

Historian Report

August 20, 2021

To

John Lawrence
Town Supervisor
Afton, NY

Janice Nickerson
Mayor
Afton, NY

Dear John and Janice,

The following is a report of my activities for August 2021.

- Office hours: 10 hours
- Museum hours: 8.5 hours
- **New activities:**
 - Prepared new display on Barbershops for the month of August at the Museum.
 - Monitored Vital Stats for Afton Town Clerk while she was on vacation.
 - Reset 8 gravestones in North Afton Cemetery at their request.
 - Reset 1 gravestone and cleaned 4 others in Sand Hill Cemetery, at their request.
 - Visited Sisson Hill Cemetery in Unadilla to assess the stones. Two are tipped and 2 down. The family would like these reset in September.
 - Worked with Jim Cecere, painter, for the Museum.
 - Began preparations for Sidewalk Days and our Yard Sale-gathering items and setting it up.
 - Toured three members of the Village Board through the Museum & Barn.
- **Continuing:**
 - To maintain the website for the Historical Society & Facebook pages for Afton Town Historian, Afton Historical Society, Otsego Co. Genealogy & Evergreen Hill Cemetery.
 - Afton cemetery spreadsheet – continuing to update with obituaries.
 - Spreadsheet on the Afton vital records held by the Town Clerk. This sheet will eventually enable her ease of access to these old record books. Have completed through 2021 (births and deaths) and 1989 (marriages) thus far.
 - East Side Cemetery information is being assembled for upcoming book.
 - Continuing to write Book #2 on Chestnut Hill Cemetery; research begun on Book #3 St. Matthew's Cemetery; Book #4 will be the small cemeteries in Afton-Baptist, Guy Reed, Wakeman & Melody Hill. (North Afton and Eastside have been done).
 - Visited Unadilla Library to continue research on books.
 - Did a final walk through of Chestnut Hill Cemetery (Book #2). Photos taken in prep for publishing in December.
- **Research:**
 - 2 email requests for information
 - 3 FB requests for information - stemming from my FB page posts.

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- 2 Face to Face meetings in Office
- 3 Phone calls for information.
- **Attended:**
 - Webinar, "NYS Censuses: You Won't Believe What's Hiding In There!", Allen County Public Library.
 - Village Board Toured the Museum, August 9, 2021.
 - Afton Historical Society Meeting, August 11, 2021.
 - Webinar, "Stories from the Archives: Family Bible Records," New England Historic Genealogical Society, August 19, 2021.

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