

Marybeth Majestic
Town of Gardiner Supervisor
PO box 1
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 2018-January 1, 2019. 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 2018, 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 (*New York History Blog*, 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
- Consulting Historian for Historic Huguenot Street
- Responded to several 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)
- Assisted Coord for the Vietnam Wall in Saugerties
- Appeared again on WAMC 90.9 Northeast Public Radio as town historian
- Continued advisory role with Historic Huguenot Street (HHS)
- Continued successful Facebook Page, Ulster County Heritage and History
- Book Signing in Pawling, New York as town historian

In 2019 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
- 2020 release of book on the American Revolution with Rowman and Littlefield Publishers
- 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)
- Book signing and talk at NFL –TBA
- Major book tour in 2020 to promote book

Sincerely,

AJ Schenkman

Historian, Town of Gardiner, NY