## Report from the Town of Macedon Historian's Office 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for 2024 October 7, 2024

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2024 is Macedon's 201<sup>stt</sup> 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 logged 138 during the third quarter of 2024. Total contacts for the year were approximately 160. This includes 92 contacts through my office, and several people at the Wayne County Fair, Genesee Country Village and Museum and the Macedon Historical Society.

## **Highlights included:**

- Macedon Heritage Festival on the Erie. Following a very threatening weather report, Officer Murray and Supervisor Leonard made the very difficult decision to cancel the event. The following people were not only critical to the planning of this event, but also helped with the notification of participants when it was cancelled: Debbie and Paul Willson, Stacy Nisbet, Grace Mullard and George Decker. At this point we have agreed to change the date to August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The bicentennial year of the Erie Canal. However, without additional volunteers it can not happen. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Linda Braun/
- Macedon Historical Society: I continued to serve as secretary documenting minutes, agendas and correspondence. We look forward to continuing to preserve our buildings and share them with our community.
  - o MHS and I participated in the Genesee Country Village and Museum's History Days. This was a great opportunity to share Macedon's history with many people outside of our area.
  - o MHS has engaged the support of an intern from Nazareth College who is helping with our archival process.
  - O There are several community events planned for the fall and winter season including our yearly Author's Forum, and new this year a special Veteran's Day event on 11/10 and a Holiday Program featuring a one man reading of the Christmas Carol.
- **Memory Makers**: This project has been slow to take off, but we have begun interviewing seniors from our town.
- Wayne Historical Organizations (WHO). Provide quarterly reports. Macedon hosted the August meeting at the Macedon Center Meetinghouse.
- Maintained the Information Box located in front of the old Village Hall and Lock 30
- **Pomeroy Markers** Thank you to Scott Allen and Stacy Nisbet for facilitating the replacement of the Sweet marker that was damaged in front of the Town Hall. On my radar are markers for Lock 61, the Lapham House and the Ward House in Macedon Center.

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

**Exhibits/Presentations:** Genesee Country Village and Museum – History Days

**Newspaper** / **Articles:** Following the presentations of Seneca County Historian, I wrote an article on Cobblestone Houses and our participation in the GCVM event.

## 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. Sharing ideas through social media (Macedon NY History) and Newspapers continues to be a priority.

Respectfully submitted, Linda A. Braun Town of Macedon Historian