

A new voice
for
St James Episcopal
Church
Hammondsport, New York

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An accident waiting to happen...



**A steamboat and a
bell...**

TO THE GLORY OF GOD,
AND IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM L. HALSEY.
1895.



**The original Tolling
Hammer, complete with
1895 horsehair pillow...**



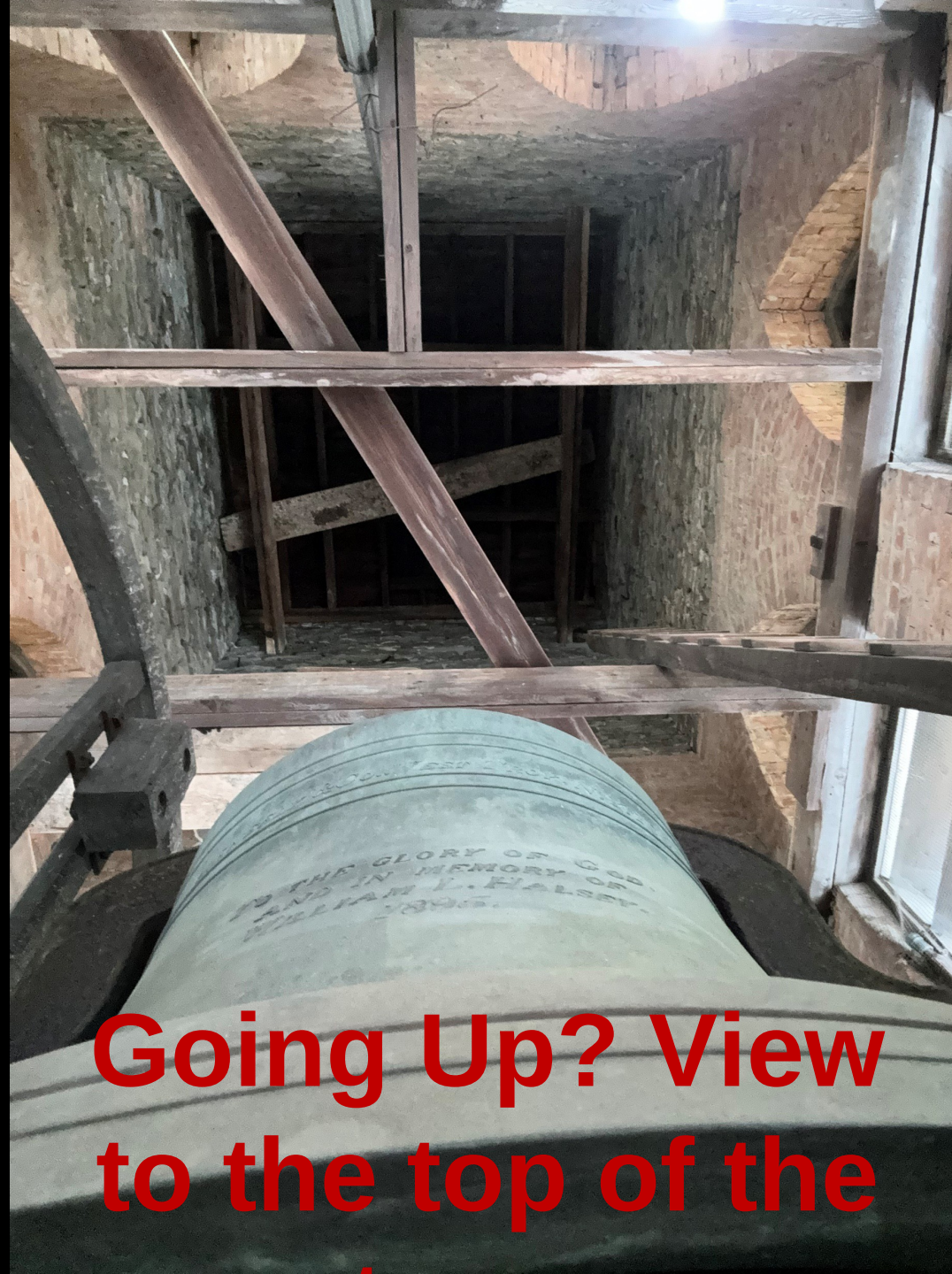
**And that's holding 2000
lbs of bronze over our**



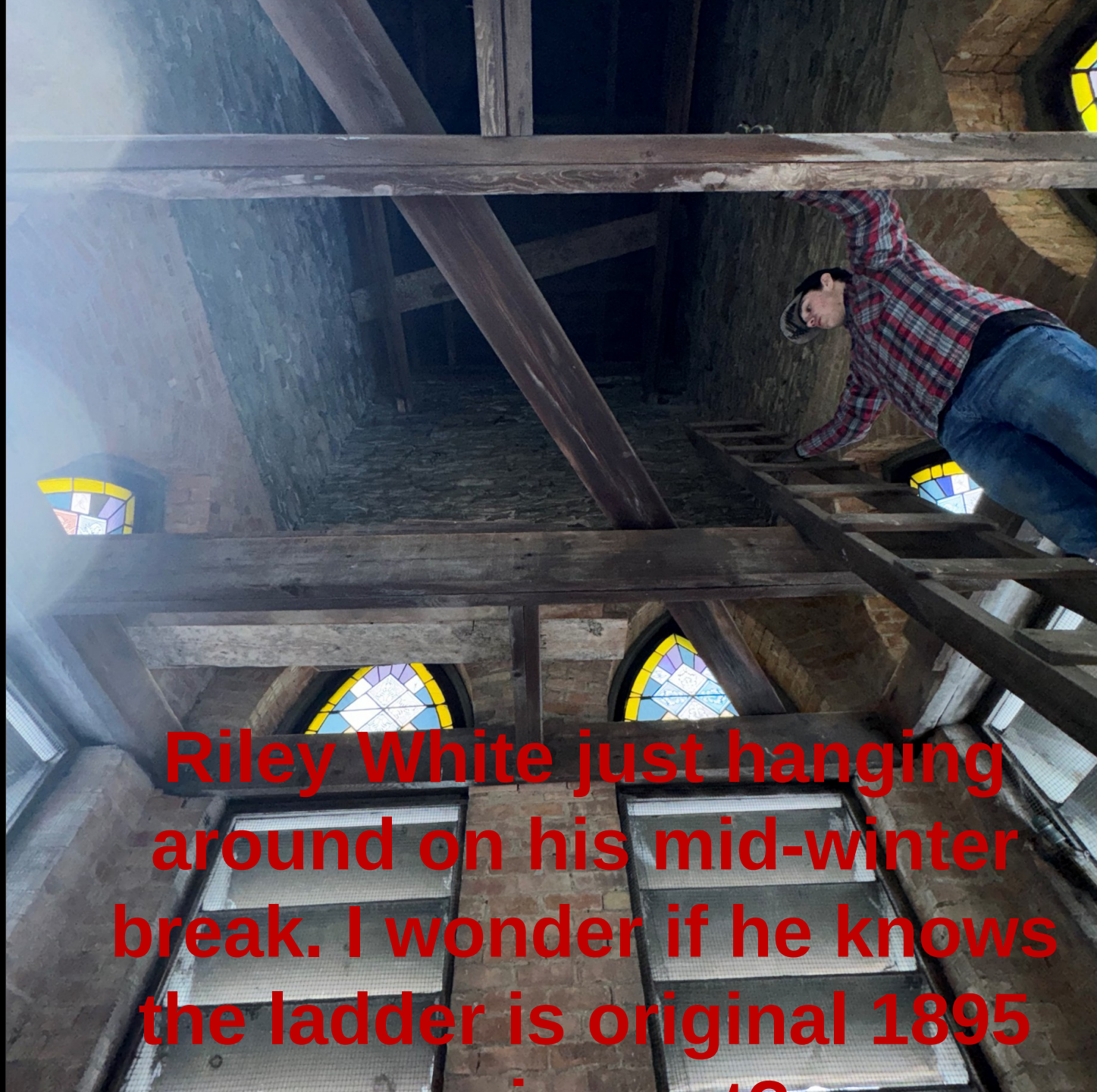
**129 years of
corrosion:**



**Original A-frame
and "bearing"**



**Going Up? View
to the top of the**



**Riley White just hanging
around on his mid-winter
break. I wonder if he knows
the ladder is original 1895**



First step: hoist up the bell and block...



All blocked up and nowhere to go: preparing to remove the original yoke



**And off comes the
yoke...**



**It's all about having
the right tools...**

**Hard to believe this little
clapper can make so much
noise!**





Almost



Under 2" of gunk we even found a floor drain. *Mirabile dictu!*



**Our new electric
tolling hammer**



The tolling hammer: for funerals and clock striking



**New A-frame
with real
bearing!**



**New 1 1/2" crown
bolt**



Old Bell, new yoke...



The electronics to run
the new tolling hammer.
Not original 1895
parts...

And even the
FLOOR is clean!





Done!

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