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To: Farmington Supervisor and Board Members
From: Donna Herendeen
Re: 2022 Historian Annual Report

THE HISTORIAN COLLECTS, PRESERVES AND INTERPRETS FARMINGTON HISTORY. GENERAL CATEGORIES FOR THE HISTORIAN'S ACTIVITIES ARE PRESERVATION, EDUCATION, ORGANIZATION AND RESEARCH

Preservation: Actively involved in the restoration of the South Farmington Union Chapel. Will begin the research needed for writing the application for the New York State Registry of Historic Places. Will write application in 2023.

Cleaning headstones continues within the historic Hathaway cemetery and South Farmington Friends cemeteries. I have learned the accepted way to clean headstones from David Bloom (The Gravestone Guy) and shared my knowledge with others. Work will continue throughout 2023 with Mr. Bloom resetting all fallen headstones in the Hathaway cemetery.

Education: Mentored a girl scout working on her Eagle Scout project in the historic Hathaway cemetery. Mentored two high school seniors for their participation in the Daughters of American Revolution "Good Citizen" essay competition.

Participated in a Geneseo College internship program in spring 2022. My experience with our intern, Jake Domegal, was rewarding. Have been selected to participate in the Gardiner Foundation Semi-quincentennial Project in 2023. Will work with a college senior intern during the summer of 2023. The project's goal is uncover how the American Revolution effected communities in western New York.

Speaker at Canandaigua Kiwanis and Farmington Senior Citizens luncheons.

Attended the annual conference of Associated Public Historians of NYS via Zoom. Attended the Landmark Society of New York State Preservation Conference held in Syracuse. Attended several webinar classes.

Collection and Preserving Historical Records: Inventoried and archived three family collections (Hathaway, Hoag, Allen) for the Farmington Historical Society (FHS). Their inventory is stored at the town hall. Have transcribed many of the older letters.

Transcribing the earliest town meeting minutes from 1797 to 1821. Will complete in 2023. Plans are to share a copy with the town of Manchester since both towns met together in the early years to lay out the highways and school districts.

Worked with Reg Neale to collect oral histories of Edward Blazey and Peter Bowerman, "natives" of Farmington.

Wrote grant and received two history roadside markers from William S. Pomeroy Foundation. (Herendeen Home & Tuttle's Crossing).

Organization: Researched and wrote actor scripts for the annual "history" cemetery tour held at South Farmington cemetery. Established a new Facebook page, for the town historian only, to share historical

information about Farmington. FB has become a means to reach a broader base of citizens to share our history with. Have a great response to this.

Historian continues to respond to requests about family information, aids in identifying locations of family homesteads and meets (by appointment) out of towners who are doing research.

A special thank you goes to the Highway Superintendent and Parks employees for everything they do to help preserve our historic sites.