

Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on
Friday, February 10, 2012

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Charles Horan*

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer than usual weather we have been blessed with, and hope that I am not jinxing things by making such a comment.

Many thanks to Richard Dilks for his comprehensive presentation about "Wenonah Before There Was Wenonah" in January.

For this month's program, Vice President Paul Lader will be presenting the History Channel documentary on the Andersonville Prison and Trial of Captain Henry Wirz. Henry Wirz was the commandant of Andersonville prison during the War between the States and the only Civil War officer to be tried and executed for war crimes.

Please come out this Friday, February 10th at 7:30 P.M. and shake off a little of that "cabin fever."

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER?

If you would like to receive an electronic version of the newsletter instead of a copy delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, let me know at smithlr@att.net. The newsletter will arrive sooner, reduce our printing and postage costs, and if there is something in color, you will be able to see the colors.

UPDATE ON THE WENONAH VIDEO PROJECT

With the holidays over, work has resumed on the Wenonah Video Project. Jack Sheppard Sr. gave a wonderful presentation that was captured on video chronicling Wenonah's history. This segment is being edited and has a tentative completion date of March 31, 2012.

Cara DeHart-Lewis and Gerard McGarrity, who are coordinating the video project, had the opportunity to attend the WHS meeting in October and gathered more potential names to interview this summer. A big thank you to Lisa Flowers who sent them a videotape containing footage of the Wenonah Parade. If you have old film/video of the town or parade or questions, please contact them at: gerard_mcgarrity@yahoo.com or cardehlew@yahoo.com.

2011 WHS OFFICERS

President	Charles Horan
Vice President	Paul Lader
Secretary	Vicki McCall
Treasurer	Carol Wiltsee
Trustee	Betty MacLeod
Trustee	Louis McCall

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month (except June, July and August) at the Train Station Community Center.

REFRESHMENTS

Instead of soliciting volunteers for the entire year at one time, Jo Dominy will ask for volunteers to provide refreshments at the next meeting. If you would like to volunteer for the March meeting, please advise Jo at the meeting on Friday or give her a call. You will be reimbursed for the refreshments.

2012 WHS DUES ARE DUE

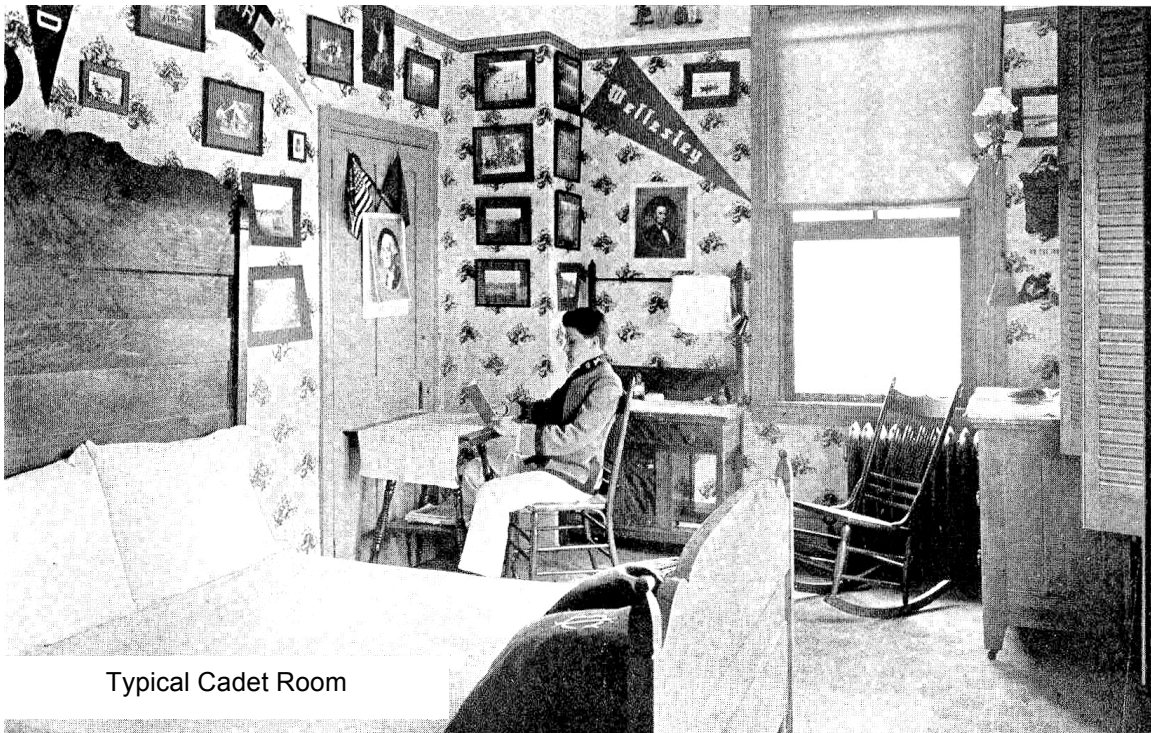
Just a reminder that the 2012 WHS dues are due and are still a bargain at \$15 per family. The dues can be given to any WHS officer.

The following article was provided by Jack C. Sheppard Sr. The source of the article was the 1909-1910 Catalogue of the Academy, published by Stephen Greene just five years after the Academy opened. Greene was the founder of the Wenonah Military Academy and a successful printer in Philadelphia. His publications contained a great deal of information about the functioning of the Academy, individual cadets, and benefits to parents considering sending their sons to the Academy.

THE WENONAH MILITARY ACADEMY

The Kind of Boy We Want

We are desirous of welcoming boys who are imbued with manly hopes and ambitions. Wenonah Military Academy is essentially a school for gentlemen's sons. We want only boys and young men who will work during study time; who will play, and play heartily, during play time; boys who will at all times be high-toned, courteous gentlemen. With such material it is a teacher's greatest happiness to get at the boys and instill ideals and principles that may guide them through life. The teachers enter into all the interests of the boys, and seek to develop their best potentialities on every side.



Typical Cadet Room

Self-government is, we are sure, the best of all governments in the junior republics as well as the great ones. So far as possible, then, we try to foster this expression of the principles that we inculcate. We believe that American boys need a stronger and more defined system of self-government than other boys. Often they are more indulged at home, and as a whole are rather less tractable. Hence we have adopted the military system, with its steady regularity and

impartiality, its wide room for gradation of responsibilities, its traditions of fidelity to honor, and its forcible appeal to imagination. We trace its permanent influence in the after-careers of our graduates, which proves that an *esprit de corps* in school life is of priceless value. In maintaining the hold over boys, we place the greatest dependence upon the close touch and cordial relations between teacher and pupil; the master insisting on a firm, dignified and systematic classroom discipline, the pupils showing proper obedience and deference without familiarity.

Moral Culture

As the moral development of a Christian character is a matter of first importance, care is taken that the boys committed to the charge of the institution shall become Christian gentlemen and shall be trained to lead a godly and Christian life.

Devotional exercises, at which all must be present, are conducted daily. On Sunday, the students in a body, accompanied by the Superintendent and his associates, attend public worship once at least in some church, and as nearly as may be in accordance with the denominational preferences of the parents. Other exercises suitable for the Sabbath are held in the Academy itself, the intention being to make the home a Christian one, but free from all sectarian bias.

The moral training of the establishment is practical and corrective, and will positively arrest all practices and habits that are of an immoral character and tendency. Especially will it deal with profanity, obscenity, and the use of intoxicants and tobacco in all their forms; also any form of *hazing is positively prohibited.*

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Membership APPLICATION 2011

Membership Benefits

- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS
- ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA
- INFORMATION BY KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHIANS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO

AMOUNT PAID \$ CHECK _____ CASH _____

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DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR
