

## Historian's report August 2023

*Displays:* The recent museum show by the Aurora Historical Society, “Saying ‘I Do’ Through the Ages,” closed on July 25. Many favorable comments from the over fifty visitors attest to the success of this show.

The two Morgan dresses from the Village collection then traveled to a First Friday pop-up exhibit at the Cayuga Museum on August 4. I assisted with preparation of the display. The fragile dresses were transported by textile conservator Jodi Baldwin and the display was presented by Tracy Leffingwell.

The next museum show at Patrick Tavern, “A Noble Woman: the Art and Life of Caroline Parker Mountpleasant,” will have its “soft opening” on August 23rd for a group of local museum representatives, and a more formal opening soon after Labor Day.

*Queries:* Two recent queries illustrated the power of the NYS Historian system. I answered a recent query on the Minturn family with the information I had and forwarded it to Town Historian Shirley Egan, who could provide the questioner with a complete genealogy of the family, back to the early 19th C, prepared by the late Judy Furness. In addition, we connected the questioner to the Frontenac Museum in Union Springs, from which she could purchase the book of Levanna reminiscences by Marilyn Ramsden in which the Minturns figure prominently. In addition, I received a query from Norway that turned out to involve a family in Venice NY, and was able to connect the questioner with Historian Phyllis Stanton. Although neither question turned out to relate directly to Aurora, the Historian system permits a prompt connection to the correct source.

*Event Planning:* Planning sessions continue for the “Museum Crawl” to take place the weekend of Oct.7-8. I am currently working on listing Aurora’s part of this event on the statewide Path Through History Weekend calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
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