

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VICTOR TOWN HISTORIAN
JANUARY 2010 TO DECEMBER 2010

(Report is required to be filed with the State Historian and the Ontario County Historian)

THE TOWN HISTORIAN COLLECTS, PRESERVES, AND INTERPRETS VICTOR HISTORY AND RESPONDS TO REQUESTS. GENERAL CATEGORIES FOR THE HISTORIAN'S ACTIVITIES ARE PRESERVATION, ORGANIZATION, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION.

The Town Historian is a duly appointed (by the Supervisor) position by requirement of NYS Law 57.13.

2007 was the first year that this Historian also worked as the Village Historian as well as the Town Historian.

TOWN HISTORIAN'S ACTIVITIES:

As required by law, I collected material of historical significance. The inventory of collected material is on file, and an inventory of material acquired during 2009 is attached to this report.

My goals for 2010 included:

- ❖ To continue to make the students and adults in Victor community aware of their history and the historic resources in the town through email, my website, programming, written articles;
- ❖ To create an Historic Advisory Committee;
- ❖ To begin an Oral History project;
- ❖ To continue with historic house histories for the *Historic Victor* Marker Program;
- ❖ To add more programs/presentations on the history of Victor;
- ❖ To continue to put additions to the Archives on the database;
- ❖ To continue scanning the Archives' photographs;
- ❖ To cooperate and assist other historic/service organizations in the community.

Began an Historic Advisory Committee –Vision, Mission, Powers and Duties, Membership, etc. attached

I have responded to over 200 requests for historical information, genealogy and other historian related assistance and had 91 visitors to my office this year.

I have written articles for the Town of Victor Newsletter:

- ❖ "Stories That Victor's Women of the Past Tell,"
- ❖ "Your Street's Named After a Hog? Mine's named After a Matross!"
- ❖ "Bea Wolford: Local Artist"
- ❖ "Historic Victor Features the Hamlet of Fishers"
- ❖ "Beaches, Balls and a Cemetery?"
- ❖ "Men That VICTOR Made Famous"
- ❖ "Dr. Beach and His Legacy"
- ❖ "Victorian Victor"

- ❖ “Telling Our Stories”
- ❖ “The Bicentennial of the Victor Village Cemetery”

Presentations presented were:

- ❖ “Stories That Victor’s Women of the Past Tell,”
- ❖ “Your Street’s Named After a Hog? Mine’s named After a Matross!”
- ❖ “Historic Victor Features the Hamlet of Fishers”
- ❖ “Beaches, Balls and a Cemetery?”
- ❖ “Men That VICTOR Made Famous
- ❖ Victorian Victor

Working with the Historic Advisory Committee to begin planning for the Town of Victor’s Bicentennial in 2012-2013 (Town was organized in 1812, but the first Town meeting was not held until 1813);

Worked with students, seniors and Boy Scouts on research for projects for the New York State Archives, History Day, early 1900s Victor, Native American history as well as tours for several student groups;

As part of the Heritage Lecture series in 2010 I facilitated programs each month with the Victor Historical Society and the Valentown Garden Club;

Began an Oral History Project by videotaping 15 older residents of Victor by year’s end—with the goal of a DVD by the end of 2012;

Was a judge for the regional competition for the State History Interest Project;

Prepared a display for a display case in the main hallway of the Town Hall on The Walling and Gallup Blocks;

Maintained the Local Artist’s Wall in the Town Hall;

I attended the following workshops and/or conferences:

- ❖ Association of Public Historian of NYS conference;
- ❖ Landmark Society Preservation conference;
- ❖ Region 11 Association of Public Historians workshops (hosting one);
- ❖ Archives Month Conference—presented on doing local publishing;
- ❖ New York State History conference;
- ❖ Genesee Finger Lakes Local Government Workshop;
- ❖ Beginning and Intermediate Powerpoint;
- ❖ Beginning and Intermediate Publisher;

Updated the Historic Driving Tour of Victor pamphlet;

Researched history and provided *Historic Victor* bronze plaques to six Village and six Town historic buildings;

Nearing completion of a Barns survey of the Town of Victor;

Facilitated the 200th anniversary of the Victor Village Cemetery including a costumed tour of the cemetery;

Facilitated an educational project about Abraham Lincoln with the Ontario County Historical Society;

Wrote a Vulnerability/Disaster Planning grant for the Victor Historical Society;

Was a consultant with Victor Central School Teacher Resource Center for a \$500,000 grant on teaching American History;

Worked with the Village Cemetery Committee, Victor Genealogical Society and Victor Historical Society on programs, research and historical advice.

Continued work as the Town liaison for the Strategic Plan's Task Force #10—Community Partnerships;

Meetings that I attended were: Historic Advisory Committee (advisor); County Historian meetings; several Town Board, Planning Board and Architectural Review Board meetings; Victor Roundtable meetings; Electronic Records Committee; Department Head meetings; Ganondagan; Victor Historical Society (advisor); the Ontario County Historical Society (Board of Directors and Collections Chair); Village Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee (advisor), Task Force #10 (Internal Champion for #10);

Collecting historical information was done by clipping articles and news of interest and obituaries from newspapers; putting new information into the Archives database; taking pictures and slides and indexing them in notebooks; obtaining house and barn histories and gathering genealogy information. Attached is a list of materials donated or bought for the Town of Victor Archives.

The average number of hours that I worked each week was 16.

I continue to appreciate the support of the Town to encourage history and preservation in Victor and to support its Historian who is in her 21th year serving in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette M. Huber
Victor Town Historian
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