

**Report from the Town of Macedon
Historian's Office 2nd Quarter 2026**

July 2, 2026

Submitted by Linda A. Braun, Town Historian

2026 Macedon's 203rd birthday. The United States will also be celebrating it's 250th Birthday!

This report includes the information on the people, projects and time spent in my 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 and Macedon Center Meetinghouse buildings. I have logged 100 hours this quarter. Total contacts for the month were approximately 28 and approximately 245 contacts at public events.

Highlights included

- **National Day of Prayer:** Coordinated by Joe Mazza, owner of The 7 Center Street, and the old Gravino/Bickford House. The NDP was beautiful, my role was to share the history of churches in our area in the midst of revivals and the area know as the Burned Over District. The event was very well attended.
- **Thursday Concert Series** – Sponsored by the Boehmler Foundation, Hosted by MHS. At our June concerts, Crossmolina a local Celtic band played. Food provided by S. Macedon Fire Department. Next concerts is July 16th at the Pavilion at Lock 30. A different service group will provide food and refreshments each time. Rain location will be the Community Room at the Macedon Public Library.
- **150th Celebration Concert** – July 2nd Sponsored by Friends of the Macedon Public Library and Hosted by MHS. Fiddlers of the Genesee will provide an evening of patriotic music. Moved to the library from Lock 30 due to the excessive heat and threat of rain.
- **Old Baptist Cemetery:** Erika Newcombe and her mother continue to work at the cemetery. Research on Revolutionary War Soldiers and the repair of stones continues. George McGraw has donated funds to have what we believe to be Aaron Bristor's gravestone scanned to make the writing clearer and to prove it was his. Bristor was an African American who escaped slavery and joined the Revolutionary War. He lived in Palmyra. His wife is buried at the Old Baptist Cemetery
- **Macedon Historical Society:** I serve as secretary documenting minutes, agendas and correspondence.
 - Memorial Day at the Erie St. Cemetery was small but nice.
 - Marjory Perez made a presentation on Safe Haven Within the Circle of Farmington Friends Freedom Seeking Families, 1800-1865, Co-sponsored with the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meeting House Museum
 - Hosting the 3rd Thursday Concerts at Lock 30 – Sponsored by Boehmler Foundation
- **Wayne Historical Organizations (WHO).** Provide quarterly reports. Provided historic information for the WHO website and Facebook page.
- **Pomeroy Markers** – Research continues for the Lapham House. I hope to document Patriot Markers. I would like to get the marker at the Town Hall and Wayneport Rd re-painted.
- **Park Information Boards:** I continue researching the information boards for Bickford and Gravino Parks. It is more difficult than I thought to get good quality photos to include.

Visitors

Other than sharing research and the history of Macedon at various events. I continue to receive questions mainly by e-mail. I am in my office every Wednesday. I have noted these contacts on the attached spreadsheet.

Communication / Presentations: Communications:

- I maintain a Facebook page for the Macedon Historical Society.
- Regularly updated events on the Wayne County Tourism website
- Support local historical societies by attending and sharing their event information.
- **Newspaper Articles:**

- National Day of Prayer
- Brewing Conflicts
- **Presentations**
 - Participation in Brewing Conflicts event (5/2/26)
 - Hosted visitors to our 3rd Thursday concert – explained a little about the location: including the 3 versions of the Erie Canal and the Butterfly Trail

Professional Development: None at this time. Planning for the APHNYS conference in September.

Work in the Historian's Office

Access to the historian and the office materials is available on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 or by appointment. A notice is on the office door with my hours and my personal cell phone, should people wish to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,
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