

July 2011

Next Breakfast: September 4th

The July Breakfast

The week before the July breakfast was filled with lots of work! We had pushed the breakfast date back one week knowing we might not be ready. Two days before the breakfast, Paraco Gas came in and hooked up all our "new" appliances. We also had the fan installed for the vent hood, the aluminum back splash put up, the faucet and sink connected and the six burner stove converted from natural gas to propane.

The kitchen, which had been stripped down for the renovation, had to be organized and then cleaned! The griddles & stove were cleaned extensively! The floors had to be washed, the tables arranged, the photos hung. It didn't help that it was a week of very hot weather!

The kitchen was up and running in time for the breakfast event. True, the refrigerator was in the hall, the ceilings weren't up, the planned counter space was not finished, but it all worked out!

To get a kitchen like this up and running, it takes money. Our summer events will hopefully cover all of our expenses, but in the meantime, the church came through with a loan!

We are very grateful for all who helped to make this first breakfast a success!



Summer Bottle Drive

The FHCC Bottle Drive will continue through the Labor Day weekend. Please bring your refundable bottles and cans to the back of the center.

All the profits from this drive will go toward offsetting the costs of our kitchen improvements.

We really appreciate your donations!



Ruby & Quiri Raffle!

Buy a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate! \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Drawing on September 4th!



Sweatshirt/TShirt Sale

The shirts are selling quickly! Get yours while they last.

Sweatshirts are \$30-\$35, Tshirts-\$10. This year's sweatshirts are pull-over "hoodies".

Help support the FHCC. Thank you!



Historical House & Garden Tour 2012

Next year, Fish House, will be 250 years old! In honor of this anniversary, the FHCC will hold its second Historical House and Garden Tour on July 21st.

If you would like to participate OR if you have any photos and/or artifacts from Fish House, please contact me, Joanne Blauboer at 424-9025

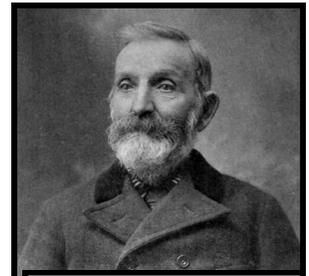
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Civil War 1861-1865

This year, our country is remembering the Civil War which began 150 years ago. In 1861, Fish House was a thriving village with many citizens who enlisted on the Union side.

The Echoes, this summer, will feature articles about these citizens from Fish House. This edition is on Ezra Vanderhoof.



Ezra Vanderhoof

Article below is from a book printed in 1892.

Ezra Vanderhoof

Civil War, Co. D, 4th N.Y. Heavy Artillery

Source: "History of Fulton County," by Washington Frothingham, D. Mason & Co., Printers and Publishers, Syracuse, NY, 1892

Vanderhoof, Ezra, is a farmer residing in Northampton. He was born in Wells, Hamilton county, July 3, 1829, a son of William and Fannie (Hutchinson) Vanderhoof. William was a native of Hamilton county. He was a farmer and shoemaker, and a Democrat in politics; his wife was a native of Dutchess county. Ezra Vanderhoof was reared on the farm. December 20, 1863, he enlisted in Company D, 4th New York Heavy Artillery, serving in the army of the Potomac until the close of the war. He was engaged in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Deep Bottom, in front of Petersburg, and in many minor engagements, and at the closing scenes of the Rebellion. The only wound he received was a scratch on the left elbow by a bayonet, at the battle of Cold Harbor. He was honorably discharged at Washington, in June, 1865, and has been a pensioner since 1883, having been unable since the war to perform manual labor on account of loss of health. He recently sold a fine farm of 200 acres. He married on December 15, 1852, Matilda Parmenter, of Northampton. They have had two children: Philo, who died at seven years of age, and Hettie, born August 30, 1862, who is now the wife of Willis Hayden, a farmer and trader. Mr. Vanderhoof had been a Republican since the war. He has been highway commissioner seven full terms, justice of the peace four years, excise commissioner two years, and is now assessor of his town. He and his family are members of the M. E. church, of which Mr. Vanderhoof is one of the officials.

Vanderhoofs of Fish House

Ezra married a Northville girl, named Matilda Palmater. He lived with her parents, in Northville and then sometime before 1870, Ezra moved to Fish House. In 1877, he bought the St. John house, on Old Fish House Road (see the photo below). He and Matilda lived there along with their daughter, Hettie and Matilda's mother, Sarah.

Ezra's occupation was farming. He lived in the St. John house until his death in 1906. His will stated that Hettie, his daughter, would inherit the house and Matilda, his wife, would be cared for until her death. Matilda lived until 1936 when she died at the age of 103!

Ezra's daughter, Hettie, married Willis Hayden, who was the Northampton school superintendent in 1909 and was responsible for the construction of the two room school house (our Center).

Ezra's house remained in the family for almost 100 years. Hettie's daughter Jessie married Jerry Crannell. Hettie's son, Ralph and wife Gladys lived in the house until Ralph's death in 1966.



L to R: Ezra Vanderhoof, wife Matilda, daughter Hettie Hayden, granddaughter, (?), (?). Photo taken in front of the St. John House on Old Fish House Road (present home of Lew & Sherie Giles)