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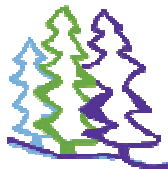
**STEDMAN AND MOSES COLLECTION OF GLASS PLATE  
NEGATIVES TO BE AVAILABLE ON NEWYORKHERITAGE.ORG**

New York Heritage is a research portal for students, educators, historians, genealogists, and anyone else who is interested in learning more about the people, places and institutions of New York State. The site provides free access to more than 170 distinct digital collections, totaling hundreds of thousands of items.

The collections in New York Heritage represent a broad range of historical, scholarly, and cultural materials held in libraries, museums, and archives throughout the state. Collection items include photographs, letters, diaries, directories, maps, newspapers, books, and more.

In the fall of 2013, the LP-NEHS received a Technology Service grant from the Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN) to digitize our glass plate negative collection. A requirement of that grant was to make the collection accessible to anyone at any time. This means making sure the data is loaded into an online portal [newyorkheritage.org](http://newyorkheritage.org). The NNYLN is helping move our data into this website which will be linked to both the Historical Society website and the Lake Placid Public Library website.

While almost 5000 glass plates have been scanned by our office, the images will be uploaded to the online portal in big chunks—the first 600 hundred will go on right away followed by the next 500 and so on until all the images are there. This type of access is new for us and we look forward to hearing your feedback as you complete your own online searches. Any of the images you find are available for purchase from the Historical Society. We hope you enjoy what you see!



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## WALKING TOUR PERFECT FOR OUR WINTER MONTHS!



If you've not yet explored Lake Placid using our *Historic Walking Tour* map...what are you waiting for? This map can be found outside The History Museum on Station Street, at our LPCA office, the Lake Placid Visitor's Center, and on our website at [www.lakeplacidhistory.com](http://www.lakeplacidhistory.com).

A great way to show your out of town visitors our beautiful village, this map highlights many of the historic buildings that line upper and lower Main Street. Pick one up today!

Would you like one mailed to you? Just drop Jennifer a line and she'll get one right out in the mail. Happy walking! Already toured Main Street using this map? Please let us know what you think.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Peter Roland, Jr.

### 2014 was a banner year for your Historical Society and The History Museum!

We had a great season at The History Museum but have also been busy with many other projects. We continue to clean, scan and preserve the remainder of the negatives from the Moses - Stedman Glass Plate Negative Collection. The images will soon be available via an online portal called [newyorkheritage.org](http://newyorkheritage.org). We hosted another History in Progress (H.I.P) summer program for local elementary school youth and hosted the Lake Placid Elementary School's summer school students and teachers in an abbreviated H.I.P. program. We look forward to expanding our school partnerships.

We completed and distributed a self-guided Lake Placid Walking Tour map and is available for free. An Historic Inns Tour was offered in September, a follow-up to the Historic Pubs Tour in 2013. We thank the Society's great friend Bill Borzilleri for organizing this once again.

Due to our diligence with preserving, interpreting and presenting our history, we secured new grant funds from the Northern New York Library Network, New York State Archives, Essex County Arts Council, and the Museum Association of New York. We opened a small exhibit of choice items from our collection adjacent to the year round office at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts Annex. Please drop by and visit us during the winter months, or join us for one of our winter lectures as listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Clearly the ability to continue our current operations and expand programming in the future is totally dependent on the support of our membership and other organizations which support our efforts. If you have not renewed your membership this year, or would like to make an additional end of year donation, please use the form enclosed to show your support.

*We thank you for your support and wish you a fine Holiday Season!*



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## B EV'S BITS... *A report from the Town Historian, Beverley P. Reid*

After a request from the LPHS Social Studies teacher regarding World War II, I was reminded about the sad five years of my young life in Lake Placid. I especially remember turning on the radio on that Sunday night (December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941) to listen to our favorite Sunday night stories and instead hearing the terrible news about the bombing in Pearl Harbor and the loss of so many lives. Soon came the famous radio announcement by President Roosevelt declaring war against Japan and his historic statement, "A date which will live in infamy."

As days went by and the brave men and women rushed to volunteer for their chosen branch of service the reality sunk in. Then came the infamous "Dear Sir" letters drafting the married and older men. These brave people were to visit places they had never heard of before and maybe only read about in their school books.

Local people also saw a big change in their lives. Ugly black curtains had to be sewn and installed on every window in the house. These were pulled tight at dusk and not opened until morning light. A search tower was erected on Signal Hill where it was staffed twenty-four hours a day watching for foreign aircraft. (con't. on page 4)



This is one of the glass plates images from the Stedman and Moses Collection. Do you know any of the players in this picture? Let us know!

## 2015 'ODDS AND ENDS' WINTER LECTURE SERIES WEDNESDAYS, 7:00PM ADMISSION IS FREE

- JANUARY 28** Margaret Bartley, Essex County Historical Society trustee  
*"Dating Photos by Fashion"*  
Howard Johnson's, Saranac Avenue
- FEBRUARY 25** Lake Placid Firefighter panel  
*"Recollections of Fire Fighting in Lake Placid"*  
The Lake House, High Peaks Resort, Saranac Avenue
- MARCH 25** Jeremy Davis, author  
*"Lost Ski areas of the North Country"*  
Generations Restaurant (upstairs) at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort, Main Street
- APRIL 29** Gary Smith  
*"New York State Archives and the Stories Told"*  
Northwoods Inn, Main Street

# SOCIETY SEEKING

## OUR WISH LIST

- The History Museum is in great need of a HEPA vacuum cleaner with long arm attachments to reach those high windows. To make this tax deductible donation to the museum, please contact Jenn at [thehistorymuseum@verizon.net](mailto:thehistorymuseum@verizon.net).

## Historic Inn Tour

Once again, Historical Society supporter Bill Borzilleri coordinated a successful Historic Inn Tour on September 11th. 30 enthusiastic participants toured the following beautiful, local inns: Stagecoach Inn, the Pines Inn, the High Peaks Resort's Lake House, the Crowne Plaza, and the Northwoods Inn. Our thanks go out to all the participating business owners and, of course, BILL!



**Top left and right:** Lori Fitzgerald of the High Peaks Resort's Lake House and some of the yummy drinks offered there  
**Middle:** Nancy Colon, Sandy Danussi, and Rosemary Kelly At The Pines Inn  
**Bottom:** Garrick Smith addressing the group at The Northwoods Inn

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About this time the United States also declared war against Germany and more young men and women were called into service.

During these years we learned how to "ration" our supplies. Ration books were supplied to each family in order to purchase, gas, sugar, butter, etc. Each stamp allowed a certain amount of product.. Cooks devised many new recipes to replace the rationed supplies. Paper drives were organized as well as many other strange items such as string and rubber bands. These were all sent to a collection center where they were recycled.

Churches were open almost twenty-four hours a day. Meetings were set up where everyone could congregate and share their letters from loved ones to garner news from all over the world. As these men and women were either injured or lost in battle, these meetings were of great comfort.

During the last year of the war there were many soldiers sent to various areas for rest and recreation. The Lake Placid Club was one of these places. The veterans stayed at the Club while their families moved into apartments, etc. in the Village. The couple who stayed with our family was from New York and we remained friends for years.

Finally, the terrible war was settled and peace reigned. The remaining veterans returned and were welcomed by parades, parties and especially opened arms.

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