

The Willard Family Association of America, Inc.

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Meet Us In Troy, New York July 27-28

By Arlan Willard, President

The Emma Willard School in Troy, New York, the Holiday Inn Express in East Greenbush, NY and your Board members are ready to welcome you, a member of the Willard Family, and your guests, on Friday, July 27th and Saturday, July 28th to the 93rd Reunion of the Willard Family Association of America, Inc.

Please attend! You will be glad you did. The Emma Willard School is among the oldest independent schools for the higher education of young women in the United States. It was founded in 1814 in Middlebury, Vermont, by pioneer educator Emma Hart Willard, with support from her husband, Dr. John Willard. The School was moved to Troy, New York, in 1821. You must come and see and hear about this remarkable institution that is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Of special interest to the Willards is the ceremonial mace

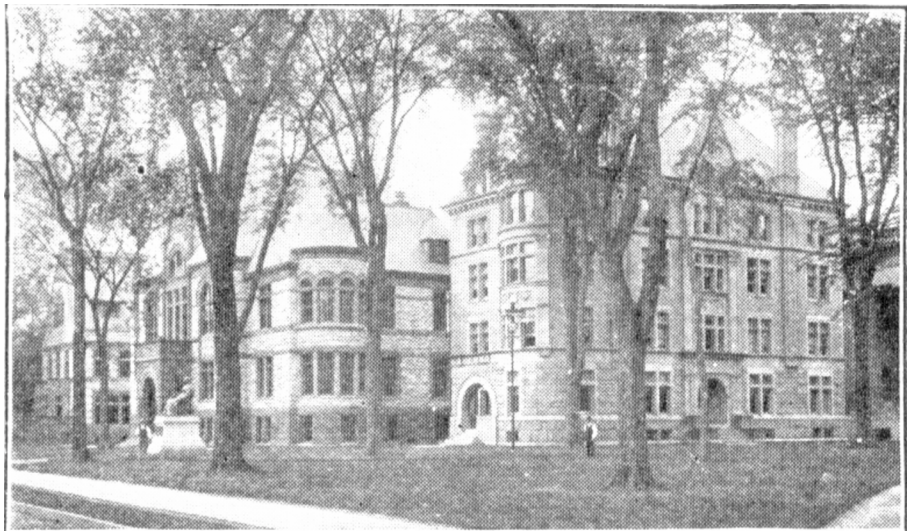
that was presented to the Emma Willard School by WFA Director Willard Wescott Rathbone on November 13, 1966. We will learn more about the mace at the reunion.

Our headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in East Greenbush, NY. It is a new Inn and is only ten minutes from the School. The WFA Board will have a meeting at the Inn at 3:30PM Friday afternoon.

Registration and Social Hour (no alcoholic beverages) will be held at the Emma Willard School at 6 PM on Friday, July 27. An

excellent dinner will be served at 7 o'clock, and immediately following dinner our speaker will be Trudy E. Hall, Head of the School, or Trudy J. Hammer, Associate Head.

On Saturday we meet again at the School, starting with a Continental breakfast and Registration at 9AM. Our annual meeting will begin at 9:45 and conclude with a speaker. At noon the School will provide a delicious buffet and at 1:30 we are going to enjoy a guided tour of the School. ☺



Emma Willard School (formerly Troy Female Seminary) in 1902.

Missing Life Members

Please send a note or e-mail to Editor Marjorie Travis if you can help us locate any of these life members whose newsletters have been returned by the Post Office as unknown.

Life #	Name	Last Address
#50	Carol M. Pike	Stowe, Vermont
#97	Roy H. Willard	Ruston, Louisiana
#106	Mrs. Alfred Maguire	Scituate, Massachusetts
#207	Elaine F. Swenson	Woodside, California
#237	Robert J. Cooper	Newport Beach, California
#277	Edward R. Willard	Frederick, Maryland
#381	Joylene A. Dekanich	Orono, Maine
#404	Philip W. Walker	Jamestown, New York
#412	Anthony A. Keyes	Brookside, New Jersey
#440	Marjorie Dale Miller	Durham, North Carolina
#446	Judith Ann H. Brooke	Waitsfield, Vermont
#476	James M. Willard Materne	Clovis, California
#502	Willard J. Overstreet	Glendale, California

Coming Events at the Willard House and Clock Museum

34th Annual Antique Show on Grafton Common, Saturday, June 9, 2001 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The historic village green is the setting for over 60 antique dealers from all

over New England. This event supports Willard House and the Grafton Historical Society. Admission is \$4.50

Willard House and Clock Museum 30th Anniversary Party, Sunday, June 24, 2001 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of music and refreshments as we celebrate

the museum's 30th anniversary. Visit with Simon and Mary Willard as they reminisce about life in the 19th century. Conservator David Gow will conduct a period clockmaking demonstration. Admission is free. Telephone (508) 839-3500 for more information about these events. ☺

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To join WFA send dues to Treasurer Jeremy Smith. Annual dues from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 are \$10. You may be a patron for \$20, or become a Life Member for a one-time payment of \$100. (see his address with the board members at right)

Nominations for WFA Board

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following officers to serve a two year term.

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We also welcome nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting. ☺

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Would you like to follow the Corps of Discovery during this decade of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, 2000-2010? The annual meeting of the Foundation in 2001 will be in Pierre, South Dakota, August 5 through August 8. Write to the Foundation at P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, Montana 59403 or find them on the web at www.lewisandclark.org

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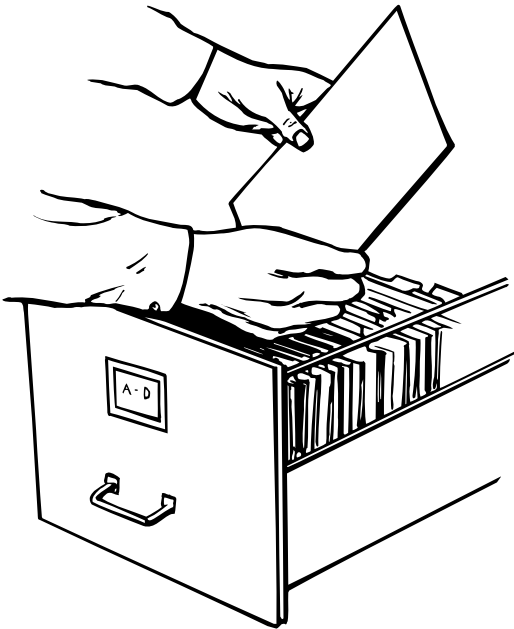
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From The Files Of The Historian...

Submitted by Mildred Hastings Feher to Ruth Willard



Letter written by Lizzie Willard, telling of her teaching experience in Michigan, 1890. (Lizzie Irene Willard was daughter of David^B Willard, #1237 in Henry² book.)

The school consisted of 20 scholars of mixed blood. There were Dutch-English, Scotch-Irish, German, and Pennsylvania Dutch. One family was so thoroughly americanized that they named two of their hopefuls Arizona and Montana, respectively.

The teacher was supposed to board a week in each home, and then repeat the process if the places didn't hold out.

One place I remember in particular. It was a house of two rooms, one on the ground floor, and the other up a rickety flight of stairs. In this abode there dwelt the father, mother, and six children.

It was in warm weather and the cook went about house bare footed, and flavored many of her dishes with onions, to the utter distaste of the N.H. school ma'am! The only chance for the teacher, or any of the family, to perform ab-

lutions was to go outdoors where a stick was driven into the ground and a board tacked to it horizontally. On this a tin washbasin was placed.

The first morning we had a shower, which came into the house so freely that, while it came in at the door on one side of the house, it could be swept out on the other.

In the sleeping compartment the only partition consisted of portures made of white sheets. This was not a sample, but the hardest place in the district.

They were hospitable, warm-hearted people, and the best the house afforded was placed before the teacher and luxuries were saved for weeks for "The Teacher."

I remember one place. The people were Germans and the only one to whom I could talk was a 7 years old girl. The Ger-

mans have a style of cooking of their own and it differs very materially from our Yankee way. We had fried potatoes for breakfast, boiled potatoes for noon and potato soup for supper.

I taught 16 weeks, and learned more human nature than I could learn in two years in this state.

The wages were \$2.50 per week. I suppose the board expected us to get satisfaction in "Boarding Round."

I never shall forget some of my experiences, but I think I do not care to try it again. If I had time I could speak of the S.S. (Sunday School) held in the school house every Sunday, where the 17-year old schoolteacher was looked upon as authority by those more than three times her age.

I must speak of the event after the close of school, when the farmers hitched up their fine horses and the young men trimmed the great farm wagons with evergreen boughs, and we all, directors, teachers, parents and pupils had a grand picnic at Duck Lake 10 miles away. It was a happy day for all after the cares and the work of the summer. ☺

BRIEF WFA NOTES

Treasurer Jeremy Smith notes that WFA members who are in arrears for three years will be dropped from the membership. Don't let this happen to you or this will be your last newsletter.

Recording Secretary Lois Cooley reports that progress is being made on the Willard cover-let. Look for details in the next newsletter.

Director Alan Spooner suggests that if you are looking for a special family gift, you might consider the silk-screened Coat of Arms, a set of crested stationery or the Henry² Genealogy, if that is your family branch. Any one of these items may spark the interest of our Willard heritage.

Deborah White of Newport, Maine invites descendants of Wilhemina Hartman Willard to reunion July 21 and 22 in the greater Portland area. Contact Deborah at KRYMAR@prodigy.net.

Life Member #92, Matthew Willard Lampe II was installed as Tenth Headmaster of The Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, MA last year.

Interesting Websites

Willard Family Website: www.discover.net/~rwillard/wfa.html

Emma Willard School: www.emma.troy.ny.us

Genealogy Forum on the Willard surname: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/willard>

Willard House and Clock Museum: <http://www.nacc.org/museum/willard/willard.htm>

Willard Chapel, Auburn NY: <http://ci.auburn.ny.us/willardchapel>

Price List For Available Willard Articles

(Prices subject to change)

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Shipping</u>
The Henry ² Book (This is the book which is only of Henry ² descendants.)	\$50.00	\$4.00
Willard crested stationery 25 crested sheets, 25 plain & 25 envelopes	\$3.50	\$2.00
Willard silk-screened Coat-of-Arms 11" x 14" suitable for framing	\$12.00	\$2.75

Please make checks payable to: **The Willard Family Assoc. of America, Inc.** & mail to
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Western Willard Reunion in California in Carson (a southern suburb of Los Angeles)

October 5-7, 2001



Our two primary venues will be the campus of California State University Dominguez Hills, and the Rancho Dominguez Museum. We are celebrating the life of Charles F. Willard, Pioneer Pilot and Aviation Engineer. We will hear stories and see pictures of Charlie and the Great 1910 Airmeet from historians and his 80s-year-old friend, Father Pat, of the Dominguez Seminary who is also curator of the Rancho Dominguez Museum. At the Rancho Dominguez Museum we'll see many artifacts from the meet as well as memorabilia of Charlie's career. We'll visit the site of the great 1910 Airmeet, where Charlie won a gold medal.

Final details are not yet completed, but it looks like our Friday evening meal will cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$20-\$25, our breakfasts are included in



<http://www.aerofiles.com/dominguez.html>

the motel rate, and Saturday's noon buffet will run about \$15. As is done at the annual national reunion, we will meet informally somewhere for a dutch-treat supper Saturday night. Sunday is being left open for personal sight-seeing in this mecca of sight-seeing. Watch the sub-section of the WFA website for further details:

<http://www.discover.net/~rwillard/western.html>

We'll know the rental hall fee by mid-August and will be able to pre-register then. Call in your motel reservations as soon as possible. This is the only hotel/motel close to the university and it fills up early. Hampton's 800 number can't give the discount.

Western Reunion Motel HDQTRS

Hampton Inn
 767 Albertoni St
 Carson, CA 90746
 phone (310) 768-8833
 or fax (310) 768-2022

Mention "Willard Family Reunion"
 for rate of \$62 (1-2 persons), \$64 (3-4 persons)
 and \$10 for each roll away, per night.
 Tax not included.

LIFE OF EMMA HART WILLARD



The 15th child of Captain Samuel Hart and Lydia Hinsdale, Emma was born in Berlin, Connecticut in 1787. An eager learner, encouraged by her father, she studied independently beyond the standards for girls of that time. After teaching at “girls academies,” she became director of a girl’s academy in Middlebury, Vermont.

In 1809 Emma married a widower with several children, Dr. John⁶ Willard.* With her husband’s support, she opened her first school for women in their home in 1814. Convinced of the need to expand the intellectual possibilities for women, Emma formulated “A Plan for Improving Female Education,” envi-

* #298 in Josiah² line, see pg 172 in the 1915 *Willard Genealogy* (has the larger article) or pg 28 in the 1972 *Josiah-2 update*.

sioning a publicly endowed seminary for women. The plan was widely circulated, and in 1818 Governor Clinton of New York State was supportive of it, but the state legislature refused to pass the needed funding. After numerous setbacks, and finally funded by the Troy Common Council, the Troy Female Seminary opened in September, 1821, with an enrollment of 90 girls.

The school thrived, and biographer John Lord wrote of Emma Willard, “She demonstrated, and was one of the first to demonstrate, that there are no subjects which young men can grasp which cannot equally be mastered by young ladies.” As time went by, Emma focused on the “teaching of teaching” to girls who wanted to expand the teaching of women.

Dr. Willard died in 1825. Emma married Dr. Christopher Yates in 1839, but divorced him after a brief and unhappy marriage. She retired to Troy and took up her writing again.

Emma died in 1870, and in 1895 the Seminary changed its name to Emma Willard School.

Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage, an 1847 graduate of the Troy Female Seminary, gave a major gift to the school, and in 1910 the Emma Willard School moved to its current location on Mt. Ida. As one of the nation’s leading college-preparatory boarding and day schools for young women, Emma Willard’s name and legacy endure. ☺

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Willard Memoir, or life and times of Major Simon Willard, with notices of three generations of his descendants and two collateral branches in the U.S., by J. Willard, published in 1858.

List price	\$72.75
WFA price	\$51.50

Willard Genealogy, Sequel to Willard Memoir edited and completed by Charles Henry Pope. 1915.

List price	\$93.50
WFA price	\$64.00

Mass. residents add 5% sales tax. S&H for one book: \$5; shipping and handling for both books: \$7.50

REUNION 2001 — JULY 27 and 28 TROY, NEW YORK

Headquarters: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

Route 4 and I-90, (& Empire Drive) East Greenbush, NY 12061. Tel: (518) 286-1011. Fax: (518) 286-3952. When making reservations be sure to request an Emma Willard School-Willard Family Association room at \$93.24 or a suite at \$109.89. These rates include all taxes and special discounts. Get your reservation NOW. Rooms are only held for the Willard Family at these special rates until Friday, July 13, 2001.

Friday, July 27 Holiday Inn Express
 3:00 PM Check-In 3:30 PM Board Meeting

Friday, July 27 Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave, Troy, NY. Tel. (518) 833-1300
 6:00 PM Registration and Social Hour
 7:00 PM Dinner and Speaker

Saturday, July 28 Emma Willard School
 9:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
 9:45 AM Annual Meeting
 11:45 AM Speaker
 12:15 PM Buffet Luncheon
 1:30 PM Guided tour of the Emma Willard School campus

The Emma Willard School is only a 10-minute drive from the Holiday Inn Express.

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Please complete form and return with payment by Friday, July 13, 2001

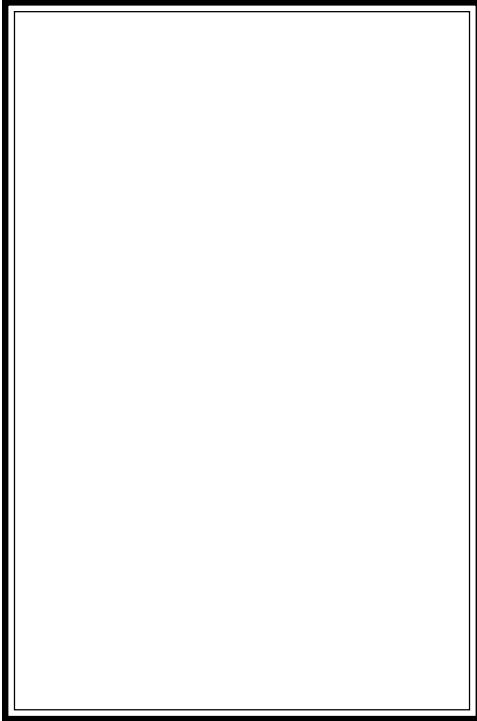
Friday, July 27 — Dinner at the Emma Willard School	<i>How many?</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grilled Filet Mignon	\$19.00 _____	_____
Poached Salmon	\$19.00 _____	_____
Chicken Florentine	\$19.00 _____	_____
Saturday, July 28 (see note*)	\$24.00 _____	_____
TOTALS # _____		\$ _____

**This amount is for the continental breakfast, registration, the noon buffet, a guided tour of the Emma Willard School and the use of several rooms at the school.*

Interested in Saturday night dinner at a local restaurant? How many? # _____

Please make check payable to **The Willard Family Association of America, Inc.**
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(Note: Is your current address the same as the label on the other side of this form?)

**Directions to Emma Willard School** (518-833-1300)

www.emma.troy.ny.us

From the East: Mass Pike (I-90) into New York State. Continue on I-90 (using exit B-1) to exit 9, right onto Rte 4 (**Location of the WFA headquarters Holiday Inn Express**). Continue 3.5 miles then turn right onto Winter Street Ext. Travel 2.6 miles then turn left onto Pawling Ave (Rte 66). Emma Willard is ahead 8/10 mile on the right. On campus parking is to the right of this entrance. Signs to WFA location will be posted.

From New York City: Exit 23 off NY Thruway to I-787 northbound to Rte 7 east then see below.

From Western NY: NY Thruway to Exit 24. Continue on I-90 to I-787 N to Rte 7 east then see below.

From the North: Northway I-87 south to Exit 7, Rte 7 east to Troy then see below.

From Route 7 East - from all NY points: From the Collar City Bridge heading east, follow Rte 7 (Hoosick St.) to 4th traffic light. Right onto 15th St to end. Left onto Rte 2, then right onto Rte. 66 (Pawling Ave) at second light. Emma Willard is one mile ahead on left. On campus parking is to the right of this entrance. Signs to WFA location will be posted.

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