

WILTON TOWN HISTORIAN

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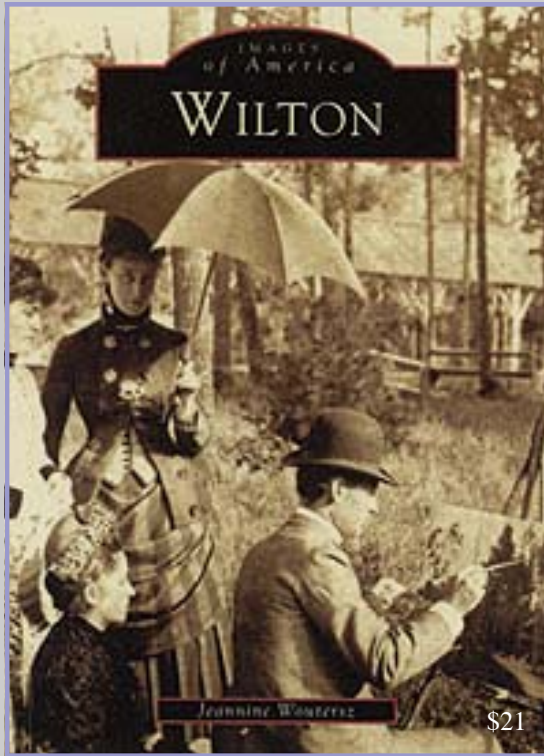
The Wilton Historian is responsible for historic documents, photographs, family histories, historic church and school archives, as well as cemetery records. Churches, businesses and homes have populated this rich area since the French and Indian War. The Town of Wilton, originally named Palmertown, had its first business in the year 1764. The business was a saw mill on the Snook Kill in the northwest section of Wilton. Another business developed when Broadstreet Emerson built a tavern in 1790 and then in the late 1800's the Gurn Spring bottling plant distributed mineral water. During this time of growth, the community was expanding with the South Wilton Church being built in 1854. Later, in 1871, the Wiltonville Church was built and was then followed by the Gurn Spring Methodist Church, built in 1885.

Today, churches, businesses and homes continue to populate Wilton and improve the quality of life in our town. The combined congregations of the first churches now enjoy the Trinity Methodist Church on Ballard Road. Today, those first businesses have brought other industries and businesses that enhance living in Wilton. Shopping areas, businesses and employment opportunities abound and populate Exits 15 and 16. Wilton continues to enjoy growth in these areas, as well as in the residential housing market. This growth makes living in Wilton comfortable and desirable. The Town Historian takes great pride in the fact that even today, one can still see some of the homes that were among the first to help make this a great place to live.

In 1967 the Wilton Heritage Society was formed with the purpose of defining, documenting and preserving the history of Wilton. Artifacts are preserved in The Heritage Museum and Farm Annex located on Parkhurst Road. The Heritage Museum holds a Strawberry Festival each June and many educational programs throughout the year. Be sure to watch the Wilton Web for announcements! Throughout the year, one may also participate in one of the programs at Grant's Cottage. This historic site is atop Mt. McGregor and is the place where General U.S. Grant spent his final days and died in 1885.

In November 2007, the Historic Preservation Board was formed to identify and preserve historic structures within the town. Recognizing the rich history of the Town of Wilton and working to preserve, protect and enhance continued use of historic structures will serve the best interests of all Wilton townspeople. It is the intent of the Board to promote the use of historic landmarks which reflect the cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history of the town. The Board will also be able to safeguard the rights of property owners and stabilize and improve property values. In so doing, the Board will foster civic pride, strengthen the economy, as well as protect and enhance the appeal of living in Wilton for residents, tourists and visitors.

Each year the Wilton Heritage Society publishes a Historic Town Calendar for sale. They are available for \$5.00 at the Town Hall. Also for sale at the Town Hall is the Historian's collected Images of Wilton book for \$21.00. The Heritage Society benefits from the proceeds of both the calendar and the book. Please consider becoming a member of the Heritage Society and help us keep the traditions of Wilton alive.



Book of Images of Wilton,
collected by
Jeanne Woutersz, Town Historian
Get your copy at Town Hall!

**Grant
Cottage**
587-8277

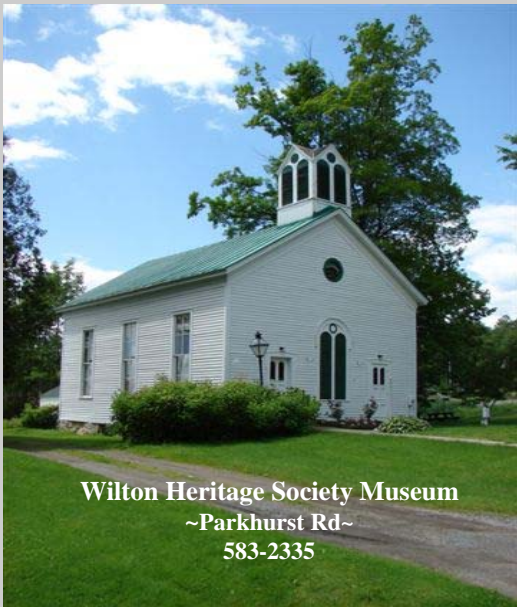
Located at
Mt. McGregor

Open Wed-Sun
10am-4pm

Memorial Day
thru
Labor Day



WWII Honor Roll
Ballard Rd.



Wilton Heritage Society Museum
~Parkhurst Rd~
583-2335

Shown Right: Visitors of Grant Cottage may want to walk a short path to the Eastern Outlook. This point of interest commands a spectacular view of the Hudson Valley, from the Adirondacks in the north, the Green Mountains of Vermont to the east, and the Catskills to the south. The view is breathtaking!



Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

Wilton, NY



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Our Mission

The mission of the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park (WWPP) is to conserve ecological systems and natural settings while providing opportunities for environmental education and recreational experiences.

The WWPP represents a partnership between the Town of Wilton, Saratoga County, The Nature Conservancy, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Created in 1996, its goals are to conserve open space, protect and restore the state and federally endangered Karner blue butterfly, maintain and recover other imperiled species, and provide many recreational and environmental educational opportunities.



The goal is to protect 3,000 acres of land for these purposes. Efforts to achieve these goals are occurring east of I-87 from the Ballard Road area in the north to south of King Road in the south. Within this area, between 25 and 30 parcels encompassing 2,300 acres are protected. These lands are owned by the town, county, state, and The Nature Conservancy. Six of the protected parcels are developed with trails totaling more than twelve miles. The trails are available for a variety of non-motorized uses. In order to achieve identified goals, Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park staff and volunteers work to protect land, restore and manage significant habitats of the Karner Blue Butterfly and other at-risk species. WWPP works to develop passive recreation opportunities, and educate the public.

Join us for free hikes, children's programs, and family programs. You may build a birdfeeder, go on a scavenger hunt, or see the endangered Karner blue butterfly! Attend our annual fall Open House and our winter Moonlight Ski & Snowshoe. There, you'll snowshoe or ski under the moon along trails lit by luminaries. Volunteers help with trails, habitats, and education. Become a member! Your valued contribution and support will help maintain our quality of life. Please call WWPP at (518) 450-0321 or visit www.wiltonpreserve.org.

Hunting Information

Hunting is permitted on the following parcels:

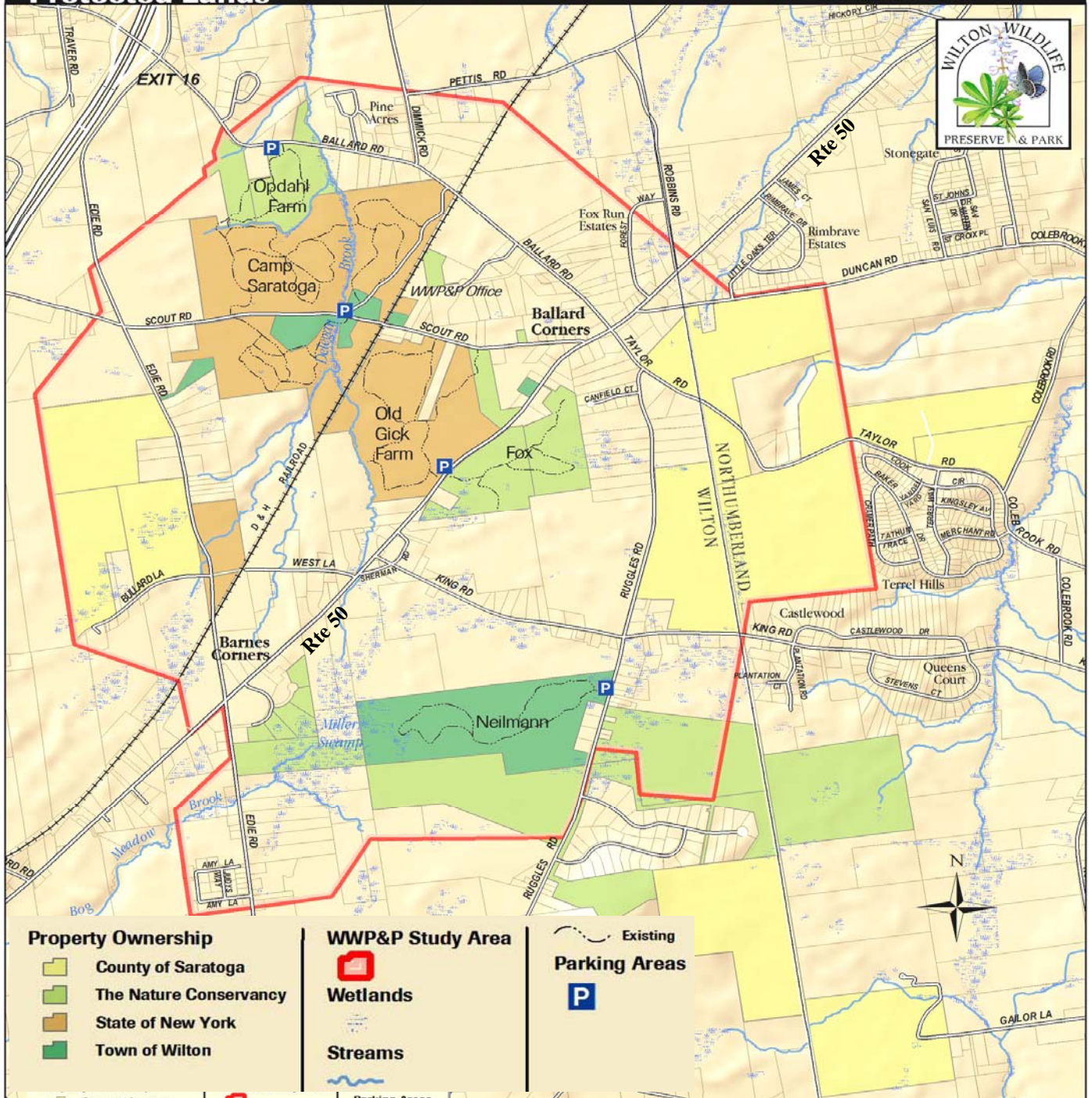
- New York State lands (orange colored parcels)
- Saratoga County lands (yellow colored parcels)

Hunting is NOT permitted on the following parcels:

- Nature Conservancy lands (light green colored parcels)
- Town of Wilton lands (dark green colored parcels)

*Note that weapons and firearms are NOT permitted on Town of Wilton property.

Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park Protected Lands



LILLIAN WORTH SENIOR CENTER

**18 Traver Road
Gansevoort, New York 12831
(518) 587-6363**

**Kay Lant, President
Jan O'Brien, Vice President**

**Carol Clark, Secretary
Sheila Merchant, Treasurer**

Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
The Center will be closed Christmas Day and when
Saratoga Springs Schools are closed for inclement weather.

Members must be 55 years of age. However, spouses under 55 may join and participate in all activities, but cannot vote until they reach age 55. Membership fee will apply.

Bus transportation to and from the Senior Center, the Mall, grocery stores or appointments is available by calling the Saratoga County Office of the Aging at 884-4100 before noon on the day before the transportation is needed.

Activities include:

- Bingo – Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- Ceramics and Crafts Tuesday morning (except July and August)
- Free Blood Pressure Clinics Third Tuesday of Month at 1:00 pm
- Business Meetings First Tuesday of the Month at 1:00 pm
- Day Trips (dinner + attraction) Monthly April through November (minimal fee)
- AARP "55 Alive" March and September
- Drivers Course Held twice a year (\$10 fee)
- Exercise Groups, Cards and other Games Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Speakers Scheduled throughout the year
- Live entertainment scheduled throughout the year
- Videos scheduled throughout the year

Meals and Parties:

Pizza 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Covered Dish Last Tuesday of Month
Coffee, Tea & Cake every Tuesday and Thursday
Annual Picnic
Anniversary Party in September
Public Card Party in October
Christmas Dinner in December (at a local restaurant)

Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm

Be Prepared for **Short-Term Emergencies**

Every household should have an emergency kit that contains enough supplies for at least three days.

Try to pack these items in bags that can be easily carried in case relocation is necessary.

This kit should contain:

- **Water -recommended one gallon per day per person.**
- **Food -items that do not require refrigeration and little or no water to prepare, such as, energy bars, granola bars, dried fruit, peanut butter and ready-to-eat soups.**
- **Flashlights and batteries**
- **Radio with extra batteries**
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Any and all medications**
- **Hand can opener, a knife, garbage bags, plastic silver ware and plates**
- **Clothing for everyone including coats, gloves and sturdy shoes or boots**
- **Blankets**
- **Personal items such as glasses, ID cards, insurance policies and other important papers**
- **Sanitary supplies, health and beauty aids and personal hygiene items**
- **Cash -have an emergency supply of cash**
- **Pet supplies for your pets**
- **Small shovel, maps and blankets for your car - your car should have a smaller version of this emergency kit in the event you get stranded.**
- **You should keep your cell phone charged and with you at all times.**

**TOWN OF WILTON
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Department	Phone	Fax	E-mail
<u>Town Supervisor</u> Arthur Johnson	587-1939	587-2837	ajohnson@townofwilton.com
Emergency Services Coordinator <u>Larry Gordon</u>	587-1939 469-0918 cell	587-2837	lgordonESC@townofwilton.com
<u>Wilton Fire Chief</u> Bill Morgan	584-3338	584-4070	wmorgan2@wiltonfiredept.org
<u>Maple Ave Fire Chief</u> John Lant	584-7131	584-1686	
<u>Wilton EMS</u> Victor Huggard	587-5590	587-4258	info@wiltonems.org
<u>Highway Superintendent</u> Kirklin Woodcock	584-4588	691-0013	
Health Officer <u>Dr. T. Klepetar</u>	584-5330	None	
<u>Saratoga County Emergency Services</u> Paul Lent	885-2232	884-4707	plent@saratogacountyny.gov
<u>NYS Police</u>	583-7000		
<u>Saratoga County Sherriff</u>	885-6761	885-2453	
<u>Forest Ranger</u>	Emergency: 891-0235 General: 897-1300		
<u>Search & Rescue L.A.S.A.R.</u>	See Forest Ranger above		
Hazardous Spills	Call NYS Spills Hotline 800-457-7362 and 911 for Hazardous Spills.	Please notify Town Engineer Keith Manz at 587-1939 ext 215.	

Town Hall**Phone (518) 587-1939****Fax 587-2837**

Assessor	Kathy Austin	Ext. 202	
Building Dept	Mark Mykins	Ext. 503	
Clerk/Tax Receiver	Carol Maynard	Ext. 501	
Comptroller	Jeffrey Reale	Ext. 217	
Dog Control	Ronald Stunzi	587-2291	
Historian	Jeanne Woutersz	581-8646	
Highway Superintendent	Kirklin D. Woodcock	584-4588	Fax 691-0013
Justice Court	Justice Worth/Justice Wood	587-1980	Fax 583-6443
Planning & Engineering	Keith Manz, P.E.	Ext. 215	
Town Supervisor	Arthur Johnson	Ext. 218	

Parks & Recreation

Gavin Park	Stephen Porto, Director	584-9455	Fax 587-9913
Camp Saratoga	Paul/Linda Woschanko	584-4854	

Town Meetings

Town Board	1st Thursday of the month	@ 7:00 pm @ Town Hall
Park & Rec Commission	1st Monday of the month	@ 7:00 pm @ Gavin Park
Planning Board Meeting	3 rd Wednesday of the month	@ 6:30 pm @ Town Hall
Zoning Board Meeting	4 th Thursday of the month	@ 7:00 pm @ Town Hall

Helpful Numbers at a Glance

Senior Citizens Center	18 Traver Rd.	587-6363 (Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am-1:00 pm)
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	80 Scout Rd.	450-0321
Hiram Hollow Transfer Station	Washburn Rd.	793-1098
Weibel Ave Transfer Station		581-1430
Wilton Post Office	Rte 9/N. Pines Rd.	583-3880
Gansevoort Main Post Office		792-8777
Saratoga Springs Post Office		583-7226
Wilton Water & Sewer Authority		581-8626
	Water Emergency	888-625-3703

Schools

Saratoga Springs	583-4700
Schuylerville Central	695-3255
So Glens Falls	793-9617

Saratoga County Offices

County Clerk	885-2213
Animal Shelter	885-4113
Board of Elections	885-2249

Fire/Police/Health

Emergency	911	
Wilton Vol. Fire Co	Ballard Rd.	584-3338
Maple Ave Fire Co		584-1401
Saratoga County Sheriff		885-6761
NYS Police	Ballard Rd.	583-7000
Wilton Emergency Squad	1 Harran Ln.	581-9852
Saratoga Hospital		587-3222
Glens Fall Hospital		926-1000



**ALL TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF THESE HOLIDAYS:**

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Post Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day