

Upcoming Events

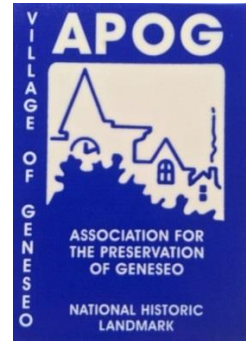
Some important dates for your calendar this year:

- **June 6, 9:00-Noon** – Save the Wall volunteers will resume work on the wall. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, we are not currently accepting new volunteers.
- **July 31st** – Deadline for Homeowner and Residential Renter Grant Applications. Go to <http://geneseoapog.org/> for guidelines and an application.
- **September 25 & 26** – Geneseo Summer Festival – Visit the **APOG booth on Main Street for branded merchandise & books.**
- **TBD** - Annual Beer & Wine Fundraising Event.
- **TBD** - Annual Membership & Awards Meeting & Picnic.

*Attached please find the application for your **2020 membership**. We are happy to once again be able to maintain our membership fees. Please complete and send the attached application or go to <http://geneseoapog.org/> to join or renew online.*

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Have you had a chance to check out our **APOG Web Page**? If not, you may want to take time to view <http://geneseoapog.org/>. This is an archive of the history of APOG and the homes and businesses in Geneseo. We intend to continuously add content and information and hope that you will help us make it the great resource we know it can be. **You can pay for your membership online and order APOG publications and merchandise.** Please check it out.

If you are quarantining at home and looking for something to do, we have a blast from the past to entertain you! We will be loading some of our prior **Architectural Treasure Hunts** onto our website, starting with 1993. See if you can locate all the clues, and see what, if any, changes have occurred in almost 30 years! Keep checking our website for them, we'll begin revealing them over the next few months.

Save the Wall work will resume on June 6th, from 9:00am – noon. Work will take place on Saturdays through the end of September. We are very grateful for the countless hours our dedicated volunteers have provided to make this historic community activity possible. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, we are not currently accepting new volunteers. The money used for this project is raised via our Wing Fest in the Fall.

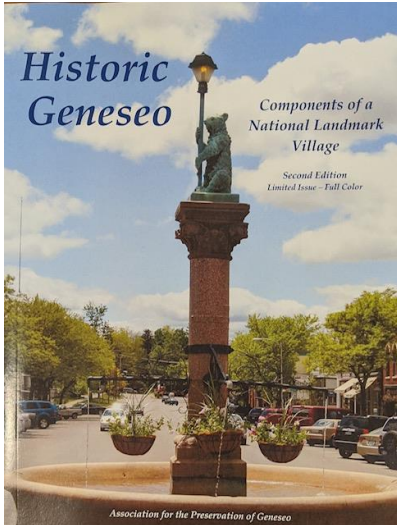
"**Just Around the Corner**" is a new column in our Newsletter. We will be focusing on a different historic home each installment which hopefully will give insight to the village's history as well as satisfy some curiosity!

Would you like to learn more about your home and/or the prior residents of your home? An APOG board member has volunteered to assist those Geneseo residents who are interested in researching the history of their home. We can get you started researching deeds, maps, and other tools available to us.

We have an ancestry.com account to aid in unlocking basic information about your previous home-dwellers. Although we may not be able to answer all your questions, hopefully we can point you in the right direction. Contact mekatt1790@yahoo.com for more information.

APOG HAPPENINGS

Many of you may know APOG recently reprinted the **Second Edition of "Historic Geneseo: Components of a National Landmark Village"**. It had been 12 years since the last printing and quite a few people had an interest in re-visiting Geneseo's history as well as their own home's background in this great resource. If you've



misplaced your copy, worn it out, or just never had the opportunity to own one, now's the time. The price is the same as in 2008, only \$65.

You can purchase the book at Florence's Perpetual Estate Sale at 133 Main Street Sundance Books on Main St,

Geneseo, ordering on our website at All APOG Products — Association for the Preservation of Geneseo, or by emailing mekatt1790@yahoo.com. If you are just starting your own research on your home this is a great place to begin. And if you just love the village it is a nice book to have and refer to again and again.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

10 Prospect Street is not an architecturally important structure, but it is the oldest home on Prospect Street, with the earliest found mention of it being 1833. The house originally stood slightly southwest where the house on 75 Center Street now stands. It was sold by James Wadsworth for \$1.00 to Robert and Jane McBride...in the deed it states Jane McBride showed 'unworn kindness' to members of James' family, 'now demised'. Robert and Jane emigrated from Ireland in 1821 and arrived in Geneseo where Robert worked on the grounds at the Homestead and Jane worked in the house. In 1833 Mrs. Patterson, Jane's mother, lived in the house. She emigrated with Robert and Jane in 1821. It's not known who occupied the house after Mrs. Patterson died in 1857 as Jane and Robert moved next door to 73 Center Street in 1854. The McBride's had no children.

In approximately 1868 the home was moved to where it now stands, 10 Prospect Street. Unfortunately, it's unknown who or how the house was moved. In a map dated 1872 the house is shown with the name A. French

as occupier/owner. Alonzo and Anna French and five of their eleven children lived in the home during this time period. Alonzo was a house and sign painter and had a paint shop at 12 Main Street for quite a few years. The French's lost five of their children before the children reached age 25, three of them were under the age of five. Anna died in 1891 and Alonzo in 1897. In 1897 the French estate sold the house to James and Elizabeth Baird.

James Baird emigrated from Ireland in the mid-1880s. He and Elizabeth Dysart, who emigrated from Ireland in 1895, were married in 1897. James was a gardener for a private home, and Lizzie was a seamstress who worked from home. They raised four children here, Margaret, Marion, James, and Irvin. People in town may remember Irvin who was involved in the local horse scene. James passed away in 1948 and Elizabeth in 1950. The house was left to Marion Baird; when she passed away it was left to Irvin.

In the mid 1970's a room was added in the rear of the house for rental purposes. Although it was attached to the house it had no entry into the home. After Irvin passed away the house was bought and sold several times and seemed to fall into a state of disrepair. In the 1990s new owners poured time and energy into rehabilitating the house. The layout appears to be much as it would have been originally...an informal entry leading to a staircase which brings you to the second floor with three bedrooms; on the main floor there is one large room to the left and right of the entry; the kitchen is off the back of the room on the left; and the addition added in the 1970's is straight behind the staircase. It is a simple, functional house. When the current owners broke thru to join the 1970's addition to the rest of the house the first thing encountered was a 16" hand hewn beam with the original door latch attached, a testimony to the time period it was built.



What strikes me in learning about the prior inhabitants is how well these people with modest beginnings flourished and thrived in Geneseo during their time here. To arrive in a country with next to nothing, find and hold successful jobs, and have the wealth to accumulate multiple real estate holdings is truly the American Dream.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF GENESEO

The purpose of APOG is to preserve, improve, and restore the places of civic, architectural and historic interest to Geneseo and to educate members of the community about their architectural and historical heritage.

Please join us as a member of APOG for 2020.

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Text: Yes No

E-mail: _____ I would prefer email to USPS mailers

Please select the desired membership level and enclose the appropriate amount with this form.

You may combine membership & additional donations in one check.

Checks should be made payable to "APOG Membership" & mailed to P.O. Box 294, Geneseo, NY 14454

Membership Level

___\$10 Student ___\$20 Individual ___\$30 Couple/Family
___\$50 Sponsor ___\$75 Patron ___\$100 Benefactor/Corporate

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Residential Rental Property Grants Save The Wall Use as Needed

Other Request _____

We are always looking for community volunteers! Let us know if you can help:

___Board Position ___Marketing/Social Media ___Membership ___Programs

___Education Initiatives ___Save The Wall ___Web Site ___Other _____