

Virginia Schoradt

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December 17, 2025

Town Board
908 County Rd 16
Garrattsville, NY 13342

Gentlemen/Ladies,,

Things have been quieter this year - possibly people are too busy or they have found information on line. Here is a copy of my YearEnd Report 2025, which is sent to the State Historian. Also, as always, all the historical materials (workbooks, scrapbooks, files, indexes, documents, maps, etc) are available for anyone to use.

Questions asked/answered:

- why is a GAR marker on a grave in Butternut Cemetery?
- list of New Lisbon Civil War veterans provided
- information on Thayer's and Terry families
- person looking for anything pertaining to Meyers Mill
- located gravesite of Phoebe and John Meyers (Fall Bridge)
- person looking for information on family of Watson
- provided picture and information on Harrington/Taylor house on Balcom Rd

Lectures given by OCHA (am a Trustee)

- Electric Lake (Oneonta) - Jim Loudon
- World War II Soldiers of Otsego County - Jim Greenburg
- Otsego County's Historic Mill Dams - Regan Mertz
- Ghosts of Cooperstown - Bruce Markusen

-Gilbert Lake CCC Camps - Jack Ranierra

Displays worked on:

-Legends and Leaders

-Marketing Examples

-Revolutionary War (America 250)

-Churches of New Lisbon

That about covers it, except for one more thing. As you may know, I've been New Lisbon Historian for 40 years. I've enjoyed it immensely and have learned a lot about our town. But, I've also aged a lot (92 1/2 years) and developed some health issues. So, it's time for the younger generations to take over. I'd like to put up the Revolutionary War displays in the Town Building shortly and start gathering together the items belonging to the Town. I'd also like your help and advice on doing so.

Thank you for letting me serve the Town of New Lisbon over the years. It's been a wonderful experience.

All the best,

Virginia A. Schoradt

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NEW YORK STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIANS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name: (First) Virginia (M.I.) A. (Last) Schoradt
2. Fill in the type and name of the jurisdiction for which you are the officially-appointed local government historian. Select only one line.
- ☐ County or Borough of _____
- ☐ County or Borough Code (see list on last page) _____
- ☐ City of _____, _____ County
- ☐ Town of New Lisbon, Otsego County
- ☐ Village of _____, _____ County
3. Government Address: The State Historian requires that each local government historian maintain a permanent official address at the location of your local government offices. This permanent address allows us to establish a permanent mailing list such as that maintained for other public officers.

Building New Lisbon Town Building
Street (or P.O. Box) 908 Co. Hwy. 16
Locality Garrattsville, NY 13342
State & Zip NY 13342

4. Contact Numbers: Voice: Office () NA
Voice: Home (607) 293-6170
FAX () NA
E-Mail NA

5. Gender: Female ☒ Male ☐

6. a. Date of your original appointment as local government historian 1985

b. Total number of years of service as a local government historian 40

7. a. Were you born in the jurisdiction for which you are the local government historian? Yes ☐ No ☒
b. If no, how many years have you lived in your community? 1943-1957 Years.

8. a. What is your highest educational level?

[] High School Diploma Major Field _____ Year _____

[] Associate Degree Major Field _____ Year _____

[] Baccalaureate Degree Major Field BS Nursing 1956 Year _____

[] Masters Degree Major Field _____ Year _____

[] Doctorate Major Field _____ Year _____

b. Other Degrees (Specify) _____ Year _____

FINANCE

9. What was your annual salary as a local government historian in 2000? ²⁵ \$ 8,000
(Salary is defined as money you must declare as income on your taxes.
Do not include money you receive as operating expenses.)

10. a. Did you receive employment benefits such as a pension or retirement plan, medical insurance, or paid leave in addition to your salary in 2000?

Yes [] No [☒]

b. If yes, describe your benefits.

11. What was the total operating budget of your office in 2000? ²⁵ \$ No budget - request what's needed
(Do not include your salary as local government historian.)

12. In 2000, ²⁵ please indicate which of the following resources were or were not provided by your jurisdiction?

a. Office Space Yes [] No []

b. Mail Box Yes [] No []

c. Telephone Yes [] No []

d. FAX yes [] No []

e. Postage Yes [☒] No []

f. Stationery Yes [☒] No []

g. Copy Machine Yes [] No [☒] my machine - Town buys the ink

h. Clerical help Yes [] No []

i. Travel funds Yes [] No []

13. A. In 2000, ²⁵ did you have access to a computer? At Home
In Office

Yes [] No [☒] daughter has one which
is provided as needed
Yes [] No [☒]

13. B. If yes, what functions did you use on your computer in 2000?²⁵

At Home: word processing? Yes ☐ No ☐
data base management? Yes ☐ No ☐
presentations/power point? Yes ☐ No ☐
e-mail? Yes ☐ No ☐
internet? Yes ☐ No ☐

NA

In Office: word processing? Yes ☐ No ☐
data base management? Yes ☐ No ☐
presentations/power point? Yes ☐ No ☐
e-mail? Yes ☐ No ☐
internet? Yes ☐ No ☐

Other Computer Applications: Please explain.

14. If you submitted a budget to your appointing authority in 2000,²⁵ please attach a copy to this report.

Budget Attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

15. Fill in the number of hours per week that you devote to being a local government historian.

40 hours or more ☐

30 to 39 hours ☐

20 to 29 hours ☐

10 to 19 hours ☐

Less than 10 hours ☐

Whenever needed

16. List your weekly office hours in 2000:²⁵ same as above

17. In 2000,²⁵ did your local government historian's office have a staff, either paid or volunteer, in addition to yourself?

Yes ☐ No ☒

17 A. If yes, give type and number of staff persons: Paid Staff Persons _____
Volunteer Staff Persons _____

17 B. List the total number of hours contributed by volunteers _____

18. Did your office use the services of student interns in 2000? ²⁵ Yes [] No [☒]

a. If yes, list the number of student interns _____

b. Number of hours contributed by interns _____

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

19. List your publications in 2000. ²⁵ Include title, and names of newspapers, magazines, journals, or publishers of your 2000 ²⁵ publications. List electronic publications, if any, including web site address. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Published display: Town Hall (Legends and Leaders)

20. On what subjects have you conducted research in 2000? ²⁵ Describe any work-in-progress. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Genealogy:

Sidney Babcock; John Terry & wife Abigail (? Thayer?);
John Meyers & wife Phoebe; Watson;

Other requests:

- info and pictures of Meyers Mill
- info and picture of house on Balcom Rd -
(Harrington, Taylor)
- info on Otsego County Veterans
- proofread a cemetery proposal for a grant

Displays worked on:

- legends and leaders
- Marketing examples
- Revolutionary War (America 250)
- Churches of New Lisbon

21. Fill in the types of publications that ^{were} ²⁵ you published in 2000. ^{by Butternut Valley Alliance: Atale}
^{three historians (I'm one of 4}
- a. Newspaper articles ☐ Number of articles _____
 - b. Pamphlets or brochures ☐ Number of pamphlets & brochures _____
 - c. Magazine articles ☐ Number of articles _____
 - d. Scholarly articles ☐ Number of articles _____
 - e. Books ☐ Number of books _____
 - f. Electronic publications ☐ Number _____
 - g. Other (specify) ☐ Number _____

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

22. Fill in the types of public programming you organized during ²⁵ 2000.
- a. Lectures or Slide Talks ☐ Number of Programs _____
 Subjects: _____
 - b. Walking or Automobile Tours ☐ Number of Tours _____
 Subjects: _____
 - c. Oral or Audio/Visual History ☐ Number of Interviews _____
 Subjects: _____
 - d. Presentation to School Groups ☐ Number of Presentations _____
 Subjects: _____
 - e. Preservation Activities ☐ Number of Activities _____
 Subjects: _____
 - f. Film Series ☐ Number of Films _____
 Subjects: _____
 - g. Historic Marker Projects ☐ Number of Markers _____
 Subjects: _____
 - h. Other Public Programs or functions you organized: Number _____

29. What would you like the Office of the State Historian to do for local government historians in the year 200²⁵
Anything that would be useful ~ our country
250 years as a nation??

30. Signature of local government historian: Virginia A. Schoradt
Date: December 1925

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2000 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE: MARCH 31, 200²⁶

Please return one copy of the completed annual report form to:

Office of the State Historian
New York State Museum
Room 3097 CEC
Albany, New York 12230

THANKS

PS, sorry for the messiness— My hands are getting
shaky ~ and my spelling going downhill—
VAs