



Rochelle's Place for History

Special Interest

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2020—A Clear Vision

Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 18th. Officers elected include Janet Stocking, President; Terry Dickow, Vice-President; Gretchen Bain, Recording Secretary; and Arlyn VanDyke, Treasurer. In addition, Steve Frank continues as Curator with Tom McDermott as Historian. Board members elected include Bob Erwin and David Guest with Bobbie Colbert and Steve O'Connor continuing on the board.

The board welcomed guests Sally Sawicki and Steve Strang and Gary Mason to the meeting and the lunch that followed.

Discussion items included work in the building, plans for 2020, and a goal to continue to encourage visitors and museum membership. The annual theme was established—"2020, A Clear Vision"

The year end report was presented highlighting "Roads Well Traveled" events and exhibits held in 2019 as well as the progress staff has made in Collections Management. The 2019 report can be viewed at the museum during January.

The museum offers tours to school groups and other groups—an opportunity for children and visitors to learn something new. Pictured is a 2nd grade class from Lincoln School with board member Terry Dickow.



The Vision of our founders

The following information was published in the Rochelle Herald, June 21, 1899

We had the pleasure of calling upon James Randall, who resides on his farm three miles west of Rochelle last Friday in company with Oscar M. Lake of this city. The two men are the oldest inhabitants living here to-day, having lived here about thirty-five years. ... Mr. Randall is 86 years of age but enjoys remarkable good health. ... He said he was interested in the communication in the HERALD in regard to who set out the hard maple trees on the farm known as the Lane farm north of the city.

Mr. Overhizer's article was all right as far as it went but John Fulton did not set out the first trees planted there. The first trees were set out by Ira Randall and Will Steward in 1843 or 44, several years before Mr. Fulton came to this country. Mr. Fulton afterwards set out a number of trees there, and he remembers of his hauling water from a spring quite a distance in order to keep them alive.

In his reminiscence of early times he stated that he built the log house that stood until a few years ago on the Henry Henze property near the bridge leading over on the south side on Main street and for a number of

years it was the finest and best made house in this section.

After Lee county was divided and Ogle county was formed he built a log house on his farm and went there to live. He has 400 acres of land and is taking life easy and comfortable and enjoys a chat with his old friends and companions.

Thanks to Tom McDermott and his tireless scanning efforts, information like this is available in digital format in the museum.

Our **Research Rochelle** station is available for anyone to conduct research in our digital collection as well as online.

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Arlyn Van Dyke, Treasurer
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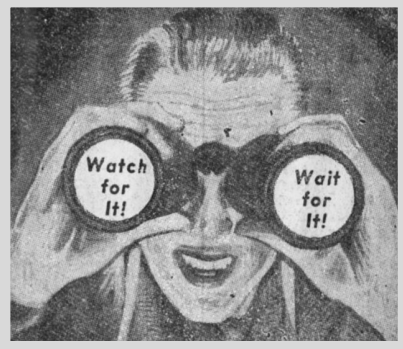
Board Members

Bobbie Colbert
Bob Erwin
Steve Frank, Curator
David Guest
Steve O'Connor

Jenny Thompson, City
Jackee Ohlinger, Park District

Jan Devore, Director

Our Vision in 1950...



Part of an ad from the Rochelle Leader of January 13, 1950 for the opening of the Rochelle Coast to Coast store.

Reported in the Rochelle News, January 25, 1950

Charles R. Schwartz announced today that the formal grand opening of his Coast-To-Coast Stores, to be located at 313 Lincoln Highway, will be held Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mr. Schwartz extends a cordial invitation to the people of Rochelle to attend the grand opening event on Jan. 27 and 28 and coffee and doughnuts will be served free of charge. Special grand opening prizes are to be awarded and a complete opening advertisement appears in this edition of The News.

Mr. Schwartz and his family reside at 921 N. 10th St., having purchased that property from Dan Heltness last October 20.

Reported in the Rochelle News, June 25, 1952

Ed and Jean Livingston above announce their purchase of the local Coast to Coast Stores from Charles R. Schwartz.

Free coffee and doughnuts will be served Friday and Saturday by the ladies of Flagg Station Grange, and in addition, orchids from Hawaii will be given each day to the first 100 ladies visiting the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston have already established their home in Rochelle and are residing in a home at 628 South 1st Street.

COAST-TO-COAST STORES
GRAND OPENING SALE!
11 BIG DEPARTMENTS

See Our Complete PAINT DEPT.

EVERYTHING FOR the FARM HOME & CAR

Watch for it! Wait for it!

SPORTING GOODS

Home Appliances

Automotive Supplies

Everything in Housewares

Plumbing & Heating Needs

HARDWARE

FURNITURE

ELECTRICAL GOODS

It's Coming Soon

The store where you'll save every day on everything because your locally owned COAST-TO-COAST STORES buy through a huge national group of hundreds of stores.

Charles R. Schwartz
 Owner

Locally Owned **COAST-TO-COAST STORES** **Nationally Organized**

New Coast to Coast Owners Take Over Store Here With Special Sale Slated for Week End

Our Vision today...

What do you think the Flagg Township Museum needs to look like?

How can we better serve the community?

Share your thoughts online or come in for a postcard like this, available in the museum.

FLAGG-TOWNSHIP MUSEUM
 Rochelle, Maine

If I ran this historic museum I would

Tag it!

Leave this behind or hand to a staff member

Recently added to the collection...

Recent Acquisitions

Token for R&W Store, 409 Cherry Avenue from Dave Schabacker

Clothing, toys, holiday decorations, books, hat pin, title abstracts from Sue Engebretson for Betty Barnes

Plastic coin purse, Manning Electric from Gretchen Bain

Period women's clothing and holiday decorations from Sally Sawicki

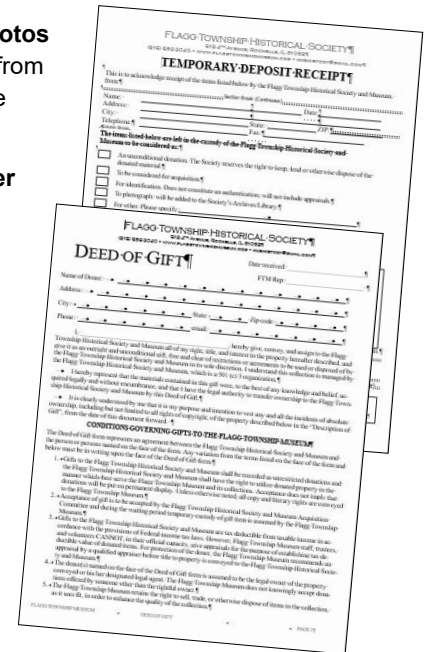
Tool apron Doyon-Rayne Lumber Co., Rochelle Birthday Book (RTHS), RTHS Commencement Program from Lyle Headon (Tom McDermott)

Poster of Big Boy photos & newspaper article from Bob Caron and Dianne Kenney

War ration book cover from C. Davis Rankin Jr. from Texas

Wormley Co card from Dick and Deb Kruse from Florida

Photos and Rochelle City of Progress booklet from the Holcomb Bank (Tom McDermott)



... acquisition is defined as the discovery, preliminary evaluation, taking physical and legal custody of, and acknowledging receipt of materials and objects.

The end of our "roads well traveled"

Santa Traveled the World

Around the world he's known by different names and children everywhere await the magical visit from St. Nicholas, Pere Noel, Babbo Natale, Ded Moroz, or Christkind.

During December the Cabinet of Curiosities included a display about holiday traditions from around the world.

The idea of Santa Claus came from the Dutch legend of Sinterklaas. Settlers brought Sinterklaas to New York in the 17th century.

No matter how "Santa" traveled to you this past year, we hope you didn't get the gift of coal!



Thomas Nast's iconic image of Santa Clause of 1881 was inspired by C. Clement Moore's poem, *A Visit From St. Nicholas*.

Decorate the Museum

was held on Saturday, November 30, and our paper chain traveled around two rooms and up the stairs.

Thanks to Dylan Isham and volunteer Madie Ohlinger for adding about 20 more feet! Next year we'll make it even longer!

Santa at the Museum

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited again on Friday, December 6th. Lots of boys and girls came to tell Mr. and Mrs. Claus what they wanted for Christmas.

We hope you all got your wishes and had a wonderful holiday!



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appointment*

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About Our Organization...

The Mission of the Flagg Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.

Request a Presentation...

Contact the museum to request a presentation to your club, organization, or school by museum personnel. Presentations support the museum's mission to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history.

Looking for some help...

Our school bell from the Country School in Flagg Center needs a stand. It dates from 1870 and is currently laying on its side in the school room exhibit.

We'd like to be able to ring the bell when the school children come in for tours.

Museum Events

February 16: D.A.R. Genealogy Workshop, 1-3:30 pm

March 15: D.A.R. Genealogy Workshop, 1-3:30 pm

March 23-26: Chautauqua, 7-8 pm

April 19: D.A.R. Genealogy Workshop, 1-3:30 pm

