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WCHS Planning A Busy Year

We hope to see many of our members and new faces in attendance at the many interesting events we are currently planning for 2017:

The Cronkite Lecture Series will continue this April and May. Our theme this year will focus on Washington County Women's Suffrage with a series of three great programs. On April 11, we will host a program with a first person portrayal of Susan B. Anthony held at the Hedbring Room in the Greenwich Library. At the end of April beginning of May (date TBD), a lecture on the Susan B. Anthony house will be delivered by WCHS vice-president and Programs chairperson Debi Craig. The series will conclude on May 25 (7 p.m.) with a screening of the movie *Iron Jaw Angels* at the Fort Edward Art Center.

The WCHS board will host a membership picnic on July 13 at the Old Fort House Museum (cost \$15.00 per person, which will include hot dogs and meat sauce, salads, beverage and dessert). Members with their guest can arrive at 5 p.m. to tour specific exhibits on the grounds. This year the Old Fort Museum has developed an exhibit on Women's Suffrage in Washington County. Food will be served from 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. A living history program pertaining to the Old Fort House will be done after the meal is concluded.

August 21-27 is the Washington County Fair week. We are already thinking about the fair and volunteer slots are available. If you have a specific shift you'd like to work or to volunteer for any time slot, call the Historical Society and someone will get back to you to reserve your time to help us at the fair.

This fall (date TBD) the Society is working with two organizations to try something new—a lecture/demonstration on the care and maintenance of heirlooms. The program will include information on the selection and designating antiques. Part of the program will be led by Fort Edward Town Historian and Director of the Old Fort Edward Museum Paul McCarty, who will demonstrate methods to restore and care of family heirlooms. The program will be held at the Slate Valley Museum in Granville, NY.

On Saturday, September 30, the 2017 WCHS History Fair will be held at the Hartford Central School. The Fair will run 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Keep an eye out for more details soon. Debi Craig, vice-president and program chair, along with the WCHS board of directors, plan to partner with other historical organizations to promote the history of the county. This year's theme is war and conflict in the region. Topics will range from the American Revolution in Washington County, Lake George Battlefield Park, several programs on World War I, and several programs on the women's suffrage movement. We will also have musical entertainment with vendors and exhibitors from across the county. Invitations and information will be sent to local historians and historical societies and organizations to sign up to be included in this exciting event.

For the second year, the WCHS will be run our popular "Battles and Brews Tour" on Saturday, October 14. This bus tour will focus on Washington County and Warren County sites from the French and Indian War. Similar to last year, the group will tour by bus and visit not only historic sites, but area breweries as well. The tour will visit Rogers Island and sites in Fort Ann, Whitehall, Lake George, and certain sites along the military road in Queensbury and Hudson Falls. Details for this event will be advertised in local papers and the WCHS *Newsletter*.

**Washington County
Historical Society
Mission Statement**

*The Washington County
Historical Society is an
educational organization
dedicated to engaging diverse
audiences in the study and
application of the collective
heritage of Washington County,
New York, and its environs.*

- Rev. October 2005



**Heritage
Research
Library Hours:**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WCHS has a constantly growing collection of information, original documents, and other items of interest about Washington County and its inhabitants, past and present. We encourage you to stop by and take a look!

If you would like to find out more about volunteering to help with the Heritage Research Library, please contact the Historical Society and let us know.

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Greetings From WCHS President

This year the Washington County Historical Society has proposed an ambitious agenda. In addition to the programming outlined on page 1, the board will be working to reinstate a historic preservation group for Washington County. The WCHS Historic Preservation Committee met in January to organize and outline plans for this new committee. Vance Bateman, new trustee and preservation committee member, has developed a preliminary program which will be discussed and revised in the next board meetings. It is hoped a letter will be sent soon to town historians and supervisors explaining the program and an application for eligibility will be developed in the next few months. Presently, the committee is still looking for new members to help with inspections (training will be required). The goal of the committee to award at least one historic award at the annual meeting in October 2017.

We are also partnering with a other historical organizations to promote the history and culture of Washington County. WCHS has voted to be a host organization to the Susan B. Anthony Institute which will be located in the town of Greenwich. The group plans to renovate Anthony's childhood home and open up for tours and education programs. More information will be coming out in the next few months. WCHS and our board has also coordinated with the national Sons of the American Revolution to place an historic marker designating the Battle of Fort Ann in the New York State park on Route 4. More information will also be coming out in the next few months on the dedication ceremony planned for May. We also will be printing another historic calendar this year, involving many local businesses and organizations as supporters. This year's calendars have been well received.

The board agenda is extreme rigorous for such a small organization. It is hoped that you, the membership, will attend and support the programs of WCHS. We also need volunteers at these programs. The Washington County Historical Society is moving forward hoping that some aspect of our programs will interest our members and with any luck attract new members to the Society. Having visited other historical societies in the region, I have become extremely impressed with what WCHS has accomplished and am looking forward to increasing those accomplishments in the future.

Respectfully,

*Pat Niles
Washington County Historical Society President*

Historical Society Announces Plans for Preservation Committee

The Washington County Historical Society is announcing the creation of the Washington County Historical Preservation Committee.

The first meeting for the committee was held in January where long range planning was done. Vance Bateman volunteered at the WCHS February board meeting to chair the committee. He presented a brief outlining the committee's long range vision, priorities and a new historic preservation award program. The next meeting in March will review and discuss the actual rules, procedures and awards categories as outlined, and the committee will be actively meeting going forward to finalize the program.

The other members of the committee besides Vance Bateman (current WCHS board member) are Pat Niles (WCHS President), Bill Krattinger (board member and NYS Historic Preservation), Keith Truesdale (current board member and twice WCHS President), John Mead (current board member, town historian for both Kingsbury and Hampton), Steven Lapham (WCHS Administrator and member of the Hebron Preservation Committee), Dale Prouty (WCHS member, representative for Country School Association of America, as well as volunteer at the Washington County Fair Museum), Nate Huntington (WCHS member and owner of the Historic Grounds restaurant in Whitehall), Kelly Mead (Secretary for the WCHS) and Tom Litwin (historic preservation trades instructor and craftsman).

The goal for the committee this year is to get the regulations and at least one award in place to be announced at the WCHS fall annual membership meeting.

Fiscal Sponsorship for the Susan B. Anthony Leadership Institute

The homage shown to Susan B. Anthony's gravesite in Rochester on this past election day sparked a vision for a Susan B. Anthony Leadership Institute in Battenville. Diane Scott has visited the Washington County area many times and seen the deterioration of Susan B. Anthony's home in Battenville. Washington County was where Susan B. Anthony spent her formative years. Diane sees this building as a symbol of those years and the ongoing movement of women's rights.

She immediately started laying the groundwork for developing a not-for-profit which would create a 21st century institute with virtual programs and coaching fostering leadership skills for women. The headquarters would be in Susan B. Anthony's home in Battenville. During this process, the not-for-profit will work to secure funds to support the Institute and the adaptive reuse restoration of the Anthony home.

Since it takes time to finalize not-for-profit papers, the WCHS Board has approved the status of fiscal sponsorship for the Institute. Adaptive reuse restoration is compatible with the Society's mission. WCHS will be able to accept donations for the Institute and then forward the funds to the Institute when its not-for-profit status is finalized. This will be done with no cost to the Society.

WCHS is proud to assist with the process of restoring the Anthony home and highlighting the role that Washington County played in the development of this nationally and internationally renowned woman.

Cronkhite Lecture Series Programs Announced

This year, 2017, marks the hundredth year that women have been able to vote in New York State. The Washington County Historical Society will mark this event with three program series as part of the Cronkhite Lecture Series (programs presented in memory of former WCHS board member and officer, the late Jim Cronkhite) during the months of April and May.

The first two programs will be held at the Greenwich Free Library (the library is located on Main Street in the Village of Greenwich at the intersection of Main Street and Academy Street), and the third program will be held in Fort Edward. The details for each program is noted below. We are pleased to continue this series and hope to see many of you there.



Phyllis Chapman

“Meet” Susan B. Anthony

When: Tuesday, April 11—at 7:00 p.m.

Where: The Greenwich Free Library (John Hedbring Community Room)

This presentation will feature a visit from the noted activist for women’s suffrage Susan B. Anthony, portrayed by Phyllis Chapman. Phyllis Chapman brings a number of notable American women to life as “Vintage Visitors”. She performs in period correct costume and speaks in the first person. Phyllis will introduce you to people you could never meet anywhere (or “any-when!”) else. Listen to Susan’s story, participate in activities and examine artifacts. You will come away from the presentation with a richer

understanding of our history. This presentation is especially appropriate for students in Grade 4 and higher, or anyone interested in the topic.

Truly a “local heroine”, Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Massachusetts. Her family moved to Battenville in the Town of Greenwich when Susan was six, because her father was going to run the mill there. Many people do not realize that Susan Brownell Anthony lived in Washington County for about 19 years. She attended the local one-room school in Battenville (on the Town of Jackson side of the river) where she was told that girls do not need to know how to do long division. Susan worked briefly in her father’s mill filling in for another employee. She also taught in several local schools. These were the years when Susan began to form her opinions about women’s rights, especially women’s right to vote. In 1837 her family was forced to sell the Battenville house because of the failure of the mill. The family moved to another house in Hardscrabble (Center Falls) next to the current Hollingsworth and Vose paper mill. Later Susan taught for a time in the Canajoharie Female Academy west of Albany. Susan’s family moved west to Rochester in 1845 where she met Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who was to become her closest friend and ally. Elizabeth had grown up in Johnstown. The two women led the campaign for women’s suffrage for over fifty years. While Stanton was the writer and theorist at home with her children, Susan was the tireless advocate who traveled the entire country; giving speeches, gathering signatures for petitions, and passing out pamphlets to gather support for governmental action to give women the right to vote. Bold and pragmatic, Susan’s objective was to break the boundaries of the “women’s sphere” through state laws, the court system, and through advocacy organizations. And—all the while serving the temperance and abolition causes, helping runaway slaves on their way to freedom, and—breaking the law, if need be!

Phyllis Chapman has been doing living history presentations for over 15 years and has a Master’s Degree in Education from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She also holds a Master’s Degree in Museum Education and Arts Administration from Skidmore College. She personally researches each character in depth and has visited many of the sites where these remarkable women lived and worked. With her husband, Mike, she presents multi-media programs for historical societies, historic sites, libraries, retirement communities and historical organizations.

“The Seeds of Equality: Women’s Rights and the U.S. Constitution” by Kyra Gee and Suffrage Songs presented by Tisha Dolton

When: Monday May 8—at 7:00 p.m.

Where: The Greenwich Free Library (John Hedbring Community Room)

Kyra is a junior at Granville Central School. She recently won second place at the national level in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. Kyra describes her talk as follows: “While the US Constitution at its founding did not guarantee equal rights for women, the fact that it guaranteed equal rights for all men planted the seed that grew into the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Led by luminaries such as Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul, the Suffragettes worked for over 80 years to win passage of the 19th Amendment, securing for women the right to vote. However, the constitution still does not provide equal rights for all women. It is our responsibility to continue the work of the Suffrage Movement by passing the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).”

The second half of the evening’s program will be **Suffrage Songs presented by Tisha Dolton**. Tisha has been researching and singing suffrage song for thirteen years. She is currently the Outreach Librarian at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls. She has been the appointed Town of Greenwich historian for the past fourteen years. She holds a BA in History from SUNY New Paltz and a MS in Information Science from The State University of New York in Albany. Tisha studied voice at SUNY Adirondack.



Singer Tisha Dolton

Presentation of the film—“Iron Jawed Angels”

When: Thursday, May 25th at 7 p.m.

Where: The Fort Edward Art Center (located at 83 Broadway in Fort Edward)

The third part of the lecture series is a co-sponsored event by WCHS and the Fort Edward Historical Association. This film takes a fresh and contemporary look at some of the activists who came after Susan B. Anthony including Alice Paul (played by Hilary Swank), Lucy Burns (played by Frances O’Connor) and Carrie Chapman Catt (played by Angelica Huston). These young woman took the women’s suffrage movement by storm putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote.

All of these programs are free and open to the public; donations will be gladly accepted to help defray expenses. Refreshments will be served.

For more information please call 518/854-3102. Come and learn about history in your own backyard!

Event and WCHS Information is online!

Any updates or changes to our programs are listed on our webpage, as well as other information about WCHS and our initiatives. Please visit our page at www.wchs-ny.org to see keep up with the latest from WCHS!

We also have a Facebook page, which hosts up-to-date information about programs, as well as interesting historical facts and information. Like our page!

If you aren’t an “online person”, you can always call us at (518) 747-9108, or stop by our headquarters during our open hours on Wednesdays or Fridays for a more personal interaction with our staff or visit the Heritage Research Library for research.

Heritage Research Library Notes

Thro' the deep drifts the south wind breathed its way
Down to the earth's green face; the air grew warm,
The snow-drops had regain'd their lonely charm,
The world had melted round them in a day:
My full heart long'd for violets – the blue arch
Of heaven – the blackbird's song – but Nature kept
Her stately order – Vegetation slept -
--Robert Tennyson - from "The Thaw-Wind"

I have catalogued the back-log of books. It's on to applying the spine labels and putting the books on the shelves. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Washington County Historical Society in any way.

Book Reviews

The Edge of the Woods: Iroquoia, 1534-1701, by Jon Parmenter, 2010. This book has endnotes, an extensive bibliography, and an index.

We have a power to go where we please, to conduct who we will to the places we resort to, and to buy and sell where we think fit. – Wendat-Onondaga Headman Otreouti, in a speech to the Governor of New France in 1684 (page 127)

The maps and drawings in this supremely well-researched and well-written book about the movement of the Iroquois are remarkable. They reflect the theme of the book: the movement and geographical and spatial awareness of the Iroquois affected the way they dealt with different populations.

On March 12, 1697, a delegation of Onondaga headmen communicated to the New York authorities, using a red wax crayon, their map of part of New York:

[T]he Onondagas sketched an outline map of interconnected lakes and rivers, a rather nondescript drawing at first glance, its significance was revealed in the key to the map. ... Represented on the Onondagas' 'Draft of this Countrey' were elements of five major drainage systems in northeastern North America (the lower Great Lakes basin, and the St. Lawrence, Susquehanna, Connecticut, and Hudson rivers) in an area spanning approximately 150,000 square miles. Within this immense region the Onondagas had mapped the spatial relationships among these linked water routes (portages, neighboring Iroquois towns, and English and French colonial settlements) in a manner that indicated their intimate, direct knowledge of this vast extent of territory. (page ix)

Parmenter impresses with his marshalling of original materials to illustrate the dynamism of the Iroquois who have an independent history that doesn't consist simply of waiting to be marginalized by subsequent populations.

The Balloting Book, and Other Documents Relating to Military Bounty Lands, in the State of New-York, originally printed in 1825, reprinted in 1983. There is a map of the Military Tract and a General Index.

The Balloting Book is a reference book about the awarding of bounty lands to veterans of the American Revolution. The following are the sections of the text:

The first section of the text consists of the laws and policies governing the pay (also called a bounty) and land bounties to be received for service. While Congress mandated the bounties of various kinds, the states were responsible for paying for them.

Provides the names of those eligible for land-bounties, along with the location and number of acres: First Regiment, Second Regiment, Artillery Regiment, Sappers and Miners, Dead, Miscellaneous.

Connolly's Original Return of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, belonging to the State of New York who served for three years to the end of the war

Return of the officers and Men of the New-York Regiment of Artillery, commanded by Col. John Lamb."

Connolly's Original Return of the Dead of the several New-York Regiments

Original Return of Officers Resigned, Commissioned, Sappers and Miners

Original Return of Invalids and Discharged Men

Queries by Michael Connolly

Townships in the Military Tract with soldiers' names and lot numbers

Book of Delivery of Patents for Lands in the Military Tract, including patentee's name and to whom the patent was delivered

Canadian and Nova-Scotia Refugees (entitled to lands in the state of New-York)

Naturalizations in the Marine Court New York City, 1827-1835 Volume XIII and *1843-1840* Volume XV, Abstracted by Kenneth Scott. 1990/1991. There is an index.

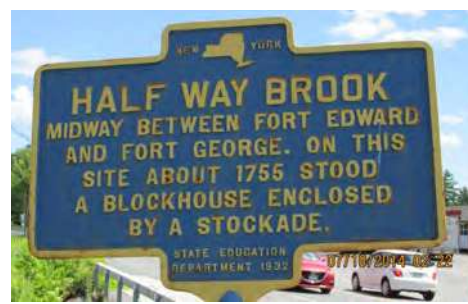
The two reference volumes are simple lists from the Marine Court, which was designated a court of record in the State of New York that could naturalize citizens. This is a not for leisure reading in any way. The entries consist of the name of the naturalized citizen, the person recommending, and the date of naturalization. Some records include the name of the ruler or government of which the person is a subject or citizen.

- Submitted by Barbara D. Anderson, BA, MA, MLS, Librarian, Heritage Research Library

Battle & Brews Tour is Back!

Once again the Washington County Historical Society will be conducting a **Battle and Brews Tour: French and Indian War Sites in Washington and Warren Counties**. Tour planning is preliminary, but it has been decided the tour will begin at Roger's Island. The bus tour will travel along the Old Military Road to Lake George where the Lake George Battlefield will be toured. The Fort Ann and Wood Creek areas will also be toured.

The costs and logistics are being determined, but mark your calendar for October 14, starting at 9 a.m. The tour will be stopping at several of the breweries along the tour route. Further information will be coming out on the WCHS website Facebook page. A full article will explain the costs, itinerary, and parking for the tour in the WCHS Newsletter summer edition.



WCHS History Fair 2017 Coming This Fall

The History Fair is fast approaching. This year's fair will be held at **Hartford Central School on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** We have three historians and historical societies who have submitted their registration forms to participate in this year's event already. We are hoping to receive many more before the June deadline.

We will have a variety of talks at this year's History Fair. Some of this year's topics will include: Sammy the Doughboy (WW I), the Battle of Lake George, Through Susan's Eyes: Susan B. Anthony's Life in Washington County, Songs of the Women's Suffrage Movement, and Revolutionary War Battles in Washington County.

The day will end with a concert by The Hudson River Ramblers, the duo of Jonathan Kruk and Rich Bala performing music of the Revolutionary War. They will be including songs about battles that took place in our area. This project is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.

If your historical organization is interested in having an exhibit please contact Event Coordinator, Debi Craig at drcraig1@hughes.net for more information.

Please mark your calendars now. Follow our website and Facebook page for more information as it becomes available. If you would like to make a donation in any amount to support the expense of the History Fair, please send your check to: Debi Craig, Event Coordinator, Washington County History Fair, 834 Chamberlin Mills Road, Salem, New York 12865. For donations of \$15 or more your name will be listed in the program as a "Friend of the History Fair".

Thank you for supporting "history in our own back yard".

Some photos of past WCHS History Fair events.



In Memorium—Miriam Wells Peters

Miriam Wells Peters passed away October 17, 2016 at age 97. She was born on the Frank Wells farm in Easton on October 6, 1919. She was the daughter of Welling B. Wells and Verena St. John Wells.

Miriam was artistic and musical, loved nature, enjoyed painting and drawing. She also enjoyed sewing, needlework, and knitting. She designed the East town logo for the Town Bicentennial. She graduated from Syracuse University where she earned a BA in Fine Arts and classical music and piano.

During World War II, Miriam moved to Schenectady and was employed by the General Electric Company in the advertising department. While in Schenectady, she met the love of her life, Philip H. Peters, Jr. who was employed at the General Electric Company as a research scientist. They were married in 1945 and lived in the Schenectady Stockade for several years. Philip, a jazz pianist, played the piano for her every night of their 58 year marriage.

Miriam and Philip had an interest in preserving historic buildings. They moved to Easton in the 1950s to restore the Inn at Easton Corners, known originally as the Swain-Starbuck Tavern. They later restored a nearby house and discovered it had been the birthplace of George Corliss, inventor of the Corliss Steam engine.

Miriam was an advocate for Easton history and was appointed Easton representative on the Washington County Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in the 1970s. She was faithful to always have a nomination for an Easton building to receive Historic Preservation awards. She created large posters with photos of the award winners. The awards ceremony was held at the Washington County Board of Supervisors meeting each May.

Miriam provided her immediate family's history to be included in Jane Welling's *They Were Here Too, Volumes I, II, and III* on Easton families and history. These books were published by our Society between 1965 and 1974.

Miriam and Philip were long time members and served the Washington County Historical Society as trustees in the 1980s, soon after the Society purchased the Wing-Northup House.

Civic pride was important to Miriam and she belonged to many organizations in the Easton area: Easton Book Club, Willards Mountain DAR, she served as trustee of the Easton Library, a member of the Agricultural Stewardship Association and Schenectady Junior League.

Miriam was predeceased by her husband, Philip H. Peters, Jr. and she is survived by her caring daughter, Philippa Wells Peters and her three grandchildren. She is buried in the Easton Rural cemetery.

The Society will miss Miriam's enthusiasm for living and gentle, loving personality. She was a joy to know. We appreciate her concern and generosity towards the Society over many years.

- Facts and information for this notice taken from the Glens Falls Post Star and other sources.

Inventing Ethan Allen

Inventing Ethan Allen, by John J. Duffy and H. Nicholas Muller III, deconstructs the myths that surrounded Ethan Allen's military career. The authors investigate the Allen military legend through analysis of military actions at Fort Ticonderoga in 1775, his ill-fated attempt to take St. John in 1775 and his unrequited desire for command in the Continental Army. Allen's capture in Canada and subsequent incarceration in England which helped inflate his reputation. The author's theorizes that Allen's warrior image was manufactured by Ethan Allen through his military dress, language, writings and autobiography. The Allen legend was perpetuated by historians, politicians and Vermonters looking for a mythical founding father, who legacy continues today.

The following quote concludes Duffy and Muller's *Inventing Ethan Allen*:

We know how a seriously flawed and compromised military leader became depicted in print, statuary, in engravings, and in paintings as a military hero decked out in a faux uniform brandishing a sword. We know how ruffian who aspired to genteel distinction learned how to present and promote himself through his publication of Lockean political tracts, the popular best-selling narrative of his captivity that turned into fame, and the opaque homespun philosophy in the largely plagiarized *Reason the Only Oracle of Man*. We also know how later generations of Vermonters answered their own needs and secured Allen's memory in scholarly and popular minds that persist despite attempts at revision. The real Ethan Allen does stand up, but few have seen him. (pp. 207-208)

Membership Renewal Reminder

Have you renewed your membership for 2017? If you have, thank you. If not, we encourage you to renew now. Just fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and mail it with a check made out to WCHS.

We appreciate your support and we look forward offering you our programs and events and of course mailing you our popular annual *Journal*. We are already putting together our 2017 annual *Journal*. Thank you for being a member.

Steve Lapham, Administrator

New Title For Sale In the WCHS Bookshop

New to the bookstore are three books by Jenna Woginrich. Jenna has a small farm in Cambridge that she operates by herself. She is a talented writer and artist who writes about her farm and her experiences. I've read all of her books and enjoyed them all.

So look for "One Woman Farm," "Barnheart," and "Made From Scratch" soon.

For this and other titles for sale, visit WCHS website and look under the "Buy Books" tab. We also bring select titles to various events, including the History Fair, the Washington County Fair, and other outlets. Any questions about our publications, please contact the Historical Society for further information.

WCHS Board of Directors Meeting News

The Board of Directors, representing the Washington County Historical Society, want to keep our members fully informed. To that end, we will include highlights and summaries from recent meetings in each newsletter.

Highlights from Monday, November 21, 2016 Meeting:

- President Pat Niles requested BOD members review the WCHS Strategic Plan for any changes or updates needed to discussed at this meeting.
- Kathy Huntington noted that our Facebook page is generating activity; we have received over 100 likes and that is an increase over 41 in a short period of time. This outlet should prove useful in the future. Thanks to Kathy for her efforts with this project.
- After review and discussion, a motion was made to accept the revised draft procedure of the Financial Management Procedures for WCHS.

Highlights from Monday, December 19, 2016 Meeting:

- The WCHS historical calendar sales are doing well and we are happy with the results.
- Barbara Anderson noted books are catalogued, and we are moving to catalog periodicals and update/correct some mis-cataloged items. Overall, things are going well. The Library continues to see donations come in.
- Pat Niles reported WCHS grant submitted Debi Craig and Claudia Blackler has been approved to cover the costs to hire The Hudson River Ramblers to perform at the 2017 History Fair. Thanks to Debi and Claudia for their work.

Highlights from January 23, 2017 Meeting:

- The Board reviewed goals overall for 2016, outlining what has been accomplished this past year, and goals to be carried over to 2017 to complete.
- Volunteer numbers were steady for 2016, but we need to increase our volunteer roster and utilize more individuals to work on activities and events.
- A motion was made to approve the decision to allow WCHS to act as a fiscal sponsor for the Susan B. Anthony Institute until they receive their non-profit status
- President Pat Niles reported we are working the SAR to coordinate the installation of a historic marker commemorating the Burgoyne campaign in the area; we are suggesting a site in Fort Ann. More to follow.
- Barbara Anderson noted the Library cataloging is going along but it is a big job. We have a new PastPerfect catalog online as well.

2017 Board of Directors

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WCHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Renewal

Spring 2017 Newsletter

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

Do you have an off-season address? (e.g. start: January; end: March)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Away Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Membership Categories

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$500+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Family (#) \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$15 |

- I would like to include an additional gift of \$_____ for: Library Operations General Fund
 Please contact me about becoming a WCHS volunteer. Please send me a list of WCHS Publications.

Please note that the WCHS membership year is January 1 thru December 31. New memberships received after November 1 will be honored for the following year. Annual memberships and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.