

Northumberland Historian's Report 2017

- 1-3-17 I Sent State and County Historian's Report to Town, County and State.
- 1-11-17 The Town Clerk requested information on old town hall that was a former School that the town purchased from the school district in 1973. The original school built in 1894 was destroyed by fire on Feb. 4, 1936. It was replaced in 1937. On June 20, 1968 when it closed having been centralized with South Glens Falls School District #1 on June 26, 1945 the children transferred to Ballard School. It served as our Town Municipal Center until 2015. A new building was built and officials moved in on Feb. 8, 2016.
- 2-6-17 The Town Clerk asked for information on Grange Hall Road. I gave her a copy of a certified copy from 1963 by then town clerk, Mazie Foote describing the road as # 38, description STL North to South 32 at 1.61 mile in length. No other particulars. I also gave them an old copy of a USGS Fortmiller-Shchuylerville Quadrangle map but unfortunately it was undated.
- 2-6-17 Our Building Inspector, Rich Colossa gave me a magazine that featured the Barber Brothers Farm. A terrific article on Chad Barber being the 3rd. generation with his family keeping up with 21st. Century technology and ingrown love for farming inspired by several generations.
- 4-6-17 I Researched Charles Smith for Sherri Smith who thought he might be buried in Brownville Cemetery. No information found.
- 5-2-17 Attended the Spring Historian's meeting. County Historian discussed APHNYS Region 5 meeting and annual conference dates. The Saratoga County Fair will honor the Anniversary of WWI. She also discussed various events for the 100th Anniversary of the U. S. entering that war. It also is the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in N.Y.S. She cautioned that not much information may be available locally. But suggested we could feature women of interest from out individual towns who made a difference with their contribution of talents in their field. Grace Vanderwerker was our first Town Historian and served 26 years and went forward and became the first Saratoga County Historian. This Historian has benefited from her work many times in my 37 years as Northumberland Historian;

she was a tough act to follow. Ann Eastman was our first female Town Supervisor. There are many others which I have highlighted in our local records.

5-24-17 I had a Brewer family genealogy request from Heather Harrington on Amelia Brewer Griffen. Cemetery records here show born 1890 died 1918. Nothing found.

5-24-17 Pete Dahl researching Robert Thompson. No information found.

6-26-17 Received e-mail from Saratoga Historian Sean Kellerher wanting info on a World War Two veteran: Robert Galusha. All I found he was listed on the Honor Roll for Northumberland.

7-28-17 Attended the grave side service of Harold Vance Sr. a 56 year member of the Gansevoort Volunteer Fire Dept. He was carried to the cemetery by a horse drawn carriage by two beautiful "shelter" horses. Harold Jr, and son sang and played Amazing Grace. This is the third member of the Vance family that have died since Nov, 2016. They will be missed.

8-1-17 I rec'd. request from James Doty Engineering Intern for New England Hydropower Company LLC. Regarding info on two derelict hydropower sites on east, back of Hudson, near the Northumberland Dam. They fall in the hamlet of Thomsen in Washington County. Our building Inspector had no jurisdiction or info so I referred him to Washington County.

8-25-17 The foreman of the of the operation that was tearing down the former residence of the Davis-Temple-Wilson families that also was the first Gansevoort Dutch Reformed Church Parsonage on Leonard St. was interested in the buildings age. It was built in 1884 and an addition later on in 1900. It is sad to lose another old building that was part of our heritage. But we will all enjoy the new Dollar General that is scheduled to open in December.

9-5-17 Beverly Deo researching the birth place of her mother-in-law Leonora Malley. She claimed she was a full-blooded American Indian and lived in an Indian village here along the river. I could find no information.

9-6-17 I received a copy of a photo taken of the Northumberland Senior Citizens Group; taken at a Christmas Party but no date given.