

Historian's Report, May 2026

*Public Celebration:* The annual Aurora Ledyard Memorial Day Observance will be held on the traditional date, May 30th, at St. Patrick's Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Special thanks to Kevin Murphy for coordinating the participation of American Legion Post 1107, to Mayor Janet Murphy and Fr. Bill Moorby for willingness to participate, and to Linda Kabelac for coordinating the placing of flags (given by the Town of Ledyard).

*Queries:* On George and Horace Smith, relatives of E. B. Morgan, who served with the 111th NY Vol. Regt.. Both were wounded at Gettysburg; Horace died soon after and George returned home to live with family. (Information supplied for a reprint of R. L. Murray's regimental history). On the connection between Clara Barton and Dr. Albert Leffingwell. From the group in Virginia who are organizing a festive public reading of the Declaration of Independence on whether we read the clause citing King George's instigation of Indian warfare against colonists (we do; historic context is important).

*Research:* Continued research on Edward Paine of Paine's Creek.

*Preservation:* On April 25 I was invited by the Board of the Aurora Masonic Center to present on and discuss strategies for the preservation of Chimney Corner.

*Display:* Preparation for the next display in Patrick Tavern: "Our Home: How We Saw It." This display of works drawn from the Village of Aurora Archives and private collections enables the viewer to explore what scenes meant "home" through the eyes of earlier generations. The Bicentennial Quilt will be a central element. More information next month.

Respectfully submitted,  
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