

LAST BREAKFAST!
SEPTEMBER 1ST

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Garden in Fish House

Jesse Walter, of Beyond Your Garden, is a NYS certified Nursery and Landscaper Professional. He attended the May meeting of the FHCC with an offer to donate plant material and his time to design and install a garden for a member of our community. The FHCC agreed to contribute by donating funds and labor to this project. FHCC chose one of the historical houses of Fish House. Jesse researched plants that were found in gardens around 1795 and came up with a design. On Sunday, August 4th, members of the FHCC assisted Jesse in clearing the land (Bob Clemens lent his yolk rake), preparing the garden bed and then planting the plants. Machinery, plants and time were donated. Milburn Farm gave a 50% discount on the plants purchased there. To help the plants to become established, volunteers have watered the garden twice a day. Mulch was added this week to help the garden retain moisture.

Jesse has also been researching plants that are native to this area. He is very enthusiastic about his new business. Check him out on Facebook!

Winner of the Raffle

During the July breakfast, a questionnaire was given out to see if people in our community were interested in classes &/or more activities. Each participant was entered into a raffle to win a sweatshirt. The winner was: Cory DeMarco from Dun-Loggin campsites.



Bottle Drive 2013

With Labor Day fast approaching, don't forget to donate your recyclable soda/beer cans and bottles! All the proceeds go directly back to maintaining and improving our Community Center. Thank you!

T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sale

This year's orange Fish House T-Shirts are selling rapidly along with the gray sweatshirts with the map of the lake on the back. Don't wait too long to buy one! They are for sale at all of our FHCC breakfasts!



Little Free Library

The Little Free Library is slowly catching on. People are borrowing books and also donating books. Children's books as well as adult fiction and nonfiction are in the library. Please feel free to borrow books! The library will close in October, but will return in May.

School Houses of Fish House

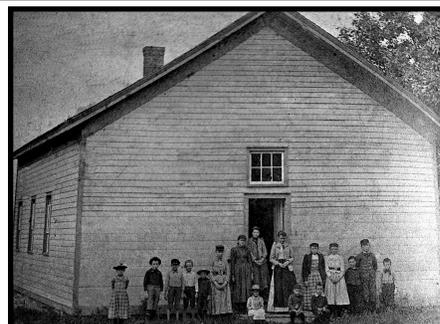
The first school house in Fish House was built in 1798. It was a one room school house.

In May of 1867, a one room school house was built on land donated by the Slocum family. The parcel of land was located near the United Methodist Church, almost across the street from the Community Center. The Slocums mandated that a fence be constructed around the school house and in the event that the building was no longer to be used as a school, then the land on which the school sat would revert back to the Slocum heirs. This one room school house was School #2 of Northampton, NY. In 1908 the building stopped being a school house. Eventually Dexter Ryder bought the building and had it moved in 1928 to the end of Ryder Road. It has since been "absorbed" into a larger house so that only its roofline can be seen.

The third school house, School #6 (presently our Community Center) was built across the street from the one room school house on land that had been owned by Willis Hayden. Hayden, at that time, was the School Trustee. The architect for the two room school house was Frederick L. Comstock of Gloversville, NY. He charged \$50 for the blueprints. The original plans called for a wood burning stove. New York State, however, mandated that due to the size of the building, it should have a furnace in a basement. That made for corrections in the plans of the building. The construction of the building began in the summer of 1908. It is uncertain when the two room school house was finished and then occupied by students. The state was still making inspections in early 1909.

Two teacher contracts (shown on next page) show that the teachers were hired for the spring term, starting in January of 1909. Perhaps because there were still inspections that were required by the State, the school house did not officially open until then. In January of 1909, Willis Hayden purchased the school bell from C.W. Barden of Syracuse for only \$13.50. In March of 1909, New York State informed Mr. Hayden that unless a fence be built that separated the entrances to the girls and boys outhouses then the state would "*withhold the public moneys from districts violating the health and decency act.*" The state also inspected the furnace in the school in the spring of 1909 and found it to be acceptable.

A tax list around that time listed Lucy Sinclair. Her house and lot along with an empty lot was assessed for \$650. The taxes for that property totaled \$58!



**School #6
One Room
School House**
built 1867 on land
donated by the
Slocum family

Photo circa 1900

FISH HOUSE HISTORY



Leete Anderson
She taught in the one room school house in 1903. She was still a teacher in 1923 in the two room school house.

IMPORTANT—Read carefully "Directions to teachers" on page 18 before making any entries.

FIRST TERM Attendance in school district no. 6 Sch

PUPIL'S NO.	GRADE	Names of pupils Enter only boys on this page Name of teacher	Names of parents or guardians	Insert date over each day's attendance				1st
				Age	Month	Day	Year	
		<i>L. Anderson</i>	ATTENDANCE OF TEACHER					
		Write surname first						
1	8	<i>Cranell, Elsworth</i>	<i>Floyd Cranell</i>	13	12	17	'09	
2	6	<i>Mome, Leland</i>	<i>Frank Moore</i>	14	12	2	'08	3
3	6	<i>Brown, Roy</i>	<i>Ella Brown</i>	13	8	9	'10	
4	6	<i>Sleezer, Roy</i>	<i>Clarence Sleezer</i>	15	10	18	'09	
5	6	<i>Reynolds, Panssela</i>	<i>R. Reynolds</i>	15	2	23	'08	
6	6	<i>Cook, Leon N.R.</i>	<i>Drvin A. Cook</i>	14	2	27	'09	
7	5	<i>Cook, Reginald</i>	<i>Edw. Cook</i>	11	7	4	'12	
8	5	<i>Seeley, Joseph</i>	<i>Harry Seeley</i>	12	10	23	'11	
9	8	<i>Shufelt, John</i>	<i>John Shufelt</i>	14	7	22	'10	
10	8	<i>Shufelt, George</i>	<i>J. . .</i>	12	3	8	'12	

School #6
Census
1923

Two Room School House
School #6



Our Community Center

Note fence

TEACHER'S CONTRACT
SUBD. 10, SECTION 47, TITLE 7, CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL LAW, SUBD. 11,
SECTION 15, TITLE 8 AND SECTION 17, TITLE 15

I *Grace A. E. Mosher* of *Northampton* county of *Fulton* a duly qualified teacher, hereby contract with the board of trustees of district no. *6* town of *Northampton* county of *Fulton* to teach the public school of said district for the term of *21* consecutive weeks, except as hereafter provided, commencing *Jan 4th* 1909, at a weekly compensation of *8* dollars and *50* cents payable at the end of each thirty days during the term of such employment.

And the board of trustees of said district hereby contract to employ said teacher for said period at the said rate of compensation, payable at the times herein stated.

Said board of trustees reserve the right to provide for a vacation or vacations of not more than *two* weeks in the aggregate, during said term, which vacation shall not count as a part of the term of service above referred to.

Dated *Dec. 3rd* 1908
Grace A. E. Mosher Teacher
Willis A. Hayden Trustees

This contract shall be executed in duplicate and one copy thereof given to the teacher and one retained by the board.

Teacher Contract
for
Grace A.E. Mosher
1909
The contract at right states that Miss Grace Mosher would make \$8.50 a month.

Teacher Contract
for
Bessie A.N. Remer
-1909
She taught in Broadalbin, Northville and here. She was also a principal of a school in Bridgeport, CT at one time.
The contract on the left is for School #6. She agreed

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I *Bessie A.N. Remer* of *Northampton* county of *Fulton* a duly qualified teacher, hereby contract with the board of trustees of district no. *6* town of *Northampton* county of *Fulton* to teach the public school of said district for the term of *21* consecutive weeks, except as hereafter provided, commencing *January 4th* 1909, at a weekly compensation of *10* dollars and *00* cents payable at the end of each thirty days during the term of such employment.

And the board of trustees of said district hereby contract to employ said teacher for said period at the said rate of compensation, payable at the times herein stated.

Said board of trustees reserve the right to provide for a vacation or vacations of not more than _____ weeks in the aggregate, during said term, which vacation shall not count as a part of the term of service above referred to.

Dated *December 23rd* 1908.
Bessie A.N. Remer Teacher
Willis A. Hayden Trustees

This contract shall be executed in duplicate and one copy thereof given to the teacher and one retained by the board.

Interested in the history of Fish House?
Check out the website:
www.northamptonnyhistory.com