

Newsletter from the Office of the Wayne County NY Historian

Historian's Newsletter – December 2012

It has only been about 6 weeks since we met in Butler Center but for me it seems like eons ago. Since October 3rd the following has happened:

- Speaker at the Ontario County Genealogical Society at the Ontario County Historical Society
- Attended a GIS – Google Earth Workshop at Pal-Mac High School
- Participated in a Libraries as Publishers Workshop at the RRLC (Rochester Regional Library Council) facility in Fairport
- Had a very successful 2nd meeting of the Wayne County New York Genealogy Society (WCNYGS)...it is now an official entity
- Portrayed a historical character in W-PHS's Annual Cemetery Tour...very successful event, even in the pouring rain. About 90 participants over the two nights.
- 1816 Quaker Meeting House & Museum Board Meeting in Farmington. As you may recall, I sit on this Board and support the restoration of the meeting house there because so many Wayne County abolition and women's suffrage leaders were members there.
- Participated in two Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) Board conference calls. An APHNYS newsletter will be coming your way soon. I will report that the Board decided not to renew the administrative contract with Capital Hill Management. It was costing APHNYS too much money; our finances could not sustain that arrangement. Our Annual Conference will be in North Syracuse in April 2013. Many Historical Societies and Museums are joining APHNYS as affiliate members because of common goals.
- APHNYS is working on some interesting partnerships with other NYS Historical Organizations or Agencies.
- The Regional Historians Meeting in Penn Yan was a wonderful success with good participation from every county in the region.
- Governor Cuomo's "Path Through History" initiative planning is very active. We had Finger Lakes Region Workgroup sessions on Nov. 2nd and Nov. 16th and have another planned for Nov. 30th with a potential public session at Monroe Community College on Dec. 12th. What are we doing at all these sessions? We are developing a management – marketing plan for this initiative in our region...i.e. how will we implement this PTH initiative here in the FL Region. Many people ask

if all this effort will make any difference. All I can say is, “I don’t know”, however, we are attempting to break down some state and federal level barriers. We will see how it plays out...I’ll keep you informed.

- The next WCNY Genealogy Society Meeting will be on Nov. 27th at the Newark-Arcadia Historical Society. We will meet at 7 PM.
- Barb “BJ” Meeks reminds me that the indexing of the 1940 U.S. Census is now complete and available on line “free” at www.familysearch.org I recommend that you give it a try before you really need it so you understand how the site works.

Enjoy a wonderful and grateful Thanksgiving,

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