

9-9-17 I answered an e-mail from John Marcy regarding a John Wildey. He was looking for a grave site. No data. I did find a marriage listing on a son, Sanford who married Minnie Hurd on Aug. 11,1888.

9-12-17 Julie Henderson Marsh called and requested info on Francis West and wife Phoebe Jewell. No records on either here. I referred her to Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County.

10-3-17 I Attended the Fall meeting of County Historians. Topics of interest included APHNYS annual Conference on Oct. 31 – Nov. 2. Heritage Conference on Oct. 21. County Historian spoke about Grants available for Humanity Events. Discussed Celebrations upcoming on Community events. 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in N.Y. Nov. 1917; World War 1 also 100th Anniversary. Northumberland had two vets listed: Seward Dorvee and Leon W. Smith. They made the supreme sacrifice and are honored in our Veteran's Park section of Gansevoort Town Park.

11-16-17 I attended the funeral of Antoinette N. Heber widow of former Town Supervisor Herman Heber. She served as County wide on Women's Republican's Committee as Vice Chair for many years. She was a 1972 delegate from Northumberland for 41st Senate District. In July of 1992 she was elected Vice-President of GOP and at same time member and past President of Saratoga Woman's Republican Club. In 1973 she held the Vice Chair of GOP and that same year she was a member of the Northumberland Planning Board. In 1962 she had an unsuccessful run for Town Supervisor. She was a free-lance reporter for 14 years beginning in 1969 working with town, county and state and federal officials. In 1976 she was chairwoman of GOP in Northumberland. She and the Heber family, as a whole, have left their mark on Northumberland and we will always be thankful for their many contributions to our town.

11-7-17 I received from Town Clerk an old note book possibly dating back to 1869 that had a list of Northumberland men who were eligible to serve in the Civil War. It was undated. It was sent to Northumberland from H. Irene Elkins. A lady in her 90's who thought we would appreciate it for our records. In the back of the old notebook were several pages of old recipes, I enjoyed reading these as well.

11-8-17 I received many old photos taken from the effects of the late Mabel Davis Temple's belongings left behind when Marina Wilson purchased the home

from Mabel's family after she died. Some of the photos were, I believe, called ambrotype as they were some type of glass negative. The other photos I cannot be sure they were local. Mabel traveled the world and they could have been photos from Europe. She was a Home Economics teacher. She was a third generation Davis family, that lived in the home. The property is now the property of a new Dollar General Store I mentioned earlier in this report.

11-21-17 Pat Peck requested info on Lewis F. Gardette, supposedly buried in Gansevoort Cemetery in 1982. He died in Lake George. My research was negative, so I suggested she call the caretaker of the cemetery John Ingleston.

12-20-17 The new Dollar General Store opened. Grand Opening will be held officially on Jan. 6th of 2018.

Weather records for 2017 for Jan.-Mar. Only one below zero day on February 10th, 2017. January and March but we did have snow all three months, with February and March the most.

On Nature watch I spotted on the 26th of February Grackles, Redwings blackbirds, Bluebirds and Robins on my walk. A pair of Flickers appeared on Apr. 17th. Rose-breasted Grosbeak male arrived on April 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

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