

## GARDEN HOME HISTORY PROJECT

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**SINCE OCTOBER...**we've been busy interviewing! Thank you to everyone who has shared their memories of Garden Home. We've learned a lot!

George Babbitt recalled how he had dug out a partial basement by hand in the Canfield house which meant he had to do so by starting to dig down from the crawl space under the building!



The Canfield house was first owned by the Methodist Church, which also owned several other properties in the area. According to an old map one was near the current Garden Home Park but not at the church site. The Canfield house was used by circuit riders that came through

to preach at the church in the teens and 1920s.

Carolyn Ernstrom Welch remembers Mrs. O'Dell the "Egg Lady" who would walk up Garden Home Road. Carolyn thought she was selling the eggs but doesn't know who bought them.

Carlo Poutala established the "Firlock Paint Company" in the garage behind his house.

And before it became known as the Partlow House, Olive Stott Gabriel, an early female lawyer and active feminist, lived in that house! Olive had no children and the house was left to her nephews.

We are still listening to stories that delight and enlighten us and look forward to sharing them with all of you.

**THE WEBSITE...** is live! Stan Houseman, a local realtor who lives in one of our Garden Home Rummer homes, is the chief architect of the site. Thank you for volunteering your expertise. Stan was a presenter at our February Workshop "Researching the History of Your Home or Street."

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*Gathering the stories of our Garden Home families*

Elaine has been forwarding the oral interviews and research to Stan to add to the site. The website has complete stories and photos. Visit us at: [www.gardenhomehistoryproject.weebly.com](http://www.gardenhomehistoryproject.weebly.com) Please send this on to family and friends who are interested in Garden Home. We hope they'll send us their memoirs.

**LOGO & BROCHURE...** See the railroad tracks and the old train station! Thanks to Teri Bertell, a local graphic artist, for designing our brochure, logos and letterheads. Thanks also to Colin Lamb for the printing. We have great people in our community.

**HISTORY BOARD...** We also have a bulletin board now in the Garden Home Recreation Center thanks to Chris Cole and her staff. The bulletin board is handy for displaying pictures and odds and ends of information that don't currently fit into a larger history of Garden Home. In April and May it featured Elizabeth Lambert Wood, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century writer who lived among us. This month we are highlighting some of the stories you can find on the new website.



### **OLD PHOTOGRAPHS...**

We continue to look for old photos of Garden Home. If you have photographs you are willing to share we will make copies and return the originals to you. We are also interested in such things as labels from produce canned at Whitney's cannery or labels off of cans of Firlock Paints. Perhaps you have pictures of Comella & Son & Daughter's Produce Market? Again we can make copies and return the originals to you. We need photos of the various businesses and graduating classes.

### **SET ASIDE JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>...**

The annual Garden Home Park Concert (off of Alden) is scheduled for that evening 6-8pm. We will have a display table there for you to visit while enjoying the music and old friends. We hope to have a walking map ready for you by them. See you there! Bring your lawn chair and snack.