

Marybeth Majestic  
Town of Gardiner Supervisor  
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Re: Historian's Annual Report

Dear Supervisor Majestic,

As the Town of Gardiner's Appointing Officer, please accept the following report of my activities for January 2017-December 2017. In following with regulations set forth by the New York State Department of Education, this report will be filed with the New York State Museum's Division of Historical and Anthropological Services.

Throughout 2017, the following areas of focus:

- Continued writing for the Gardiner Gazette with an historian's corner.
- Continued documenting the burial grounds and notable persons buried in Gardiner.
- Published articles about Gardiner in various publications (*Times Herald Record*, *New York History Blog*, and *Ulster County Magazine*)
- Created the Facebook Page for the Town of Gardiner Historian.
- Photographed and interpreted the Philip Hasbrouck ciphering book and account ledger (HHS)
- Conducted research on history of Gardiner/New Paltz area
- Consulting Historian for Historic Huguenot Street
- Awarded a certificate of merit from the county historian and County Executive Hein.
- Responded to several requests from people looking for genealogical information. The majority of these requests involved locating specific cemeteries and searching for family names.
- Secured Women of Note for March 2018.
- Spoke before the New Paltz Historical Society
- Continued advisory role with Historic Huguenot Street (HHS)
- Continued successful Facebook Page, Ulster County Heritage and History

In 2018 pending my appointment to the position of Town Historian, I would like to focus on the following items:

- Continue promoting the town's history via social media and local newspapers.
- Place some of Philip Hasbrouck's documents online.
- Continue to aid with research for residents and authors.
- Design a series of history talks that would be open to the public.
- WAMC Northeast Public radio recorded Jan. 13, 2018.
- Continue an inventory of local burial grounds.
- Women of Note exhibit at the Gardiner Library.
- Conversations with Bill Ford on his radio show.

Sincerely,

AJ Schenkman

Historian, Town of Gardiner, NY