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Sharing History to Promote Community

February 17, 2022



The "Black Experiences in Saratoga County 1750 - 1950" opened due to the untiring effort of the exhibit committee. Pictured are the committee members: Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Jim Richmond, Anne Clothier, Lauren Roberts, Lorie Wies, and Kendall Hicks (not in the photo) with SCHC President Field Horne.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

The exhibit will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4pm.



Saratoga County Historical Community Upcoming Events

These programs come from several organizations in Saratoga County. The event organizers are noted.

February 18 - 1pm "In Memoriam: Casualties of the Battles of Saratoga." Heritage Hunters will present a Zoom program led by Eric Schnitzer, Interpretive Ranger and Military Historian, with the Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater. Eric will discuss his research in identifying the American casualties, using a variety of methods including genealogy. The Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82014504701?pwd=QnRkTWx6YjA3UEZQNGxGLzFDYlZKUT09>
For info call 518-885-9309.

February 19 - 2pm "The Lattimore Circle" by Julie O'Connor and Lorie Wies, both retired librarians with a deep interest in local Black History. This Saratoga County History Roundtable presentation focuses on the saga of the Lattimore family over several generations in which they were key figures in the establishment of a viable and thriving Black community in Albany and became important links with the anti-slavery and abolition movements. During this time, they continued their influence after moving to the Town of Moreau and Saratoga Springs during the mid-19th century. The presentation will be held in the Long Room at the Brookside Museum to coincide with the "Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950" exhibition. Free tickets are available at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/38740-the-lattimore-circle>

February 19 - 2pm "Valor: The Medal of Honor" presented by Edward Lengel, chief historian of Medal of Honor Museum. Attendance limited to 40. This is a program of the Friends of the New York State Military Museum. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs.

February 26 - 2pm "No Greater Calamity for the Country" on the early days of the Civil War and mobilization of the N.Y. State Militia to halt rebellion. Attendance limited to 40. This is a program

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March 5 - 2pm *Sully's Squad*, Kevin Wilson discusses his young adult novel of World War II told through the eyes of 15 year old Arty, from Saratoga, who lies about his age to enlist. Attendance limited to 40. This is a program of the Friends of the New York State Military Museum. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs.

March 8 - 7pm "Hessians" in the American Revolutionary War presented by Eric Schnitzer at the Van Schaick Island Country Club (201 Continental Ave, Cohoes) Admission: \$6 nonmembers \$5 members This is part of the Winter Lecture Series of the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center. For more information, contact info@waterfordmuseum.com (Dinner is available for separate purchase during the program [not included in the price of admission] by Max 410 at the Van Schaick Island Country Club.)

March 12 - 1pm "Waterford to Waterford: Irish Connections" Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, Saratoga County History Center, the Waterford (NY) Historical Museum & Cultural Center and Ireland's Waterford Institute of Technology, present a program that will explore the historical connections and shared cultural aspects of both Waterford, Ireland and Waterford, New York. Featured presentations include "The Irish Language in America," by Dr. Seamus Dillion (Waterford Institute of Technology) and "Waterford to Waterford, Local Connections," by Russ VanDervoort (Waterford Town Historian). Free Tickets for this ZOOM program at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39590-waterford-to-waterford-irish-connections>

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Programs in blue are affiliated with SCHC. Not all of the activities listed are hosted or sponsored by the SCHC.





Thank you to all our volunteers!

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Dear Members and Friends of the Saratoga County History Center

As SCHC begins a new year, we are reaching out to our members and friends to ask for input about our programs and services. SCHC will use the information to draft a strategic plan for the next five years.

This is being done using the services of management volunteers from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce.

The SCHC Board of Trustees really wants to hear what you think and your opinion on how programs can be improved. Below is a link to an on-line survey to record your views. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTJ6G62>

Thank You!

Take the Survey

"The Lattimore Circle"

*February 19th at 2:00
PM*



Photograph of Ben Lattimore Jr. via the Post Star

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Help SCHC Thrive - Become a Member Today!

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Interested in becoming a member of the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside? Click [here](#) to find out about all of our membership opportunities. SCHC is a great place to learn, take part in community events, and meet some of your neighbors through our county's deep history. [Become a member today!](#)"

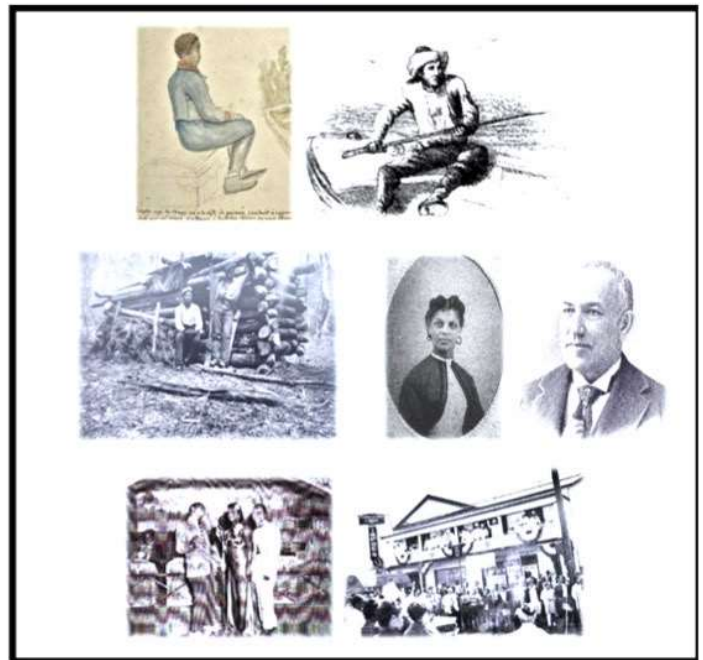
Membership

BLACK EXPERIENCES IN SARATOGA COUNTY 1750 – 1950

Explore the diversity of the lives of African Americans in Saratoga County over 200 years from the colonial period to the mid-20th century. It is a panorama of the struggles and hardships they faced, but also of their persistence and success.



Brookside Museum Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm The SCHC Brookside Museum is located on 5 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome.





Saratoga County History In the News

Saratoga County History in the News presents brief extracts from articles published in mainstream media and, less frequently, blogs and alternative media. The excerpts come directly from the websites referred to in each source note. Quotation marks are not utilized.

Join the **Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation** on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7PM for “An Evening with Solomon Northup” featuring living history re-enactor and photographer Clifford Oliver Mealy. During the virtual program, Cliff will discuss the adventures and obstacles from Northup’s perspective. “It is an honor for me to portray Solomon Northup and to share his story. It is so important that we celebrate his memory and highlight the African American community of Saratoga Springs both past and present,” said Mealy. The recent devastating fire of the historic building in downtown Greenwich is where Cliff’s photography studio was located. This virtual program will take place through Zoom and Facebook Live for a suggested donation of \$10 or more and half of all proceeds will be donated to Cliff for his recovery efforts. For additional information or to register for the virtual program, visit www.saratogapreservation.org or call (518) 587-5030.

[The 12866](#)

A bill co-sponsored by Carrie Woerner that would create a **250th Commemoration Commission** to plan and develop the celebration of the American Revolution in New York passed the Assembly unanimously last week and passed the Senate earlier in January. New York played a pivotal part in the Revolutionary War, including events such as the Battles of Saratoga This bill outlines the members, duties, and functions of this commission that will help municipalities across New York plan events to commemorate this important anniversary. [The Sun](#)

The **Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor** has received a grant from the National Park Foundation. The [Open OutDoors for Kids](#) grant will allow for the development of new digital educational material and support field trips to three national parks, including **Saratoga National Historical Park** located in the Erie Canalway. [WIBX 950 AM](#)

In case you missed it, [This Week in Saratoga County History - February 10](#) *Ice Harvesting in Saratoga County* by Malta Town Historian, Paul Perreault

Image of the Month

The IMAGE OF THE MONTH series at the Saratoga County Historical Center uses the extensive image library at the Brookside Museum.



\This is a Jesse Sumner Wooley photo showing his photo studio and shop on Milton Ave in Ballston Spa. It depicts two men shovelling snow, and was probably caught during the February 1914 blizzard.

Jesse Sumner Wooley was a prominent local photographer who worked his way up from an apprentice at photographers' studios in Saratoga Springs to purchasing his father-in-law's photo studio in Ballston Spa in 1887. While Jesse was a popular photographer for studio portraits, he also actively documented local street scenes, special events, and scenery. .

He was also a world traveler who captured images around the globe and returned to Saratoga County to share his experiences with local residents through stereopticon shows. SCHC has more than 4,000 images of Jesse Wooley in the collection, which can be accessed through our online collection database:

[Image Database](#)

Would you like to learn more about SCHC's image collections? Visit <https://brookside.pastperfectonline.com/> for our vast collection. Our collection is open round the clock, 7 days a week.

Contribute to Saratoga County History Center News and Events. Submit events, stories, job changes, promotions or news about Saratoga County history to sean@brooksidemuseum.org. SCHC News and Events is a collaborative effort. We count on the contributions of the historic community of Saratoga County and others for the entire content of this page. Producer Sean Kelleher and Editor Donna Dardaris coordinate the creation of the email with the help of many contributors, including Anne Clothier, Andrew Collier, Isobel Connell, Cindy Corbett, Michael Landis, Jim Richmond, and Beth Silvestri.

This message was sent by the Saratoga County History Center Board of Trustee which recognizes Native Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live. We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands, we write from, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home in New York State today.

The Brookside Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm. SCHC Brookside Museum lists all closings at <https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/>

The SCHC Brookside Museum is located on 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome. The current exhibits are *Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950, A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops, Mystery Photographs from Eastern Saratoga* and the *Country Stores in Saratoga County*.

The Saratoga County History Center is dedicated to the preservation and sharing of the diverse histories of Saratoga County. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center offers a variety of innovative, exciting and educational programs online and in person throughout the county. Please visit the website (www.brooksidemuseum.org) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

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