

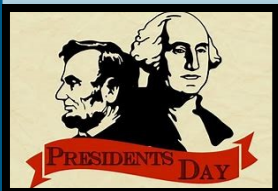
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## An Anniversary of Death and Disease

While we celebrate the passage of the New York State Historians Bill in 1919, the 20th anniversary of the beginnings of the Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) in 1999, and the passage of suffrage for women in the state in 1917 — there is one anniversary which sometimes gets forgotten in the hubbub of celebration.

The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919 (also called the Spanish Flu) raged across the country as the First World War was winding down.

While there are various theories as to the source of this particularly deadly illness, the results of the disease are not in dispute.

From January 1918 to December 1920, the influenza infected 500 million people around the globe, and killed some-

where between 50-100 million people.

New York State was particularly affected as many affected with the



disease were arriving via the New York City port as thousands of ships were arriving with the ships' crews and the soldiers and sailors returning from the war already contaminated with the influenza disease.

The period between September and November of 1918 seemed to have been especially difficult. The state's health department noted that there were 32,000 confirmed deaths from the disease in the month of October, and an esti-

mated deaths of 400,000 across the nation.

During that same month in my own area, Broome County, officials noted the deaths of over 30 individuals with three times that number in the care of hospitals or "pest houses."

My maternal grandfather also caught the disease and nearly died — losing 30 pounds of weight and watching others die near him while recuperating.

Eventually the disease would subside, but not before strict prevention measures were put in place across the many communities in the state.

It is an anniversary which deserves more research to document each area's part in the pandemic and the resulting casualties from the great flu outbreak of 1918-1919.

Gerry Smith, Editor

## A Message from Our President



ready to go and will send it with the Conference Registration form.

On January 17, 2019, I sent off Requests for Proposals to three hotels in Region 8; one in Oswego and two in Watertown. These requests are for our 2020 fall conference. We haven't been to Region 8 since we were at Alexandria Bay in fall 2005. Our records show that was the one and only time we have been to Region 8.

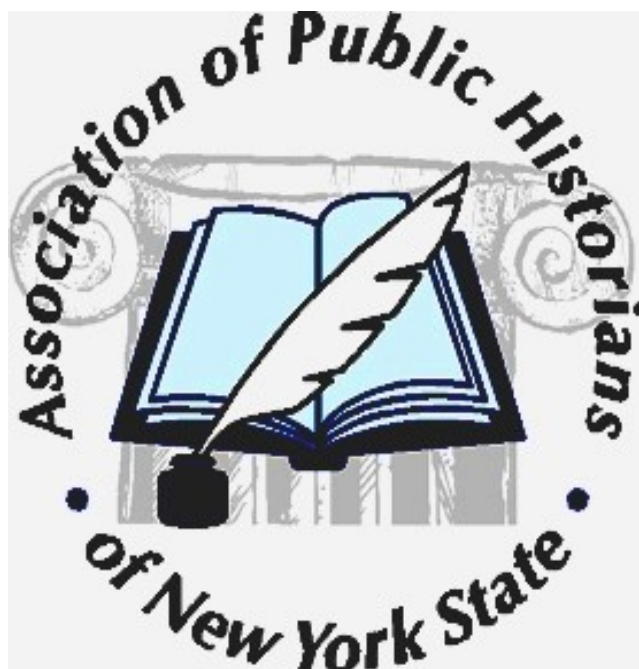
The 2019 Award Nomination form will be sent to all with e-mail in the next few weeks. Be thinking of those who deserve to be nominated for the specific categories.

What a difference a year makes! I e-mailed and mailed 2019 dues forms by mid-December 2018. The form was also included in the November 2018 newsletter. By January 28<sup>th</sup>, APHNYS had received 153 dues forms with paid memberships. Just a year ago, I sent e-mail and mailed dues forms for 2018 in early January 2018 and the forms were not included in the newsletter until February 2018. Because of that we only received a total of 7 dues paid by December 31, 2017 for the 2018 dues. I guess it pays to get the dues form for upcoming year out by newsletter in November and e-mail and mail in mid-December. Keep the dues coming!

Rosemarie Tucker  
APHNYS President

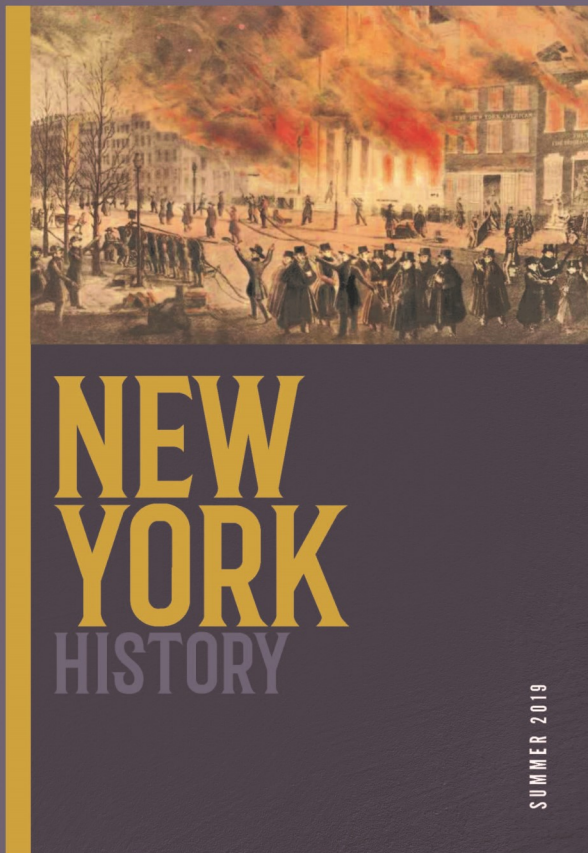
The request for speakers has been sent to all of you who have e-mail. Please share this form with anyone who you think might be interested in being a speaker at 2019 conference in Albany. This includes you. We would like to have presentations by historians, deputy historians, independent researchers, etc. The deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup> and by January 28<sup>th</sup>. I have already received three proposals.

I am waiting to hear from our 2019 Conference Planning Committee as to cost for buses for excursions. Once we have that cost, we can prepare the 2019 Conference Registration form and get it out to everyone. I have the hotel form



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## REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS

*New York History Journal*

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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# Association of Public Historians of New York State

## 2019 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

*Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211*

*- September 9 – 11, 2019 -*

## CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS/PANELS

The Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) is pleased to announce that the 2019 Annual State Conference will be held in Albany, NY September 9-11, 2019. The conference planning committee is currently accepting proposals for conference presentations. Proposals can be submitted for papers, panels and interactive programs. This conference will draw approximately 125 attendees from across the New York State. The time allowed for presentations/panels will be 1 hour and 15 minutes (including questions and answers). APHNYS does not pay for speakers. We hope that all who submit proposals will think of sharing your information with New York State's appointed historians, etc.

In 2019, APHNYS will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New York State Historians' Law. APHNYS members are also interested in proposals that offer:

Insights into the history of the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington, their communities, businesses, and people

History from throughout New York State including communities, businesses, and people

Heritage Tourism from throughout New York State

Transportation & Trades from throughout New York State

Ideas and Techniques on celebrating any upcoming historical anniversaries throughout NYS such as 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion being chartered by Congress (Sept. 16, 1919), 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NYS Historians' Law, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of APHNYS, and any other anniversaries being celebrated in 2019.

Skills and Techniques for Local Government Historians and Family History Researchers

Preservation, maintenance, gravestone artwork, what not to do in copying gravestones, and other information about cemeteries

Exhibit Design: travelling exhibits, less expensive exhibits, small space exhibits, etc.

Other history topics related to New York State

**To submit your proposal, please complete this form and return to APHNYS by April 30, 2019.**

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## Presentation or Panel Information

Title of Presentation or Panel: \_\_\_\_\_

Will someone else be presenting with you? (If so, provide names, titles and affiliations.)

Please describe your presentation or Panel. (Feel free to attach more sheets as necessary.)

APHNYS will provide a laptop and a power point projector. The hotel will provide podium, microphone, screen, and equipment tables. List any other special equipment needs. Bring your power point presentation on a flash drive/thumb drive to be used on our laptops. (Note: **Our laptops and power point projectors do not work with Macintosh documents and Macintosh power points, etc.** If you need Macintosh equipment, you will need to provide your own.)

Do you have any attendance limitations on showings or presentations? (If so, please explain and provide limits.) If you wish to provide handouts, plan for 40-50 people to attend your session.

**Thank you for sharing your knowledge and expertise with  
New York State's Public Historians!**

**Please return this form postmarked by April 30, 2019 to:  
APHNYS, P.O. Box 55, Groton, NY 13073  
or you can send it electronically by April 30, 2019  
in PDF format to our email: [aphnys@yahoo.com](mailto:aphnys@yahoo.com)**

## Editor's Thoughts



There always seems to be change. That, as historian, is something that we continually chronicle. If there was no change, there would be no need for historians — things would just go along as they always have.

How boring! There are times we would prefer that the rate of change would slow down. Things come and go, as do people. For many of us, there are too many people who have been part of our organization for the last 20 years that have left us, or are now leaving their posts.

On behalf of APHNYS, I would like offer our condolences to Dick Williams, Region 4 coordinator who lost his wife Jean on December 26.

On my part, there has also been change. After much time contemplating my decision, I resigned as Broome County Historian (31 years), and City of Binghamton Historian (35 years) effective January 24, 2019. It was not an easy decision, and I am happy to announce that Roger Luther has taken my place as our County Historian. Knowing that the person replacing you as historian will continue the work to chronicle our area's heritage makes the decision to step away much easier.

Life goes on, I remain the APHNYS newsletter editor, and will remain as an Affiliate member — I will offer advise where sought, continue to attend the conferences, and watch the progress of time in my own community knowing that there will be others (as well as I) noting that advance of change.

That is why we stress that we continually need to groom our replacements. There is nothing permanent except life and taxes (and death). We, as historians, need to promote the need for continuity and also the need to promote our importance to our appointing officials. The politicians come and go — yet history marches along.

Gerry Smith, Editor

## We Want Your News!!

Do you have a meeting or an announcement you want to reach across the state? Send 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 April 15, and the issue will come out in May 2019. Send your item to Gerry Smith at [historysmiths@stny.rr.com](mailto:historysmiths@stny.rr.com).

## News from the Regions

**Region 4:** Region 7 will meet May 4, 2019 at the Richfield Springs Library, Route 20, in Richfield Springs, NY for the annual spring meeting. One topic will be State Archives representative Jessica Maul who will discuss using our historian resources such as primary documents to fit into the social studies curriculum and how historians can be a valuable resource for teachers. Other topics are being planned and an announcement will go out in early April 2019.

Oneida County historians met in April at the Mansion House, built by the Oneida Community in the 1870s, for their annual meeting. New officers are Lou Parrotta, president (Utica Historian), Dana Nimey-Olney, vice-president (Whitesboro clerk and historian), Joe Malinowski, secretary (Deerfield town historian), and Tim Nichols, Camden village and town historian.

Abigail Lawton, curator of the Mansion House, presented a brief history which was followed by a tour of the Mansion - Dick Williams, Regional Coordinator

**Region 9:** It's time to break in those calendars because we have a new event that you need to put on their ASAP!!! I am happy to announce that the 2019 Region 9 Historian's meeting will be Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the historic [Cazenovia Public Library & Museum](#) (100 Albany St., Cazenovia)!!! As with all of our events it will be a fun packed professional development day. We have an exciting slate of speakers and like the last few times we will finish with an historians open forum. Registration should be around \$12-15 for attendees, I hope to have that hammered out in the next few weeks. I'm hoping you will mark those new calendars now and make sure to be there!!! ***Please let me know as soon as you can whether or not you will be attending as space at this facility is limited so WE WILL CAP OFF THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES and with the speakers below it is going to fill up FAST!!!***

Schedule of events:

Time TBD-Welcome/History of [Library & Museum](#) at the library with representatives from the library

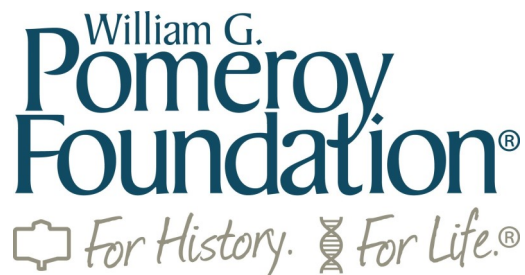
Time TBD-Sarah Keen, [Colgate University Archivist](#), will speak about their local history and manuscript collections as well as the University Archives, rare books, literary manuscripts and more.

Time TBD-A representative from the [Buffalo State University's Art Conservation Program](#) will talk about their graduate restoration program which allows organizations to have paintings, artifacts and more restored at significant savings compared to private restoration services.

Time TBD-A representative of the [Onondaga County Public Library Local History & Genealogical Center](#) will speak on their collections and accessibility online and in person

11:50-12:30-Lunch TBD.

12:30-1:00 APHNYS Updates and we will let you have the floor and talk about what you are doing, frustrations you are having, anything that you feel is pertinent to your role as a municipal public historian — Matt Urtz, Regional Coordinator



### 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.

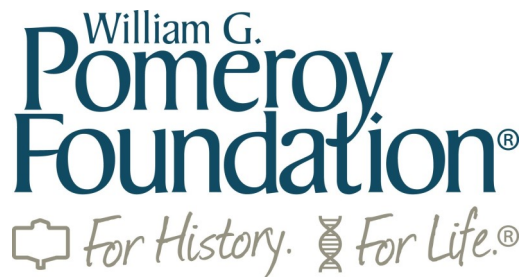
At the end of the calendar year, each grant recipient provides a final report of their professional development experience to the Pomeroy Foundation.

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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](http://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.

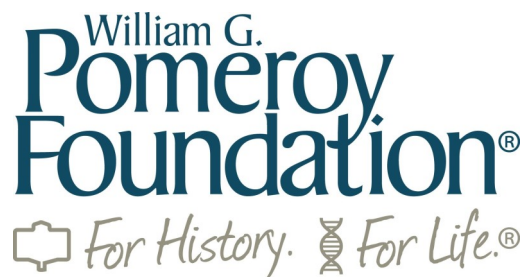
"This is a wonderful time to pay tribute to canals. In New York State, we've been celebrating the bi-centennial period for the Erie Canal and last year was the 100th anniversary of the state's Barge Canal," said Paula Miller, Executive Director of the Pomeroy Foundation. "Similarly, all across the country, 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](http://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](http://www.ncwhs.org)



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## Women's History Institute Summer Research Fellowship: Call for Applications

*The Women's History Institute of Historic Hudson Valley is pleased to offer Summer Research Fellowships to support college and graduate students engaged in scholarly research connected to the women who shaped the culture and chronicle of the Hudson River Valley.*

This opportunity offers privileged and sustained engagement with the HHV Library and Archives, as well as a \$3,000 stipend to offset expenses incurred during the research period. Research fellows are expected to produce a final report on their findings, which will become part of HHV's permanent collection.

Applications are invited for on-site research to be conducted for a minimum of 6 weeks between June 1, 2019 – October 1, 2019.

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*I had a wonderful summer at Historic Hudson Valley. The library and collections staff was knowledgeable and helpful, and the experience was rounded out by the ability to visit the HHV historic sites and to immerse myself in the culturally rich area surrounding the facility.*

—Danielle Funicello, 2018 Happy Rockefeller Research Fellow and Ph.D. candidate, SUNY Albany

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### Key Dates

The deadline for application is **March 4, 2019**. Fellowship awards will be announced on or around **March 15, 2019**.

### Application

Application requirements include: the online application form, a project proposal, a CV and a letter of recommendation from a professor or employer. When possible, applicants should identify specific material(s) to be consulted during the desired dates of the fellowship period. [Find the form here.](#) (link is external)

### Questions?

Contact the Research Librarian at [librarian@hudsonvalley.org](mailto:librarian@hudsonvalley.org) (link sends e-mail) or 914.366.6901.

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## 2019 Dues / Membership Form

For January 1—December 31, 2019

Please Type or Print Clearly and Fill Out Completely

### Member Information

**Membership Category:**

- ☐ Historian  
☐ Co-Historian  
☐ Deputy Historian  
☐ Assistant Historian  
☐ Affiliate Member\*  
 (\*Please provide your county)

**Appointed for:**

- ☐ County  
☐ Town  
☐ Village  
☐ City  
☐ Borough

**Date of Original Appointment:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Note: If you are a new Historian, please provide the name of the previous historian:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Municipal Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues for Historians and Co-Historians are based on the Municipality's population; please circle the appropriate line.**

- \$25.00 = 0—1,000  
 \$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—Deputy and/or Assistant Historian  
 \$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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 Vestal, NY 13851

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