

Historian's Report, Dec 2023

Community Event: Christmas in Aurora, Dec 2nd, saw many visitors to Patrick Tavern. I gave two tours by individual request, one on the building's construction method and how it provides a clue to the builder's identity, and the other on the current display, "Meet Benjamin Ledyard." These showed that demonstrations of traditional crafts (presented with support from a grant from Farm Credit East) can integrate seamlessly into museum activities in this space. Additional vendors set up outside and Patrick Tavern also hosted the Camp Gregory children's table.

Queries: On Jasper Parrish's marriage to Roxcelana Paine (daughter of Edward Paine, of Paine's Creek) in 1795, the year of her mother Elizabeth's death (oldest gravestone in Oak Glen). Parrish took a central role as translator for the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty between the United States and the Haudenosaunee. He and Paine might have been involved in trade with these and other native nations.

Research: Continued research into Benjamin Ledyard for an upcoming presentation in the lecture series at the Ward O'Hara Museum, January 11, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
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