



Manlius Town Historian

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Report of the Manlius Town Historian for 2021

Locating a spot for the first tombstone for a soldier of the American Revolution and creating a 50 minute video about local history were all part of this year's effort for the Manlius Town Historian.

The video I created had more than 2,000 viewers within 24 hours and reached my largest audience to date. It is still available. on the town's youtube website

I also supplied history-related information to several parts of the town's long-range planning groups.

I cooperated with two libraries working on local walking tours supplying points of interest along the routes.

In between those highlights were the usual "house histories" for local residents, tracing neighborhood developments and documenting details about local events.

I also continue to supervise the maintenance of the six neighborhood burial grounds under town care. I have walked each one again this year.

I also continue to assist local cemetery trustees in both current and historical aspects of their responsibilities and did a program for the Kirkville cemetery trustees.

Today's internet solves most questions leaving only the almost impossible ones that need detailed local research or understanding to show up on the historian's horizon.

The lack of regularly scheduled programs means that each inquiry gets a detailed answer either by U.S. Postal mail or the internet.

I review and, when appropriate, participate in several local history-related chat rooms for Fayetteville, Manlius and the north part of the town including Kirkville and North Manlius. Each of those sites frequently display one of my previously prepared Fact Sheets giving further circulation to my work.

I also continue to answer history-related questions over the telephone that allows more direct and expansive communication.

For eight years I did a very localized history program during one day for the eighth grades at Eagle Hill school in Manlius. I arranged a similar program for the East Syracuse-Minoa school district. I hope when the disruptions to school programming are past these can be resumed. Speaking to school groups about the past is a very rewarding experience and their questions help orient us all to the current mind-set of the school groups..

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