

June 6, 2020

A message  
from the  
webmaster...

*Hello, Friends of Darrtown History!*

*This is the first website newsletter since last fall, when I learned that I needed to switch to a different website editing program.*

*It has taken nearly six months to convert 336 pages and over 2,400 images. In the process, improvements were made and new features were added. This newsletter summarizes the renovation. I hope you enjoy the changes.*

*Best regards,  
Fred*

The number **1** thing is... **THE DARRTOWN WEBSITE HAS MOVED...**

**FROM** [darrtown.com](http://darrtown.com) ... **TO** [darrtown.org](http://darrtown.org)



The GOOD NEWS IS ... *either address will work!*  
If you type in [darrtown.com](http://darrtown.com), your web browser will be automatically re-directed to the new [darrtown.org](http://darrtown.org) site.

*If you see any errors or broken links at the renovated website, please inform the Darrtown webmaster. Thank you!*

# Overview of new features & content...

**The Directory page has been revised and expanded** (most items on the Directory page link to the desired content page).

**A “Search” feature has been added** (this is a quick way to locate specific items; type in a word, name, etc. and see all the places where it appears on the website).

An **“extra info” icon** appears throughout the website to provide additional information.

**Slide shows and image viewers have been added**; many images increase in size, when clicked.

**More names** have been added to the military veterans section.

The **“Recollections” section has been expanded** (see three memory items recently received from Myrna Uhl Feyh, Rick Martin, and Charles Teckman).

The **Bicentennial Activities section has grown**, with the addition of new images.

The **Bicentennial “acknowledgment” section has expanded**, with the addition of more information about who did what for the historic event.

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## Speaking of new content...

**Recently found information**, from **L.A. Miller's 1929 diary** and the **Darrtown Family Tree** (at Ancestry.com), connects...

### THE PAST... to ... THE PRESENT

## The Civil War... to ...Don's Carry out



From Mr. L.A. Miller's 1929 diary:

*"Feb 4: ... Fr. Glardon, pension papers signed - Civil War veteran - over 80 years old."*

From the Darrtown Family Tree:

Census records in the Darrtown Family Tree reveal that "Fr." Glardon, was actually named Benjamin Franklin Glardon. He was born in 1847 and died in 1931. Depending on when he entered the Civil War (which ran from 1861-1865), Mr. Glardon would have been between the ages of 14-18, when he served.

Benjamin Franklin Glardon was the father of William Emerson Glardon (1882-1967), Harrison Lee Glardon (1883-1955), Ellis "Dugan" Glardon (1894-1967), and Ernest L. Glardon (1898-1975).

Ellis Glardon married Ethel Tuley. In the early 1950's, Ellis and Ethel Glardon bought the Wyckoff Grocery in Darrtown and operated it as Glardon's Grocery. Ellis and Ethel had a daughter named Dorothy.

Dorothy Glardon married Don Beckett, Sr. Their son, Donald Beckett, Jr., after graduating from Talawanda High School, took over Glardon's Grocery, on September 9, 1959, and renamed it Don's Carry Out. Don's son, Jeff Beckett, now owns and operates the Don's Carry-Out business.

So, the connection is complete... from Frank Glardon and the Civil War ... to Jeff Beckett and Don's Carry-Out ... in five generations!

*Funding sought for the Darrtown Family Tree annual fee*



Created in 2013, the Darrtown Family Tree is available to anyone who sends a request to the Darrtown webmaster.

The Darrtown Family Tree is hosted at Ancestry.com, which requires the payment of an annual fee.

Kim and Sally Johnson; Ron and Kathy Wiley; and Fred and Deborah Lindley paid for the first three years of membership.

The Darrtown Reunion Committee paid the membership fee for the past four years. Recently, the committee decided not to pay the 2020-2021 fee.

If you wish to support the Darrtown Family Tree by contributing toward the \$189 membership fee, please contact the webmaster.

## List of military veterans expanded...

As previously noted, more names have been added to the list of known military veterans from Darrtown and vicinity. Click to see the [names added](#).

*If you know of a veteran from Darrtown and vicinity who has not received a commemorative medallion, please contact the Darrtown webmaster. Our supply of medallions is limited; however, a sincere effort will be made to deliver one to each deserving person.*

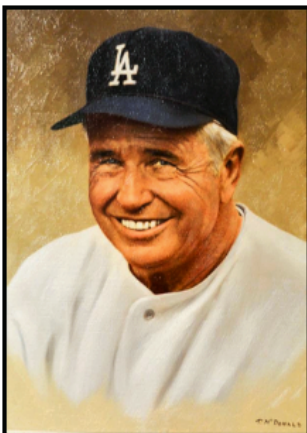


The Recollections page on the website has **three new entries**.

**Myrna (Uhl) Feyh, Rick Martin, and Charles Teckman** recently contributed some of their memories.

To see their thoughts, visit the [Recollections page](#).

To share your recollections of Darrtown, please contact the Darrtown webmaster.



### ANOTHER TRIBUTE TO "SMOKEY" DISCOVERED

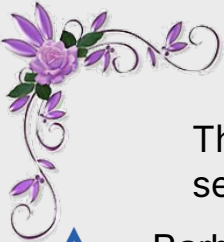
Internet browsing has revealed a 1976 New York Times column, written by renown sports columnist Red Smith, that was a salute to Darrtown's Walter "Smokey" Alston upon the announcement of Alston's retirement, as the manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Once the story opens, at the following link, scroll to the Smith article. See: [Alston's retirement acknowledged by Red Smith](#)

### WOLF FAMILY HISTORY EXPANDED

Information about the Wolf family of Darrtown has been enriched by combining a question (Jan Jewell), a personal memory (Charles Teckman), and some genealogical research (Kim Johnson). Read the back-story and see the new info at the following link (after the page opens, scroll to the Wolf section). See: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-r-z/index.html>

To share info about your branch of the Darrtown Family Tree, please contact the webmaster.



The following obituaries were added to the "Individuals" section of the website.



Barbour, Ben - see: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-a-c/index.html>



Bufler, Roger - see: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-a-c/index.html>



Derickson, Eugene - see: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-d-g/index.html>



Gardon, Benjamin Franklin "Frank" - see: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-d-g/index.html>



McCall, Kelly - see: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-m-q/index.html>



**Pater, Patricia Ann** - see: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-m-q/index.html>



**Russell, Kenneth Leland** - see: <http://darrtown.org/people/individuals/individuals-r-z/index.html>



To suggest the addition of other obituaries, please contact the webmaster.



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