

The 2010 Farmington Historian's Report

Early in 2010, the Victor Farmington Senior groups requested a program about the history of Farmington. This was provided in May, at the lodge in Mertensia Park. Reginald Neale assisted by presenting a brief slide show of some historic photographs which are included in his book, *FARMINGTON*, to be published by Acadia Publishing in January 2011.

Assisting him was a major project in 2010; access was given to photographs and documents both in the town collection and my personal collection. His work has contributed digital files of photographs and other materials to the files in the office of the historian, and has added much information about Farmington people and their lives.

In June the historian attended the Ontario County Genealogical Society picnic held at the Town Park. The historian provided a list of resources available for research at the Town Hall. These resources include family histories, diaries, letters, cemetery lists, unpublished older Town histories, district school information, and other information about institutions, past and present in Farmington.

Information has been provided to the 1816 Meeting house group, a SEQR report prepared for the planning board, and several meetings held by the 1816 Meeting house group were attended.

As a member of the Historic Presentation Commission, the historian provided data about two structures where the date plaques were placed. The Farmington Grange Hall, built in 1848 as a Wesleyan Methodist Church, and St. John's Lutheran Church, built in 1894, now display these plaques.

The Landmark Society Presentation Conference, held in Palmyra, was attended and was very informative.

Ontario County Historian, Dr. Preston Pierce's annual meeting was attended, as were several other county-wide historian meetings. These meetings are always beneficial and help us learn what other historians do, and about county wide events.

The usual requests for information have been answered and people, both residents and non-residents, have visited the office.

The display case has been changed.

The cemeteries remain a concern as development continues near them. The historian wants to thank Mr. McLaughlin and the highway and parks crew for their excellent work in mowing the cemeteries and keeping them accessible for visitors.

This fall as Recreation has moved to their new office, some welcome changes have been made to my small office space. The historian wants to thank the town for new shelving which will be a great addition to the space.

The continued support of Supervisor Fafinski and the Town Board is greatly appreciated by your historian.

Sincerely,



Margaret H. Hartsough,
Farmington Town Historian