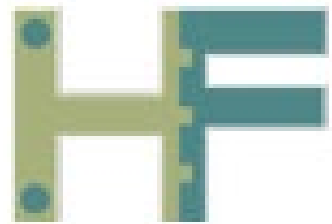


*Auburn*

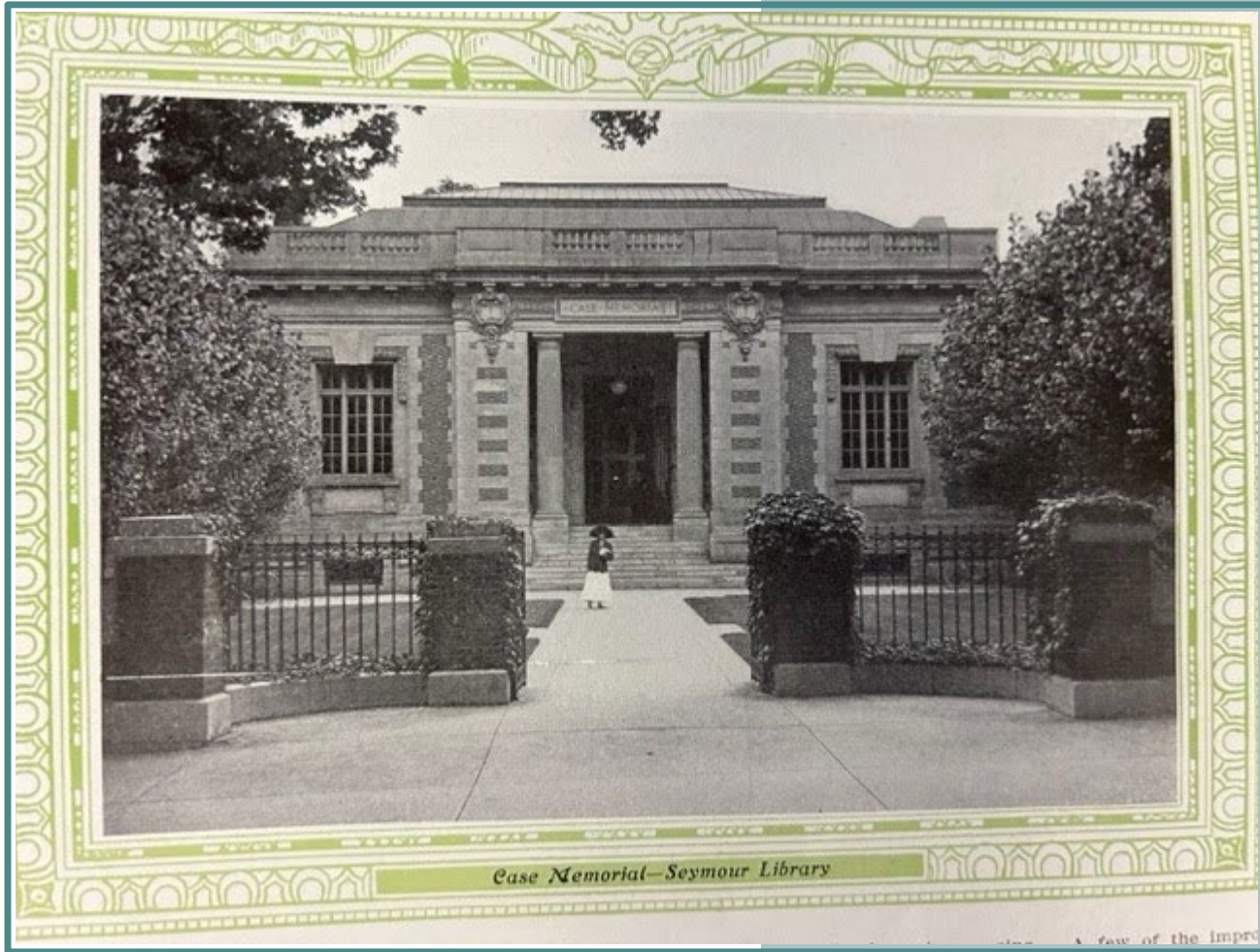


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An aerial, historical illustration of Auburn, New York, in 1910. The scene shows a dense urban landscape with numerous multi-story brick buildings, many with awnings and signs. A prominent church with a tall, dark steeple is visible on the right. In the center, a building has a sign that reads "EDGAR". The streets are filled with people and early 20th-century automobiles. The overall color palette is muted, with greens, browns, and greys.

A QUICK LOOK AT  
*Auburn, NY*  
IN 1910





Seymour Library opened in its new location, the Case Memorial Building, in 1903.



AUBURN, N. Y. PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

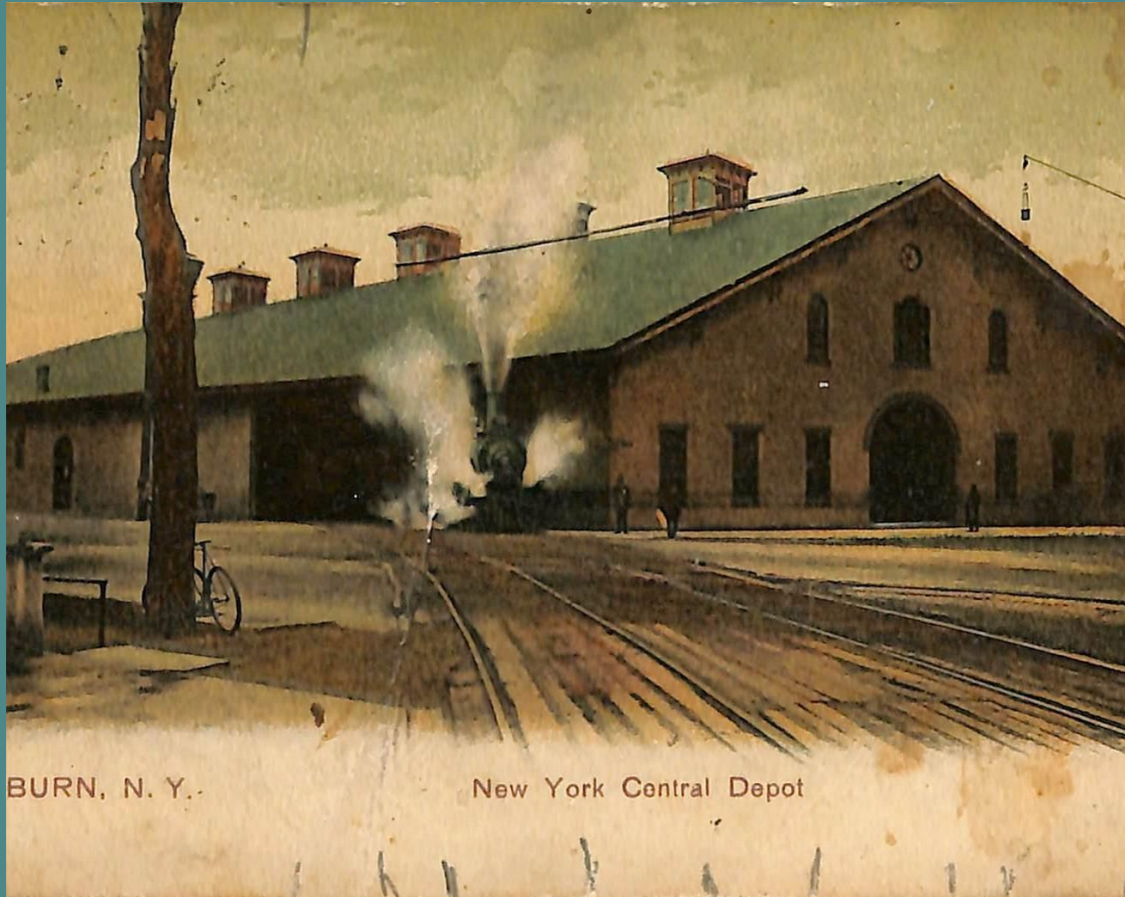






*State Street, from Genesee*





# TRAINS & TROLLEYS

Connected internally and externally by a network of railroad and trolley lines. Five railroads handled approximately 90,000 carloads of freight yearly.



# NEWS & INDUSTRY

- 6 newspapers (2 dailies; 4 weekly/semi-weekly), 2 telegraph companies, and 2 telephone companies.
- Water power and low electric/gas rates attracted manufacturers to the area.
- International Harvester employed 3,000 people in its various departments. Dunn and McCarthy produced shoes. Nye and Waite manufactured carpets and rugs on 150 looms. And Columbian Rope – employing 1,000 – imported a hundred freight car-loads of raw materials every 2 - 3 weeks and shipped its finished product throughout the world.



# *A growing immigrant population*

The 1910 Auburn City Directory included separate sections for residents from Austria, Poland, and Italy. The school district's evening school focused on the study of English and 15 nationalities were represented in its enrollment with many employed by the manufacturers mentioned.

*Shoe Factory.*



# *Challenges*

## AND HOW TO FACE THEM

**Volunteer schedules.** Everyone works at different paces and their lives can get busy. To keep things moving, continue training new volunteers, be prepared for down periods, and pivot when needed (online training as well as in-person).

**Time.** This can be a big investment for those overseeing the project and volunteers. Allow for breaks and focus on what you can.

**Your Community.** We have an elder population that sometimes struggles with technology. See if you can provide a safe space for group work and be prepared to help to build confidence.

**Communication.** There may be times when you reach out to volunteers and not hear back. Push forward, try finding new volunteers and circle back to the missing volunteer at a future date. Do they need more training or assistance? Do they lack the time to do the work?

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*We convened an advisory committee of 8 individuals for the project. The advisory committee met monthly throughout the project year to January 2022.*

The committee was made up of:

- two representatives from Ithaca History Forge
- two members of the Seymour Library staff
- two staff members from the Cayuga County Historian's Office
- a representative from South Central Library Council
- a representative from a town historical society



# *Visualizing History* **EXPANDING AUBURN HISTORYFORGE**

## **Adding photographs & images to HistoryForge**

The collaborations from the advisory committee lead to this subproject, which was our first step in adding photographs and other images to the Forge.

- The images (postcards, stereocards, black and white photographs, and color photographs) were selected from the collections of Seymour Library and the Cayuga County Historian and reflected the diversity of Auburn's residents and neighborhoods.
- Funded through a grant from the South Central Regional Library Council's Technology and Digitization Grants.
- Through this project we added 600 images of people and residences to Auburn HistoryForge.
- We look forward to future expansion of the visual aspects of Auburn HistoryForge.





# *Engaging* **AUBURNIAN**

**through local history**

- **S**ave trained 21 transcribers to date, which has allowed us to continue the project while allowing the transcribers to take breaks as their schedules filled with other life duties.
- Allows for historians to see Auburn from different sides. Where were people living and working? Where were the immigrant populations living? Which countries were they from at the time? It also shows the ethnic population divides throughout the city and how that has influenced the Auburn of today.
- Allows for unseen populations to be seen. Our transcribers uncovered interesting facts...





# 1910 U.S. Census

Add New Record Bulk Update Start New Search

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All No Building Record Not Reviewed No Person Record

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Cate Street

These six prisoners are "condemned to death" - Murmur 1849

William	William			71	71
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Carroll	Frank		"	71	71
Angell	Marshall		"	71	71
Hamberger	Herman		"	71	71
Keser	Joseph	✓	"	71	71
Chario	Rocco	✓	"	71	71
Giltah	William	✓	"	71	71
Lemaro	Joseph Jr.	✓	"	71	71
Maceo	Joseph	✓	"	71	71
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Lepdago	Lussippi		"	71	71
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# *A Section of History*

## PARKER STREET

A sample of diversity in Auburn, NY

- Parker Street features a range of diversity that represents Auburn.
- We are using it as a sample of the range of information that can be added to HistoryForge.
- During the spring of 2021, an intern from Syracuse University assisted us with transcribing the 1900 census information for Parker Street and building survey information on the houses.
- We plan to add other census years, newspaper articles, city directory information, and other resources – perhaps even oral histories – to further detail this street in the future through internships or volunteer hours.



# *In the future*

## POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR RESEARCH

- Impact of Urban Renewal (1940/1950 compared to post-Urban Renewal)
- Research questions regarding the 20th-century immigrant communities (e.g., In 1910, houses on Arlington Avenue had boarders from Austria and Poland who worked at Columbian Rope. Did they move to other areas and did they remain boarders?)
- Explore the demographics of the population surrounding the prison.
- Expand data on Black community (Extend in-depth approach from Parker Street to Chapman and Cornell Streets)



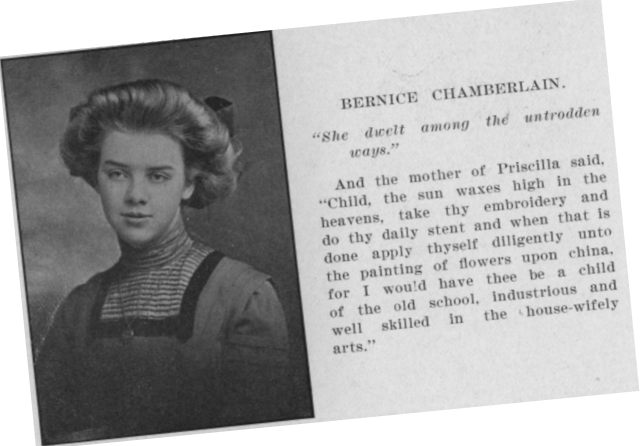
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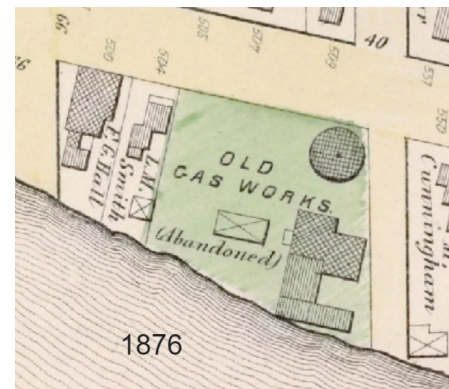


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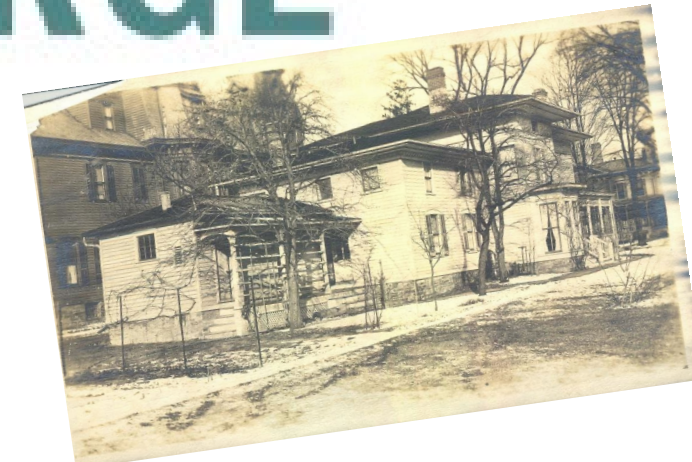
# Elmira

# HF HISTORY FORGE



by the teachers of the Sunday school.

**ROLLING MILLS SHUT DOWN.**  
 ELMIRA, N. Y., June 23.—The Merchant Mills of the Elmira Iron and Steel Rolling Mill Company came to a sudden standstill by the pulling of the fires to-day, and the entire concern, consisting of various mills, will soon cease operations. This will also have the effect of closing the blast furnaces of the company, and consequently throw several hundred men out of employment, something that has not occurred for over 24 years. Political agitation is said to have something to do with the closing of the institution.





# About Elmira HistoryForge



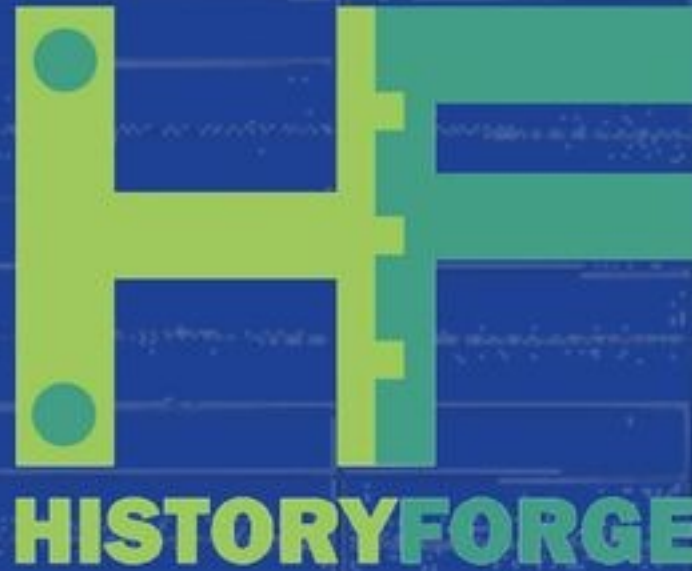
Elmira HistoryForge has been working since February 2021

We are currently working to finish the 1910 census of the city of Elmira which includes 37,176 citizens.

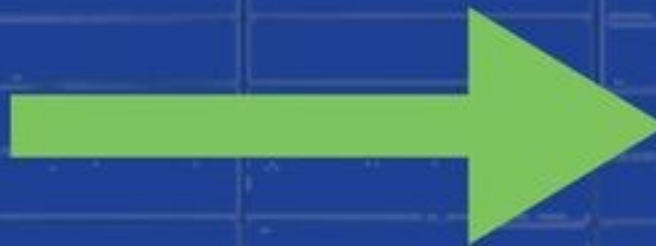
# Reaching the Public Through Social Media



# Volunteers



Digitizing history, one file at a time



## Advertising our meetings



**Chemung County Historical Society**

June 11 · 🌐

Have you heard!? HistoryForge is meeting up this Wednesday 6/14 for another session, from 6-8 pm at the West Elmira Community Center. Contact Project Coordinator Andrea Renshaw at [HistoryForge@ChemungValleyMuseum.org](mailto:HistoryForge@ChemungValleyMuseum.org) for more details on how to get involved. Psst...pass the word [#volunteers](#) [#elmirany](#) [#historyforge](#) [#citizenhistorians](#)





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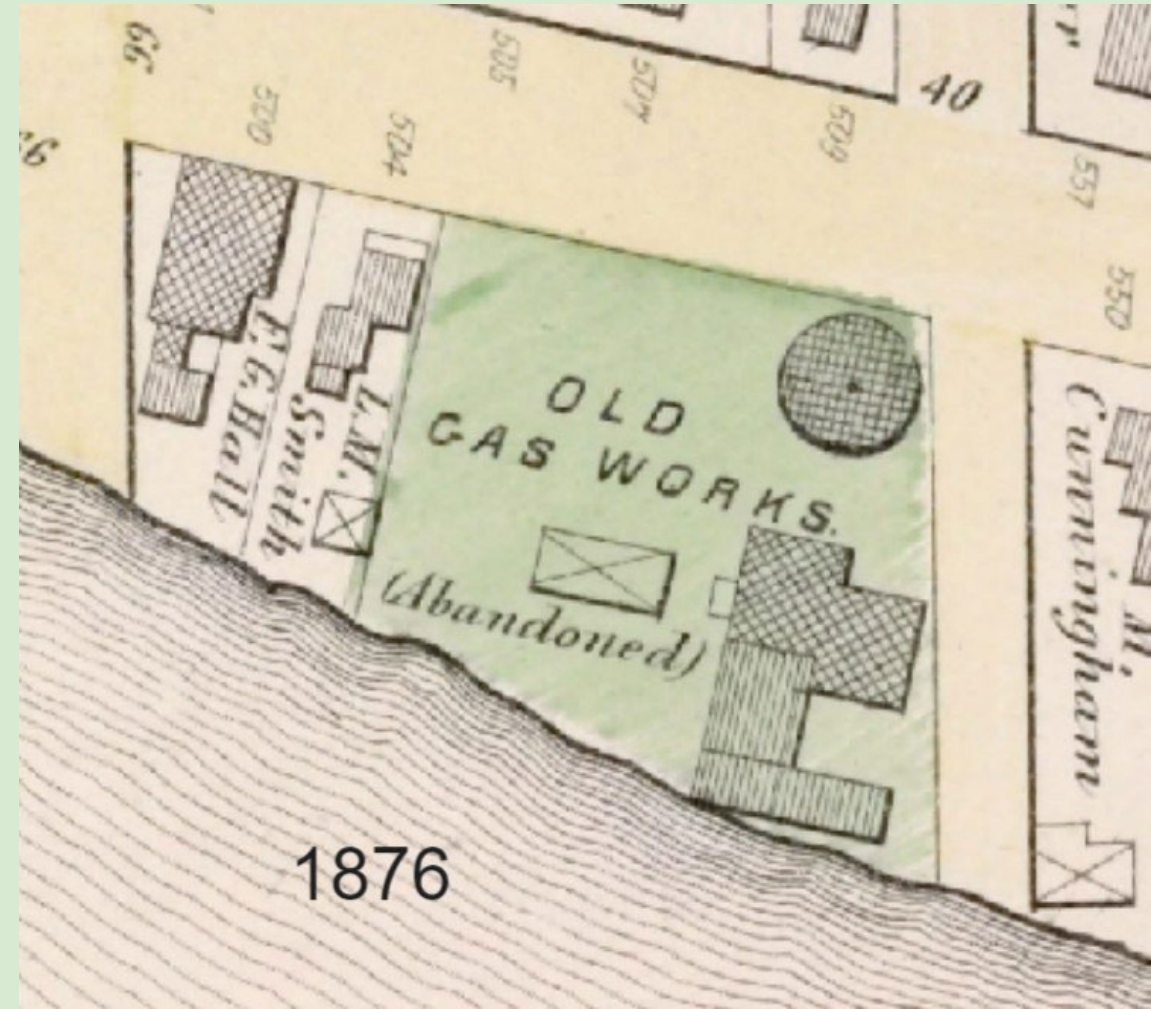
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Teaching the public how and  
why to use HistoryForge



# What's going on down on Water street?







A massive fire sadly overtook the historic knitting mill building on December 5th in Elmira Heights. The warehouse was once a thriving knitting mill. The mill began making wool, cotton and silk goods in 1895 and employed hundreds of people over its 60 plus years.

This spurred our interest in what we could find on Elmira HistoryForge that connected to the knitting mill. We search under the "Industry" filter for "knitting mill" employees in the 1910 census, and here is what we found:

Of the currently entered 16,000 records from Elmira's 1910 census, our search filter revealed 130 people working for knitting mills with over 30 different job descriptions. A few of the job descriptions were knitters, spinners, shipping clerks, finishers, folders, packers, taggers, bleachers, stenographer and bookkeepers. These workers ranged from age 14 to 62 with over 75% of them being female. I found that many of the younger 14- to 17-year-olds that were working at such an early age had parents and siblings working along with them.



# The Ritz Carriage House for sale.

Our 1910 Census shows Daniel Kennedy, President of Kennedy Valve Co, and his family lived in the mansion. From the census we can see he and his wife are Irish immigrants, and their sons Matthew and Daniel are employed in the family business. The Kennedy family and their descendants lived and raised their family there until 1958.

Household Members	Age	Relationship
Daniel Kennedy	60	Head
Elizabeth Kennedy	50	Wife
Matthew Kennedy	30	Son
Daniel Kennedy	24	Son
Dorothy Kennedy	12	Daughter
Kathleen Kennedy	7	Daughter
Lillian Jackson	23	Servant





# Holidays



Elmira, N.Y., St. Patrick's Church.



## IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



## ITALIANS CELEBRATE

Exercises in Honor of St. Joseph's  
Day Held.

### ELDRIDGE PARK

#### BIG CELEBRATION ON LABOR DAY

#### Attractive Program Planned Which Will Start in the Morning and Last All Day.

The biggest celebration Elmira has enjoyed in a long time will be held at Eldridge Park Labor Day. There will be something going on ever moment of the day. There will be land and water races both morning and afternoon and a baseball game in the afternoon between the Imperials and the West Side Stars. In the afternoon Hager's band will give a concert and Max Lawson will entertain with fancy rifle shooting. In the evening there will be a grand display of fireworks, the best ever seen in Elmira. The day will attract thousands of people to the beautiful resort and there will be no end of entertainment. A new free entertainment will be given in connection with the many other events.—Adv.

Today is St. Joseph's Day, a big day in the Italian's calendar. Early this morning the sons of Italy were astir and the celebration of the day begun. Every resident of Elmira's "Little Italy" colony sported the colors of their native country—red, white and green—or displayed a miniature picture of St. Joseph.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the Italian band and a good many of Elmira's Italian residents gathered at the City Hall. It was the first appearance of the band and it must be said that the musicians presented a very good appearance. The band men were dressed in brand new uniforms of black trimmed with bright red stripes with cording across the front and brass buttons. They wore peculiarly shaped hats with a large cockade of feathers placed on one side.

The band lined up in front of the City Hall and played three selections which delighted the listeners. It was very creditable music for a new organization. Before playing the band was photographed on the steps of the building. After the music the parade formed and preceded by a platoon of police marched through the principle streets of the city. The celebration will continue all day.

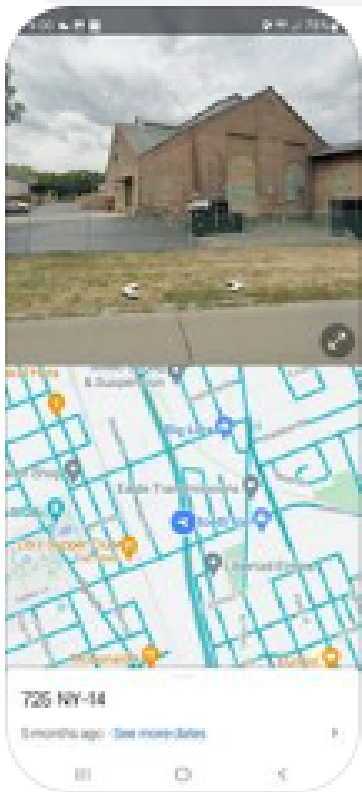
An Associated Press dispatch from Rome, Italy, today says—

Today being St. Joseph's Day, the pope's name day, his Holiness received congratulatory addresses and telegrams from all parts of Italy and from abroad. The members of the St. Peter's Club, which includes the whole of Roman Clerical Society, as is their custom, presented the pope a magnificent basket of the most carefully selected fruits and flowers, representing the form of a Venetian gondola. The pope, in thanking the givers, made a most touching reference to "his beloved Venice," adding: "I pray I shall prove a good helmsman for the bark of St. Peter."



# Inquiries from our readers

Elmira HistoryForge this is the building I was wondering about see if there's any old pictures of it I've always been intrigued by this building I don't know why



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Elmira HistoryForge was recently questioned about a backyard find. One of our readers found what he believed to be a hitching post in his backyard.

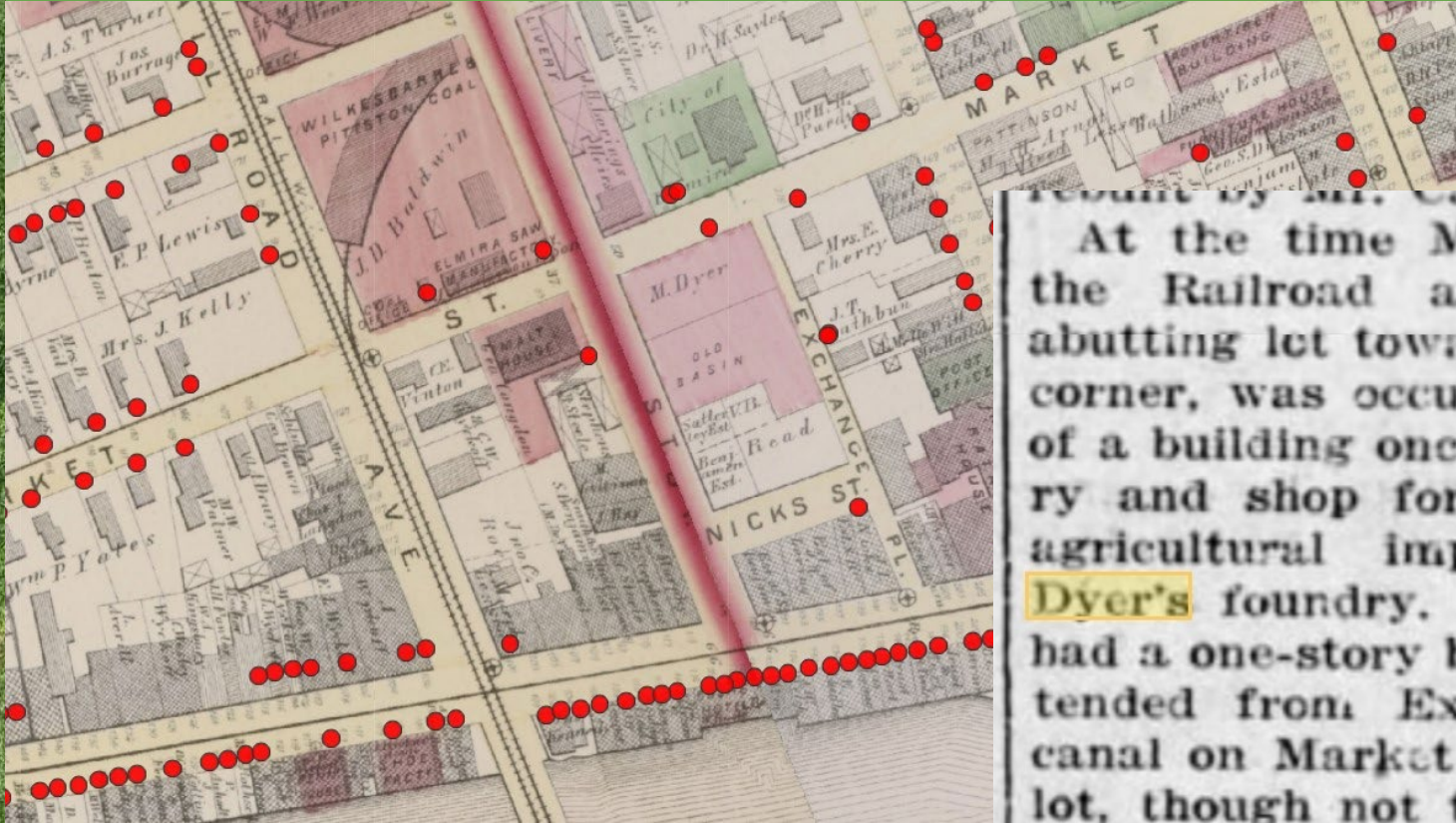
With a little digging we were able to confirm that what he found is indeed a step and hitching post combination made here in Elmira.

The step and hitching post was designed and patent May 24, 1871 by Morgan Dyer. Dyer was the manufacturer of agricultural implements as well as more decorative cast iron items. He held a patent for a scraper plow, and a shared patent under Dyer and Bratt for an iron fence pattern that he produced here in Elmira.

\*The hitching post has since been donated to our own Chemung County Historical Society.



# Morgan Dyer's patented hitching post/step



At the time Mr. Holden purchased the Railroad avenue property, the abutting lot towards Water street, the corner, was occupied by an old shack of a building once a prosperous foundry and shop for the manufacture of agricultural implements, known as **Dyer's** foundry. Later, **Morgan Dyer** had a one-story brick foundry that extended from Exchange place to the canal on Market street, occupying the lot, though not the entire width, now the home of the big dry goods business of N. J. Thompson & Company. It is well remembered yet, how the sky for blocks around was illuminated when, at night, they were "casting in **Dyer's** foundry."

Volunteers Share their  
“finds”



# Our remarkable ordinary people

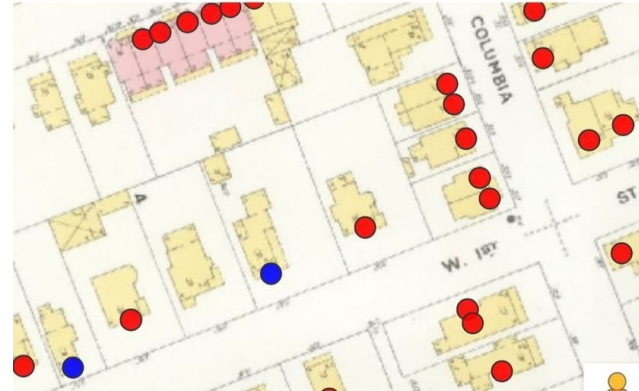
The everyday people from our past



## Search HistoryForge

1910

Showing 2,049 buildings.



# George W. Waters

Elmira HistoryForge "Back in Time Post".  
360 W First St Elmira

George W. Waters was a gifted world class artist from right here in Elmira, NY.

We discovered George Waters while entering data from the 1910 census. The census shows; 71 year old Artist George Waters, his wife Sarah and his two adult daughters living at 360 W First St. Art was the family occupation; his daughter Mabel was an art teacher and daughter Jean an artist.

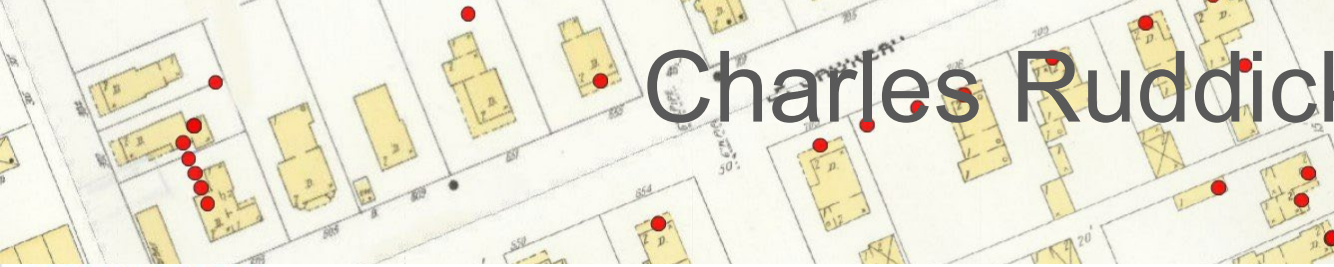
George Waters was born in Coventry, NY in 1832. By his later teen years he moved to New York City to pursue his career as an artist. After completing his education and beginning his career as an artist, Waters looked to return to the beautiful landscapes of upstate New York. Waters and his wife Sarah moved from NYC to Elmira in 1862 to paint and raise his family.

Eight years after his arrival in Elmira George was hired as the first Director of Art for Elmira College. He retired from this position in 1903, though he continued to paint beautiful landscapes of Elmira, Pennsylvania & the Adirondacks until his death in 1912. Waters painted a rich variety of paintings within his 62 years as an artist.

Many well known Elmirans enjoyed his work, and had commissioned Waters to paint for them. Jervis Langdon owned Waters' painting named "Adirondack Lake in Autumn", and Samuel Clemens had purchased "A ship at sea engulfed in flames".



# Charles Ruddick Memorial Day



Charles Ruddick

Ruddick grew up in Elmira the son of Harold and Ella Ruddick. As a student Charles attended both the SS Peter and Paul parochial school and Elmira Free Academy of which he graduated in 1914. In his time at E.F.A. Ruddick refined his musical skills in directing his class play, and was thought to have a promising business career ahead of him. After graduating he worked with his father at Ruddick and Son tailoring.

When America joined the war in Europe Charles Ruddick eagerly applied to his local recruiting office, only to be told he was underweight and would not be accepted. A few months and 5lbs later on May 2, 1918 Ruddick was finally accepted into service with the United States Marine Corps. He was sent directly to Parris Island for training, and stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia to await his orders overseas. In his short stay on Quantico it is unclear whether his parents were able to visit one last time before he shipped out on July 1, 1918. Pvt Charles Ruddick joined the fight in France as part of the 2nd Division 6th Marines where he earned multiple medals (no information on what these medals were) and was wounded several times. Ruddick died at the Battle of St. Mihiel in Belleau Wood September 17, 1918, less than five months after he enlisted at the local recruiting office.

Charles Ruddick was laid to rest overseas in France. We can only visit his memorial marker attached to his mother's grave stone here in Woodlawn cemetery. He is buried in the American Military Cemetery in Toul, France along with 1,260 of his fellow Americans in grave number 84.

<https://www.findagrave.com/.../charles-lawrence-ruddick>

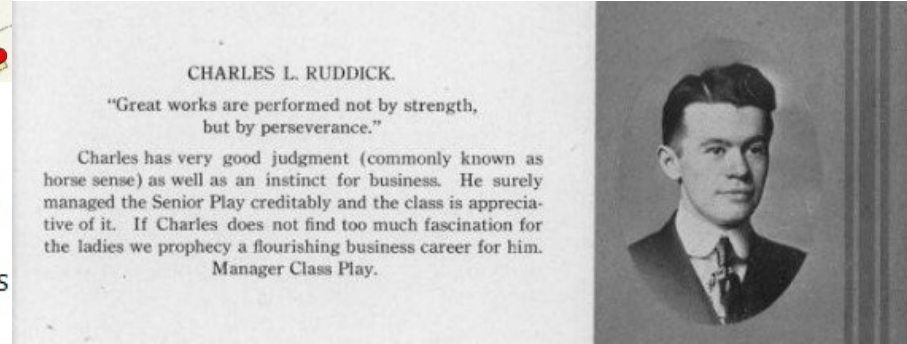
In 1932 Charles Ruddick's bravery was remembered when the local Marine Corps League dedicated their chapter in his name.

Woodlawn- <https://www.findagrave.com/.../charles-lawrence-ruddick>

Headstone is almost directly in front of the mausoleum in Section SS. The name on the headstone is his mother's; Ella Ruddick.

See his family's 1910 census record on HistoryForge:

<https://elmira.historyforge.net/buildings/2394>



CHARLES L. RUDDICK.

"Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance."

Charles has very good judgment (commonly known as horse sense) as well as an instinct for business. He surely managed the Senior Play creditably and the class is appreciative of it. If Charles does not find too much fascination for the ladies we prophesy a flourishing business career for him. Manager Class Play.



## Canavan Heads Marine Corps League Group

Elected Commander of Local Organization Friday Evening — Unit to Be Called Charles Ruddick Detachment—Charter Awaited

Martin Canavan was elected commander of the Elmira Unit of the Marine Corps League at a meeting Friday night at the Service Men's Home on Lake Street. Other officers chosen included George Kretzman senior vicecommander; F. A. Decker, junior vicecommander; Allyn Hoffman, pay-

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## Letter to Editor Ends 26-Year Quest for Hero

Several weeks ago "Calamity Jane," who writes letters to the editor quite frequently, said in one of her letters that a friend of hers, Walter H. Dunn of Rochester, for many years had been trying to learn the identity of an Elmira soldier who saved his life at Thiancourt, France, during World War I.

Through that letter it was found that the man to whom Mr. Dunn owes his life was Charles Ruddick, son of James H. Ruddick of 1203 Lake St. Unfortunately Charles Ruddick was killed five days after he saved Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Dunn is in Elmira, and spent part of the day reminiscing with James Ruddick and family.

"My 26-year search at last is ended," he remarked.

Mr. Dunn visited The Star-Gazette to express his thanks for the part it played in the unusual incident.



Plants Elmira Tree in Washington



THE First Lady of the nation turned gardener for a brief interval to pay a tribute to the memory of the First President, when Mrs. Hoover planted a memorial tree in the grounds of George Washington University at the capital Friday. The tree was presented to the university by the Elmira Club as a bicentennial gift. Left to right are: Mrs. Hoover, wielding the shovel; Mrs. Clinton O. Ward, president of the Elmira Club, and Mrs. Esther H. Hart, past president.

# Esther Hart

## The "Bug Lady"



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302	7/11	Lalmon	Bennie H	Head	F H 25 H	42	
			Jackson	Sora	M H 22 S		
			Frances	Laughter	F H 24 S		
			Hart	Gustie H	F H 46 S		
			May F.	Parker	M H 59 H		
304	9/12	Jessie	Charles C	Head	M H 50 H	24	

of the parasite under controlled laboratory conditions, its reaction to meteorological influences, and its seasonal synchronization with its host under controlled field-plot conditions, particularly in that part



FIGURE 1.—*Diastoma ruficornis*, adult female and details.

of the one-generation area in the vicinity of Lake Erie. These studies were made principally at Monroe, Mich.

LABORATORY STUDIES

In developing a laboratory technic by which large numbers of adults might be produced, a study was made of the reactions of the parasite to the various artificial conditions imposed by a laboratory environment. Principal among these were reactions to temperature and moisture.

When fully grown the larva is approximately 35 mm long and from 3 to 5 mm wide.

The technical descriptions of the larva, pupa, and adult have been furnished by Carl Heinrich. Regarding these descriptions Mr. Heinrich says that no constant character, structural or otherwise, has been found as yet that will distinguish the larvae or pupae of the core-boring species of *Diastoma*. The description, however,

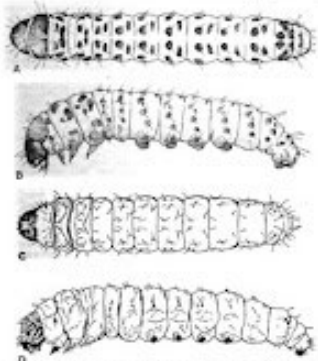


FIGURE 2.—*Diastoma ruficornis* larvae of various instars: A, 1st instar; B, 2nd instar; C, 3rd instar; D, 4th instar. (From Heinrich, 1914.)

will identify the larvae and pupae as to genus and distinguish them from anything other than *Diastoma* that may be found in cores. The adults, however, may be specifically identified.

Larvae.—Body mostly whitish with some clear colorless strongly sclerotized and blackish lines (normal summer form) or pale gray or yellowish (winter form). Head smooth. Prothoracic shield broad, white; pale yellow in larvae, with a transverse row of brown reticulations near anterior margin and a cluster of similar reticulations on each side below the line near apex. A narrow pigmented shield on posterior border of wing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Annie Laura Hill

## And the Orphan Trains



Anna Laura Hill  
From Findagrave.com

### KANSAS SUCH A HOMEY STATE.

**Good Places Found Promptly for All Orphans Taken There From New York.**

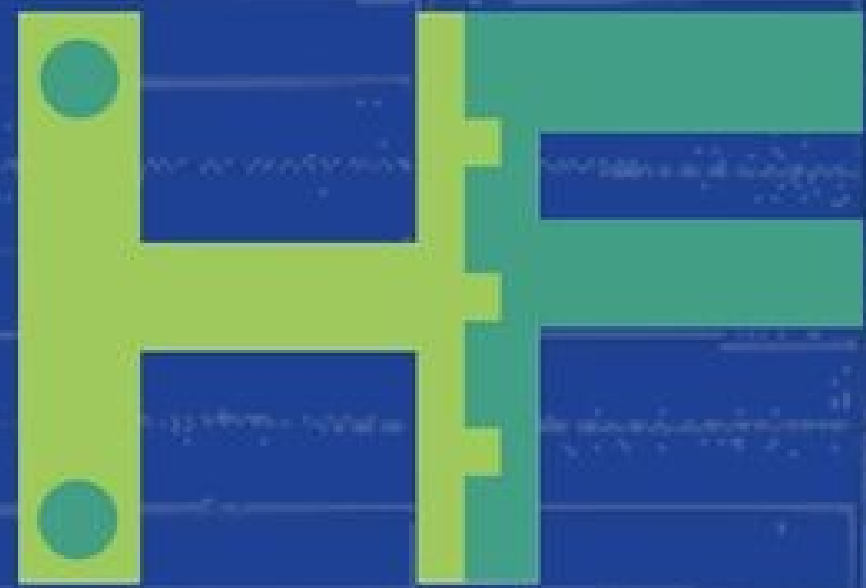
Miss Anna Laura Hill, the representative of the Children's Aid Society of New York, who last week was in Kansas City with ten orphan children for whom homes were found at McPherson, Kas., was at the Union Depot last night for a few hours on the return trip to New York.

"We have had the good fortune to find better homes for the children in Kansas than any other state in the Union," said Miss Hill. "This is my fourth trip to Kansas with parties of orphan children."

Kansas City Times 1911



Sanborn Fire Insurance Atlas, 1903



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