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— Natalia Zukerman, Editor



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Amenia Historical Society

By LEILA HAWKEN

The Amenia Historical Society (AHS) serves the town as a repository and research venue for those who want to know more about local history, family genealogy, or occasionally the history of their own home.

During an interview, Ginny Eschbach, who serves as vice president of the 12-member AHS board, was pleased to provide information about the society and its holdings on display at the society’s home since 2014 on the second floor of the Town Hall.

“We have records dating back to the 1960s,” Eschbach said, recalling early local interest in forming a society and holding meetings. The meeting place was in the rear of the Cunningham’s store that is now the Grey House publishing company. Files of documents were stored at Larry Havens Real Estate offices.

“It’s amazing to me,” Eschbach said, recalling

the society’s early history and her own — joining the board in 2009 after retiring from a career as a history teacher. Meetings were still being held in the back of the store, when the society’s interests were looked after by Ann Linden.

“Ann was concerned that there was no place to display and store artifacts,” Eschbach recalled.

Also serving as a board member at the Amenia Free Library, Eschbach was surprised at the number of people coming to the library with questions pertaining to local history.

The current AHS president, Betsy Strauss, joined the society in 2008, and serves now as Town Historian.

“She has an incredible memory,” Eschbach said of Strauss and her talent for bringing disparate bits of information together to form a factual story.

The AHS has several local interests, supported the activities of Indian



Photo by Leila Hawken

Stored documents and artifacts attract visitors to the Amenia Historical Society at the Town Hall. Longtime volunteer Ginny Eschbach admires the dedication of residents who have preserved Amenia’s history for future generations. On display is the point collection of archeologist Ken Hoadley who served as Town Historian from 1987-2007.

Rock Schoolhouse and the recently restored Wassaic charcoal kilns that have been donated to the town’s care.

An ongoing project in preparation for the nation’s 250th anniversary is the dedication of historic marker signs at Amenia’s four cemeteries where Revolutionary War veterans are buried. The first blue and white commemorative

sign was dedicated at the Old Amenia Burying Ground on Saturday, April 26.

To learn more about the Amenia Historical Society and upcoming events, go to www.ameniahs.org, or email the president, Betsy Strauss, at strauss.house72@gmail.com. The society’s hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

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Roeliff Jansen Historical Society

By JOHN COSTON

The Roe Jan Historical Society was founded in 1974 and serves the Towns of Ancram, Copake, Gallatin, Hillsdale and Taghkanic.

The nonprofit society, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, maintains partnerships with other organizations in Columbia County and provides a summer exhibit and is open July through mid-October with hours on Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

This year, the grand opening of the annual exhibition is scheduled for July 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This exhibition is called Sites to Celebrate: Local History Revisited, which will run to the end of October. It will focus on ten historic sites and offer summer weekend visits to featured sites.

The free Sunday afternoon visits include the following: the former Bash Bish Inn and Co-

pake Pure Water & Ice Co. Icehouse, the Copake Union Free School, the Craryville Depot Complex, the Copake Iron Works Historic District, Livingston era Mill Success, Boston Corner's original boundary marker in Ancram, Historic Hillsdale's town center, and others. Registration is required.

The society has been located in the Old Copake Falls Church for more than 40 years. The church is home to the society's museum, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 11, 2012.

The Town of Copake celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2024, having been founded in 1824. The historical society, when celebrating its 50th year, presented a summer exhibition that featured a wide range of Copake history with items from its collection and some on loan. It also covered



Last year's exhibition coincided with the 200th anniversary of the Town of Copake and the 50th anniversary of the society.

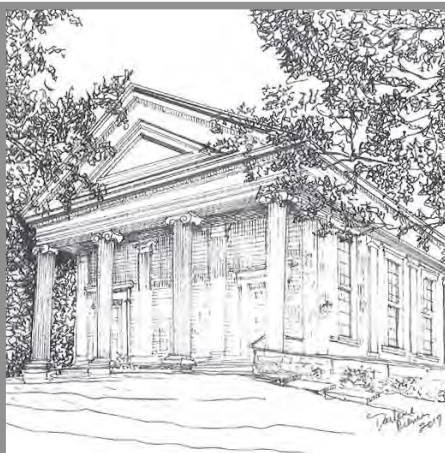


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Artifacts from Craryville on display in the 2024 exhibition.

histories of the hamlets of Copake, Copake Falls, Copake Lake, Craryville and West Copake.

The RJHS is located at 8 Miles Road, Copake

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The Millbrook Historical Society

By LEILA HAWKEN

The work of the Millbrook Historical Society (MHS) is to preserve artifacts and documents remembering the shared diverse history of families and ideas. Founded in 1973, the historical society formed to preserve the history of the village of Millbrook and the town of Washington.

Society President Robert McHugh said the society educates residents on Millbrook's history—from Quaker settlers to the railroad era, Italian immigrants, and the ultra-wealthy.

"I ended up in Millbrook by chance," McHugh said, reflecting on his own story. Both of his parents had taught history, and he had chosen to follow in their footsteps. A member of the teaching staff at Arlington High School, McHugh now resides in the historic section of Millbrook designated as Hart's Village, close to the home of David Greenwood, long-serving Town and Village Historian who died in 2024. Their proximity and friendship

had led McHugh to become active in the historical society.

Today, the MHS has a board of dedicated volunteers, including the current Town and Village Historian Peter Devers.

"We're really good at public programming," said McHugh. "We typically have nine public programs held at the Millbrook Library each year as well as additional summer programming."

"The sky's the limit," said MHS board secretary Alison Meyer, referring to the number of real stories that can be told about such topics as social movements, architecture and more.

"The connection to the community just grows," Meyer said. "You can learn about the town just by talking with people," she added, seeing community connection as a logical benefit to her decades of volunteering with the MHS.

Dozens of historic markers dubbed "Museum in the Streets" are placed near historically significant

sites throughout the town. The weatherproof sidewalk exhibits, in both English and Italian, underscore for passersby the important role that Italian immigrants have played in the community's history.

MHS is planning a series of programs over the summer dedicated to Quaker history. The program is made possible through grants from Dutchess County. The Society is partnering

Looking ahead, the



Photo by Leila Hawken

Longtime Millbrook Historical Society president Robert McHugh and Society Board Secretary Alison Meyer visited the Nine Partners Quaker Meeting House for an interview on Saturday, May 10. They are standing by the old sundial donated by Jacob and Deborah Willetts who were once students at the Nine Partners Boarding School that stood nearby.

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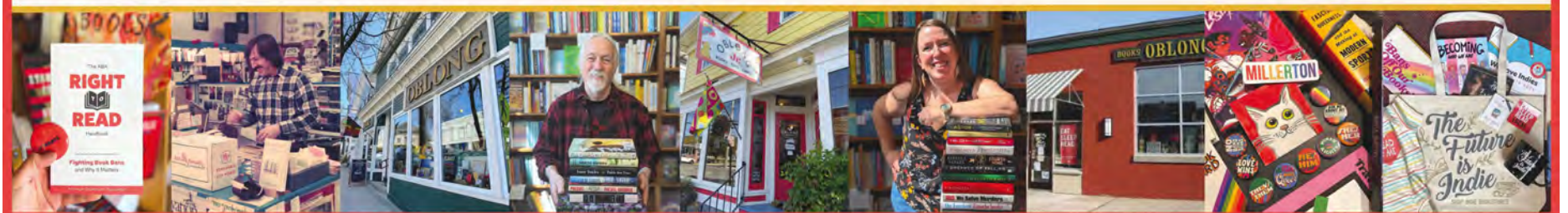
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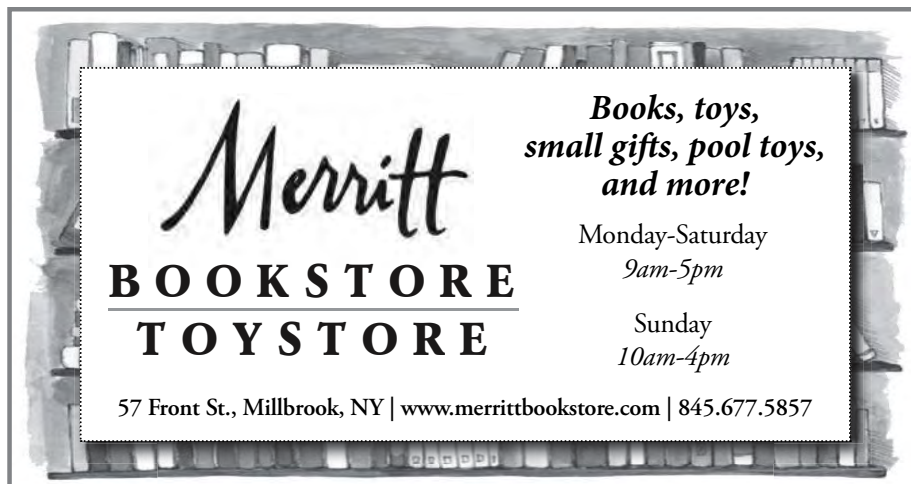
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with several other nearby historical societies that also have extant Quaker meeting houses to schedule open house days.

In June at the Nine Partners Quaker Meeting House in Millbrook, two expert historians, Sarah Gronningsater from University of Pennsylvania and Carl Lounsbury from William and Mary, will be giving talks on Quaker anti-slavery activism.

“We’d love to have a spot where people could see the artifacts and documents that relate to our history,” McHugh said envisioning a future that might overcome current challenges.

Though the archives that researchers can see by appointment are in the basement of Village Hall, there is no permanent museum space that visitors to Millbrook can readily access to learn the history of the community.

“It is a long-term goal of the society to be able to open such a facility as a way to further our goal of both preserving and disseminating information about the

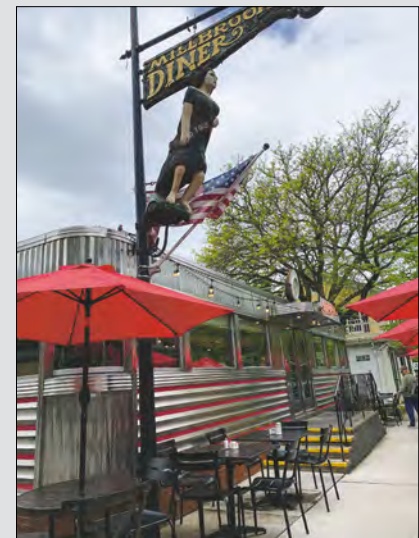


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past,” McHugh said.

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Supervisor	518-789-3300 ext. 608
Town Clerk (Mon.-Thurs., 9-12:30, 1-3, & Fri., 9-12:30)	518-789-3300 ext. 603
Zoning Board of Appeals (Mon.-Thurs., 1-5)	
.....	518-789-3300 ext. 607

VILLAGE OF MILLERTON

Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer (Tues. 5-7, Wed. 7-8)	
.....	518-789-3300
Village Clerk (Mon.-Thurs., 9-4, Fri., 9-noon)	
.....	518-789-4489
Village Mayor	518-789-4489
Water/Highway Department	518-789-4756

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY

For emergencies	911
Dutchess County Sheriff	
.....	518-789-3115
State Police	
Troop K	518-789-4411
Village Police	518-789-6355
Sun River Health, Amenia	
.....	845-838-7038
Sharon Hospital, Sharon, Conn.	860-364-4000
Millerton Fire Co. & Rescue Squad Firehouse	
.....	518-789-4645

OTHER SERVICES

American Legion Post 178	518-789-4755
Department of Motor Vehicles	
Millbrook (Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9-4:45)	
.....	845-677-4080
Pawling (Tues. & Thurs., 9-4:45)	
.....	845-855-4400
Poughkeepsie (Mon.-Fri., 9-4:45)	845-486-2130
North East Historical Society	
..... www.nemillertonlibrary.org/historical-society	
NorthEast-Millerton Library	518-789-3340
North East Community Center	518-789-4259
Nutrition Site (Mon.-Thurs., 10-2)	
.....	518-789-3081

North East Historical Society

By JOHN COSTON

The North East Historical Society was established in 1972 and became a nonprofit two years later with a goal to promote appreciation of the history of the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton.

The organization houses archives dating back to the 18th century, with a handful from the late 1700s, according to President Edward Downey.

People who seek to do research in the archives are often interested in tracking genealogies, or are seeking information about the history of a property they own.

The society offers occational exhibits that focus on aspects of local history.

In November it plans an exhibit at the NorthEast-Millerton Library that will explore the impact of the American Revolution on our area.

Last year, a society exhibit explored the history

of public education in our community from the late 18th century to the present.

Displays included an historic narrative as well as many images of early schools in the region, often with students lined up by photographers in front of their small school house.

At its last annual meeting in November 2024, Downey presented a story of the life of Violet Simmons, a legendary teacher who served in schools throughout North East for 48 years, the last half of which she was legally blind. Miss Simmons lived her entire life in Millerton (excepting four years at State College in Albany). Simmons, who was one of the first four graduates of the Elm Avenue School, died a day following her 90th birthday.

In an interview earlier this year, Downey said, “The function of the Historical Society is to essentially



Photo courtesy the North East Historical Society

The students in this 1904 photo of the Mount Riga School looked serious but were led by a teacher who smiled for the camera, despite the practice of the time.

collect, curate, and make available to the public information about the history of the community.”

Downey and Edith Greenwood, vice-president, provide access to the archives through appointments, and Downey encourages interested parties to reach out to him for appointments by email.

The archives are located on the second floor of the NorthEast-Millerton Library. “It’s not a museum. There’s a distinction between a museum and an archive. A

museum is a space where there are exhibits,” said Downey.

The Village of Millerton, named for railroad project engineer Sidney Miller, was created in 1875 as an incorporated village, creating a political subdivision within the town. Next year, the 175th anniversary of the creation of the original hamlet of Millerton is being celebrated.

For more information, email Downey, town historian, at eddowney12@gmail.com.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Columbia-Greene Community College	
.....	518-697-6400
Marist College	845-575-3000
Dutchess Community College	845-431-8000
Eugene Brooks Intermediate	
.....	845-373-4100 ext. 2
Webutuck Elementary School	
.....	845-373-4100 ext. 1
Webutuck High School	845-373-4100 ext. 3
Webutuck School District Office	
.....	845-373-4100 ext. 5

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Maplebrook School	845-373-8191
Millbrook School	845-677-8261

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Congregation Beth David, Amenia	
.....	845-373-8264
Faith Bible Chapel	518-789-6073
Immaculate Conception, Amenia	
.....	845-373-8193
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses	
.....	518-789-6214
Millerton Methodist Church	
.....	518-789-4926
North East Baptist Church	518-789-4840
Pine Plains United Methodist Church	
.....	518-398-5521
First Presbyterian Church	518-789-3431

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

North East Supervisor	
Christopher Kenman	518-789-3300 ext. 608
Millerton Village Mayor	
Jennifer Najdek	845-706-5601
County Legislator	
Chris Drago (19th District)	845-868-2188
State Assemblywoman	
Didi Barrett (106th District)	845-454-1703
State Senator	
Michelle Hinchey (41st District)	845-331-3810
Representative in U.S. Congress	
Patrick Ryan (18th District)	202-225-5614
United States Senators	
Kirsten Gillibrand	202-224-4451
Charles Schumer	202-224-6542
Governor	
Kathy Hochul	518-474-8390

KEY SERVICES

Assessor (Tues. & Thurs., 8:30–4:30, Fri., 9:30–1:30)	518-398-7193 ext. 7
Building Department (Wed. & Sat., 10-noon)	518-398-7110
Dog Control	518-398-7121
Highway Department (7-3:30 p.m.)	518-398-6662
After-hour emergencies	518-965-1876
Planning Department	518-398-7155 ext. 204
Recreation Director	518-567-7207
Supervisor	518-398-8600
Tax Collector	518-398-7155 ext. 211
Town Clerk (Mon.-Fri., 10-1)	518-398-7155
Town Justices	518-398-7194
Water Department	518-398-1411

PUBLIC SAFETY
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

For emergencies	911
Dutchess County Sheriff substation	518-398-5234
State Police	518-398-0317
Pine Plains Police	518-398-8601
Pine Plains Firehouse	518-398-1311
Sun River Health, <i>Amenia</i>	845-838-7038
Northern Dutchess Hospital, <i>Rhinebeck</i>	845-876-3001
Sharon Hospital, <i>Sharon, Conn.</i>	860-364-4000
VA Clinic, <i>Pine Plains</i>	518-398-9240

OTHER SERVICES

Department of Motor Vehicles <i>Millbrook (Mon., Wed., Fri., 9-4:45)</i>	845-677-4080
<i>Pawling (Tues. & Thurs., 9-4:45)</i>	845-855-4400
<i>Poughkeepsie (Mon.-Fri., 9-4:45)</i>	845-486-2130
The Little Nine Partners Historical Society	www.lnphs.com; 914-474-1963
Pine Plains Free Library	518-398-1927

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Cold Spring Early Learning Center (<i>Grades Pre-K-1</i>), <i>Stanfordville</i>	845-868-7451
Columbia-Greene Community College	518-697-6400
Dutchess Community College	845-431-8000
Marist College	845-575-3000
Pine Plains Central School District	518-398-7181
Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center	518-398-3000
Stissing Mountain Middle/High School	518-398-7181

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Church of the Regeneration, <i>Episcopal</i>	518-398-5628
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Little Nine Partners Historical Society

By NATALIA ZUKERMAN

The Little Nine Partners Historical Society was founded in 1963 under a charter from the New York State Board of Regents to preserve and study this historic patent area. Today, the Society’s focus has shifted more tightly to Pine Plains. “When the society was formed, there weren’t the number of historical societies in this area that there are now,” said Little Nine Partners board president Dyan Wapnick. “Now it’s changed ... so our mission has sort of shrunk. Most of the research that we do focuses on Pine Plains.”

LNPHS, often mistaken as the Pine Plains Historical Society, has a broader — and deeper — mission. “Our charter sets out our domain as the area covered by the 1706 Little Nine Partners patent,” explained Wapnick. Early on, the group made its presence known by relocating the Harris-Husted House to a new site along Shekomeko Creek, carefully salvaging elements from the nearby scythe works at Hammertown. As Wapnick

put it, “It became the organization’s responsibility to keep alive an interest in the living past from which came the foundations on which our life is built.” A centerpiece of that focus is the preservation of the pre-Revolutionary Graham-Brush House located in the municipal parking lot in Pine Plains. “The house is stable,” Wapnick noted. “We’ve redone floors, replastered walls, repaired fireplaces — we even found an old shoe in the chimney, a bit of folk magic.” Grants have been awarded to support some ADA improvements. There has been work to repair the roof, and dendrochronology studies have been done dating parts of the house to around 1770.

LNPHS remains active in the community with tours, events and a popular October cemetery walk. “We give an annual \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior and we’re working to better communicate with our membership,” said Wapnick. Volunteers are always welcome, Wapnick



Photo provide.

J.W. Hedges Store in Pine Plains (ca. 1840-1981).



Photo by Natalia Zukerman

The Graham-Brush house in Pine Plains.

expressed. “All it takes is a passion for local history and a willingness to learn.” With a grant just awarded from the Dutchess County Department of History and a new research partnership underway with Friends of Stissing Landmarks to research the Patchins

grist mill, the Society is still evolving. But the mission remains the same — to preserve, protect, and educate people on the history of Pine Plains and the significant role it played in area history, particularly in farming, railroads and early industries.

First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains	518-398-7117
St. Anthony’s Catholic Church	518-398-7115
Pine Plains United Methodist Church	518-398-5521

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Supervisor <i>Brian Walsh</i>	518-398-8600
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County Legislator <i>Chris Drago (19th District)</i>	845-868-2188
State Assemblywoman <i>Didi Barrett (106th District)</i>	845-454-1703
State Senator <i>Michelle Hinchey (41st District)</i>	845-331-3810

Representative in U.S. Congress <i>Patrick Ryan (18th District)</i>	202-225-5614
United States Senators <i>Kirsten Gillibrand</i>	202-224-4451
<i>Charles Schumer</i>	202-224-6542
Governor <i>Kathy Hochul</i>	518-474-8390

KEY SERVICES

Animal Control.....	860-480-7568
Assessor (<i>Tues., 9-3; Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 9-noon</i>)	860-824-0707
Building Official (<i>Wed., 9-noon</i>)	860-309-7852
Fire Marshal (<i>by appointment</i>)	860-364-0909
First Selectman (<i>Mon.-Thurs., 9-noon</i>)	860-824-0707 ext. 23
Litchfield Hills Probate District #24	860-824-7012
Registrars of Voters (<i>Wed., 9-noon</i>)	860-824-0707 ext. 18
Sanitarian (<i>Tues., 8-10</i>)	860-489-0436 ext. 323
Social Services (<i>Tues. & Thurs., 8:30-3, Wed., 12-3</i>)	860-824-9855
Tax Collector (<i>Mon. 9-3, Wed. 9-noon</i>)	860-824-0707 ext. 13
Town Clerk (<i>Mon.-Wed., 9-3; Thurs., 9-noon</i>)	860-824-0707 ext. 10
Town Garage	860-824-7239
Town Treasurer (<i>Mon.-Wed., 9-3</i>)	860-824-0707 ext. 11
Transfer Station (<i>Tues., Fri. & Sat., 8-3</i>)	860-824-5819
Recreation Director	recreation@canaanfallsvillage.org

PUBLIC SAFETY

AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

For emergencies.....	911 Falls Village Fire Department
State Police Troop B, <i>North Canaan</i>	860-626-1820
Sanitarian (<i>Torrington Area Health District</i>)	860-489-0436 or www.tahd.org
Sharon Hospital	860-364-4000

OTHER SERVICES

D.M. Hunt Memorial Library.....	860-824-7424
Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society	860-824-8226
www.fallsvillage-canaanhistoricalsociety.org	
Falls Village Day Care Center.....	860-824-0882

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AND COLLEGES

Explorations Charter School, <i>Winsted</i>	860-738-9070
Housatonic Valley Regional High School, <i>Falls Village</i>	860-824-5123
Lee H. Kellogg School.....	860-824-7791
Northwestern Connecticut Community College, <i>Winsted</i>	860-738-6300
Oliver Wolcott Technical School, <i>Torrington</i>	860-496-5300

Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society operates out of what is known as The Depot, or more formally, The Falls Village Depot Museum, at 44 Railroad St. in Falls Village.

Inside visitors can find exhibits that illustrate the town's rich heritage.

And there are documents. Lots and lots of documents.

So much so that the Society installed a dehumidifying system and transferred a significant number of paper records to a climate-controlled storage unit.

Recently Society stalwarts Judy Jacobs, Midge Cortesi, Kay Blass, Cheryl Aeschliman and Liz German gathered at the Depot, along with Betty Tybruski, who was doing research on the Morgans, of the David M. (for Morgan) Hunt Library family.

Jacobs said the Society is supported by a mixture of donations, grants, fundraisers and the rent from two apartments on the second floor of the

building.

The annual dinner was Sunday, May 16, with historian and former first selectman Chuck Lewis as the speaker.

Jacobs said, and the others agreed, that one constant problem is storage. "We need room to grow and to just unpack things."

The town-wide First Saturday in Falls Village event has raised the historical society's profile.

The Hunt Library has a book sale on the first Saturday of the month, and usually other activities.

"We figured the library was always so busy, we could play off that," Jacobs said.

And it has worked.

"We've seen an uptick" in visitors since the Saturday event started last year. Attractions besides the Depot Museum include the caboose at the junction of Main and Railroad streets, and the Beebe Hill schoolhouse, which is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon in July and August.

A Black History



Photo by Patrick L. Sullivan

Judy Jacobs with the Milo Freeland headstone during Black History Month in February 2025.

Month exhibit about Milo Freeland, a Black man who served in the Civil War with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, was popular.

In the early 1990s, Walt Arbo was walking his dog at the Hillside Cemetery in the East Canaan section of North Canaan when he

spotted a headstone that was broken and tipped over.

It was the headstone of Milo Freeland, and it now resides at the Historical Society.

A replica was made and installed at the cemetery in 1996.

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RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Falls Village Congregational Church	860-824-0194
St. Joseph Church, <i>Catholic, North Canaan</i>	860-824-7078
Trinity Episcopal Church, <i>Lime Rock</i>	860-435-2627

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

First Selectman	
David Barger.....	860-824-0707 ext. 23
Representatives in Connecticut General Assembly	
Sen. Stephen Harding (<i>30th District</i>)	800-842-1421
Rep. Maria Horn (<i>64th District</i>)	800-842-8267

Representative in Congress (<i>5th District</i>)	
Jahana Hayes.....	Waterbury 860-223-8412
	Washington 202-225-4476
United States Senators	
Richard Blumenthal.....	Hartford 860-258-6940
	Washington 202-224-2823
Chris Murphy.....	Hartford 860-549-8463
	Washington 202-224-4041
Governor	
Ned Lamont.....	800-406-1527

KEY SERVICES

Animal Control Officer.....	860-488-6476
.....and	860-480-8625
Assessor (<i>Tues., 1-4, Wed., 9-3</i>)	
.....	860-672-2703
Building/Demolition Official	860-672-0711
Emergency Management Director	
.....	860-672-6547
Finance Officer (<i>Mon. & Thur. 9-5, Tues. & Wed. 8:30-12:30</i>).....	860-672-2707
Fire Marshal	860-364-0909
First Selectman (<i>Mon.-Thurs., 9-noon, 1-4</i>)	
.....	860-672-4959
Land Use Office (<i>Tues. & Thurs., 9-noon</i>)	
.....	860-672-4957
Municipal Agent/Social Services (<i>By appointment</i>)	860-672-2603
Litchfield Hills Probate District #24	
.....	860-824-7012
Recreation Director	
.....	860-672-4071
Registrars of Voters	
..... (R) 860-307-7077 (D) 860-672-0279	
Tax Collector (<i>Mon., 1-4, Wed., 9-noon & 1-4</i>)	
.....	860-672-2705
Town Clerk (<i>Mon.-Thurs., 9-noon & 1-4</i>)	
.....	860-672-2709
Transfer Station (<i>Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 9-4:30; Sun., 8-11 a.m.</i>).....	860-672-4079

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

For emergencies.....	911
Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department	
.....	860-672-6526
State Police Troop B, <i>North Canaan</i>	
.....	860-626-1820
Sanitarian (<i>Torrington Area Health District</i>)	
.....	860-489-0436 or www.tahd.org
Sharon Hospital	860-364-4000

OTHER SERVICES

Cornwall Child Center.....	860-672-6989
Cornwall Historical Society	
.....	860-672-0505
.....	www.cornwallhistoricalsociety.org
Cornwall Library.....	860-672-6874

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Cornwall Consolidated School	
.....	860-672-6617
Explorations Charter School, <i>Winsted</i>	
.....	860-738-9070
Housatonic Valley Regional High School, <i>Falls Village</i>	860-824-5123
Northwestern Connecticut Community College, <i>Winsted</i>	860-738-6300
Oliver Wolcott Technical School, <i>Torrington</i>	
.....	860-496-5300

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

St. Bridget’s Church, <i>Catholic</i>	860-672-6515
St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church	
.....	860-672-6897
The Chapel of All Saints, <i>Episcopal</i>	
<i>www.allsaintscornwall.org</i>	
<i>for information on where services are held</i>	
United Church of Christ in Cornwall,	
<i>Congregational</i>	860-672-6840
Trinity Episcopal Church, <i>Lime Rock</i>	
.....	860-435-2627

ELECTED OFFICERS

First Selectman	
<i>Gordon M. Ridgway</i>	860-672-4959
Representatives in	
Connecticut General Assembly	
<i>Sen. Stephen Harding (30th District)</i>	
.....	800-842-1421
<i>Rep. Maria Horn (64th District)</i>	
.....	800-842-8267

Representative in Congress (<i>5th District</i>)	
<i>Jahana Hayes</i>	<i>Waterbury</i> 860-223-8412
.....	<i>Washington</i> 202-225-4476
United States Senators	
<i>Richard Blumenthal</i>	<i>Hartford</i> 860-258-6940
.....	<i>Washington</i> 202-224-2823
<i>Chris Murphy</i>	<i>Hartford</i> 860-549-8463
.....	<i>Washington</i> 202-224-4041
Governor	
<i>Ned Lamont</i>	800-406-1527
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Cornwall Historical Society

By RILEY KLEIN

Occupying a 19th-century carriage house on Pine Street, the Cornwall Historical Society presents glimpses into the town’s past through curated exhibits and extensive document records.

The society “is committed to the principle that public knowledge of Cornwall’s past is fundamental to its future,” according to the website cornwallhistoricalsociety.org.

This summer’s exhibit will open July 4, which has a working title of “Selections from the Collection,” explained curator Suzie Fateh.

“We’re going to feature some of our treasured pieces and tell the story of Cornwall really through those pieces in preparation for next year,” said Fateh.

CHS board member Susan Hellmann encouraged residents with local artifacts or stories to contribute to the upcoming summer exhibit.

Next year’s project, as

Fateh alluded to, will focus on the United States’ 250th birthday. Guest curator Steven Jaffe was contracted to help with the planning. Jaffe, of New Jersey, has worked with institutions such as the Museum of the City of New York, South Street Seaport Museum and the New-York Historical Society.

Information on historical records is available on the society’s website. Collections catalog Cornwall’s numerous historic private schools including the Foreign Mission School, Cream Hill Agricultural School, and Rumsey Hall, which relocated to Washington, Connecticut, in 1948. Other CHS collections cover important Cornwallians of the past including military figures, artists, farmers, iron workers and mercantile ventures.

The “BIPOC Subject Guide” section of the website helps tell the stories of Cornwall’s Black and Native communities. With



Photos by Riley Klein
Cornwall Historical Society’s building on Pine Street was built circa 1865 and is believed to be the work of master builder Cyrus William Marsh, of Cornwall.

the help of a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission in 2023, CHS consolidated scattered records into a single resource that is searchable online.

Today, residents can contribute to the archives by submitting materials that document the response of the community to the COVID-19 pandemic. Artwork, diaries, photographs, posters,



videos and similar items can be filed online or in person by appointment.

Visits to the location at 9 Pine Street are by appointment only. Contact info@cornwallhistoricalsociety.org or call 860-672-0505. More info at cornwallhistoricalsociety.org



Photo by Patrick L. Sullivan

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Which brought Jacobs to another point.

“We need volunteers,” she said.

And the historical society covers both Falls Village and North Canaan, so it would be nice to get some volunteers from the latter town.

Bill Beebe (left) was one of the historical society members who led a walking tour of points of interest last summer.

Another long-term project is to digitize old records. This is underway, but it’s a massive job, and more bodies would be helpful. “One of the areas where we could really use help is with technology,” Jacobs said.

Perhaps the most popular event the society puts on are the “1st Tuesday at 7 Summer Talks” held at the South Canaan Meetinghouse at 12 Route 63 in Falls Village.

The schedule this summer:

June 3, “The Housatonic Railroad Through the Lens of Rolf Schneider” with Dave

Jacobs and Rolf Schneider.

July 1, “All Honor to the Ladies: Litchfield County Women and the Civil War” with Pete Vermilyea.

Aug. 5: “The Role of Comics in War, Culture and Politics” with Jerry Calabrese.

Sept. 2: “Stunt Pilot Stanley Segalla and the History of the Canaan Airport” with Billy Segalla.

The Depot Museum is open Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon, the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment. Visit fallsvillage-canaanhistoricalsociety.org

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Animal Control	860-927-4783
Assessor (Mon. & Wed., 9-noon & 1-4)	860-927-3160
Building Department (Mon.-Fri., 9-4)	860-927-4556
First Selectman (Mon.-Fri., 9-noon & 1-4)	860-927-4627
Fire Marshal (Tues. & Thurs., 3-4)	860-927-4556
Land Use	860-927-4625
Litchfield Hills Probate District #24	860-567-8065
Park & Recreation	860-927-1003
Probate Court	860-927-3729
Public Works (Mon.-Fri., 7:30-3:30)	860-927-3491
Registrars of Voters (Mon., 1-4)	860-927-1953
Resident Trooper	860-953-9949
Social Services/Municipal Agent (Mon., 10-1, Tues.-Fri., 9-4)	860-927-1586
Tax Collector (Mon., Tues., Wed., 9-noon & 1-4)	860-927-3269
Town Clerk (Mon.-Thurs., 9-4, Fri., 9-noon)	860-927-3433
Transfer Station (Sat. & Sun., 8-3:30)	860-927-4627
Treasurer (Tues. & Wed., 1-4, Fri., 9-noon & 1-4)	860-927-0109

PUBLIC SAFETY
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

For emergencies	911
Kent Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance	860-927-3151
State Police Troop L, Litchfield	800-953-9949
Sanitarian (Torrington Area Health District)	860-489-0436 or www.tahtd.org
Sharon Hospital	860-364-4000

OTHER SERVICES

Kent Chamber of Commerce	860-592-0061
Kent Community House	860-927-4627
Kent Education Center & Nursery School	860-927-1294
Kent Historical Society	860-927-4587
	www.kenthistoricalsociety.org
Kent Memorial Library	860-927-3761

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Explorations Charter School, Winsted	860-738-9070
Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village	860-824-5123
Kent Center School	860-927-3537

Kent Historical Society

By RUTH EPSTEIN

The Kent Historical Society and artist George Laurence Nelson are forever intertwined. Not only is the society’s museum housed in what was once his home, but his legacy is strongly felt through the items found within.

The society was founded in 1954 with 28 charter members. The original group, which met at the Kent Memorial Library, declared its mission was “to discover, preserve and restore wherever possible all material relating to Kent.” A constitution and by-laws were adopted on June 28, 1954.

Its mission today is “to collect, preserve, interpret and present the rich history of Kent as well as to provide educational and research material to enrich the public understanding of Kent’s artistic and cultural heritage.” Christine Jewell is executive director and Marge Smith is curator/archivist.

Any article on the society must mention Emily Hopson, who served as president from 1969 for over 30 years. She died in 2002 at 100, leaving a legacy of leadership and support that helped secure the society’s future.

In 1977, George Laurence Nelson was named a lifetime member of the society. He died in 1978, leaving his Seven Hearths home to the organization.

Rich in history, the house dates back to 1751 when John Beebe, Jr. built it as both a dwelling and commercial establishment. There was a store in part of the lower floor and a fur trading post upstairs. Beebe sold it to Thomas Northrup in 1818. Over the years it housed an academy and then a tenant farmhouse. It eventually fell into disrepair until Nelson and his wife, Helen Nelson, purchased it in 1919. They named it Seven Hearths as a tribute to




Photo by Ruth Epstein

Marge Smith, curator/archivist of the Kent Historical Society in the kitchen of Seven Hearths, the home of the society.



Photo contributed

its seven fireplaces.

Smith said Seven Hearths tells two stories: one of Nelson, a founding Kent Art Association artist, whose paintings and tools remain in the house; and another of Colonial-era life, with artifacts like Beebe’s store items, textiles, and iron industry documents. She loves helping visitors trace their family history. “I want the historical society to help

people tell the story of Kent and through genealogy, get to know about their ancestors. It gives us a sense of who we are and how we’re connected to one another. In this day and age, it’s just what we need.”

Northwestern Connecticut Community College, Winsted	860-738-6300
Oliver Wolcott Technical School, Torrington	860-496-5300

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Kent School	860-927-6000
Marvelwood School	860-927-0047
South Kent School	860-927-3539

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Litchfield Hills Probate District #24.....	www.litchfieldprobate.org
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Norfolk Senior Housing Corp. (Meadowbrook).....	860-542-5470
Norfolk Land Trust.....	860-307-8380
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Norfolk Historical Society & Museum

By JENNIFER ALMQUIST

The Norfolk Historical Society Museum, located in the 1840 Norfolk Academy building within the town’s historic district, was established in 1960. Director Barry Webber has guided the non profit for the past 25 years.

Its mission to encourage historical research is evident in the extensive online archive of artifacts, documents, and images in its collection database. It is open for research and study anytime by appointment. School groups are welcome. A self-guided walking tour through the historic district from the Village Green to the site of 19th century mills along the Blackberry River is available. Visitors are encouraged to visit the original one-room schoolhouse on Ashpohtag Road.

Its permanent collection includes a country store highlighting the town’s mercantile past, plus items from industry and farming, such as a wooden egg crate used by farmers on the train ride to market. In 1844, 200,000 pounds of cheese

were produced by Norfolk farmers and cows.

Some recent special exhibits include: “A Haven of Happiness: Inventor Michael Pupin in Norfolk Connecticut” and “Shedding Light: 200 Years of Art & Music in Norfolk,” highlighting Norfolk’s cultural ties to Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Jean Sibelius, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Ralph Vaughan Williams, John Cage, Ben Shahn, Josef

Albers, Chuck Close, and Eva Hesse.

The Norfolk Historical Society publishes numerous books, available in the museum and online via their website. Titles include “The Norfolk Library: History, Culture, Community,” and “A Remarkable Legacy: The Photography of Marie Hartig Kendall.”

Outstanding in their collection are 5,000 photographic images, glass negatives, and albums of

Kendall’s. Chronicling the life of Norfolk for two decades, she broke new ground as a woman producing 30,000 photographic negatives with her view camera in the 1880s. She won an award for photography at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair.

Jupiter Mars was an enslaved person who served in the Revolutionary War. His son James Mars was the

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Marie Hartig Kendall 1910 photograph of Sadie Heath and her dog on Grant Street in Norfolk

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last enslaved person bought and sold in Norfolk. Both men are buried in Center Cemetery which is on the Connecticut Freedom Trail. The Norfolk Historical Society has printed the memoir of James Mars, “Written by Himself: The Life of James Mars, A Slave Born and Sold in Connecticut.”

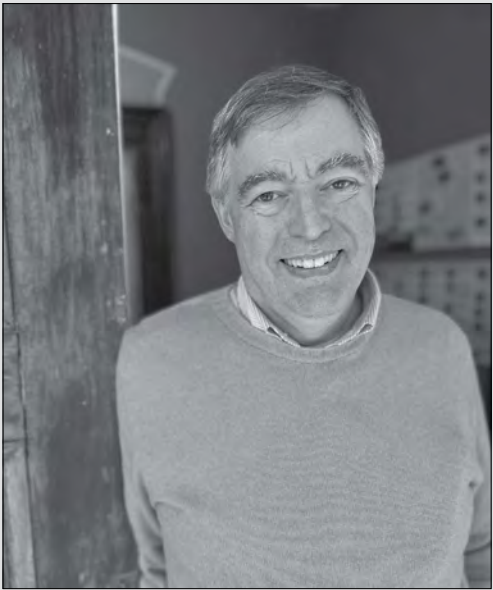
According to Webber, “In the 1840 Presidential election, Thomas Cowles was the first man in Norfolk to openly cast a vote for James G. Birney, the nominee of the Abolitionists party. Mr. Cowles was applauded

somewhat vigorously by some of his fellow townsmen and friends, and this independent act caused much interest and discussion over the next twenty years. A New Birth of Freedom, a quote from Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, will explore Norfolk in the era leading up to the Civil War, and the men and families who joined the cause.”

Contact:
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Norfolk Historical Society, established in 1960, is located in the 1840 Norfolk Academy building in the town’s historic district at 13 Village Green, Norfolk, Connecticut.



Photos by Jennifer Almquist

Barry Webber, Director of the Norfolk Historical Society for the past 25 years.

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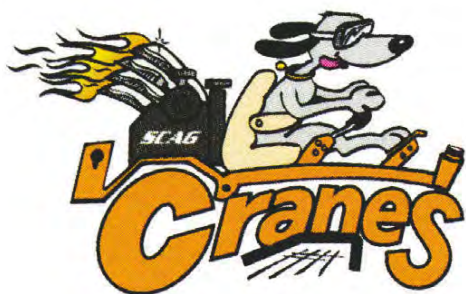
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North Canaan Housing Authority (Wangum Village)	860-824-0521
Litchfield Hills Probate District #24	
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Recreation Director	860-248-0970
Registrars of Voters	860-824-7313 ext. 111
Resident State Trooper	
	860-824-7313 ext. 112
First Selectman (Mon.-Thurs., 8-4)	
	860-824-7313 ext. 101
Social Services (Mon.-Wed., 9-noon & 1-4)	
	860-824-7313 ext. 110
Tax Collector (Tues. & Thurs., 9-noon & 1-3)	
	860-824-7313 x 109
Town Clerk (Mon.-Thurs., 8:30-noon and 1-3)	860-824-7313 ext. 106
Transfer Station	860-824-7313 ext. 118
Treasurer	860-824-7313 ext. 105
Zoning Enforcement Officer	
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North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps	
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Resident State Trooper	
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State Police Troop B, North Canaan	
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Sanitarian (Torrington Area Health District)	
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Sharon Hospital	860-364-4000

OTHER SERVICES

Canaan Child Care Center	860-824-0597
Douglas Library	860-824-7863
Canaan History Center	860-453-4435
Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry at Pilgrim House (Tues., 5-7; Thurs. noon-2)	
	860-824-7232
Geer Village Senior Community	
	860-824-2600
Mountainside Treatment Center	
	860-824-1397
Northwestern Connecticut YMCA at Geer	
	860-499-3195

Canaan History Center

By ALEC LINDEN

While the Canaan History Center is filled to the brim with North Canaan artifacts, memorabilia and vestiges of the town’s vibrant past, it is no stuffy anachronism. “This is not a museum,” said town historian Kathryn Boughton. “It’s a research library of sorts.” Boughton explained that the History Center’s utility lies not in its capacity as a mere historical register, but as an active catalog of the town’s present and past for future generations to access. In aligning the Center this way, Boughton carries on the legacy of Fred Hall, founder of the institution and her predecessor who was “sharp as a tack until the day he died” at 102 years of age in 2009. Hall constantly sought to capture North Canaan in real time, Boughton said. He would roam the streets with a camera and a keen,

sensitive eye for character, capturing intimate snapshots of mid-century town life. In those images, now housed within a well-loved tome of an album, the North Canaan of yesteryear comes alive. The compilation, known as “Hallmarks,” was originally put together by Boughton and North Canaan photographer and environmentalist Tom Zetterstrom for Hall’s 90th birthday. “This is the town I grew up in,” said Boughton, flipping through “right out of Rockwell” photos showing men unwinding after work, her childhood doctor filling a syringe to prepare for a shot, an Italian “mail order bride” who became a widower and opened a grocery and carried all her money in cash in her pocket, and one of Hall himself, standing before the then-closed façade of Fuller Hardware,



Photo by Alec Linden

Catherine Roraback’s desk and bulletin board.

where he worked for nearly 45 years. “This is one of the saddest pictures in here,” said Boughton. Big personalities loom large over the History Center, which now occupies the former Roraback Law Office Building. Built in the 1840s, the building housed the prominent legal

family’s practices for 160 years. Boughton still uses the ornate 1881 safe built for Alberto Roraback, who served as a Connecticut Supreme Court Judge in the early 20th century after a long and successful legal career. “This is my treasure

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Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village	860-824-5123
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Seventh-day Adventist	860-824-5830
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chest,” she said.

The building’s use as a law office ended in 2007 with the death of Catherine Roraback, who broke her lineage of “rock-ribbed” Republicans by becoming a socialist. She was one of the first female lawyers in the state, notably litigating the “Griswold vs. Connecticut” case in 1965 which helped lay the foundation for Roe vs. Wade.

Her desk remains in its place in a sunny corner of the building, with her bulletin

board arranged almost exactly as she had it, said Boughton.

Boughton is committed to ensuring the History Center remains a repository for living history. Currently, she is revamping an oral history project that she and Hall initiated in 1989, the stories of North Canaan residents captured on video. Interviewing her own generation can be tricky these days, she said, as everyone she knows is too busy to pin down for a conversation.

“We’re creating the town’s history as we speak.”



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First Selectman (<i>Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4</i>)	860-435-5170
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Tax Collector (<i>Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9-4</i>)	860-435-5189
Town Clerk (<i>Mon.-Fri., 9-12:30, 1:30-3:30</i>)	860-435-5182
Town Grove Recreation Building	860-435-5185
Transfer Station (<i>Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8-4; Sun., 9-1</i>).....	860-435-5178
Zoning Administrator (<i>Mon.-Fri., 8-noon</i>)	860-435-5190

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The Salisbury Association

By **ROBIN RORABACK**

In Salisbury, the Historical Society falls under the umbrella of the Salisbury Association, “formed in 1902 to promote the best interests of the town and to protect its natural attractions,” according to the association’s website. It shares that umbrella with Land Trust and Community Events. All three share the Academy Building next to the Post Office on Main Street in Salisbury.

The Historical Society “records, preserves, and presents the Town’s history.” This includes “maintenance, conservation and display of historic artifacts, artwork, books, documents, and maps relating to Salisbury.” An oral history project has recorded many of the town’s people talking about the history of Salisbury as well as everyday life and can be accessed on their website. It also has an extensive archive of “3600 digitized photos which are

available to the public.”

Lou Buccieri, town historian, is on hand at the Academy building on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and warmly greets those coming in, willingly answering any questions.

The space is welcoming. The exhibit space is rotated among the Historical Society, Land Trust and Community Events. Exhibits on local history have been placed around the perimeter of the room.

A cannon made in Salisbury resides in one corner; another greets visitors outside. Knives from the Holley Manufacturing Company, made in Salisbury, are near the door. Pictures of the eminent Holley Family, who boast a governor of Connecticut in their lineage — Alexander Hamilton Holley 1839-1891 — as well

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Main Street in Lakeville looking south toward split of Routes 41 and 44. Circa 1940. From the Salisbury Association Archives

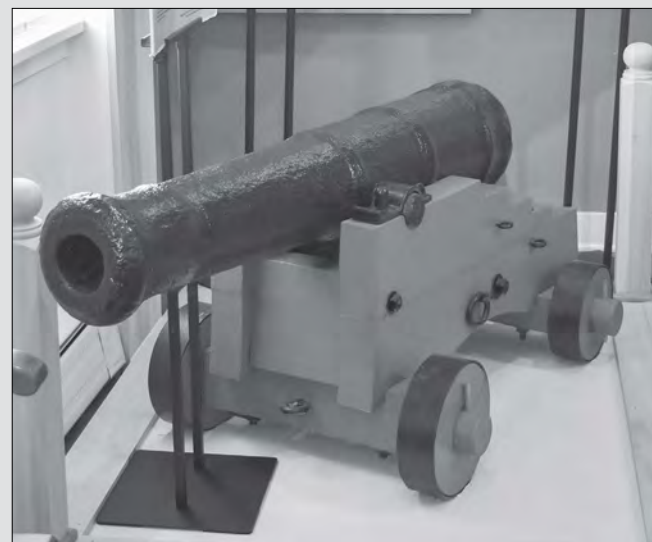


Photo by Robin Roraback

A cannon made in Salisbury for the Revolutionary War stands in the corner of the Academy Building.

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St. Mary's, <i>Catholic</i>	860-435-2659
Trinity Episcopal Church <i>Lime Rock</i>	860-435-2627
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as being prominent in the iron ore industry and Holley Manufacturing, decorate the walls. Jane A Winslow, 1825-1872, a free African American who lived from five years old on in Salisbury with Mrs. John C. Coffing — a family also prominent in the iron industry — is represented in a photo with her story beside her.

A selection of publications about Salisbury are also on hand to purchase. Lectures, guided walks, and exhibitions are offered as well as programs for schools.

“Birth, Death, and Alphabets: The Enduring legacy of Schoolgirl Needlework Before 1850” ended on April 30 and showed how family history was often recorded on samplers. Upcoming exhibits in June and July include “Go Native!” which is about removing invasive species. From August to September there will be an exhibition of Historical Clothing from the Salisbury Association’s Collection. Beginning in October, there will be an exhibit about the Lakeville Hose Company.

Visit the website to find out more: salisburyassociation.org/historical-society

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Sharon Historical Society

By MATTHEW KRETA

The Sharon Historical Society, established in 1911 as the Poconnuck Historical Society after a local Native American tribe, is located near the Sharon clock tower at 18 Main Street. The name of the society was changed in 1918 and it has been based in the Gay-Hoyt building since 1951. An addition in the back of the building erected in the 2000s is the building's current entrance. At the time of its founding, the Historical Society's mission was "to collect and preserve in some suitable place such articles as may tend to illustrate the life and history of the early settlers of this region, and to create and foster an interest in local history and tradition."

Today, the Sharon Historical Society continues this mission by focusing on collections management, online resources and preservation. Currently it is undertaking the monumental task of two digitization projects that include 11,000 photographs from Sharon photographer Edward

Hutchinson alone, with more materials from local families and worksites yet to be sifted through. This effort can be seen plainly on their website where over 7000 items have been preserved for public viewing online. While this endeavor of digitization and archiving constitutes a lot of their daily work, they are still committed to community research assistance and maintaining their museum. The gallery changes its main displays every few months, and can exhibit anything from older New England furniture and ironworks to modern art. In addition to their regular work for the museum, the historical society also holds at least one program a month and has partnerships with fellow community caretakers like the Hotchkiss Library.

On May 23, they will start their newest gallery showing called "Focus on Sharon: Documenting through Photography," which will feature the work of Sharon

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The front of the Gay-Hoyt building located at 18 Main Street, which houses the Sharon Historical Society.



Photos by Matthew Kreta

A room furnished with New England furniture and portraits on display.

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photographers Edward Hutchinson, Francis Kelsey and George Marckres. These three photographers capture a combined total of 150 years of Sharon's history. Modern photographs provided by the Housatonic Camera Club will also be displayed. An event will be held at the Society at 5 p.m. for its opening. Future plans also include community events such as a scavenger hunt and a tour of the cemetery.

For more information on the Sharon Historical Society, visit www.sharonhist.org.



The view from the entrance to the Sharon Historical Society.



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A portion of the display within the Gay-Hoyt building at the Sharon Historical Society.

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Great Barrington Historical Society

By BERNARD A. DREW

The Great Barrington Historical Society organized in 1977, succeeding an earlier organization that had functioned from 1951 to 1964.

The new group’s first accomplishment was microfilming The Berkshire Courier weekly newspaper (1834-1996), available to read at Mason Library.

Proceeds from the sale of a gifted house on Church Street and a grant from the Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick Foundation provided seed money to commission a new book, “Great Barrington Great Town, Great History,” by Bernard A. Drew, published in 1999. It also enabled purchase in 2007 of the Truman Wheeler farm at 817 South Main St., which had been in the same family since that individual, who lived from 1741 to 1815, came to town from Connecticut in 1764. The northwest corner of the house is of Dutch design and was built ca 1733. Later additions include a carriage shed,

outbuildings and a dairy barn. The original Wheeler farmed and maintained a small store and served as a muster master during the American Revolution.

The building and adjacent barn complex — listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011 — exhibits William Stanley’s patented all-metal vacuum bottles — still manufactured by a successor company — Monument Mills’ cotton counterpanes and Rising paper.

Barrington Fair is remembered. Seasonal exhibits include the popular multi-room showcase of Christmas trappings of old, organized by Executive Director Robert Krol.

The society manages collections of photographs by Marie Tassone, who with her husband Domenic operated a photo studio into the 1970s; Lucien Aigner, internationally known for his European images of Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein; and Donald B.



Photo by Bernard A. Drew

Standing displays at Wheeler House include artifacts from no-longer-active Rising Paper and Monument Mills.

Victor, a retired Naval airman who embraced Aigner’s “sneak-camera” approach to taking candid shots of town citizens — this collection is partially indexed and held off-premises.

Archivist Kerry Lydon, through an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area grant, is working diligently to

organize and index the society’s holdings.

A new display this year notes the destructive tornado that roared through town on Memorial Day 1995, according to society President Joann Mallory. A small gift shop includes a new history of the town’s

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ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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airport, Runway 29. The society acknowledges the approaching 250th anniversary of Col. Henry Knox’s ox-drawn caravan of cohorns, cannons and howitzers removed from Fort Ticonderoga in a grueling 56-day excursion in winter 1775-1776 — crossing South Berkshire County from Alford and Egremont to Great Barrington, Monterey and Otis to Blandford and beyond.

Wheeler House is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

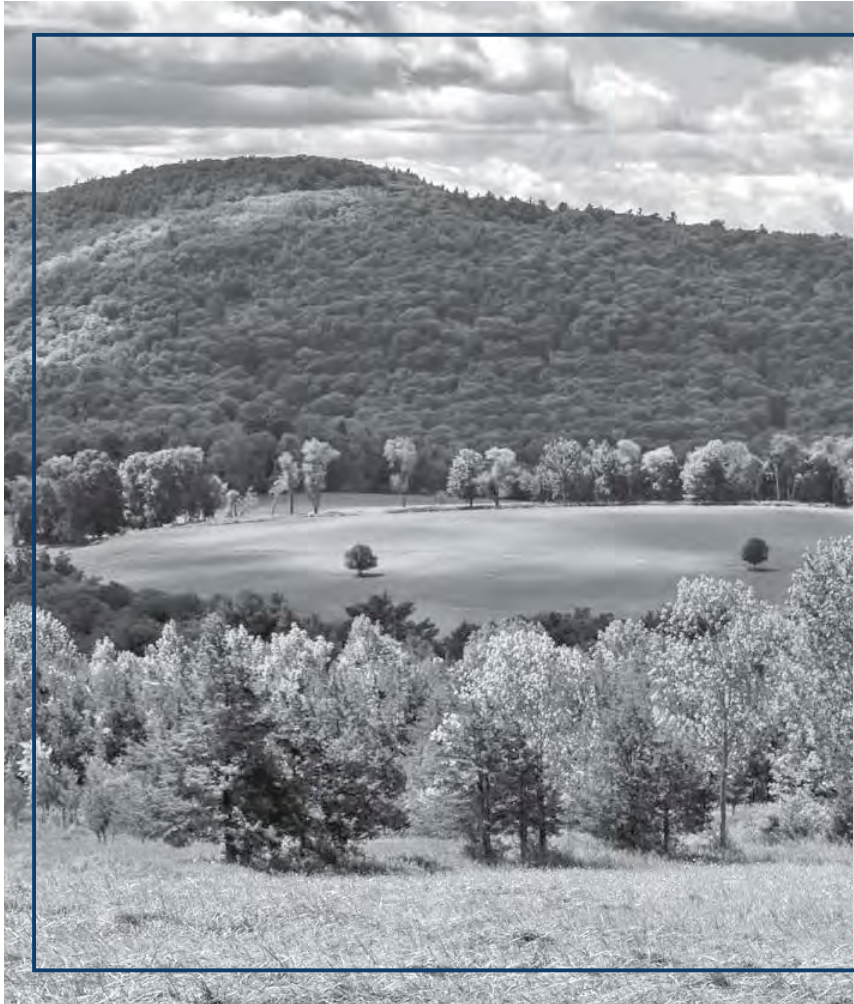


The Captain Truman Wheeler homestead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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The collection is eclectic, ranging from a Berkshire Street Railway rail, unearthed on Main Street a few years ago, to original seats from the still thriving Mahaiwe Theater.



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Scenic overlook open from 8 a.m. to sunset. Forest areas open between April-November. Hiking, youth group camping, picnic area, and pond and stream fishing.

Mystic Seaport Museum

75 Greenmanville Ave., Rte. 27, Mystic, CT, 860-572-0711, or 888-973-2767 www.mysticseaport.org
Maritime Art Gallery, education & special kids programs, group tours, planetarium, classes, recreated 19th-century seafaring village with shops. Climb aboard an historic tall ship. Stop by the Mystic Aquarium while there. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members and kids under 4, free. Discounts for seniors and youth. Check website for upcoming events.

New England Air Museum
*Bradley International Airport,
36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT, 860-623-3305, www.neam.org*
Helicopters, DC-3 airliner, WWII aircraft, jet fighters, etc. One-day activities for kids during summer. Open Tuesday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children under 3 free. Discounts for seniors and youth.

Norman Rockwell Museum
*9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, MA,
413-298-4100, www.nrm.org*
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Old Sturbridge Village
*1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA,
800-733-1830, www.osv.org*
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Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy
*55 Duck Pond Rd., Litchfield, CT,
860-567-2062, www.ripleyconservancy.org*
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Sharon Audubon Center
*325 Cornwall Bridge Road (Rte. 4), Sharon, CT,
860-364-0520,
sharon.audubon.org*
Eleven miles of woodland and meadow hiking trails. Pond, exhibits, gift shop, visitor center. Open year-round.

Eric Sloane Museum and Kent Iron Furnace
*31 Kent-Cornwall Road,
Kent, CT, 860-927-3849*
Reconstructed studio and artwork of Eric Sloane. Antique machinery, rock, gem and mining exhibits. Gift shop. Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stormville Airport Antique Show and Flea Market
*428 Rte. 216, Stormville, NY,
845-221-6561,
www.stormvilleairportfleamarket.com*
More than 600 exhibitors, food court. See website for 2025 show dates. Free admission and parking, no pets. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Summer Nights of Canaan
North Canaan, CT, northcanaaneventscommittee.org/summer-nights-of-canaan
Summer Nights of Canaan, July 16-19. Carnival. More info to come.

Taconic State Park
*253 Rte. 344, Copake Falls, NY,
518-329-3993, parks.ny.gov/parks/taconiccopake*
Hiking trails, swimming, camping, cabins, nature center, kayaking, canoeing, fishing. 25 miles of trails. Call for schedule.

Tapping Reeve House and Litchfield Law School
82 South St., Litchfield, 860-567-4501, www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org
Museum includes Tapping Reeve House, Litchfield Law School and Tapping Reeve Meadow. See website for hours.

Topsmead State Forest
Buell Road, Litchfield, CT, 860-424-4070, portal.ct.gov/deep/state-parks/forests/topsmead-state-forest
Activities include birding, hiking, cottage tours, cross-country skiing. Recreation areas open 8 a.m. to sunset year round. Pets welcomed on a leash.

Trevor Zoo
*Millbrook School, 282 Millbrook School Road,
Millbrook, NY, 845-677-3704, www.trevorzoo.org*
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Rte. 9G, Hyde Park, NY, 845-229-9115, 845-229-9422, www.nps.gov/elro
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www.nps.gov/vama*
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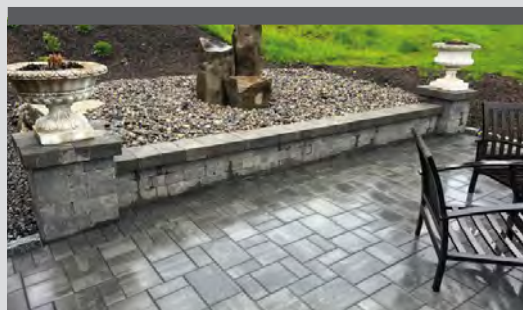
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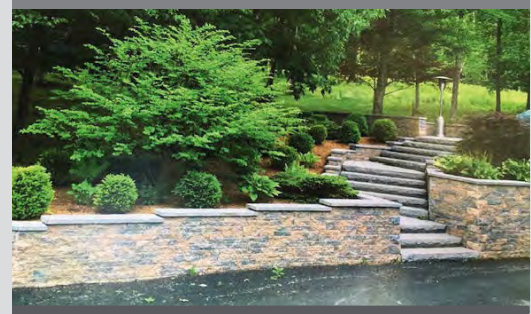
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