

# **2025 HISTORIAN REPORT**

## **2025 SUMMARY**

Unfortunately, this year my activities were severely limited from May until November due to three vertebrate fractures. Many of the projects that I intended to accomplish did not occur.

The historic markers at Boyd-Parker Park and An-On-Do-Wa-Nua Village located on River Road were repainted and refurbished. The Town Highway Department reinstalled the markers. I continue to reorganize the existing historic files and consolidate information. Newspaper articles of both current and past events are incorporated into the files. Requests about Leicester history from emails, letters, calls and “on the streets” are frequent.

We are very fortunate that people continue to donate items pertaining to Leicester events and history.

## **REQUESTS:**

- Dale Family History
- Sullivan Army soldiers at Little Beards Town
- Marriage record for Jacob and Clarissa Drake
- Barber Family
- Cuylerville Train Station
- Pennsylvania Railroad
- Mary Jemison
- Chubby Checker
- Sterling Salt Mine
- Leicester Casino
- Boyd-Parker torture at Little Beard Town

## **DONATIONS:**

- Leicester Casino newspaper articles

- Goose Hollow School pictures of monument, pupils – Anne Good
- Multiple notebooks of Leicester obituaries – Dorthy Lingle
- Christiano farmhouse photo
- 1941 Leicester School yearbook
- 1916 Livingston County Map
- 1919 Livingston County Supervisors Proceeding
- 1913 Livingston County Supervisors Proceeding
- Book, Operation and repair of farm machinery 1955
- 1975 photo of Town Hall
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign Historical Programs and dedication of Markers along the Route of March.
- Photos of Chubby Checker, Joey Dee (and the Starlighters) - Lore Disalvo
- 1872 Atlas of Livingston County N.Y. E.W. Beers -Ramona Shute
- 1929 Pageant of Decision photos, Batavia Group Minaret, viewing stand- Lore Disalvo
- Chubby Checker newspaper articles - Lore Disalvo
- Cuylerville ballon launch newspaper article – Jane Oakes
- Duke Ellington at Leicester Casino newspaper article
- 1962 train accident in the Village of Leicester newspaper article
- Main Street Moscow photo – Lore Disalvo
- Photo harvesting peas at Christiano farm
- Photo of Buffalo Pitts threshing machine owned by Walter Hull of Gibsonville
- Fred Clarks skunk farm newspaper article
- 1917 Moscow Post Office robbery newspaper article
- 1929 Leicester Tractor School newspaper article
- 1927 Boyd-Parker celebration newspaper article
- 1903 Genesse Valley Fox Hunt in Leicester newspaper article
- 1927 Ambassador James W. Gerad newspaper article

## **EVENTS:**

Mary Jemison Program at Livingston Co. Museum

Ossian, Portage Program at Livingston Co. Museum

## **FUTURE GOALS**

This year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution. Although there were not any battles that occurred here, the events here were of importance to the success of the Revolution. Leicester was the farthest western limit of the Revolution. Fifteen soldiers lived in Leicester and I will be highlighting them.

The historic marker at the Leicester Depot will be refurbished this year. I intend to create a historic marker for Leicester Academy and install it this year. The historic files contain many unique and interesting stories which I intend to write about and place on the Town website. I have many projects currently in process and hopefully I can share them soon.

The Historian laptop cannot be updated to Windows 11 and the projector is not compatible with the current laptops and both will need to be replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,

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