When Newspapers were the Social Media

During the first half of the 20th century, there was a writer for newspapers who did not cover the police beat. They did not cover the news coming out of the offices of the politicians. They did not even cover the stories dealing with schools and education.

No, they covered the news of society.

Quietly, but surely, they tip-toed around the happenings in the neighborhoods and on the streets to report on how Mr. and Mrs. Brown were leaving town for a three-day visit with cousins in Baltimore. Perhaps the big news of the day was the return of the errant son of Mrs. Jones, who had given up the hope of prospecting in California. Better yet were the reports on the neighborhood drama groups and their performances, or the results of the bridge club in Endwell.

If all this sounds silly today, it really was not during that time. The newspapers would hire a society editor whose job it was to gather such news and put it into proper form for the readers. These editors had an important job, for as one reads more and more of these notices, you begin to see how they truly connected to creating a bond between the newspaper and the people in those neighborhoods.

During the time when this region was exploding from the growth of Endicott
A Message from Our President

APHNYS was represented at this year’s Museum Association of New York (MANY) held in Cooperstown, NY April 6-8. I set up a vendor table to encourage all those representing museums, historical societies, historic sites, etc. to become Affiliate Members of APHNYS. I handed out about 75 forms and encouraged all to attend our 2019 conference in Albany. I also chatted with many appointed historians that were attending the MANY conference.

I hope you are all making your plans to attend the September 2019 APHNYS Annual Conference in Albany. We encourage you to submit your conference registration form as soon as possible. The registration form and the hotel information are included in this newsletter (and on the website) www.aphnys.org.

The deadline for speakers to submit their proposals was April 30th. The five-member committee will soon be receiving copies of the 30+ proposals for their review and decision. I hope to have the list of speakers and their assigned dates and times on the APHNYS website by mid-June. Watch for it!

There is still time for you to nominate someone for this year’s awards. The award nomination form is in the newsletter (and on the website). The deadline for nominations is May 31st.

You can find many documents, information, etc. on our website. Need to know who your Regional Coordinator is; it’s on the website under contacts. Want to read past newsletters; check the website.

I remind historians, deputy historians, and others to please contact me at aphnys@yahoo.com if there are changes in your mailing address, phone number, and email.

Send in those conference registration forms and reserve your hotel room. See you at the Conference!

Rosemarie Tucker
APHNYS President

Celebrating 20 years
1999-2019
Johnson, IBM, and others, these little notices kept us in touch with our community.

I recently found out that a cousin of mine, Florence Sandborn Carr, was the society editor for the old Johnson City Record newspaper. She wrote about all of the graduations, parties, clubs, and comings and goings of the Johnson City/Oakdale/Endicott/Endwell area in the first two decades of the 1900s. Looking at some of the columns might seem trivial today, but they were so important to the people at the time.

Here is an example of one of her reports during July 7, 1917:

“A pretty marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce of Oakdale on the evening of June 28, when their only daughter, Miss Cecile A became the bride of William J. Webb of Johnson City.

Eighty guests were present to witness the simple but impressive ceremony which was performed by the Rev. H. M. Shepson of Grace Baptist Church, Binghamton in front of an embankment of ferns and palms...Miss Ruth Benson of Binghamton presided at the piano rendering Lehengrin’s march. The bride was gowned in white silk crepe, while the bridesmaid was adorned in a flesh colored creation of the same material.

The home was tastefully decorated in a pink and white color scheme. Following the ceremony refreshments were served, the favors being squares of wedding cake contained in baskets of pink and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb are well and favorably known among the younger set of Johnson City and occupy respectable positions with Endicott Johnson & Co. Over 60 beautiful and useful gifts testified to the esteem in which they are held. The list included furniture, silver, cut glass, linen, bedding and miscellaneous articles.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb were tendered a reception at “Your Home” [Library] on Saturday evening by about 35 of their friends.

Sunday evening they left by automobile, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen of Corning, to spend a week at the Allen cottage at Lake Keuka, following which they will be home to their friends in Oakdale, on Maple Avenue.”

This “typical” column meant something to the people mentioned in the article. It also means something to me, as this was the announcement of the marriage of my grandparents. I recognized all of the names, and wondered how they got 80 people into my great-grandparents’ tiny house in Oakdale.

By the way, Maple Avenue became Harry L. Drive, and the home on the corner of Reynolds Road and Harry L. would later also be used for my mother’s beauty shop. Today, the medical marijuana facility occupies a part of that lot.

So many changes 100 years later, but for cousin Florence’s society page, I can only say thanks for the memories.

Gerry Smith, Editor
Region 7 News

40 historians and historical society representatives gathered in the Richfield Springs Library on Saturday, May 4th for the Region 7 spring meeting. Featured speaker was Jessica Maul from the State Archivist office. Jessica conducts teacher workshops around the state to prepare teachers to use the new social studies curriculum. Jessica gave many tips and suggestions to historians on how to use their local primary documents to help the local schools follow the new state curriculum. Several handouts showing how to prepare local documents for schools were shown.

Prior to Jessica’s presentation State Archivist Tom Ruller gave an update on what’s new at the State Archives and how historians can go online or in person to discover more about their communities. Tom also passed out a fine folder of examples and other items from the Archives.

Village of Richfield Springs historian Harriett Geywits gave a nice power point program about the history of the village and its golden age as a summer resort. Cherry Valley historian Sue Murray-Miller, who is a dowser and also runs the Cherry Valley Museum, spoke about using dowsing technology to discover bodies in a Cherry Valley cemetery which no longer hold maps and lists of those buried there.”
The day was setup by Region 7 coordinator Dick Williams who is the town of Kirkland and village of Clinton historian in Oneida County. Harriett Geywits led the Richfield Springs Historical Association which provided the lunch and gave support to the day.

Dick Williams, Region 7 Coordinator

Region 9 News

We held our Region 9 Historian’s meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Around 50 people attended. Dan Smith, the Librarian for the Onondaga County Public Library Local History and Genealogical Room, spoke about their collections.

The second presenter was Sarah Keen, the Colgate University Archivist and head of Colgate’s Special Collections and University Archives. She spoke about the expansive collections and how they are working to give access via online finding aids.

We also had Patrick C Ravines, Director of the Patricia H and Richard E Garman Art Conservation Department at Buffalo State University. Patrick showed examples of work and the projects that students have undertaken and how there is a rare opportunity to get paintings, documents, physical artifacts, etc. restored at a fraction of the cost of professional conservationists.

Following the presenters we had lunch followed by an open forum talking about upcoming events, utilizing social media and the upcoming statewide meeting.

Matt Urtz, Region 9 Coordinator
Editor’s Thoughts

It has been a different year — a year of anniversaries. The centennial of the passage of the Historian’s Bill of 1919. I was not there for that event (otherwise, I would be really, really old).

I was, however, there in 1999 when we created APHNYS upon the backs of the Association of Municipal Historians of New York State and the County Historians Association. It has been 20 years since that time. Two decades of change and growth. Changes in leadership, changes in direction.

It has also been a year of adjustment. In the past four months, I have had to adjust to not being the county or the city historian — for the first time in over three decades. I will admit, it has not been easy. It is difficult for us to step away from the things that have been familiar and, often, comforting, and to accept that someone else will now be doing those same things, but in new ways.

At the APHNYS fall conference in September, elections will once again bring about more change, and, likely new directions for the organization. That is OK — it is the ways of things. We just have to remember that the direction of APHNYS always needs to come from the membership up and not from the President or the Board of Trustees down. The officers are there to guide and suggest, but it is the masses of appointed historians who need to promote APHNYS and to believe that the organization works best with everyone working to make it better. This newsletter, our Facebook page, our webpage, our regional meetings, and our annual conference are our means to remain in contact with each other, and our mechanism to connect to the State Historian, the state and federal agencies that have important relationships to help promote and protect the history and heritage of the over 1600 municipalities in the Empire State. See you in September!

Gerry Smith, Editor

We Want Your News!!

Do you have a meeting or an announcement you want to reach across the state? Sends us your news items to be put into the next issue of The Historian’s Exchange. Do you have an historian who has been honored — then send us the information so we can spread the word. This is our newsletter and the more information we have, the better we are informed and can do our jobs.

The deadline for the next issue is July 15, 2019, and the issue will come out in August 2019. Send your item to Gerry Smith at historysmiths@stny.rr.com.
Since 1932, *New York History* (ISSN 0146-437x) has served as the foremost scholarly journal on the state’s past. *New York History,* now being published by Cornell University Press working closely with staff from the New York State Museum and eminent scholars, seeks to unify the diverse field of New York State history and meet the needs of a growing historical community that includes academic historians, public historians, museum professionals, local government historians, and those seeking an in-depth look at the Empire State’s history.

Original works of scholarship related to the history of New York State, as well as information related to new publications, exhibits, and online material can be sent to: NYHJ@nysed.gov

Submission guidelines are available at: http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/new-york-history-journal

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Professional Development Grants for NYS Historical Societies and Cultural Museums

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation® is now accepting applications for its 2019 Professional Development Grant Program. This program offers need-based scholarships of $1,000 each to historical societies and cultural museums in New York State for professional development purposes.

This program is open to 501(c)(3) historical societies & cultural museums in New York State with annual budgets of $50,000 or less. The grant application process is open through February 28, 2019. Visit the Foundation’s website to apply: https://www.wgpfoundation.org/apply-for-grant/

Each organization may only receive one Professional Development Grant per year. In addition, eligible grant applicants cannot have attended the Museum Association of New York (MANY) Conference in the past two years.

Professional Development Grants are to be used as follows:

- Membership in Museum Association of New York (MANY) if not already a member.
- Registration and travel related expenses to attend MANY Conference (if haven’t attended in the past two years).
- Membership to join New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) if not already a member.
- One other professional development opportunity of your choice.

At the end of the calendar year, each grant recipient provides a final report of their professional development experience to the Pomeroy Foundation.

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Since 2006, the Pomeroy Foundation has grown to offer six different roadside marker programs, funding nearly 800 signs in New York State and beyond, all the way to Alaska. Our signage programs are: Historic Transportation Canals Marker Grant Program, Legends & Lore® Marker Grant Program, National Register Signage Grant Program, National Women’s Suffrage Marker Grant Program, NYS Historic Marker Grant Program, and the Ohio Historical Markers Grant Program.

For more information, visit: wgpfoundation.org
New Historic Marker Grant Program Celebrates Transportation Canal History Nationwide
William G. Pomeroy Foundation® Now Accepting Grant Applications for Historic Canal Markers

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is helping people in communities across the country commemorate historically significant canals with the launch of its national Historic Transportation Canals Marker Grant Program designed to promote cultural tourism and commemorate transportation canal history.

The Pomeroy Foundation is a private, grant-making foundation based in Syracuse, N.Y. One of its main initiatives is helping people celebrate their community’s history through a variety of historic signage grant programs, including its new historic canals marker program.

“This is a wonderful time to pay tribute to canals. In New York State, we’ve been celebrating the bicentennial period for the Erie Canal and last year was the 100th anniversary of the state’s Barge Canal,” said Paula Miller, Executive Director of the Pomeroy Foundation. “Similarly, all across the country, canals have long been an important factor in enhancing commerce, travel and development. Communities want to commemorate their historical significance. Our new Historic Transportation Canals program creates the perfect opportunity to do just that with historic markers.”

Markers proposed for the Historic Transportation Canals Marker Grant Program must commemorate a historical canal fact that occurred more than 50 years from the year of the grant application. Currently, that year is 1969. Markers in this program will be installed near existing or former canal sites. The colors of the canal markers are blue with black lettering and border. There are two unique logos that applicants can choose from. Markers are 18” x 32” cast aluminum with a 7’ aluminum pole.

Canal marker grants are available to 501(c)(3) organizations, nonprofit academic institutions, and municipalities within the U.S. Grants for this program cover the entire cost of a marker, pole, and shipping. There is no cost to the grant recipient. For program guidelines and details on how to apply, visit the Foundation’s Historic Transportation Canals Marker Grant Program webpage. The letter of intent deadline is April 17, 2019, and the grant application deadline is May 15, 2019.

About the Pomeroy Foundation
The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is a private foundation established in 2005. The Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history; and to raising awareness, supporting research and improving the quality of care for patients and their families who are facing a blood cancer diagnosis. To date, the Foundation has awarded nearly 800 grants for historic signage in New York State and beyond. Visit: wgpfoundation.org
New Historic Marker Program Celebrates Women’s Suffrage History in United States

The National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation® Partner to Launch Marker Grant Program Supporting the National Votes for Women Trail

EVANSTON, Ill. – The centennial of suffrage for many women in the United States is approaching in 2020. With this landmark anniversary embodied in the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, the National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites (NCWHS) and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation have partnered to launch a new historic marker program commemorating the history of women’s suffrage in the U.S.

The Pomeroy Foundation, which is a private, grant-making foundation based in Syracuse, N.Y., is providing grants through its National Women’s Suffrage Marker Grant Program to recognize historically significant people, places or things across the United States instrumental to women gaining the right to vote. Suffrage was a national movement involving a diversity of women and men from all walks of life.

Historic markers awarded through the program will highlight sites on the National Votes for Women Trail (NVWT). The NVWT, a project of the NCWHS, identifies the many sites that were integral to the suffrage movement, and makes them accessible on a mobile friendly website to be easily searched by location, suffragist, ethnicity, and a variety of other useful criteria.

“The National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites is grateful to the Pomeroy Foundation for their generous support and partnership in helping bring alive through their National Women’s Suffrage Marker Grant Program the little known history of the women’s suffrage movement that significantly expanded democracy in the United States,” says NCWHS President Marsha Weinstein. “Communities will be able to commemorate with the Pomeroy Foundation’s historic markers the places where local grassroots activity took place, thereby recognizing the remarkable efforts of the foremothers and forefathers who fought to win women the right to vote which will inspire women to vote today.”

“The Pomeroy Foundation is proud to partner with The National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites on this important effort to develop the National Votes for Women Trail,” says Paula Miller, Executive Director of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. “Helping to preserve and celebrate history is one of our main initiatives at the Foundation. With the 100th anniversary of national women’s suffrage less than two years away, we wanted to do our part in recognizing the heritage behind this milestone occasion.”
If you have an idea for a historic marker to commemorate women’s suffrage in your community, please contact your NVWT State Coordinator to begin the nomination process: https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail/state-coordinators/. You can also contact the NCWHS directly: https://ncwhs.org/about/contact-us/. Municipalities, nonprofit academic institutions and 501(c)(3) organizations are especially encouraged to submit a nomination. Pomeroy Foundation signage grants are fully funded and cover the entire cost of a marker, pole and shipping. The local partner is responsible for installation of the marker.

About NCWHS
The National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites is a non-profit organization established to support and promote the preservation and interpretation of sites and locales that bear witness to women’s participation in American history. NCWHS is dedicated to making women’s contributions to history visible so all women’s experiences and potential are fully valued. Visit: www.ncwhs.org

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APHNYS 2019 Conference Registration Form

Annual State Conference in Albany
September 9—September 11, 2019
Deadline for Reservations: Postmarked by Monday, August 5, 2019

Name: ___________________________ APHNYS Region: ____________
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Please check all that apply:
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___ I am an Affiliate Member of APHNYS
___ I have been a member of APHNYS since _________
___ This will be my first visit to Albany.

Please fill in all that apply

Registration:
$_______ $65.00 /person—Member Registration Fee for Full Conference or One-Day Attendance
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$_______ $25.00 /person—Spouse/Guest Rate if s/he would like to attend sessions
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Meals:
$_______ $40.00 /person—Monday September 9—Keynote Speaker Banquet
$_______ $21.00 /person—Tuesday September 10—Breakfast
$_______ $30.00 /person—Tuesday September 10—Lunch
$_______ $40.00 /person—Tuesday September 10—Annual Awards Banquet
$_______ $21.00 /person—Wednesday September 11—Breakfast

Tuesday Afternoon Field Experiences—Price includes Transportation & Admission.
$_______ $20.00 /person—Option A to NYS Archives, Library and Museum
$_______ $20.00 /person—Option B to Albany Institute of History & Art and Schuyler Mansion

$__________ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Please make checks payable to APHNYS and return this completed form with your payment to:
APHNYS 2019 Conference
P.O. Box 251
Vestal, NY 13851

THE HISTORIAN’S EXCHANGE
APHNYS 2019 CONFERENCE HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
The Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

To make a reservation at The Desmond Hotel, please call
Reservations Desk 518-869-8100 or 800-448-3500 or mail to
Desmond Hotel (address listed above). You can also go online
to their website: www.desmondhotelesalbany.com
When making reservations, be sure to use Group Code: ZZB
Deadline for Room Reservations: August 25, 2019

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Please check which accommodations you would like (hotel is 100% non-smoking):
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Please specify any special requests, i.e.; handicap accessible room, etc.: __________________________

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Check-In: 4:00 PM Check-Out: 12:00 Noon

Rooms that are not reserved by cut-off date of August 25, 2019 will be returned to the
hotel to sell. Reservations made after the cut-off date will be made based on availability.
If making reservation using a Check: Please complete this form and mail with check to the address above.

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Board of Trustees will meet Sept. 8 at 6pm
Conference Dates: Sept. 9, 10, and 11, 2019
There will be pre-conference sessions the morning of
Sept. 9th. Conference will end mid-day Sept. 11.
Call for 2019 Nominations

APHNYS Awards to be presented at Annual Conference September 9-11, 2019
The Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

Franklin D. Roosevelt Local Government Historian Professional Achievement Award
Awarded to an appointed historian for lifetime achievement in the practice of public history in NYS.

Edmund J. Winslow Local Government Historian Award for Excellence
Recognition for excellence in one or more public history projects or publications.

APHNYS Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History
Excellence in cooperation and promoting local history through research, writing, and other related accomplishments

Hugh Hastings Award
Honoring citizens and government officials who work to promote, preserve, and stimulate interest in the history of NYS.

Joseph F. Meany Award
Excellence in promoting and/or preserving military, labor, or marine projects or publications.

I would like to nominate the following individuals for the:

Franklin D. Roosevelt Award: _________________________________________________

Edmund J. Winslow Award: _________________________________________________

Excellence in Promoting Local History Award: ________________________________

Hugh Hastings Award: _____________________________________________________

Joseph F. Meany Award: ___________________________________________________

Your Name: __________________________Title: ______________________________

All nominations must have supporting statements or information attached or mailed with this form to assist the APHNYS Awards Committee in its review.

(Nomination submitted without supporting statements or information will not be reviewed. Please note: Roosevelt and Winslow, awards are only for the Appointed Historians; Hastings Award is for other than Appointed Historians; and the Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History and Meany is open to all, including Appointed Historians or Deputy and/or Co-Historians.) If you have any questions, please contact APHNYS President Rosemarie Tucker at the address, email, or phone number listed below.

The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2019

Please complete this nomination form and e-mail to aphynys@yahoo.com or mail to APHNYS, P.O. Box 55, Groton, NY 13073

If mailing the form, be sure it is postmarked by May 31, 2019
# 2019 Dues / Membership Form

For January 1—December 31, 2019

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### Annual Dues for Historians and Co-Historians

- $25.00 — Deputy and/or Assistant Historian
- $30.00 — 1001—4000
- $35.00 — 4001—12,000
- $40.00 — 12,001—100,000
- $45.00 — 100,001—200,000
- $50.00 — 200,001—1+ Million

**Note:** If you are historian or deputy historian for more than one municipality, dues are to be paid for each municipality.

### Annual Dues for Other Memberships are:

- $25.00 — Affiliate Member
- $25.00 — NYC Community District Historian

**Note:** An Affiliate Membership is for any cultural agency, educational institution, corporation, historical society, museum, or individual interested in NY State history and the work of the public historians of New York State. Per the APHNYS By-laws, Affiliates shall be non-voting members and shall not hold office.

Please mail this completed form with your check, payable to APHNYS, to:

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P.O. Box 251
Vestal, NY 13851

APHNYS does hereby certify that the items of the account are true and correct; that no Federal or State taxes for which the municipality is exempt are included; and that no part of the same has been previously paid.

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