

Marybeth Majestic
Town of Gardiner Supervisor
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Gardiner, New York 12525

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 2019-January 1, 2020. 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 2019, the following areas of focus:

- Continued documenting the burial grounds and notable persons buried in Gardiner.
- Maintained the Facebook Page for the Town of Gardiner Historian.
- Completed the Philip Hasbrouck ciphering book and account ledger (HHS) shared with New Paltz Town Historian
- Conducted research on history of Gardiner/New Paltz area
- Responded to requests from people looking for genealogical information. The majority of these requests involved locating specific cemeteries and searching for family names. (Schoonmaker, Jenkinstown, NYSP, William Monroe, Old Guilford Church)
- Continued successful Facebook Page, Ulster County Heritage and History
- Assisted EEC with research

In 2020 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.
- Continue to aid with research for residents and authors.
- Design a series of history talks that would be open to the public with Leroy Carlson(rolling over from last year)
- 2020 release of book on the American Revolution with Rowman and Littlefield Publishers
- Royalties to be donated to People's Place in Kingston, NY
- Continue an inventory of local burial grounds.
- Work with Gardiner Library to sort late town historian's newspaper clippings (advised by me to get rid of them because all the major papers are digitized)
- Major book tour in 2020 to promote book
- 2021 release on the Civil War with Rowman and Littlefield

Sincerely,

AJ Schenkman

Historian, Town of Gardiner, NY