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Jane Schryver - 2019 Inductee



Jane Schryver, born Jane Mader, is a lifelong resident of Dansville and a 1954 DHS graduate. She is a fountain of knowledge on the history of Dansville and the surrounding towns and graciously shares this information to promote an appreciation of local history.

Her fascination with old and interesting artifacts manifested itself into her passion for collecting picture postcards which include many old photos of Dansville. Today she owns what must surely be the largest private collection of Dansville related materials preserved for community members and organizations. In a 2002 collaboration with Paul Hoffman she began offering presentations relating to the history of Dansville and other locations in Livingston and Steuben Counties. She has created over 30 programs about the Blum Shoe Factory, The Castle on

the Hill, Stony Brook Park and other historical subjects.

Jane's most significant contribution to Dansville is the restoration of its original cemetery which over the years has been known under many names such as Union Park, Normal Park and Instructor Park. In 2012 it was officially re-designated as Pioneer Park. Jane's goal was not just to improve its appearance but to restore its largely forgotten legacy as Dansville's original cemetery. Many others were involved in the undertaking and Jane was the driving force. It was "her baby," and she relentlessly pushed the project around and through the obstacles that could have delayed or even derailed it. As a result we now have a large and handsomely crafted stone monument resting in the center of the park surrounded by sidewalks, lights, benches and a historical marker.

Jane has been involved with many local organizations most significantly the Dansville Area Historical Society where she has spent countless hours diligently preserving glass slides, historical documents and newspaper articles. She was also one of the founders of the Wayland Potato Festival. She served as Secretary of the Wayland Business Association and President of the Western Steuben Allegany Board of Realtors. Noyes Hospital has also been an ongoing recipient of Jane's gracious benevolence.

The Dansville Community has been blessed to have Jane Schryver working so hard to help maintain, promote and preserve our history.