



1850



Circa 1893



1994

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALDEN NY

Located at Sandridge and Westwood Roads. Land was purchased in 1850 for a small frame church. In 1872 an addition to the original building was constructed. Then in 1893 construction for the present day church began and was completed October 1894. In 1882 a wooden school building was erected between the church and the rectory. In 1913 ground was broken for the present day brick school building. In 1953 this building was renovated and expanded on the west side and again in 1958 on the front of the school.

ALDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
13213 BROADWAY
ALDEN, NY 14004



ALDEN HISTORICAL BUILDING



Circa 1916



Circa 1924



1963

ALDEN STATE BANK

Opened for business on October 5, 1916 in rented quarters at 13205 Broadway on the corner of Exchange St. In 1924 a new building was constructed and is now home to the Alden Advertiser. In 1963 the bank moved into a new building at 13216 Broadway. Then in May 1992 construction began for a 6000 square foot addition. A few years later Alden State Bank extended its operations in Lancaster with yet another new facility.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This newsletter is going to you as annual or Life members. Please share the information with others and encourage them to become members.

The officers would like to encourage you to volunteer for 2 hours at a Sunday Open House held monthly. There will always be an officer present. Let Ruth Davis or Roberta Vincent know if you can help out. We hope you find the upcoming meetings interesting, informative, and fun.

The Board has established a policy of canceling the meetings if the school has been closed for the day.

The Board of Trustees welcomes questions and suggestions for upcoming meetings. Hope to see you at the monthly programs.

Roberta Vincent

CURATORS REPORT

In the past few months we have received more items for our collection. We have another painting by Art Heist, one of the founders of the Alden Art Club. A copy of the Marilla Sesquicentennial was donated by one of our members. One of the most interesting items is a dummy rifle from WW1. This is made mostly of wood. Rifles like this were used at the beginning of the war when there were not yet enough of the real thing for troops in training.

We also received Alden Central High School Yearbooks from 1961-1964 and 1971-1973. Since these are duplicates of books we already have, they are available for a donation to the museum. We also have available yearbooks from 1955 and 1975. Our yearbook collection is complete and you are invited to look through them when you visit the museum.

If you know anyone who has photos from Crittenden or Town Line fire companies, please have them contact any member of the Historical Society.

Ruth Davis

DONATIONS

If you wish to donate artifacts to the museum please contact Ruth Davis at 937-9315. Our collection policy states that donations should be things that have an Alden connection.

PEOPLE OF ALDEN

We here at the Alden Historical Society believe that history is comprised of more than buildings, streets and events.

We also believe that our richest history comes from our people of Alden. They are the ones that built the buildings and streets and are the center of the events of our town.

Their stories may be unknown to most of us, but can be brought to light if shared.

So we are looking to gather the stories of Alden's people.

Please tell us their names, when and where they lived in Alden and share with us their struggles, accomplishments, descendents and anything you think we should know about them.

This is a very nice way to honor the members of our community past and present.

They will be collected and kept for future references to help with the history of our town.

Please submit articles to the Historical Society at 13213 Broadway.

If you need assistance please feel free to call Marlene Roll at 937-4549.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

January Mtg. 1-13-05.....Alden State Bank

Richard Koelbl, president of the Alden State Bank, will be our guest at the January meeting. Most of us have used our local bank over the years and Mr. Koelbl will refresh our minds of the history of the bank. It all started 88 years ago and has developed into a full-service and very "user-friendly" bank.

February Mtg. 2-10-05..... Ken Frey

Ken Frey and his wife, Chryl, will share their adventure of sailing around the world with their excellent slide collection. This should prove to be a very exciting evening for those of us who would only imagine such a trip.

March Mtg. 3-10-05..... St. John's Church

Larry Kocher, a parishioner of St. John's, has graciously accepted our invitation to give a talk on the history of St. John's Church and School. Larry has been a very active member of his church as well as the Diocese of Buffalo. He currently is president of the Diocesan Holy Name Society and recently was honored as Holy Name Man of the year.

April Mtg. 4-14-05....Joe Panza Nature Trail

Cyrril Wolfing has tentatively agreed to bring his slide collection for a show and tell presentation of much of the plant life in the nature preserve. Joe Panza, as past chairman of the Alden Environmental Conservation Commission, directed the development of the trail.

May Mtg. 5-12-05... Alden Evergreen Cemetery

After our regular business meeting we will make the short trip to the Alden Evergreen Cemetery. This will be a guided tour with the opportunity for our members and guests to share fond memories of their loved ones entombed there. This should be especially interesting for those who have not previously toured the cemetery.

June Mtg. 6-09-05..... Alden Museum

This meeting will be unique in that we will tour our own museum taking special note of items we value very much. Also, this will be a very good time for guests to visit the museum since many of our members will be on hand to answer questions regarding the many items on display.

MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome. Your support and effort will ensure that our museum will continue to grow and prosper for years to come. Annual dues are \$5.00. Life Memberships are \$50.00.

LANDMARK COLLECTIBLES

Currently there are 18 different landmarks in the collection. The latest additions are the Town Line Lutheran Church and the Town of Alden sign. Some of the items immediately available are Bennett Mfg., St John's Church, 1914 School Bldg., Stowell's Pharmacy as well as others. Call Laura Airey at 937-7438 for a complete list and to place an order. Each item is \$23.00