

Historian's Report  
March 2025

*Work for Village:* At the request of a Trustee, I continued to work on the implications of Henry Wells' deed for the College (then known as "Wells Seminary") in July 1868, and have reported separately on my findings. I hope that you will consider and respond to this information as to how you might use it.

Last month, I reported that "there may be a map of the original Village water system at the College, in the map room in Buildings and Grounds." I don't yet know what response the Mayor might have received to this request, or to the information about photographic evidence that at least some of the Wells Archives, including the 1795/1794 map of Aurora, are still in Long Library.

*Queries:* On a Wells 1880 graduate, Anna Felt, Galena IL. Correspondence continues. Progress on a question from an author on the marriage of Jasper Parrish and Roxcelana Paine that took place in Aurora in 1795. I hypothesize that Elder David Irish of Scipio Center was the likeliest to serve as officiating clergy at that time.

*Village Historical Archives:* Successfully moved from the Lodge to the Archives Room in Patrick Tavern, with the indispensable and greatly appreciated help of Ken Larson and Rob LoMascolo, fellow members of the ALHS Building Committee. Some filing and shelving remains to be done, but it is already in use.

*Historic Preservation:* I was gratified to learn of the Landmark Society of Western New York's designation of the Wells Campus as one of "Five to Revive." This was one of the several area preservation groups with which I have been and am working on questions related to Local Landmarks.

Respectfully submitted,  
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