

Dean Collection Donated to Museum

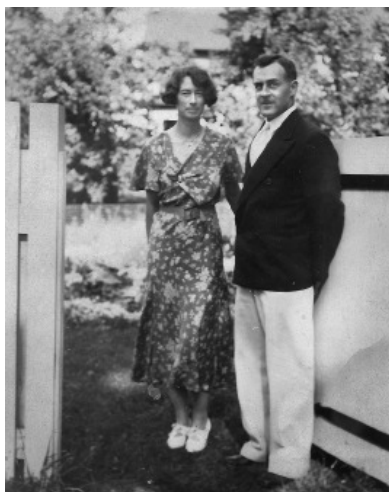
By Bill Poray

As briefly mentioned in the July issue of the Historigram, the lives of Dr. George Adgate Dean (1904–1970) and his wife Louise Griswold Dean (1905–1995) are wonderfully represented in a significant collection of documents, photographs and other items recently donated by the family to the Perinton Historical Society.

Each selflessly served their adopted hometown, the Fairport-Perinton community, in many capacities. Both were also active in the Perinton Historical Society as members of the PHS Executive Committee.

After completing medical school and an internship at a Rochester hospital, the 26 year-old Doctor Dean chose to set up his first practice in the “country village” of Fairport in the summer of 1930.

He and his Cornell sweetheart, “Louie” Griswold, married the following year. Together they administered care and affection to countless citizens and neighbors in the community, much of which is chronicled in letters and essays, all part of the collection.



Louise Griswold Dean
and Doctor George
Adgate Dean

*From the collection
of the Perinton
Historical Society*



The home and office of Dr. Dean
and family, at 11 West Church
Street in Fairport. The designated
Fairport landmark now functions
as The Inn on Church Street.

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~ Bob Hunt ~

Comments from your President

August 13, 2018:

I'm writing this month's article again from my office in the carriage barn on another hot muggy day. Hasn't this summer been a scorcher? The newspaper's weather page bears this out, when you look at the "cooling degree days" for the

year. As I have mentioned in previous columns, a cooling degree day is an index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature is above 65 degrees for the day. As of August 11th we have had an index of 648, with 381 being normal and 437 at the same time last year. Another statistic that lets one know it has been hot are the number of days the temperature has been 90 or above. As I write this, our total is 17 days, according to data recorded at the airport. This includes one day in May, three in June, eleven in July, and two so far in August.

This hot, muggy weather has dictated our bike riding times, as we try to beat the heat by riding earlier in the day. We have ridden about 550 miles for the year, which is approximately average for us, according to Cindy's diary. Cindy has kept a diary since 1974 and we refer to them often when trying to remember events of the past. They are very useful and at times, entertaining reading.

This year I have been trying to identify the many different wild flowers observed while we ride. To date 51 different ones have been identified with probably 50 more observed, but not identified. For the 50 unknowns, I would have to stop and look at the flower up close with my "Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers." I will work on this on future rides.

In the spring one of the first flowers we see, particularly along the canal path, are thousands of honeysuckle bushes, with their white, pink or red blossoms. These flowers are very fragrant as well so a couple of our senses are stimulated; sight and smell. As we ride past these honeysuckle bushes now, they are covered with red or orange berries.

Starting a few weeks back, around the middle of July, the Black-Eyed Susans were in bloom. From Waynesport Road to Canandaigua Road, between the canal path and the railroad, there were several large patches with thousands of flowers each, in full bloom. Vitamin N (Nature) at its best. One of our favorite wild flowers is chicory with its beautiful periwinkle blue blossom. We have only seen a few flower heads open at a time, and they only last for a day, with new buds opening the next day. This Old World weed is sometimes sought for its food use, as the roots can be roasted

and ground as a coffee substitute or additive.

Another favorite, especially when the grandkids were younger, is Queen Ann's lace or wild carrot. Up close, it smells like carrots. And when picked and placed in a glass of color-dyed water, the plant absorbs the color. Soon you will have the laces in red, blue, green or whatever color dye you decide to use. What fun for young children and for us old goats as well.

So far, the house sparrows nesting in the side of the carriage barn have produced two families of future house sparrows. This is why we see so many sparrows around the feeders.

At the museum you will notice a couple of new benches brightly painted and the hedges and trees neatly edged and mulched. This was an Eagle Scout project completed the first week of August. The museum and grounds are looking great, so be sure to stop by and enjoy.

Thanks for your continued support, it is appreciated. We will chat again in our next issue.

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PHS Team Creates Another Historic Float

We hope everyone has had a chance to visit the new exhibits at the Museum. What better way to encourage everyone to visit the updated displays than pirates mapping the way on a Ricci's flatbed truck driven by our favorite driver, John McCormick!

Once again this fun-loving and dedicated group designed and built the float for Fairport's Fourth of July parade. Many thanks to Sue Broda, Anne Johnston, Lucy McCormick, Dave and Sue Scheirer, Sue Templeton, May Thomson and Dave and Barb Wild. Two of our pirates, Taran and Tristan Bauer again dressed for the occasion and passed out the candy. Two new pirates on the float were Diane Castle and her dog, Bach.

Join the Swiffer Patrol!

The Property Committee is asking members of the Society to help with the interior upkeep of the museum throughout the year. The museum is thoroughly cleaned once a year by a professional cleaner. They wipe down the walls, woodwork, window blinds and scour the bathrooms. This past year the tile floors were stripped and waxed. This coming year the windows will be washed. These are costly expenses. In between, we need help with basic housekeeping.

The building gets a lot of use. Besides being open to the public its usual nine hours per week, it hosts the monthly historical society informational programs, welcomes many, many school children, entertains during *Yuletide Traditions*, and also hosts outside groups that use the space for celebrations, luncheons and professional meetings.

This puts a lot of pressure on a few of us to ensure that floors are vacuumed, cobwebs swiped, sinks wiped up, baskets emptied.

We will organize a work party in September to prepare for the holiday doings. The tasks are gender neutral, gals and guys are welcome. A small well-organized group can go through the building in an hour or so.

If you would like to be part of this elite Corps de Swiffer, please leave your contact information at the museum (223-3989) or at info@perintonhistoricalsociety.org.

PHS Property Committee



Dr. Dean, in dress shoes and a tie, takes a break from his medical practice to mow the back yard at 11 West Church Street. The steeple of the Fairport First Baptist Church is visible in the background.

*From the collection of the
Perinton Historical Society*

The Dean collection will be the foundation for the November program at our museum. I'm currently sifting through photographs, letters, and other documents which help to illuminate the life of the Deans, while also providing a first public look at many images of our community from the 1930s to the 1950s. I hope you consider attending the program on November 20th, which will coincide with the beginning of our annual *Yuletide Traditions* events.



Upcoming Programs & Events

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 p.m. at the museum

Program: The Legacy of Lillian Wald

Presenter: Patricia Corcoran

Sunday, October 7

From 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Event: PHS House Tour—Dewey Avenue

Tuesday, October 16

7:00 p.m. at the museum

Program: The History of Halloween

Presenter: Paul Tantillo

Tuesday, November 20

From 4:00–9:00 p.m. at the museum

Event: PHS Yuletide Traditions opening bids accepted for silent auction items

Tuesday, November 20

5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the museum

Program: Lives of Passion: Doctor George Dean and Louise Griswold Dean

Presenter: Bill Poray

Tuesday, December 11

6:00–7:00 p.m. at the museum

Event: *Yuletide Traditions* final bids accepted for silent auction items. Winners will be announced following the evening's program

Tuesday, December 11

7:00 p.m. at the museum

Event: Annual Holiday Party

Presenter: The Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble of the Eastman Community Music School.

Please bring a dessert to pass.

Check the October *Historigram* for additional special events occurring during our *Yuletide Traditions* fundraiser!

Support the Museum as a Volunteer

Museum volunteers work one two-to-three-hour shift per month greeting and assisting visitors. New volunteers are paired with veterans for each shift, and training is provided. We are always looking for new volunteers to staff the museum, and especially need volunteers on Saturdays from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and Sundays from 2–4 p.m. If you can give of your time just a few hours a month, please contact PHS Volunteer Coordinator Renee Barry at reneejbarry@gmail.com. We look forward to adding you to our volunteer roster!

For information on becoming a member of the Perinton Historical Society, visit our website at www.PerintonHistoricalSociety.org.

What is Yuletide Traditions?

At this time of the year, the phrase “Yuletide Traditions” is bandied about in the Perinton Historical Society *Historigram* newsletter, on our Facebook page, at the Fairport Historical Museum and in the media. What does it mean? **Yuletide Traditions** (YT) is the Perinton Historical Society’s annual fundraiser.

During a three-week time frame in November and December, visitors to the Fairport Historical Museum have the opportunity to bid on beautiful Christmas trees, wreaths and gift baskets that have been donated for silent auctions by members of our community, organizations and businesses. All proceeds from the silent auctions benefit the Perinton Historical Society (PHS) and help fund the operation of the Fairport Historical Museum, pay the honorariums for the interesting speakers who are invited to present, and assist in the acquisition of new artifacts for the museum. The proceeds are also used to allay costs associated with the printing of the *Historigram* newsletter and other general office expenses.

Yuletide Traditions is also an opportunity to highlight local authors and artists in special events at the Fairport Historical Museum. We’ve had book signings, musicians, kids’ crafts and even visits from Jolly St. Nick!

In its first four years, more than 200 items were donated by the community for silent auctions resulting in proceeds exceeding \$9,000. The PHS sincerely appreciates the efforts of those who donate items for silent auctions, purchase auction items and the countless volunteers who assist with the Yuletide Traditions fundraiser. We look forward to our fifth YT event coming this fall.

Additional information about **Yuletide Traditions 2018** will be found in the October issue of the **Historigram** and on the Perinton Historical Society Facebook page and website, www.PerintonHistoricalSociety.org, in late September. If you are interested in joining our YT Committee, donating or becoming one of our guests at a YT special event, please contact Vicki Masters Profitt (Director@PerintonHistoricalSociety.org).



Scouts Assist the PHS

In July, Eagle Scout candidate Dean West and his team of Scouts weeded and mulched the museum grounds. Prior to the event, Dean refurbished the three benches from the yard with new wood and a fresh paint job.

Another Eagle Scout candidate, Nick DiTommaso, is completing a project based on Fairport’s DeLand family. Nick and his crew are researching the DeLands using museum and online resources. They will write scripts and, using photos from the PHS collection, produce a documentary to be played on the upstairs TV monitors in the museum.

Eagle Scout candidate
Dean West and his team in
front of the museum



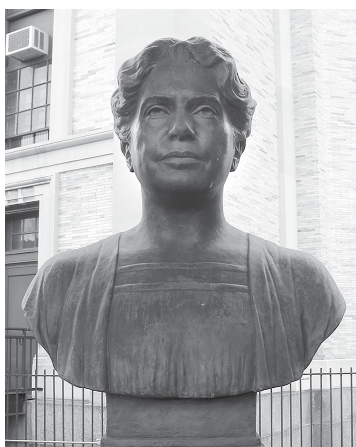
Museum News

Special Recognition Level Memberships

As of August 14th, 2018

The Legacy of Lillian Wald

*Presented by
Patricia Corcoran
on Tuesday, September 18th
at 7:00 p.m.*



Bust of Lillian Wald at the Hall of Fame of Great Americans

The story of Lillian Wald describes a life of activism, dedication, and accomplishment. She was a nurse, teacher, social worker, author, suffragist, child advocate, trade unionist and immigrant rights leader—in every aspect of her life, she was a pioneer. Lillian founded the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Henry Street Settlement in New York City. She considered Rochester her home and is buried with her family in Mount Hope Cemetery. She was a prolific writer, and her words hold special significance in today's world. You will be inspired by a woman recognized during her life as one of the greatest living women of her time.

Presenter Patricia Corcoran is a graduate of LeMoyne College and earned a master's degree from SUNY Brockport. After teaching two years in Corning, she went to Turkey in the Peace Corps and taught English in a public school for gifted children. After Turkey, Pat arrived in Rochester and began her 30-year career as an ESOL teacher in the Rochester City School District. Following her retirement, Pat was the acting director of the graduate TESOL program at Nazareth College and an adjunct instructor at SUNY Geneseo, St. John Fisher College, and Nazareth College. She is currently vice president of the Friends of Mount Hope and is a tour guide.



Lillian Wald, 1867-1940

Nurse
Humanitarian
Author

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Patricia Corcoran*

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Anonymous (3)

Potter (\$250-\$499)

Bob and Cindy Hunt

Support the Perinton Historical Society with Your Membership

If you haven't already renewed your annual membership in PHS or would like to join for the first time, please fill in the form below and send in now. The annual PHS House Tour is scheduled for October 7th. House Tour brochures (tickets) will be mailed to all those for whom membership forms have been received by September 25th.

Special Recognition Levels: Our membership form includes special recognition levels of membership authorized by the Board of Trustees. Business memberships will be acknowledged as supporters of the Perinton Historical Society in each issue of the *Historigram*, on the PHS website and at the museum. The DeLand, Potter and Perrin memberships acknowledge greater monetary contributions: These members will be recognized once in the *Historigram* and listed on the website and at the museum, unless they prefer to remain anonymous.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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E-mail Address: _____ *Historigram*: Email () US Mail ()

Please check the level of membership you prefer:

- () Individual\$15
- () Family\$25
- () Sr. Single [65 or older]\$10
- () Sr. Couple\$15
- () Patron\$50
- () Extra Contribution\$_____

Special Recognition Levels:

- () Business\$100
- () DeLand\$100–\$249
- () Potter\$250–\$500
- () Perrin\$500 & above

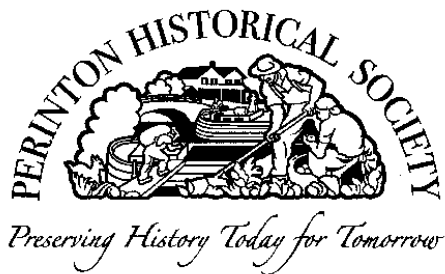
Our membership year runs from
September 1st to August 31st.

The success of PHS depends on your gifts of time and talent.
Consider volunteering by joining a committee.

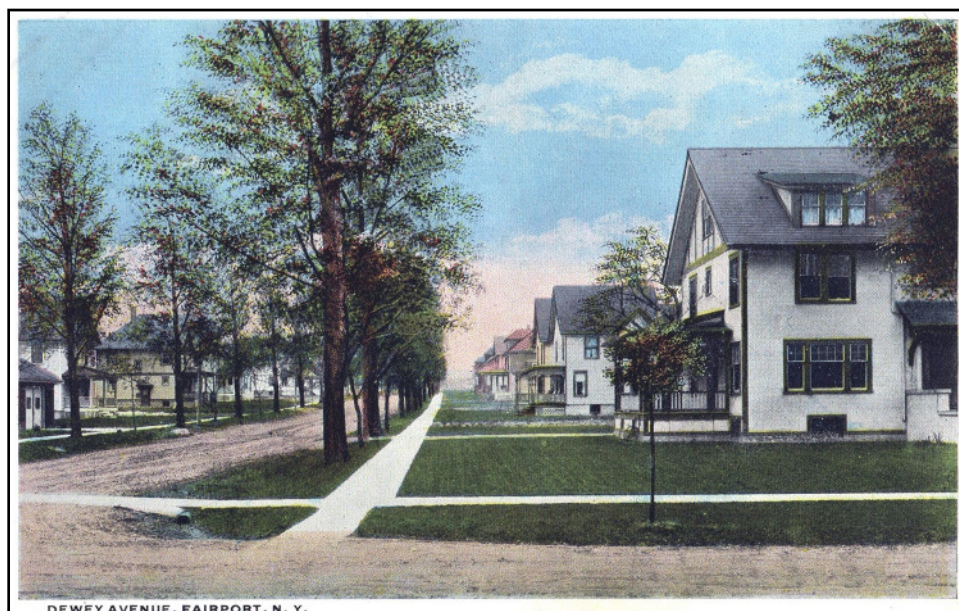
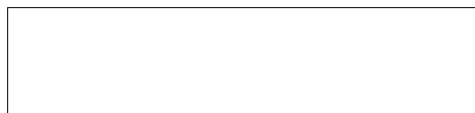
Check areas of interest:

- () Board of Trustees – governing body for PHS
- () Communications Committee – publicity, writing, graphic design
- () Finance Committee – budgeting, grant writing, gift shop
- () Fundraising – Yuletide Traditions, etc.
- () Education – helping with adult and children's programs
- () Museum Volunteer – 2 hours per month
- () Inventory of Museum Holdings
- () Property Committee – upkeep of the facility
- () *Historigram* – articles, editing, production, distribution
- () Historic Tours – house, cemetery, landmarks
- () Technology Committee – assessment, planning, implementing
- () Seasonal Projects – parades, Canal Days, Scarecrow Festival
- () Other – Give us your ideas _____

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Don't miss this year's Historic House Tour on Sunday, October 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

For more information, stay tuned to the next issue of the *Historigram* and the PHS website—

www.perintonhistoricalsociety.org

Fairport Historical Museum

18 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450

The museum is open to the public on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the hours below:

Saturday 10:00–1:00 p.m. Tuesday 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Sunday 2:00–4:00 p.m. Thursday 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Group tours, presentations and special projects are by appointment. Please call and leave a message at **585-223-3989**.

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