

The Final Restoration Project

By Walt Lane

Two hundred years ago the Nellis family made the decision to build an addition at the east end of the homestead. You know it as the stencil room on the first floor and the family bedroom on the second floor (also stenciled).

Just off the bedroom is a much smaller room which may have served as a nursery for the youngest children. It has its own special pattern of stencils.

As the PSS trustees renovated and refurbished the rest of the building room by room over the past 40 years, this little room was left mostly untouched. The walls were included in the preparation for the stencil project, and the stencils were redone about 8 years ago. But it was still a bit sad looking.

Well, our good friend and general contractor came to the rescue. In the fall of 2023, Peter Elwood volunteered (at no charge) to repair the molding around the two windows and the door frame, and to rebuild the replacement door which had never fit properly. The original door had been removed "for safe keeping" years ago. He did the work in his spare time during the winter of 2024 and finished at the Tavern in the spring. Then his wife, Linda, volunteered to paint the woodwork and ceiling. The job was done in time for the 2024 Annual Rhubarb Festival. Although the floor remains to be painted the room is beautiful now and is furnished appropriately with items to be used by younger children.



Dues Are Due

It is once again time to renew your membership, if you are not a Lifetime Member. Look at your address label on the outside of this Newsletter to see the date of your last membership application.

Example:

Jane Doe 24 (2024, or earlier, time to renew)
or

John Doe L (Lifetime)

Jim Smith PR (Public Relations)

Our Membership year is January 1 through December 31.

PALATINE SETTLEMENT SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

For those interested in restoring the 1747 Nellis Tavern and preserving local history!

() Pioneer – Individual membership

- participate in events
- share in decision-making
- receive newsletter

Annual dues \$20

() Apprentice – Student membership

Annual dues \$5

() Homesteaders – Family membership

- participate in events
- share in decision-making
- receive newsletter

Annual dues \$35

() Mercantile – Professional or Business

- participate in events
- share in decision-making
- receive newsletter
- public acknowledgement of support

Annual dues \$50

() Hearth Keeper – Individual membership making a considerable donation to the Tavern

- participate in events
- share in decision-making
- receive newsletter
- public acknowledgement of your financial support in newsletter

Annual donation \$250

() Founding Father/Mother – Contributor of a substantial donation to the tavern, which can be directed to a specific restoration project

- participate in events
- share in decision-making
- receive newsletter
- public acknowledgement of your financial support in newsletter

Annual donation \$1,000

Complete this whole page and MAIL with your check to:

Palatine Settlement Society, PO Box 183, St. Johnsville, NY 13452

Date: _____ Our membership year is January 1 through December 31.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

** The Nellis Tavern needs individuals, couples and families who are willing to help prepare for and staff tavern events, assist with maintenance and chores, distribute flyers and assist the Board of Trustees in completing the mission of the Palatine Settlement Society. If you can offer a few hours of your time, please **check all** that may interest you:*

___ Bake pies for Rhubarb Festival

___ Spring Building clean-up

___ Gardening (weeding, watering, etc.)

___ Fall Building closing

___ Historical research

___ Help at fundraiser event

___ Spring Grounds clean up

___ Scraping and/or painting

___ Contribute to newsletter

___ Other: _____

Donation: \$ _____ **Membership:** \$ _____ **Total enclosed:** \$ _____

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