

# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I'm currently working on my family genealogy and ran across a reference to [Channel Master Corp.].

A great-uncle of mine, Abe Ennis, emigrated to this country from Russia in 1911-1912. In an application for a social security account number he filled out in January 1953, he lists *Channel Master Corp.* in Ellenville as his employer. Would you have any idea if that company is still in business or, if not, exactly what type of business it was and where it was located?

I'm trying to get a fuller picture of this individual's life and would appreciate any input you can provide. Thank you very much.

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*We can certainly confirm that Channel Master, founded in 1948 to make TV antennas, is no longer operating in Ellenville, having been bought by Avnet and moved headquarters to Smithfield, North Carolina, and more recently bought by Questor Partners in 1997. Satellite dishes and microwave antennas make up the bulk of more recent sales.*

*Perhaps one or more of our readers may recall Mr. Ennis and any information can be sent directly to the email address listed above, or through Wawarsing.Net*



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To the Editor:

I'm so happy that the Bicentennial will be commemorated and will be a six-month event just like 1955.

I've been in NYS civil service employment for 34 years and plan to retire from the pension system in two months and consequently will have some more free time on my hands. I would like to participate in the event(s) even though I am not officially a resident of Ellenville or the Town of Wawarsing. As I had mentioned on my past email, I have lived in Ellenville all through my childhood and adolescence (1941 through 1959 – when I went away to college).

My dad, Dr. Anthony Ruggiero, was a physician, but on the side enjoyed taking photographs with his 35mm film slide camera. In fact, around 1966, just before he got incapacitated with a stroke, he was the official Village photographer as well as the *EHS* physician.

Attached is one of many slides that Dad took on that blistering day, July 16, 1955 when the Sesquicentennial parade came up to our home and terminated. Just thought you would enjoy it.

I've got lots more that I would be happy to burn on a CD for you or any interested members of the *Bicentennial Committee*.

This slide depicts the defunct (in 1961) *Clayton's Marching Band*, which I joined in 1956, the year after the Sesquicentennial and participated in many of their fireman's parades in various nearby communities (Otisville, Middletown, Chester to name a few). The head person with the baton is Tommy Schmeizer, a life-long Ellenville resident.

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To the Editor:

Effective, Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> the law firm of *Berger & Friedman* merged with the law offices of *Kaiser, Murray & Collier*.

The name of the new firm is *Collier & Berger, PLLC*. and relocated offices to **130 South Main Street** on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

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