



June / July 2018

**THE SUMMER MONTHS ARE HERE AT LAST
AND SO ARE THESE HCHS EVENTS!**



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR BRAT SALE
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH!**

Rumor has it that William and Seneca Hale were known for grilling brats and hot dogs with all the fixings, usually on the “Triangle” back in the early days of the Village. They did not do it alone, and neither can we! We need your help to raise funds for HCHS by grilling and serving at the Hales Corners Pick ‘n Save on Saturday, June 16th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You don’t have to be there the whole time; volunteer for the morning or the afternoon, or stop by and order a sausage or two. Remember, we need eaters, too. **If you’d like to help, contact jbain@wi.rr.com.**



**Don’t miss this on August 1, 7 p.m.!
HISTORIC CEMETERIES OF HALES CORNERS**

Cemeteries are places that link the past to the present. Learn about the two cemeteries of Hales Corners and some of the Village’s earliest residents who now rest in these quiet spaces.

This program will feature presentations by **Sybil Grandeck**, Archivist, St. Mary Catholic Faith Community, and **Nancy Zaborowski**, Elder, Emanuel United Church of Christ.

An ice cream social will follow the program.

FREE for all HCHS members! For non-members, a donation of \$5 is suggested.



The Ben Hunt Cabin will be open on Saturday, June 2nd from 1 - 3 p.m. and again on July 4th from Noon - 3 p.m., along with the Seneca Hale Summer Kitchen.

HCHS is indebted once again to **Dave O’Brien**. Thanks to his engineering abilities, we now have the very sturdy portable sign shown at left.

COLUMNS NEWSLETTER: A NEW BENEFIT FOR HCHS MEMBERS

Several days ago, an email was sent to HCHS members with an attached PDF of the current issue of **Columns**. Published by the Wisconsin State Historical Society, this paperless newsletter is made available to HCHS as one of the Society's Wisconsin affiliates.

Each 16-page quarterly issue features a list of newly published historical books, Wisconsin sightseeing ideas, and a complete listing of Wisconsin Historical Society events.

We know that some of our members do not receive email. If you are among them and want to receive **Columns**, please contact **Al Strekow** at 414-529-2133.

Because **Columns** is an electronic file, he will have the newsletter printed on separate sheets of paper and will mail them to you.



FATHER JERRY PROFILED IN CATHOLIC HERALD



The April 26th edition of the *Catholic Herald* newspaper featured a full-page interview with **Fr. Jerome Hudziak**. Until recently, Fr. Jerry was HCHS Program Chairman, and has a long history in Hales Corners.

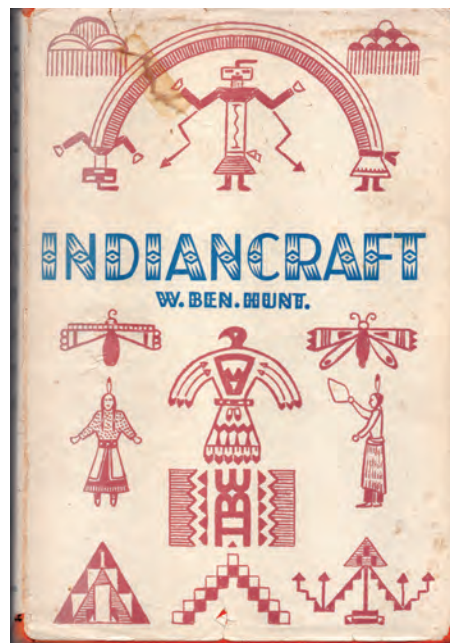
His father had a shoe repair store on Forest Home Avenue across the street from the current Hale House restaurant. Fr. Jerry has often commented that he first worked in the shoe store saving soles and a few heels. Later, he joined the priesthood and its soul-saving mission.

Ordained in 1964, Fr. Jerry has served as a Director at St. Francis de Sales Seminary, and as Pastor at St. Rita and St. Joseph parishes in the Milwaukee area. In 2005, he received the Vatican II Award for his service in the priesthood.


TWO MORE BEN HUNT BOOKS ADDED TO OUR COLLECTION

Indiandcraft was published by Ben Hunt in 1942, and its 124 pages feature Ben's illustrations of war bonnets, pack saddles, shields, masks, etc. Our Society already has several of these books, but just recently we were fortunate to receive two copies with their original dust jackets.

Janet and Jean Kunding discovered the one shown at right. The second was donated by **Ken and Kathy Stollenwork** and contains a dedication hand-written by Ben Hunt. Thank you, Janet, Jean, Ken, and Kathy!



FORTY-THREE YEARS, AND GOING STRONG!

The **TIMELINE** page at right provides a brief summary of the accomplishments of HCHS through the years.  Copies will be printed for promotional purposes, and a poster version will be on display at our June 16th Brat Sale.



Hales Corners Historical Society

Preserving Our Village's Heritage

1975

- Hales Corners Historical Society (HCHS) founded
- Oral History Program produced through taped interviews with long-time Hales Corners residents
- *Legends & Landmarks Walking Tour and Slide Program* developed

1976

- Certificate of Commendation awarded to HCHS by the Wisconsin State Historical Society

1981

- HCHS Plant Sale established as an annual fundraiser through 2013

1982

- Commemorative Signs first produced to designate historically significant properties throughout Hales Corners, with additional signs produced in 1991 and 2004



1984

- Milwaukee County Historical Landmark Status awarded to the Ben Hunt Cabin
- Convention of the Metropolitan Region of Council for Local History hosted by HCHS

1985

- Ben Hunt Cabin purchased by HCHS



1986

- Ben Hunt Cabin moved to the Library grounds and opened to the public
- History Award of Merit conferred on HCHS

1988

- *History of Hales Corners* published for the first time

1996

- Seneca Hale's Summer Kitchen moved to Cobb Park



1998

- HCHS Website introduced

2000

- *Our Moment in Time Photography Project* launched, documenting every property in Hales Corners

2003

- HCHS Christmas House Fundraiser first presented, featuring a collectible Christmas Ornament

2005

- Diorama of the Dreyfuss Hotel established on Forest Home Ave.



2007

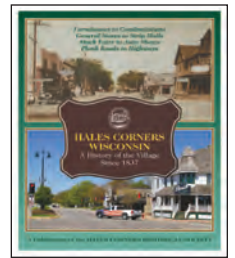
- Neighborhood Walking Tours Booklet published

2010

- *Our Moment in Time Photography Project* repeated

2012

- *W. Ben Hunt, From Whittlin' Jim to Lone Eagle* published



2015

- *History of Hales Corners* updated and published
- Ben Hunt Cabin showcased as a *Doors Open Milwaukee* site, attracting over 400 visitors in one weekend

2016

- Cabernet at the Cabin Fundraiser featured wines, dinner, live music and a presentation by local historian John Gurda

2018

- Hales Corners Historic Cable TV Tapes converted to DVDs

ONGOING

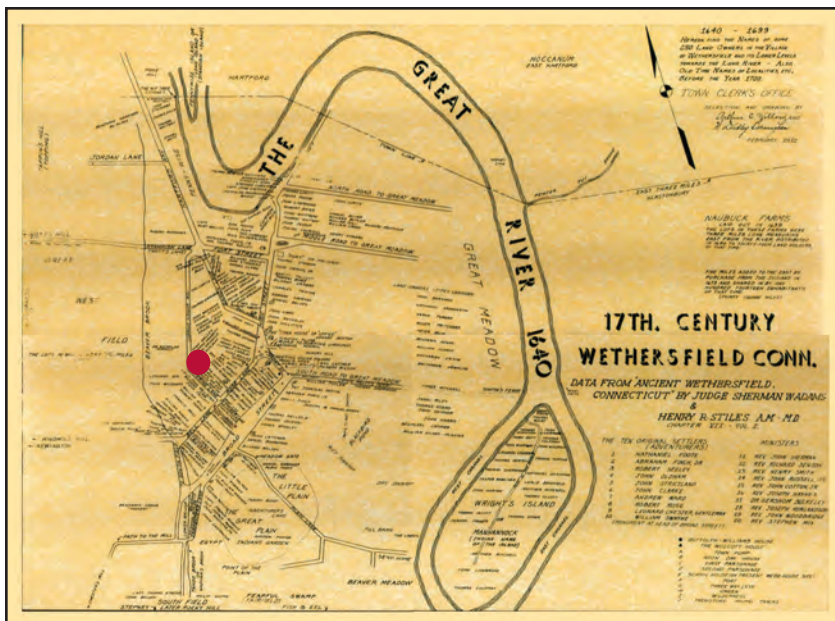
- Four Programs presented annually on Hales Corners and regional history
- Ben Hunt Cabin and Seneca Hale's Summer Kitchen maintained and opened FREE for the public to visit
- Annual Christmas Display Window on local history at the Hales Corners Library
- Hales Corners Historical Items collected and cataloged
- HCHS Newsletters published for HCHS members

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MAP DESIGNATES FIRST HOME OF OUR HALES FAMILY IN AMERICA

The map below was donated to our Society by **Frank Matusinec**, a long-time member of HCHS. Thanks, Frank! The red dot designates the home of Captain Samuel Hale, the great-great-great-great-grandfather of Village founders William and Seneca Hale.

Capt. Samuel Hale was born on July 1, 1615 in Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire, England. He traveled to New England about 1634, possibly with brother Thomas and sister Martha. They lived in Hartford County, Connecticut Colony in 1636. Samuel volunteered as a soldier during the Pequot (Indian) War of 1637, serving under Capt. John Mason.

He moved to Wethersfield, Hartford County in 1642. While there, he was appointed a Selectman in 1647 and one of the Proprietors of Norwalk in 1654. Samuel also served as Deputy from the Town to General Court of the State Legislature. He leased the estate of Governor Willis in 1660. Samuel Hale died on November 9, 1693 in Wethersfield, and was buried in Glastonbury, Connecticut.



SMILE! HCHS RECEIVES ITS FIRST DONATION FROM THIS GREAT NEW AMAZON PROGRAM

It was only \$5.00, but it's a start! Thank you to the HCHS member whose enrollment in the Amazon Smile program earned us some "free money"! Consider shopping for Father's Day (or for any other reason) at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), select the Hales Corners Historical Society as your charity of choice, and we will receive .05% of your purchase.

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TALES OF THE CORNERS

From the files of the *Tri-Town News and Hub*

80 YEARS AGO (1938)

Street signs are put up throughout Hales Corners.

70 YEARS AGO (1948)

Long distance telephone service from Hales Corners to Milwaukee is now available.

Emanuel Church merges to form the United Church of Christ.

60 YEARS AGO (1958)

Boys' and girls' swim suits are 98 cents and up at Drews. A 48 inch wading pool costs \$2.88.

The Hales Corners Village Board passes an ordinance to cut down all trees with Dutch Elm disease.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Plans move forward to open the new Hales Corners swimming pool this summer.

Ground is broken for the new Hales Corners municipal building.

The Hales Corners Woman's Club authorizes \$10,000 to furnish the civic room in the new Hales Corners municipal building.

Research by Katy Galewski