

LEICESTER TOWN & VILLAGE HISTORIAN

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

2022 Summary:

This year has been another busy year with opportunities to enhance Leicester history. In 2021 I submitted grant applications to the Pomeroy Foundation Transportation Marker Program for Moscow Landing and Cuylerville. I spent countless hours researching to meet their requirements. This year I was awarded two grants totaling \$2,800.00 for two Historic Markers for Moscow Landing and Cuylerville. On November 5th a Dedication Ceremony was held in Cuylerville.

In October 2021 I was contacted by Professor Michael Orberg from the SUNY Geneseo Center for Local and Municipal History concerning a Grant program to provide a student intern and there would not be any cost to the Town. I requested an intern to help create a photographic inventory of the Town of Leicester photographs. The internships would start in the Spring of 2022 and the student would work for 150 hours on a project. I applied for an intern and was assigned William Allen a third year Honors history major. From January to May we met at least three days a week. I selected twelve categories, and the photographs were scanned, assigned a number, and a data sheet was created for each photograph. A database of nearly 1,000 photographs was created.

I wrote an article "Oh the Traffic" for the Village Newsletter.

Jack Christiano's Eagle Scout project enhanced Boyd Parker Park by providing benches, re-setting the walkway at the Torture Tree and landscaping.

Some of the ongoing projects are to consolidate the Town Obituary files and, to continue to restructure the Historian files. The new filing cabinet is certainly appreciated.

Requests for information as well as donations to the Historical files continue.

Educational – Conferences:

- DPSNY Webinar Photographs in the Archives - digitizing your photographic collections.

Events – Programs:

As the Leicester Historian I continue to be involved in history-related activities to ensure that our history is recognized as an important contribution to Livingston County heritage. I have attended the following events.

- Docent at the Livingston County Historical Museum.
- Served on the Leicester Mural Committee.
- Attended the Boy Scout Eagle Ceremony for Jack Christiano.
- Attended the Dedication of the Leicester Mural.
- Attended Memorial Day Ceremonies.
- Attended a Native American Storyteller Program at the Geneseo Library.

Research – Projects:

On a weekly basis advertisements, events, obituaries, real estate notices, and articles concerning Leicester are collected from on-line, newspapers, and other sources and are added to the history

files.

- Research on-line
- History of early residents and Native American History
- Continue to consolidate and improve historical records
- Photograph current changes in Leicester such as, buildings, businesses and signs
- Consolidate the obituary records and create a user-friendly data base
- Organization and consolidation of the Leicester and Cuylerville Departments records.

Correspondence:

Requests for information on Leicester History by telephone, mail, internet, and “on the streets” are constant. I have met with genealogists and researchers. The requests have included:

- Congregational Church in Cuylerville
- Goodell & Boies Families
- John Collar Family
- Slocum Family
- Bush Road house owned by Eric Butler
- Teeple Family
- Emery Whitefield Allen
- Dale Family
- William Gould Family
- Miller Family
- Chadwick Family
- Sterling Salt Mine
- Starr Park History

Donations and Acquisitions:

- Photographs - Jim Shaugnessy
- World War 2 photographs of Richard Roffe - Mark Roffe
- Community Dairy cottage cheese stamp - Honeyoe Falls Historic Society
- American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book (1917) - Norman Patrick
- Monroe and Livingston County Book (1917)
- Biographical Review of Leading Citizens of Livingston and Wyoming County NY (1898)

Future Goals:

Records management is a high priority. The older Historic Marker signs are badly in need of refurbishing, and I hope to have them restored in 2023. There are many topics I would like to write papers about. I have discovered to my surprise that people are unaware of Leicester history such as the existence of the Sterling Mine, Horatio Jones, Mary Jemison's life in Leicester.

Respectfully Submitted,

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