

**Report from the Town of Macedon
Historian's Office Yearly Report 2025**

December 30, 2025

Submitted by Linda A. Braun, Town Historian

2025 was Macedon's 202nd birthday. We also celebrated the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal. As I look forward to 2026, preparations are underway to celebrate the United States 250th Semiquincentennial year. I hope to involve our community and school district in this historic event. I also plan to research Historic Markers for the Lapham House, Chapman/ Tamerlayne Farm, as well as Patriot Burial Markers. In addition, I will continue promoting the Macedon Historical Society and the Bullis library.

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 393 hours this year which includes 90 hours this quarter.

Total contacts for the year were approximately 365 plus public engagements including Town Board Meetings, Underground Railroad Presentation, Bullis House Open House, First Baptist Church 225th and dedication of the Lemuel Spear military marker at the Old Baptist Cemetery, Wayne County Fair and Parade, Macedon Heritage Festival, Genesee Country Village & Museum History Expo, Pal-Mac Intermediate School History Fair, Dave Ruch Concert and Presentation, Historic Pursuits Canal Presentation, and MHS Holiday Open House.

Highlights included

- **Underground Railroad Presentation**
- **Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie**
- **Old Baptist Cemetery:** Erika Newcombe continues her self-less work at the cemetery. She has secured military monuments for Revolutionary War soldiers.
- **Macedon Historical Society:** I continue to serve as secretary documenting minutes, agendas and correspondence. We continue to preserve and protect the history of Macedon as well as the Macedon Academy and Macedon Center Meetinghouse.
- **Pal - Mac Intermediate School History Club:** Led by Mrs. Karin, a History Fair was held at the Macedon Academy with 19 children displaying their research projects. Over 100 family and community members joined in the event.
- **Wayne Historical Organizations (WHO).** Provide quarterly reports. Provided and updated historic information for the WHO website and Facebook page.
- **Pomeroy Marker** – The marker for Lock 61 was installed and dedicated. Emma B. Sweet marker was replaced.

Visitors: Most contacts were made with my office primarily by e-mail, these contacts are noted on the attached spreadsheet. While in the office people would stop by to say hello.

Participation / Communications:

- I maintain a Facebook page for Macedon Bicentennial and the Macedon Historical Society. I also update the WHO website.
- Regularly updated events on the Wayne County Tourism website
- Attended the Walworth 50th Anniversary Banquet
- Attended the Wayne County Fair Parade and assisted in the Wayne County Historian's Booth which won 1st Prize!
- Budget submitted for 2026
- Participated in the Wayne Historians Organization – website training, maintenance and reports

- **Newspaper Articles:**
 - Memorial Day 2025
 - Gravestone Guy
 - World Canal Conference
 - Historical Happenings
 - MHS Newsletter Quarterly
- **Presentations**
 - Underground Railroad Presentation
 - First Baptist Church of Macedon – 225th Anniversary and Lemuel Spear Military marker dedication.
 - GCVM – History Expo

Professional Development: Attended the World Canal Conference in Buffalo and the Wayne Historians Organization web site training. Met with Landmark Society members and DHPNYS to review ideas for preserving Macedon's historic buildings and artifacts.

Work in the Historian's Office

Access to the historian and the office materials is available on Tuesdays 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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Town of Macedon Historian