

Historian's Report  
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*Work for Village:* I obtained, studied and interpreted a deed and a will relevant to Wells College. In the course of this work, I came across mention of a request by the Village to the College in 1914 to collaborate on a water treatment plant. This did not become a reality for another eleven years. However, there may be a map of the original Village water system at the College, in the map room in Buildings and Grounds.

I saw photographic evidence that at least some of the Wells Archives, including the 1795/1794 map of Aurora, are still in Long Library.

*Queries:* Two Wells-related queries were answered:

On where correspondence about Wells by Frances Folsom Cleveland (Preston) might be found now that the Wells Archives are unavailable. I directed the questioner to the Library of Congress First Ladies Collection, which has correspondence between FFC and Dean Smith of Wells.

A librarian from Galena IL asked for information about an 1880 graduate, Anna Felt, who founded their local library. I was able to answer several questions and send her a picture; continuing to research.

Question from an author on the marriage of Jasper Parrish and Roxcelana Paine that took place in Aurora in 1795.

*Village Historical Archives:* now working with ALHS to plan the arrangements the Archives room in Patrick Tavern.

*Historic Preservation:* Working with several area preservation groups on questions related to Local Landmarks.

Respectfully submitted,  
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