

TUG HILL SAGES



1. John Constable Jr.
(1916-2006)



2. Truman Greene
(1899-1983)



3. Hunt Rowe
(1898-1993)



4. Elwin Rowell
(1908-1990)



5. Livingston Lansing
(1911-1992)



6. George Bibbins Sr.
(1924-2020)



7. Alice Clemens
(1922-1999)



8. Harold Petrie
(1925-2015)



9. Courtney Winn
(1921-2011)



10. Elva Maciejko
(1923-2007)



11. Neil Wright
(1917-2007)



12. Harry Capron
(1921-2013)



13. Dr. Edwin Russell
(1926-2019)



14. John Hughes
(1913-2004)



15. Randy Kerr
(1924-2010)



16. Bernard Macklen
(1921-2007)



17. Warren Mathis



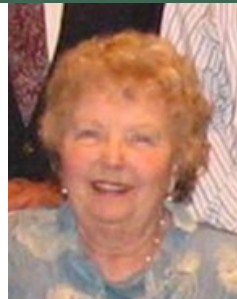
18. Robert Sauer



19. Ray Chereshnoski
(1940-2009)



20. Charlie Gallo
(1922-2013)



21. Beverly Hardin
(1929-2012)



22. Neil Harden
(1929-2007)



23. Louis Hodkinson
(1920-2009)



24. John Mahaffy
(1927-2021)



25. Irving Kraeger
(1925-2014)



26. Bernie Mattot
(1936-2011)



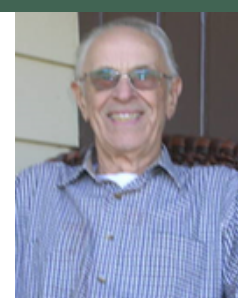
27. Irving Buchal



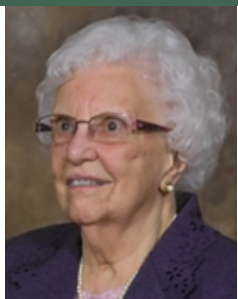
28. Bonnie Colton
(1931-2015)



29. Don Colton
(1927-2014)



30. Chet Kwasniewski
(1925-2013)



31. Arlene Moore
(1922-2016)



32. Francis Yerdon



33. Benjamin Coe



34. George Capron
(1944-2019)



35. George Getman
(1926-2020)



36. Robert MacNamara



37. Arthur Baderman



38. Richard Colesante



39. Wayne Kwasniewski



40. Loretta Lepkowski



41. G. Wayne McIlroy



42. Robert Quinn

1983 Sages

1. **John Constable Jr.** (1916-2006) comes from a founding family of TH and had a lifetime of devotion to TH heritage and history. John was a member of the eight ad hoc “steering councils” appointed by Cooperative Extension to plan the TH public forums in 1974-75
2. **Truman Greene** (1899-1983) was a large landowner from the town of Boylston. He was an avid hiker and cross-country skier who loved the woods and wildlife of TH.
3. **Hunt Rowe** (1898-1993) of Orwell was a woodsman of TH. His wisdom about nature was first rate and when he spoke at the Commission’s founding public meetings in 1974, folks in the Core listened.
4. **Elwin Rowell** (1908-1990) was a native of Osceola and a shopkeeper in Glenfield. He was a large landowner in the Core Forest at one time owning 1900 acres of prime forest. Elwin was a founding member of THRIFT (TH Resources Investment for Tomorrow).

1991 Sage

5. **Livingston Lansing** (1911-1992) of Boonville was a founding appointment to the TH Commission and served as a Commissioner from 1973 to 1991. Liv was the owner of the Boonville Herald, had a love of North Country weather, and was fascinated with railroads.

1993 Sages

6. **George Bibbins Sr.** (1924-2020) was a 12-year member of the Cooperative TH Planning Board and supervisor of the town of Pinckney. He served on the Lewis County Steering Councils that planned the TH forums in 1974-75.
7. **Alice Clemens** (1922-1999), referred to as the “First Lady of Fiddling,” was a native of TH and spent her life with a love of woods and music. She was co-founder of the Old Tyme Fiddlers Association and the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame in Osceola.
8. **Harold Petrie** (1925-2015) was a long-time member of the town of Parish planning board and civic leader in his community. He is a founding member of Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust (THTLT) and devoted his time and knowledge to many organizations interested in the future of TH.
9. **Courtney Winn** (1921-2011) was a business partner in a veneer mill in Bernhard’s Bay and an enthusiast of Oneida Lake. Courtney retired in 1977 after 22 years as owner/operator of Lord & Winn Lumber.

1996 Sages

10. **Elva Maciejko** (1923-2007) was a lifelong resident of the eastern portion of TH. Elva was also a long-time member of the TH Gate Association in the core of TH.
11. **Neil Wright** (1917-2007) of Osceola and Camden was a business owner and project manager for many major construction projects in northern New York as well as a member of the Camden planning board, but spent his entire life as a wood lot owner and tree farmer on the Hill.

1998 Sages

12. **Harry Capron** (1921-2013) of Boonville, for many years was a town councilman and deputy supervisor. Harry served as a TH weather observer along with former Commissioner Liv Lansing.
13. **Dr. Edwin Russell** (1926-2019), while not a resident of TH, is perhaps one of our most active seasonal residents and an advocate for the region. Doc Russell is a long-time member of the Fish Creek Club and an avid outdoorsman.

2003 Sages

14. **John Hughes** (1913-2004) raised cattle in Highmarket along with his family. It is said that John had an insatiable hunger for TH’s big woods and the rural life.
15. **Randy Kerr** (1924-2010) was a long-time Lewis County and NYS forester with love and knowledge of TH forests. In his spare time, Randy was known to fiddle a bit.
16. **Bernard Macklen** (1921-2007) lived and worked his entire life on his family farm in the town of Worth. Bernard was a long-time member of the CTHC and Planning Board, Worth town board member, and a director of the South Jefferson Historical Society
17. **Warren Mathis** is a long-time large landowner in the core of TH. He is a long-time member of THTLT and NYS Forest Practices Board.
18. **Robert Sauer** worked for many years as a forester and buyer for Harden Furniture and continues his vocation in retirement as a consulting forester. Bob is a former trustee and mayor of Camden, founding member of THRIFT, former board member of TH Tomorrow Land Trust and continues to serve on the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG).

2006 Sages

19. **Ray Chereshnoski** (1940-2009) served as town justice and highway superintendent for Lorraine. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and recreationalist who was always eager to share his advice and knowledge of TH.
20. **Charlie Gallo** (1922-2013) of Camden was a TH native. Charlie, along with his brother, Art, stewarded and logged the Hill for decades in support of their timber business.
21. **Neil** (1929-2007) and 22. **Beverly Harden** (1929-2012) have represented a wonderful generation of the Harden family that has meant so much to TH for over 150 years. They have expressed their appreciation in many ways through generous philanthropic contributions to organizations in support of TH.
23. **Louis Hodkinson** (1920-2009) hailed from Barnes Corners and always said that TH was his home and his passion. Louis and his wife Etheline ran their family bar and grill in Barnes Corners.
24. **John Mahaffy** (1927-2021) of Boonville is an artist and illustrator whose drawings and sketches have filled the pages of numerous books and novels about the landscape, people, and history of the TH region.

2008 Sages

25. **Irving Kraeger** (1925-2014) was a successful dairy farmer and maple producer. He served his town of West Turin as supervisor and County Legislator for 48 years.
26. **Bernie Mettot** (1936-2011) served on the Town of Florence Recreation Commission in 1964 and then served as the Town Planning Board chair for 25 years. Bernie was a founding member of the Cooperative TH Planning Board and served on the council until his retirement in 2006.

2012 Sages

27. **Irvine “Dutch” Buchal** of Copenhagen, served as Trustee of St Peter and Paul’s Church in New Boston, operated a dairy farm, logging business, maple sugar business, saw mill, and is the curator of the Deer River Museum in Copenhagen. He is active with Flywheels and Pulleys, New York State Old Tyme Fiddlers’ Association and loves showing off his Lynn tractor and steam engines.
28. **Bonnie** (1931-2015) and 29. **Don Colton** (1927-2014) of Lowville were original founders of THRIFT. They have a great interest in TH and have worked tirelessly to get others interested in the region as well.
30. **Chet Kwasniewski** (1925-2013) of West Leyden had a vast knowledge of the TH forest industry and loved to share his memories of the logging camps, driving dams, sawmills, contractors and logging roads from his early days. He and his brother started J&C Lumber Company in West Leyden in the 1950’s. Chet purchased and ran the West Leyden Hotel for 7 years and served as Town Justice for 23 years.
31. **Arlene Moore** (1922-2016) of Lorraine has been an active member of her TH community her entire life. She helped run the Moore’s Store in Lorraine for many years. Arlene is a member of the Lorraine United Methodist Church where she has served as the organist for 66 years and she has served as the town’s Historian since 2001.
32. **Francis Yerdon** of Redfield was actively involved in the effort to introduce land use planning in the original “nine towns” in the heart of TH in the early 1970s. Fran is an avid hunter, trapper, fisherman and recreationalist, who is always eager to share his advice and knowledge of the TH region.

2013 Sages

33. **Benjamin P. Coe** of Watertown was the first executive director of the TH Commission and served in that position for 20 years.

2015 Sages

34. **George Capron** (1944-2019) of Boonville has been the voice of the Black River Valley for over 50 years. He started working at WBRV in Boonville at the age of 19 and is still serving the area with his daily radio program. He is also an avid snowmobiler and is a long-standing member of the Lost Trails Club.
35. **George Getman** (1926-2020) grew up in Turin, and is a lifetime logger of TH. He worked on the old Glenfield-Western Railroad for many years maintaining it to remove wood product from the area and get it to local mills.
36. **Robert McNamara** of Cleveland is an artist, illustrator, naturalist, and avid outdoorsman who loves the Hill. He has been involved with THTLT for many years and leads hiking adventures on TH. Bob illustrated the book “TH – A Four Season Guide to the Nature Side” and has created and illustrated informational kiosks in the region.

2023 Sages

37. **Arthur “Art” Baderman** is a lifelong resident and dairy farmer in Rodman. He has served his community for over 50 years by serving on the town board, planning board, zoning board, and the Rodman Fire Department. He has also served as an EMT on the South Jeff Rescue Squad and worked with Cornell Cooperative Extension delivering agricultural programs throughout a tri-county area.
38. **Richard “Rip” Colesante** of Constantia has lived and worked along the North Shore of Oneida Lake for 50 years. He served as town board councilman and led the charge forming two water districts and a sewer district, chaired the parks and recreation commission for 35 years, chaired NorCOG for 10 years, and continues to be an active member on the Oneida Lake Association Board of Directors since 1986. In his professional life as a DEC aquatic biologist, he developed an expertise in native walleye and helped rebuild the Oneida Fish Cultural Station.
39. **Wayne Kwasniewski** of West Leyden has lived and worked his entire life in TH, save for two years at Paul Smith’s College. He began working in the forestry industry at age 12, harvesting timber, running a contracting business, and serving as a consultant forester. He served the town of Lewis as a vice chairman of the planning board, a town councilman, and past assessor. He is a member of Point Rock Fish & Game Club and the Atlantic Salmon Fish Creek Club, with a lifetime of hunting, fishing, and trapping experience.
40. **Loretta Lepkowski** of is a lifelong TH resident, raised on a dairy farm in Lewis County. In partnership with the THTLT, she began a traveling art show in 2010 that featured “Celebrating Family Farms of Tug Hill.” Later, she partnered with TAUNY, THTLT, and the commission to produce and present the “Venerable Folks of Tug Hill” multi-media exhibit to increase awareness of the uniqueness of the region. It has been in at least 26 locations so far. She was awarded the Evergreen Award at TAUNY for her artistic and community contributions.
41. **G. Wayne McIlroy** is a lifelong resident of the Carthage/West Carthage area. He spent 30 years on the village of Carthage board as trustee and president, and further represented the village in RACOG since its inception in 2012. His free time is spent volunteering for the fire department, sometimes as chief, at the St. James Catholic Church, and the Carthage Area Hospital Auxiliary. In his retirement, he has a recreational camp in Osceola.
42. **Robert Quinn** of Sackets Harbor has dedicated his life to the preservation, protection, and marketing of the TH region. He served on the THC as a Natural Resource Specialist for 7 years, and as Executive Director for 11 years. He also served as a past chairman and current member of the THTLT board of directors. Bob firmly believes that the citizens of TH must shape their own future.