this day women contact the Schiltz family sharing their affection for Pat and recognizing her influence in their lives.

Pat was a networker. She sincerely loved being with people and introducing them to others, and after living in Wayne for over 40 years, she knew just about everyone. Her passing has left an empty space in our community and yet her efforts continue serving to make Wayne an incomparable place to live!

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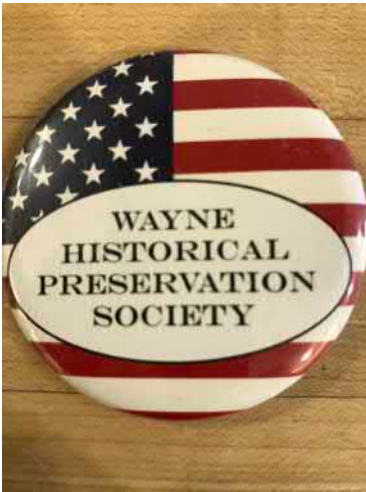
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The Wayne Historical Preservation Society lives up to its name.

Built on the foundation of preservationists Tannisse Blatchford, Francis Peterson, Arnold Bisbee, Nancy Jackson, Noonie Barton, Jane Schroeder and some of the early residents who truly cared for the Village, we collect and protect historical material and look to promote and encourage community relationships.

As a part of the Wayne community, you can “feed” the Society not only with your financial support but also by engaging in the work of WHPS. If you “find” or own Wayne memorabilia, consider donating it to the Preservation Society. Our collection is growing because of Wayne residents who realize the value of conserving historical memorabilia.

All that we have does not truly “belong” to us; we will someday be gone and, through the Preservation Society, will have left a legacy for the next generation.



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