

Historian's Report, Nov 2023

Displays: The Patrick Tavern display, "Meet Benjamin Ledyard," which opened for New York State's "Path Through History Weekend," Oct. 7-8, continues. This exhibit and its companion at the Ledyard Town Hall, "Despite Remonstrance," will remain in place for the remainder of the year.

Event: On Nov. 1, I hosted a meeting of local museum representatives (Frontenac, Genoa, Howland Stone Store/Openodore) at Patrick Tavern to review our results with the "Fall Crawl through History" and begin benchmarking our procedures and results to guide further development. Thanks to Shirley Egan and Tracy Leffingwell for elegant refreshments. Good signage (Path Through History) and demonstrations of traditional arts (thanks to businesses of the Tuesday Market) gave the Patrick Tavern site the highest visitation of the four sites by far. Meeting participants enjoyed the current show, studied the Tavern's construction methods, and admired the refinishing and refurbishment of the interior.

Queries: On understanding and using the CRIS system. On successive generations of members of the Thursday Club and their connections for insights into Aurora social life and social structure. On the relationship between Lewis Henry Morgan and E. B. Morgan (fathers were cousins, second or more distant). On where the enslaved lived in Aurora (in the homes they served). On consistent designation of Landmark properties. On stonemasons who might have worked in both Aurora and Auburn (conversation with Seward House staff).

Planning: For event focused on farmer veterans, to take place Nov. 14. For Christmas in Aurora.

Respectfully submitted,
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