



# Historical Highlights

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## From our president

Wherever we look there's history, even in the raining and flooding. As you'll see elsewhere in this issue, we've had some rain in the past that did some damage but we weren't quite aware of it, since it happened over a hundred years ago!! I hope we are on our way to sunnier skies.

I was excited for our opportunity to see the *Who Killed Hazel Drew?* movie on August 24<sup>th</sup> through the kindness of Director/Producer John Holser.

Fall is not what I want to think about yet, but I'm never disappointed in hearing from our Town Historian (September). In October, we'll tour the former Faith Mills complex, and in November a presentation by our own Bob Shuey (*more information below – Ed.*).

Have a wonderful rest of the summer. Call me with any questions (518-527-9926). With September coming, your homework assignment is to get a friend to join the Sand Lake Historical Society! – *Jacqueline Tremont, President*

## Upcoming programs

- 1 The SLHS will resume regular program presentations on Tuesday, **September 14**, with Sand Lake Town Historian, Bob Moore. The program will include an update on *Amazing Graves III*, which will be presented on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Sand Lake Union Cemetery, as well as the latest on the new Hazel Drew book coming out this December. Bob also will speak on Iroquois culture, using original artwork to present the Iroquois creation story. **7:00 p.m., Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom.**
- 1 **October 12:** We will meet at **arts letters & numbers** -- the "house on the hill" -- at 6:30 p.m. and then do a walking tour for about a half-hour of Faith Mills. At 7:00 p.m., we'll return to the numbers place for an approximately one-hour presentation. Join us at 6:30, and wear comfortable shoes, or come at 7:00 for the presentation. **arts letters & numbers** is at 1543 Burden Lake Road, Averill Park.
- 1 **November 9: battlefield mortuary affairs, presented by Bob Shuey.** 7:00 p.m., *Sand Lake Town Hall Courtroom.* Details in the Fall issue!

## Recent programs

- 1 **March 9: Sand Lake Show and Tell II** was *canceled.*
- 1 **April 13: What is the Rensselaer Plateau and Is Sand Lake In It?** Fred Demay, president of Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, addressed what the Plateau is, where it is, why it is important, how it

## In this issue:

Mindful of the massive rainfall of this past July 14 and the damage it caused, we'll take a look in this Summer issue at other history-making summer storms and their effects on our town. That, a recap on our "Down on the Farm" fundraiser, and more...inside!

Coming in the Fall issue, we'll look at the life of Albert R. Fox, as well some "highlights" of the first 125 years or so in the life of the mansion he built circa 1847 in Sand Lake, site of a new roadside historical marker to be placed there in October, thanks to a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation!

has changed, what the challenges are and is it worth conserving (yes).

- 1 May 11: **Annual Meeting.** Holli Boyd-White was elected to a second three-year term as trustee; Linda Henchey, Doug Kelley and David Post were elected trustees for three-year terms to replace outgoing trustees Jane Minotti, Rosemarie Sniezyk and Sue Powers, respectively. Those present also approved an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Society for William Kennedy. Town Historian Bob Moore updated us on various happenings in his office and showed "Sand Lake;

Yesterday and Today" depicting in images various local landmarks lost and what replaced them. Following the meeting, the board of trustees met to elect as officers Jacqueline Tremont, President; Holli Boyd-White, Vice President; Peter Finn, Recording Secretary; Ann Winnicki, Corresponding Secretary; and Nancy Perry, Treasurer, for 2021-2022.

- 1 May 21: **Down on the Farm**, a very successful fundraiser! (Elsewhere in this issue)
- 1 June 8: **A presentation by Troy City and Rensselaer County Historian Kathy Sheehan** relating to her upcoming publication, *Architecture Worth Saving in Rensselaer County; 50 years later*

## SLHS online

If you haven't already done so, find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/SandLakeHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/SandLakeHistoricalSociety/)! It's a great place to get the most up-to-date news on meetings and events, along with other items of interest from us and from other places and groups in the Capital District. And you might see things you won't see in our newsletter or on the website!

Our page is getting noticed more and more! In December 2019, we hit a milestone: **500** likes! And if there has been *any* benefit to us during the pandemic, it is that more and more folks are discovering and liking our Facebook Page. Late in 2020, we hit **700** likes. We recently reached number **800** with Regina Post of Averill Park. Congratulations, Regina! As we go to press, we stand at **882** "likes" (out of a total of **955** followers of the page)!

*NOTE:* Many of the recent increase in "likes" and "follows" relate to an item posted three years ago and brought back and added to after the July 14 storm. That post centered around an eerily similar 1891 rainstorm and received numerous "likes" and "shares"; we have expanded on it in this issue.

New on Facebook in September 2019 was **Sand Lake (NY) History**, a companion *group* to our **Sand Lake Historical Society page**. This group allows members to share information and to ask or answer questions about our Town's history. That group currently has 790 members!

And there's always our website, [sandlakehistory.org/](https://www.sandlakehistory.org/)! Recent additions include a large section on "World War I in Sand Lake," an expansion (and still a work in progress) of a newsletter feature from Fall 2018!

## SLHS member notification list

Those of you who have shared your email address with us should be familiar with our list called "[slhs-members@googlegroups.com](mailto:slhs-members@googlegroups.com)" This is an *announce-only* list to quickly get word to members regarding cancellations, postponements and/or program

reminders; it is *not* a discussion list. Postings generally run about 1-2 per month, and you will be offered the opportunity to opt out. We would love to add members whose email address was not on file; just let us know, as it is our best way to get important news out quickly! This will supplement any notifications on the School Closing Network (local TV stations and newspaper websites) or on our Facebook page and website.

We regret that this Summer issue was not ready in time to inform some members of the August 24 showing of "Who Killed Hazel Drew?" with director John Holser; all the more reason to give us your email address if possible!

## SLHS memorial awards

Each year, the Society presents two memorial awards to graduating Averill Park High School seniors who have demonstrated a deep interest in history. In 2021, *Noah Bonesteel* and *Sophie Schwarzeise* received those awards in memory of SLHS members Pat Angrisano and Duane Wehnau.

## Dues & membership cards

If your label notes "2021" (or if a similar notation is part of the email in which you receive this newsletter), your dues are due! Updated membership cards will go out in conjunction with the Fall issue.

## Are you tech savvy?

Most of our meetings/programs are now not only broadcast on Spectrum cable but are also recorded for later viewing at any time. Also, programs typically feature computers, projectors and all that tech stuff that those of us who grew up with film strip projectors still don't quite grasp! Fortunately, we do have members to help presenters set up, but it never hurts to have a backup plan should someone not be available. If you have any such experience and would like to help if needed, please let us know...and thanks!

## Officers and Trustees 2021-2022

**Officers:** *Jacqueline Tremont (2022)*, President; *Holli Boyd-White (2024)*, Vice President; *Peter Finn (2022)*, Recording Secretary; *Ann Winnicki (2022)*; Corresponding Secretary; *Nancy Perry (2023)*, Treasurer.

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## When the rains came...

*"Don't know why there's no sun up in the sky. Stormy weather..." "Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain..." "Raindrops keep fallin' on my head..." "I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?" (Feel free to sing along; maybe it'll help you feel better?)*

Much as there is no shortage of songs about the rain, there's been no shortage of the rain itself this summer. It was, of course, especially bad on Wednesday, July 14, causing all sorts of flooding and damage from same in our part of Rensselaer County.

*"There had been heavy rains just previous...and the streams in the county were high. That afternoon a particularly heavy rain*

*storm...occurred in the easterly section of the county. For about an hour...the rain descended in most copious quantities. It seemed that the bottom must have gone out of a great lake and its contents precipitated to the earth."*

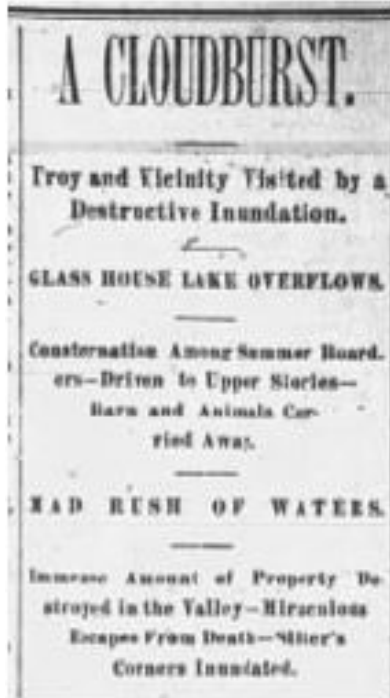
Sounds like July 14, 2021, doesn't it? Yes, but this excerpt is from the *Troy Daily Times* of August 28, 1891! News of the damage was reported

statewide; the image above shows part of an article in the *Buffalo Evening News* for August 28: "A CLOUDBURST..." "Glass House Lake Overflows"; "Mad Rush of Waters"; "Miraculous Escapes From Death - Sliter's Corners Inundated"!

**ALBANY MORNING EXPRESS. SATURDAY. AUGUST 29, 1891**

**DISASTER AT SAND LAKE;** *The Glass House Lake Dam Bursts—Crops Ruined, Stock Drowned, Buildings Destroyed.*

*Sand Lake, Aug. 28—The heavy storm yesterday converted the small mountain streams that feed the chain of Rensselaer lakes into raging torrents. The disaster which followed was bad enough, but, fortunately, the people were prepared. Glass House Lake was almost emptied a few days ago to enable the putting in of a new Ludlow valve, consequently the lake was not as high as usual when the waters began pouring in to-day. But the rapidity with which it was filled and overflowed the dam caused the greatest consternation, and messengers were sent to warn the settlements below. The sluice gates were opened, but, nevertheless, the water continued to rise, and toward*



*afternoon it had reached such a height as to warrant the gravest apprehensions.*

*Yesterday afternoon it was impossible to get much beyond Averill Park on account of the floods. It was learned there from eye witnesses that the overflowing water at Glass House Lake, about two miles from*



*Averill Park, first submerged the Ezra Knowlson house, but all the inmates escaped.*

*(Look familiar? – Ed.)*

*The waters rushed on, submerging McChesney's hotel, which was well filled with summer boarders, who sought safety in flight. The lower part of the house had to be abandoned by the employees. The dam was carried away and all the horses were drowned. The large cattle barn at the Knowlson homestead was next flooded and the cattle cannot be removed. The water then rushed down the stream toward Sliter's Corners, carrying away both bridges, and completely destroying Hunterley & Olmstead's country store, which was carried a mile from its foundations. The flats were overflowed to a depth of five feet between Sliter's Corners and Averill Park.*

*Next the two bridges near Chris Crape's at Sliter's were carried away, isolating that hamlet from Glass House and Averill Park, and there is no communication between the places. The water then rushed. The dam at Kane's gave way and the to the east of Averill Park village toward the Kane and Knowlson mills. On the way it earned off Mrs. Carmichael's barn, where Abram Miller had some very valuable horses stabled. These were drowned. The dam at Kane's gave way and the mill was submerged. The dam at Knowlson's, a substantial affair 100 feet wide and recently strengthened, was regarded as a probable barrier to the flood. All the windows in the mill were removed, and the water did not reach a great height there. The people took hope that the worst was over, but at 9:35 o'clock Knowlson's dam broke, and the surging waters sped on and carried out the dam at McConihe's mill, a short distance below.*

*The flood of waters from the Sandlake district has reached the south part of Troy, and the Hudson River railroad tracks are under water. The dam at Smart's remains firm, but the highway in many places between Averill Park and Wynant's Hill is impassable on account of the water.*

At the village of Wynantskill great excitement prevailed and the residents had all collected at the bridge watching the mad torrent as it rose so rapidly as to be discernable with the eye. An actual measurement showed the rise to be about three inches in ten minutes, and about 9:30 o'clock the water had reached the level of the road and soon was pouring down the street a foot deep. Shrope's ... house and the houses on the south side of the street were flooded, and a barn back of the blacksmith's shop was partially demolished.

Beyond Wynantskill the flats along the stream for miles were flooded to a depth of three feet, and the creek spread for miles over the country. Barns were completely surrounded and everything loose was swept away. Wagons, old furniture and articles of every description were floating away....

Less than 30 years later, an eerily similar storm hit pretty much the same area. From the *Buffalo Enquirer*, Wednesday, **August 11, 1920**

**CLOUDBURST; Rensselaer County Summer Resort Hard Hit in Storm** (By the International News Service.)

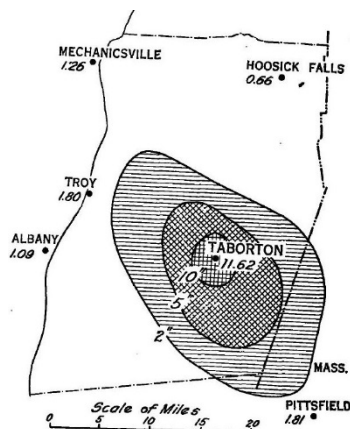


Troy, N. Y., Aug. 11. — A cloudburst in the Taborton range of the Alps mountains, a summer resort section of Rensselaer county, was followed early this morning by a flood that has inundated the Taborton flats about eight miles from here. Crops and live stock have been washed away. Telephone communication has

been cut off. Two bridges were washed away, the village of Averill Park is under several feet of water and hundreds of summer homes are flooded (sic). Families were rescued in row boats.

It is feared that dams at Glasshouse Lake, Burdens Lake and those at Knitting Mills in Averill Park village may give way.

The nature of that 1920 storm was such that it merited a two-page article, in part citing Professor Lawson, a civil engineering professor at RPI, living in Troy and summering Big Bowman Pond in the 1920s. From that article, "Cloudburst Rainfall at Taborton,



N. Y., August 10, 1920, by Robert E. Horton and George T. Todd: "An extremely heavy rainfall occurred at Taborton, N. Y., on the afternoon and night of August 10, 1920. The catch as measured in a bucket, gave a total measurement for 24 hours as 11.62 inches, of which 8.95 inches fell during the main storm in late afternoon... The extent of the heavy downpour was very small, being most intense at Taborton and falling off markedly in all directions, towns 15 to 20 miles distant receiving only 1 or 2 inches of rain. In August, 1891, there was a similar heavy downpour in this locality, in which it is probable that more rain fell than on this occasion... In the second storm, about midnight, the same day, ... around 2.67 inches [fell], making the total depth by pail measurement for 24 hours 11.62 inches.

"The drainage basin of Wynantkill [sic] lies immediately west of Big Bowman Pond... Roads in this basin were washed out, the entire soil cover being removed down to the rocks in many place. A small dam was destroyed, and flats were generally flooded. The rainfall was very intense at Sand Lake village. (Sound familiar? — Ed.)

"Observers both at Sand Lake and Taborton state that 29 years ago, in August, roads were washed out and streams were slightly higher than on the recent occasion. Probably the intense rainfall of August 10 covered only the higher easterly portions of the Sand Lake Drainage Basin. (See fig. 3 [opposite].)"

[Ed. note: Lawson Road is named for the Lawson family, who lived at the far end of the road. Bob and Sharon Dawes bought the house from Lawson's daughter Betty Calhoun in 1975. Betty was Mark Frost's grandmother, and we all know [or should know] of the stories she told her grandson!]

One more historic storm: Thursday Evening's edition of the *Times Record* for **September 22, 1938**, reported on the after-effects of the "1938 New England Hurricane" (a.k.a. the "Great New England Hurricane" or the "Long Island Express Hurricane") on the capital district area. Over 6 inches of rain fell. The Hudson River crested at about 16½ ft. and over-flowed; part of downtown Albany flooded, shutting down railroad service for almost a week. Closer to home:

...In the hard-hit sections of the county east of Troy most concern was felt at the dams along the Wyantskill [sic] at West Sand Lake. Swollen waters threatened momentarily to break through the Brookner grist mill dam a short distance east of West Sand Lake on the Pittsfield route as state highway





workers, county crews and volunteers labored steadily to buttress it with sand bags...

The danger in the Brookner dam, state highway engineers said, lay in its wooden construction. The dam is approximately seventy feet wide and twenty feet high. Above it on the Wynantskill lies the concrete Thermo Mill Dam, about 300 feet upstream, seven feet wide and about thirty feet high.

The engineers feared that if the waters of the Wynantskill poured over the upper dam in too great a volume they would not be able to control the flow lower down. The creek flows from Burden Lake to the Hudson River at Troy and hourly was gorged with more water from tributaries in the mountains around Taborton.

The situation at the Brookner dam, owned by Fire Chief Nelson Brookner, became so alarming that at 7 p.m. the village fire alarm summoned all volunteers to reinforce it.

### Senator Directs Battle.

Besides the 75 or so volunteer workers a crew of state highway men and the entire night patrol of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's office was soon on hand to aid in the battle. State Sen. Clifford C. Hastings of the village took over active direction until he was relieved at 8 p.m. by state highway engineers.

Rensselaer County Highway Supt. John W. Hanson when informed of the danger during an inspection tour he was making over rural roads, immediately summoned several county trucks and gathered sandbags. The traffic at the intersection in West Sand Lake was halted, only those who lived nearby on the adjoining roads being permitted to pass through, in order to hasten the delivery by county trucks of loads of gravel from a sandbank two miles away.

The relays continued far into the night and the piles of sandbags atop and on the wings of the dam managed to keep pace with the ever-rising stream. State Trooper J. G. Flubacher, with Deputy Sheriffs Lealon Grant, Martin Garrett and others of the night patrol, controlled the stream of cars, many of which came from Troy, as the curious arrived determined to see what was going on. The visitors numbered more than a thousand before midnight, it was estimated, as word spread of the weakening dam.

Former Sen. John F. Williams and his brother George Williams, upon hearing of the threat to the dam at West Sand Lake, made a hurried trip to the scene with a big load of feed bags for use by the volunteers in building up dikes. Sheriff Alexander C. Dewar was early on hand to personally direct his patrolmen, and remained until midnight when the floods seemed checked. Undersheriff James P. Dewar also aided.

Memories of Hurricane Irene in 2011 are, for many in our area, almost as fresh as those of this past July 14. Regarding that most recent storm, and for sake of

comparison, here are some rainfall totals from the National Weather Service in Albany.

July 2021 total rainfall (in inches) for Eastern New York...Rensselaer County: Averill Park 0.9 WNW **15.63**; Averill Park 7.5 SE **12.34**; Nassau 4.2 ESE **14.76**; Stephentown 3.4 SW **14.46**.

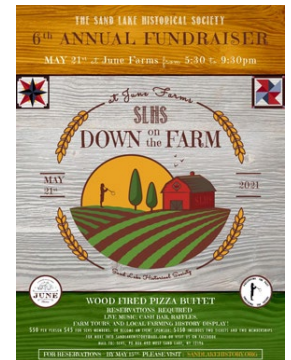
July 2020 total rainfall (in inches) for Eastern New York...Rensselaer County: Averill Park 0.9 WNW 6.55; Averill Park 7.5 SE 4.41; Nassau 4.2 ESE 6.32; Stephentown 3.4 SW 4.51.

## Down on the Farm

Our thanks to everyone who attended in making this long-delayed event such a wonderful evening, with near-perfect weather, along with a great setting, great company and great pizza! Thanks also to...

**Sponsors:** June Farms, Stewart's Shops, Scott & Claudia Bendett, Sharon & Bob Dawes, Garrett

DeGraff, Peter & Liz Finn, Alex Flood, David & June Kinerson, Mary & Bob LaFleur, Shawntell Mills-



Sanchez, Kevin Nichols & Dominic Donato, Jim & Steve Powers/Westfield Production Company, John & Kathy Slyer, John & Rosemarie Sniezyk, Cecil Stodghill, and Kevin Williams.

**Silent Auctions:** Arlington House, Burden Lake Market, Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe, Jeanne Stewart Pottery, Joe Johnson, Mary LaFleur, Mess Hall, Mike Sheehan and Family, Sky High Adventures, and VReal/Virtual Reality Game Center.

**Raffles:** Bruce Mereness & Dawn Vink, Crossroads American Grille, Debbie Bucher of Howard Hanna, Dee Erickson, Elaine Wilson, FunPlex Fun Park, Heavenly Hollow, Jackie Tremont, Karleen Hayden, Kelli's Creations, Melissa & Ava Dahl, Nancy Perry, Quinn Motor Car, Rev, Dr. Robert Loesch, Ryan Smithson, Sand Lake Center for the Arts, Sand Lake Historical Society, Serenity Massage and Facials, Tremont ACE Hardware "Gram's Gift Shop," VanBuren Maple Syrup and Honey, and Westfall Station Bistro.

See many more images on our [Facebook page](#), thanks to Ann Winnicki, who also took the photos you see here!



## Memoirs of an Amnesiac

"Locals" have probably seen Ron McKee's "Memoirs of an Amnesiac" letters in The Advertiser. Here's a recent one:

### If Stones Could Talk

*The land now occupied by the Methodist Church in Averill Park was once a vacant lot overgrown with maple and hickory trees. I used to play there as a kid. That's where I suffered my first bee-sting. Bees are more effective than "No Trespassing" signs, still not enough to keep me away. One day I stumbled upon a stone foundation in those woods.*

*On a smaller scale I felt the thrill of discovering King Tut's tomb. Who had built that foundation? When? What kind of building had it been? Why was it now a ruin?*

*It took about 20 years, but I found answers. In 1979 Madolyn carpenter and Charles Viens published Sand Lake History. (Mrs. Carpenter had been our secretary at Averill Park Central School and eventually became Town Historian.) The ruin had been a boarding school called Scram's Collegiate Institute starting in 1852. After William Scram passed away in 1875, the school was converted to a hotel by Horatio Averill.*

*Mary French and Robert Lilly provide more details in Images of America: Sand Lake (2001). The hotel was called Hilke's Averill Park Hotel. It was destroyed by fire in 1921. Back when it was a school, it attracted pupils from as far away as South America. Sounds a bit like Emma Willard School, doesn't it?*

*I wonder if anybody famous attended Scram's Institute. How did people in South America even hear about the school? Why was it built in Averill Park? How many pupils attended? What did they do for fun in their free time? What kinds of sports would they have played? What kinds of music were popular back then? Did the school host dances? Was it affected by the Civil War? Where did the teachers go when it closed?*

*We share the same village with countless other people, separated by time. Wouldn't it be fun to talk to them in person! – Ron McKee, Averill Park*

Unfortunately, we can't answer all of Ron's questions, but we can answer some of them!

The oft-quoted timeline of the Institute is a bit confusing. Many sources state or imply that it ran for 20 years or more. However, that does not appear to have been the case. Scram appears to have started the Institute around 1852 in an existing structure that had been a hotel.

As to duration of the school, newspaper ads from 1869 note that "**The Donald-Highland Institute, A SELECT BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS, HIGHLAND FALLS. NEAR WEST POINT. N.Y.**—**ROBERT DONALD, A. M.,** (late of W. H. Scram's Collegiate Institute, Sandlake, N.Y.) Principal and Proprietor. The above institution will be opened for a Winter Session of twenty weeks on Nov. 10th, 1869. **Sandlake Collegiate Institute has been closed** (emphasis mine – Ed.), and the business will be continued at the above location with equal and in many respects additional advantages. The late patrons of Mr. Scram's institution, and all parents desiring a

thorough school are requested to give the new institution their favorable consideration.

Circulars may be obtained at Gray's Bookstore and at Thos. Fearey & Son's. Nos. 9 and 11 Liberty street, Albany, also by addressing the Principal, at Highland Falls, near West Point. N. Y."

Further evidence that Scram's Institute did NOT last the full 20+ years often stated can be found in an ad appearing in a June 22, 1875,

Albany newspaper, touting the "Oak Grove House, Formerly Sandlake Collegiate Institute (discontinued as a school), Has been fitted up for the Reception of Summer Boarders..." (By 1873, Scram had become "the county agent for the spread of temperance in [Rensselaer] county [and had] held, since January 15th, twenty-one temperance meetings and made addresses at central points...in this county..." Presumably, no alcohol was served at the Oak Grove House!)

The 1850 Federal Census lists William H. Scram, of Sand Lake, as "Teacher." The 1860 Federal Census lists him as "Teacher Institute" with real estate valued at \$12,000 and a personal estate of \$9500. However, the 1870 Federal Census lists him as "Farmer Assessor" with real estate valued at \$16,000 and a personal estate of \$2500, arguably more evidence that he was no longer involved with teaching as such while implying he still owned the building.

Why was it in Averill Park (called Sand Lake at the time)? We don't know. We do know that Scram was a graduate of Union College in Schenectady and living in Sand Lake by at least 1850. Meanwhile, there were or had been other "private" or "select" schools in the area, so Scram might simply have taken advantage of the opportunity to obtain an available building and start the school there, described by some as the "first preparatory school" in the Town.

As to sports or recreation? As described in the October 6, 1859, edition of the *Troy Daily Times*, "A Gymnasium has been erected, fifty feet diameter, of octagon form, and supplied with all the apparatus and instruments necessary to those athletic exercises which develop and harden the muscles, increase the powers of endurance, improve the general tone of the system, and give vigor and elasticity to the limbs. The building has just been completed in good style, and the Gymnasium will go into operation with the opening of the term." Rather progressive for the era, don't you think?

Hopefully that answers some of Ron's questions! And wouldn't it be great to find a photo or other depiction of that Octagonal Gymnasium?

<p><b>OAK GROVE HOUSE,</b> Formerly Sandlake Collegiate Institute, (DISCONTINUED AS A SCHOOL.) Has been fitted up for the Reception of Summer Boarders.</p> <p>The healthfulness of the region, its lakes and hills and drives, and the beauty of the house and its sur- roundings, are too well known to need description. Persons seeking relief from the heated term will be cordially received and promptly served on reason- able terms by the proprietor.</p> <p>JEFF COLEMAN W. H. SCRAM.</p>
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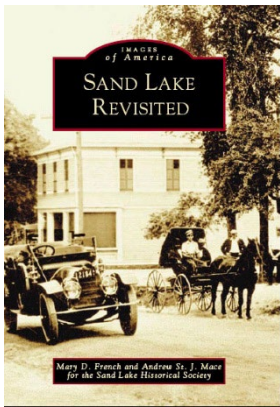
**NOTE: Memberships run from June 1 through May 31.  
New memberships will be good through 5/31/2022!**

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“Schram’s Collegiate Institute, Sand Lake, from the Map of Rensselaer County New York, from actual surveys, by A. E. Rogerson, C.E., 1854”



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