

Report from the Town of Macedon
Historian's Office 2nd Quarter 2021
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2021 marks the 198th year of the existence of the Town of Macedon which was incorporated in 1823, Only two years to go until we and Wayne County will be celebrating our 200th anniversary.

This report includes the information on the people, projects and time spent in the role as Historian of the Town of Macedon. In addition to requests from members of our community I have been actively involved as secretary of the Macedon Historical Society and the preservation of the Macedon Academy building. I have logged 125 hours during this three-month period.

Highlights include:

- Macedon Bicentennial: I am the chairperson of this committee. Our committee continues to meet monthly, on the first Tuesday of the month. We are meeting in the Community Room at the library at 6pm. We have confirmed that the Towpath Volunteers will be hosting their Worldwide Friendship Festival. There are a few European Corps that will be participating. The event will take place around Labor Day 2023. We also met with Jeff Washburn of the County Bicentennial Committee. They are planning a “torch” relay. We completed a letter of introduction which will be given to people and groups in our community. Reminder: we have a Facebook Page called “**Macedon Bicentennial 2023.**” I have created a unique mail address called macedonbicentennial@gmail.com.
- Macedon Historical Society: I continue to serve as secretary documenting minutes, agendas and correspondence. We have completed an ADA compliant restroom using funds from the \$10K Bullis Fund award that we received. The remaining part of that money will be used to prepare the building for an additional fire escape. We are also waiting for what we hope will be approval on a \$45K grant, from the Landmark Society. It is called the Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization grant. If awarded this money, we will use it to build an elevator/lift system and have an efficient HVAC system installed on the second floor of the Macedon Academy. It is our goal to make the Macedon Academy a useful place for all members of our community. Although it is more of a winter project, we continue to catalog our artifacts. Using a museum software called *Past Perfect*.
 - We continue to work on the Grange building. Member, Otto Roman is creating a community space that he calls *Marketplace and Galleria at the Macedon Grange*. We are going to paint the building as soon as we have a string of dry days!
 - We held a Flag Day celebration on Sunday, June 13th. The Macedon American Legion and the Towpath Volunteers helped with this celebration. It was a wonderful event attended by several people, including Assemblyman Manktelow.
 - We started a new program called “Community Chats.” They have been very popular. Residents and members have joined us with discussions from the Chapman, Lawrence/Allen, Miner and Straight Families. These events were recorded and shared through the MHS website.
 - Our “Performance on the Porch” and open houses series has also gone well. We have sponsored these performances in an effort to bring attention to these historic buildings and our community.

We appreciate any support that the Town of Macedon can provide. We encourage our Town Trustees to participate in these events.

- Wayne Historical Organizations (WHO) meets on a quarterly basis. We continue to work on the Bicentennial celebration in 2023 with extra meetings to make everyone aware of that. We continue to maintain a database of historical structures/places within Wayne County. It is available to the community at <http://waynehistorians.org/Places/>.

Visitors

All of the contacts made with my office were primarily by e-mail, these contacts are noted on the attached spreadsheet. Total contacts were approximately 70.

Queries

The following queries were, or are being researched on the following topics:

1. WWI Research – on hold
2. Continue to collect COVID-19 Articles and placed them in a preservation box
3. Palmer Family – Portraits secured through the Wayne County Museum for MHS Academy
4. 331 East Ave – Wayneport
5. WHO Database – Extra pictures – part of the Pomeroy Foundation SNAP
6. 18 Bickford St
7. Met with a woman who was in town from Washington State. She was researching the Gildersleeve family.

Exhibits/Presentations/Bullis Library

- None this quarter – due to Covid-19

Activities/Projects completed

- Newspaper Articles submitted to the local papers.
- Review newspapers and file obituaries and dbas. Obituaries are cut out, placed on a 3x5 card and filed in special boxes located in the history section of the library. DBA's are filed in a cabinet accessible to the public.
- Continue to communicate with Wayne Historian Organization.

Open Projects

- Bicentennial of Macedon and Wayne County 2023
- Potential Pomeroy Markers: Research of Lock 61 and Wayneport
- Idea – research a potential Historic District for Macedon Center
- Continue to work at filing and organizing the materials in the office.
- Continue support of Macedon Historical Society as Secretary.
- Pursue recognition or some type of memorial for people who served in WWI.

Work in the Historian's Office located inside the Macedon Public Library has continued. I have moved my files that I was working on at home, back there. My hours are Thursdays from 4:30 -6pm or by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Braun