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Tree Dedication to Honor Maude Frank
- Friday, July 2, 1:30 PM at the Town Hall-

PENFIELD, N.Y., JUNE 23, 2010 – The Town of Penfield will dedicate a tree in memory of former Town Historian Maude Frank on Friday, July 2 at 1:30 at the Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Maude Lancaster Frank served the Town of Penfield’s Historian from 1978 until her death in 2004. Maude researched and documented the town’s colorful history and made lasting contributions that continue to serve the Penfield community through the Local History Room in the Penfield Public Library.

Mrs. Frank collected and preserved countless documents and artifacts of historic significance, conducted interpretive tours of local historic sites, published articles and books, and educated the Penfield community. She is also credited with working with the Town Board to acquire and preserve the small pioneer cemetery on Whalen Road where a Revolutionary War soldier and his family are buried amidst several unmarked graves.

Among Frank’s publications are *Images of Penfield*, an annotated pictorial history of Penfield published by the Town Board as part of the 175th anniversary celebration (reprinted in 1994) and *A Retrospective Look at the Town of Penfield*, a 21-page document detailing the changing demographics of the community from 1976 to 1989. This became an addition in the 1990 reprint of *Penfield’s Past*, a book of Penfield’s history written by former Town Historian Katherine Thompson in 1960.
Frank is also credited with establishing the Dayton’s Corners one room school as a teaching/learning museum and its addition to the National Register of Historical Places. Each year thousands of fourth grade students from Monroe County visit the living landmark.

“Because of Maude Frank’s endless contributions to our community and culture, we are able to celebrate our bicentennial this year with a thorough awareness and appreciation of Penfield’s history. It is fitting that Maude herself is celebrated as an irreplaceable part of the very history she so loved,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain.

Maude Frank was married to Howard Frank, Penfield Town Supervisor from 1960 to 1971. She was also a charter member of the Mary Fellows Penfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and led the Friday Club, whose efforts led to the establishment of the Penfield Library.

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