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TWO TREES.

While walking thru the sugarbush, on a morning I had free,  
I stopped a while for a bit of rest, at the foot of a maple tree,  
My arm reached out in a careless way, for a sapling close at hand,  
And I wondered what the years might do if I let the young one stand.

So then I got to dozing, in a dreamy sort of way,-  
And I saw those trees in fancy, as they'd be some future day.  
Many winters cold and windy, in my vision went and came.  
And the old one and the young one, side by side stood just the same.

But a few more winters passing, to my wonder on that day,  
Brought some changes quite surprising, to the old tree tall and gray.

Limbs were bare and some had fallen, and the butt was in decay.

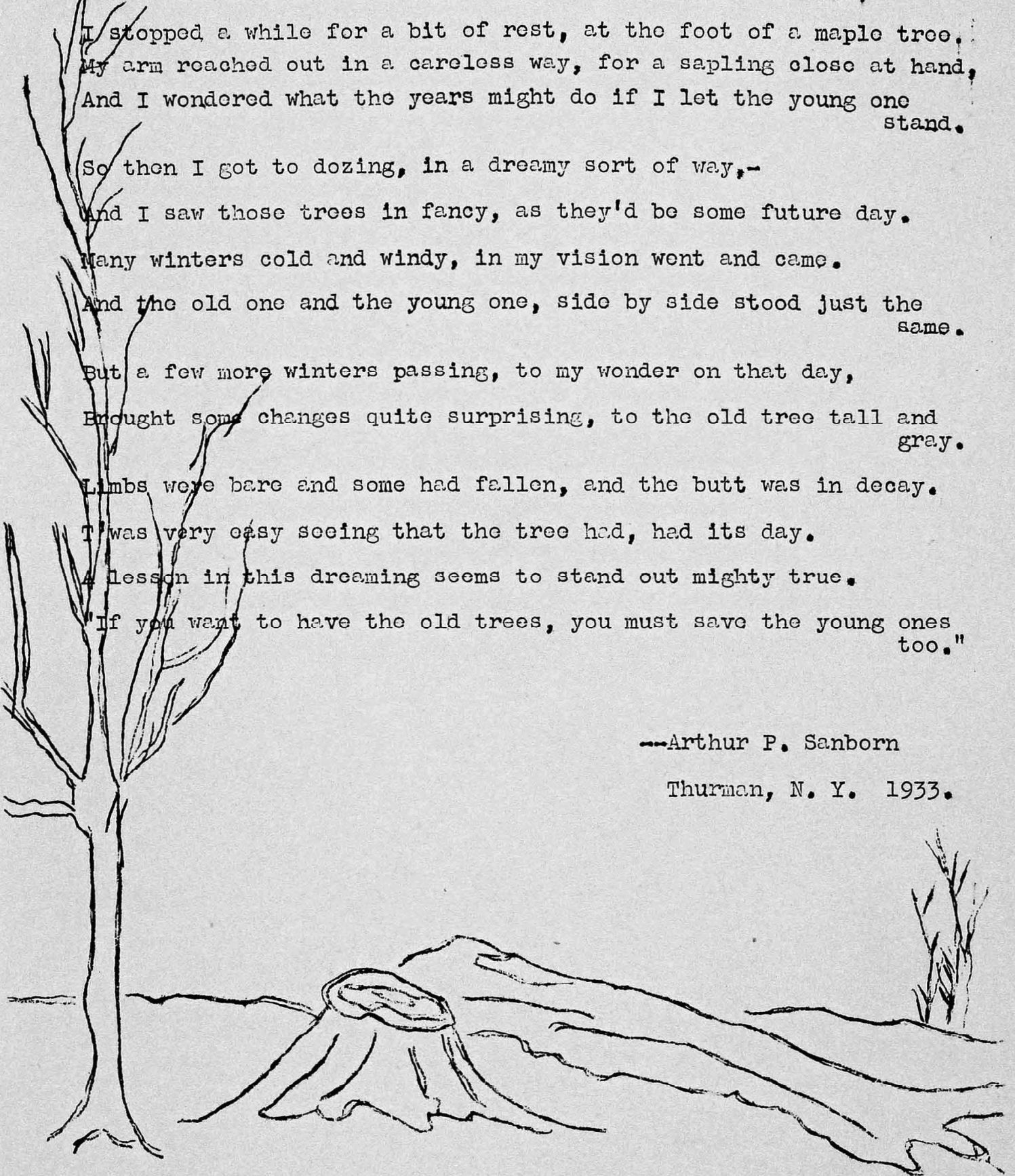
'Twas very easy seeing that the tree had, had its day.

A lesson in this dreaming seems to stand out mighty true.

"If you want to have the old trees, you must save the young ones too."

---Arthur P. Sanborn

Thurman, N. Y. 1933.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

for year ending May 1967

The year 1966-67 has been a satisfactory one in many ways. Attendance at regular meetings has been good, averaging 26. Total membership at the close of 1966-67 was reported by the financial secretary as 69, a gain of 16 over last year. The Program Committee has been providing the society and its guests with a variety of entertainment which has undoubtedly contributed to the attendance record.

In June, Attorney John S. Hall was the guest speaker, giving the society valuable information concerning the advantages of incorporation. In January, Mr. Stewart Farrar, Warrensburg, spoke on that Town's past; and in March, Dr. Ora Phelps of Wilton, showed nature slides from the northern Adirondacks. In May, slides taken nearer Warrensburg and Thurman were presented by Mr. James Magee.

Discussions and a social hour, with exhibits, were part of other gatherings.

The annual trip, which was to The Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake in September, was taken and enjoyed by about 20 members. Mrs. Bernice Maxam has been busy selling cards to help us raise funds.

The Treasurer has kept an accurate record of the finances of the society, reporting at the year's end \$139.35 in the checking account and \$100.00 in the interest account. A change was made in the by-laws providing for the addition of a Financial Secretary to our list of officers. The quarterlies have been varied and interesting, thanks to our Publications Committee.

President's Letter (Cont'd)

Your President wished to thank all of the Officers, those who served on our Committees and the Membership in general for their support and assistance during the past year.

Your Ex-President

Joyce Stoddard

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OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING  
for 1967 - 1968

President	Myra Magee
Vice-President	Gladys Murphy
Recording Secretary	Joyce Stoddard
Assistant Secretary	Marjorie Combs
Financial Secretary	Beatrice Cameron

Directors:

Hollis Combs	3 years, beginning 1967
Alice Parker	2 years, beginning 1967
James Magee	1 year beginning 1967

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INCORPORATION

We are pleased to announce that incorporation proceedings are in the final stage, thanks to Attorneys John S. Hall and H. Bartlett McGee, and to our Incorporation Committee, James Magee, Hollis Combs, Jasper Putnam, and George Cameron.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service  
Washington 25, D.C.  
September 13, 1955

THE CLOSING OF THE GLEN POST OFFICE

Mrs. Florence M. Goodman  
Postmaster  
The Glen, New York

Dear Mrs. Goodman:

Your letter of August 18, 1955, forwarded to the National Archives and Records Service by the Post Office Department, requested information about the post office at The Glen, New York.

According to the records of the Post Office Department now in our custody, a post office was established at The Glen, Warren County, on Nov. 27, 1844. It was discontinued on Jan. 25, 1872; reestablished on Feb. 15, 1872; discontinued on Feb. 10, 1880; reestablished on October 18, 1880; discontinued on June 12, 1886; reestablished Feb. 16, 1887; discontinued on Jan. 6, 1888; and re-established on Apr. 3, 1890.

Names of postmasters and dates of their appointments were:

Christian Whitaker	Nov. 27, 1844
David Whitaker	July 10, 1855
Washington Potter	Feb. 15, 1872
Philip Whitaker	Jan. 24, 1878
Sarah Potter	Oct. 18, 1880
Edward T. McAveigh	Feb. 16, 1887
James H. Goodman	May 17, 1887
Elisha H. Baker	Apr. 3, 1890
John McAveigh	June 23, 1894
Orley Hazelton	Mar. 17, 1899
Hollis I. Loveland	Mar. 6, 1907
Louisa B. Loveland (declined)	June 24, 1915
Cornelius M. Collins	May 5, 1916
Mrs. Nora McPhillips	June 3, 1921
James P. McPhillips	Aug. 3, 1934**
Mrs. Jennie G. Potter	Dec. 12, 1937
Mrs. Florence M. Goodman	Mar. 31, 1951
	(still serving)##

\*\*Information after 1930 was furnished by the Post Office Dept.

Very truly yours,

Meyer H. Fishbein  
For the Chief Archivist  
Industrial Records Branch

##Mrs. Goodman retired at 79 on March 31, 1966. Post Office at The Glen closed as of that date.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE OF WARRENSBURG'S PAST

Since many members of the JTHS are employed in Warrensburg, reside there or at least have some interests in connection with the Town, I will endeavor to write a little concerning a few of its early settlers.

Undoubtedly, the first settler was William Bond, who came in 1786 and located on lot No. 1 of the Hyde Township. A year later he was joined by Joseph Hutchinson, Gideon and Stokes Potter and Josiah Woodward. In 1788 Joseph Hatch moved into what was known as the Duncan McDonald farm, later owned by Henry Griffing. Richard Thurman also came here that same year and also Aaron Varnum and Dr. McLaren.

In 1789 the first tavern was established by James Pitts. In this year also Timothy Stow joined the little band of settlers.

In 1802 Peletiah Richards became a resident and two years later James Warren and Kitchell Bishop became a part of the settlement; Mr. Warren having the distinction of having his name taken as the name of the growing little hamlet.

In 1813 the name of Dudley Farlin was added to the population.

Peletiah Richards came to Warrensburg in 1802 as a poor boy of 16 years of age. Possessed of a strong body and an active mind, he turned the attentions which up to that age had been devoted to choring on the farm, to business interests, and made successful, by hard work and business intuition, many ventures. He died at Warrensburgh, after sixty-eight years of residence in 1870.

Kitchell Bishop seemed to have been the leading political light of his day in Town, having represented the county 13 years in the Legislature. About 1810 or 1812 he established a small tannery at Warrensburgh, the first to be built there.

Dr. McLaren, previously mentioned married Susan Thurman, daughter of Richardson Thurman (who was a nephew of John Thurman, original patentee of all this part of the county).

Stephen Griffing came in 1800. He served in an official capacity for five years in the Revolutionary War, drawing a pension for his services. When he first arrived he settled some three miles and a half from the village on a farm later owned by Henry Griffing.

An early merchant of the Town was Myron Beach, who was on record in about 1820. He was a captain in a company of artillery that took part in the battle of Plattsburg.

An early Tavern was kept by Jasper Duell in about the year 1801. This later became the site of the Warren House.

Between the years of 1810 and 1820, the first and most important industry of the area was lumbering.

Dudley Farlin came after the organization of the town and built the mills now owned by Emerson & Co. About this time there were a number of mills in active operation around Warrensburgh. Dr. Harman Hoffman built and owned the first grist mill.

In March, 1836 Col. Benjamin P. Burhans came to Warrensburgh. He purchased the interest of Mr. Quackenbush in the leather manufactory of Quackenbush & Gray, his partner being Gen. Thomas S. Gray, the firm style being changed to that of Burhans & Gray. In 1854 Mr. Burhans transferred one third of his interest to his son.

Other names could be listed but space permits only a few. The above were intimately connected with the founding of the village in the early days,