

# Historian Report

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January 28, 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 January 2021.

- Office hours: 12 hours
- Museum hours: 0 hours
- **New activities:**
  - Received a donation of paper items from Gloria Harvey-Afton Bicentennial, Afton Fair, pictures. Photographed and gave to Museum.
  - Resigned as APHNYS Regional Coordinator and Board member.
  - Assisting in the straightening up of the Town Court Records Room.
  - Prepared and sent yearly report to State Historian Devin Lander.
  - Entered my 150 community service hours into the DAR Service to America website.
  - Watched the Inauguration Ceremony of the 46<sup>th</sup> President Joseph Biden and Vice-President, Kamala Harris, January 20, 2021.
  - Received a Redwork Quilt as a donation to the Museum. It dates to 1899 and each block has multiple signatures. All signatures are Aftonites. This was donated by a lady in ME that bought it from a thrift shop, who found it in the dump. It is in pristine condition.
- **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 up to 2020 (births and deaths) and 1987 (marriages) thus far.
  - East Side Cemetery information is being assembled for upcoming book.
  - Entering photos and proofing of Sand Hill Cemetery Book. Preparing to take to publisher on 3/1.
  - The Unadilla Town Clerk would like her records placed in a database. I am working on that project for her. (8 hours in her office/0 additional hours at home transcribing and building spreadsheets). Completed all record books and made searchable index for her. Burned all data on a flash drive for her to use.
  - Indexing the Unadilla Times for use in upcoming books.
- **Research:**



- 4 email requests for information
- 8 FB requests for information - stemming from my FB page posts.
- 0 Face to Face meetings in Office
- 0 Phone calls for information.
- **Attended:**
  - NYG&B webinar, "Finding Samuel Fletcher in NY records & Beyond," January 4, 2021.
  - Afton Historical Society Meeting, January 6, 2021. Elected VP.
  - White House Historical Association Webinar, "The Honor of Your Presence-Bureau of Engraving and Printing", January 12, 2021.
  - Texas Historical Commission Webinar, "Let's Meet Halfway-Authentic Community Engagement for Local Museums", January 13, 2021.
  - Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board Zoom Meeting, January 13, 2021. Resigned as VP, but will remain as Trustee.
  - FDR Presidential Library and Museum Webinar, "FDR's 4 Inaugurations", January 20, 2021.
  - Broome County Historical Society Webinar, "Castle on the Hill-History and Virtual Tour of the NYS Asylum at Binghamton", January 20, 2021.
  - Ford's Theatre Webinar, "Ford's Theatre After the Assassination.", January 26, 2021.

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**Redwork Quilt  
that was donated  
to the Afton  
Historical  
Society.**