



Saratoga County History Center  
*Sharing History to Promote Community*  
March 31, 2022



County Historian Lauren Roberts presented “Supporting the Poor in Saratoga County” to a full audience at a Saratoga County History Roundtable talk at Brookside Museum. "It was so nice to see a full house again," said History Center Trustee Jim Richmond. "This presentation was well

received by a larger and more varied audience than our pre-pandemic programs." If you missed the remarkable talk in person, it is available on YouTube <https://youtu.be/5Gebmun8o7c>

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# Saratoga County History Center's Events

**April 6 - 7pm** "The Deepest Devotion (President Ulysses S. Grant)" with Ben Kemp from the Friends of Grant Cottage, via Zoom, as part of the Expert Next Door series. It has been 200 years since the birth of famed Civil War general, and two-term president, Ulysses S. Grant, who spent his last days here in Saratoga County at Mount McGregor. Mr. Kemp will portray President Grant's eldest son, Frederick and, using intimate stories, Fred will show a different side to President Grant, and illustrate the intense devotion his father had for his nation and his family. Free tickets are available at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/40362-experts-next-door-episode-19> Donations are always much appreciated. A Zoom link for the event will be sent within 48 hours of the event time.

Tickets for "The Deepest Devotion"

**April 16 - 1pm** "Finding Criminals using DNA from Genealogical Databases" A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by Tobi Kirschmann, owner of DNA Investigations in Saratoga Springs. A DNA analyst, Kirschmann has decades of experience before starting her own business. She had been assisting adoptees in locating their biological relatives, but her preference now is to devote more time to working with law enforcement groups in attempting to solve cold cases. This in-person event, co-sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center is at Brookside Museum. This is also a hybrid program that will be available via our Facebook Live (no ticket necessary). [https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live_videos/)

Brookside's Research Library, which includes the Heritage Hunter's collection, will be open before and after the program, between noon and 4 pm.

**April 24 - 12pm** "Hudson Mohawk Antique Tools and Trades Association (HMATTA) Meeting featuring a Program and Book Signing with Don Williams" Join members of HMATTA for their noon swap meet for sales and trades of antique tools in the parking lot. At 1 pm the gathering will move indoors for the meeting and a presentation about collecting antique tools and a book signing by Don Williams, author of *Grandfather's Toolchest*. This is an in-person event, cosponsored by the Saratoga County History Center, that will take place in the Brookside Museum.

**May 1** - 1pm “Quilts of New York and New England with Quilt Expert Deb Grana” Learn about the fascinating history of quilts and quilting in the northeast. View original quilts from the presenter’s collection. Participants are welcome to bring your own antique quilts to share with the group and to discover more about their origins. This is an in-person event, cosponsored by the Saratoga County History Center, that will take place in the Brookside Museum.

**May 3** - 7pm *Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls* video premiere viewing party will take place at Brookside Museum. This is the first of a series of “Forgotten Crossroads of Saratoga County” videos, by the History Center and the Saratoga County History Roundtable. The video documents the development of this once vibrant community, what attracted families to settle here in the late 18th and 19th centuries, and how it grew around the mills, taverns, schools, stores, churches, and farms. The film concludes with a segment of the contemporary community that still works and lives there.

*All these programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise indicated, and donations are accepted with gratitude.*

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## **We could use a moment of your time.**

As we look forward to the future, we are reaching out to our members and friends for feedback on our programs and services. SCHS will use this information to develop a strategic plan for the next five years.

This is thanks to the management volunteers of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce.

The SCHS Board of Directors really wants to hear what you think and what you think about how programs can be improved. Below is a link to an online survey to document your opinions. You will need less than 10 minutes to complete the survey in an anonymous manner.

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

Thank You!

Answer the Survey

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# Saratoga County Historical Community Upcoming Events

**These programs come from several organizations in Saratoga County. The event organizers are noted. These are not hosted or sponsored by SCHC.**

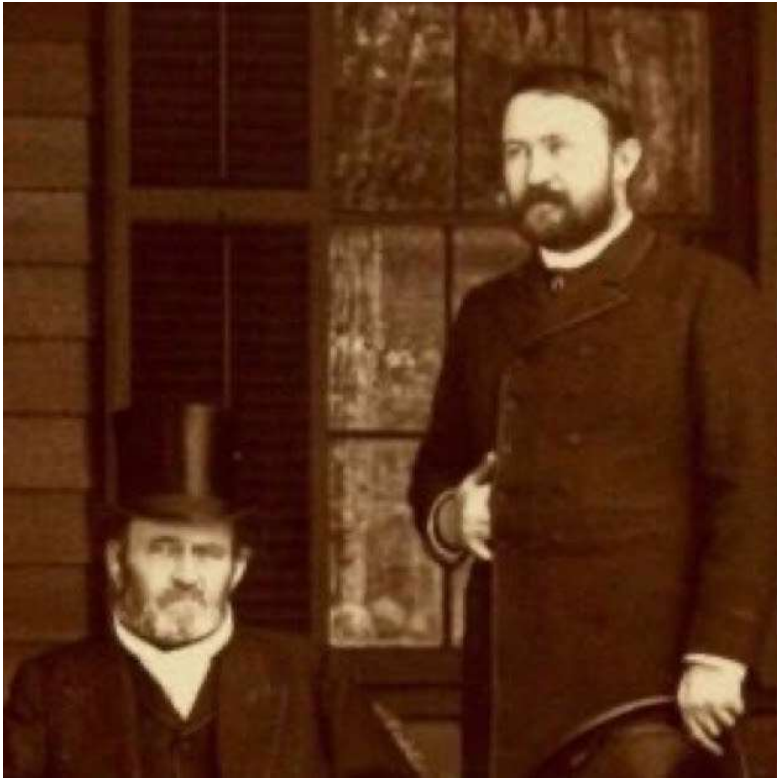
**April 2** - 2pm Historian Derek Maxfield, author of *Hellmira*, will review the rise of prison camps, including the camp at Elmira, N.Y., during the Civil War. This is a program of the Friends of the New York State Military Museum. The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave. Saratoga Springs. For more information, call 518-581-5100.

**May 15** - 12pm - 4pm Festivities begin at noon with the opening of the exhibit "The Archaeology of Clifton Park," followed by a lecture at 1 PM by New York State Archaeologist, Dr. Christina Reith, on the Cultural Resource Survey Program, which provides research and assessment of archaeological and architectural resources for other state agencies. 18th and early 19th century period music by Liaisons Plaisante will begin at 2 PM with refreshments and tours of the Historic Tavern. This event is co-sponsored by the Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission and Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern. Grooms Tavern is located at 290 Sugar Hill Rd, Rexford, NY 12148

**June 4** - 7:30am - 7:30pm "Bus Trip to Erie Canal Museum and Camillus Erie Canal Park" Join award winning Clifton Park historian John Scherer for a bus trip to the Erie Canal Museum, located in Downtown Syracuse, showcasing the 1850 National Register Weighlock Building, the last remaining structure of its kind, and to telling the incredible story of adventure on the Erie Canal. Come aboard a full-size replica canal boat. Explore life in a canal town. Experience a part of history that played an imperative role in the growth and development of the United States. Cost is \$70. Details can be found at <https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/cliftonpark/Search?TagId=393>

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to [sean@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto: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.

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## THE DEEPEST DEVOTION (PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT)

Experts Next Door : Episode 19

April 6 | 7 PM



Free tickets are available at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/40362-experts-next-door-episode-19>

[Tickets for the next Experts Next Door](#)

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## Become a Member

Support the History Center and never miss another event or exhibit!

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As History Center Members, you will receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, and reduced prices for events.

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# A CENTURY OF ICE CREAM, A CENTENNIAL OF THE DAKE FAMILY AND STEWART'S SHOPS

Few things are as beloved and iconic in upstate New York as Stewart's shops. The exhibit is made possible through the generosity of Stewart's Shops/Dake Family.



Brookside Museum: Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm. 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.



Perky Pak gal  
The model is showing off an innovation, pre-packaged portions of ice cream.  
*The Stewart Story, September 1954*

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We're looking for people to join our friendly & welcoming team of museum volunteers. There are many ways to get involved. To find out more visit the volunteer page <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/>

Volunteer At Brookside

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## FINDING CRIMINALS USING DNA FROM GENEALOGICAL DATABASES

Heritage Hunters of Saratoga  
County

April 16 | 1 PM

Brookside Museum 6 Charlton  
Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020.



# 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.

Watch the SCHC's Dr. [Michael Landis](#), Public Relations Coordinator interview on "Look this Week" [Look Media Resources](#)

Charlie Kuenzel, President of the Saratoga Springs History Museum has started a new podcast, [Health, History, & Horses: The Podcast](#) with Dr. Christine Alexander-Decke. It is an insightful look at the "important fabric of our community" – health, history, and horses. [Saratoga Today](#)

Plan ahead, [Book Talks: The Hudson Valley History Reading Festival](#) on Saturday, April 23, streamed live to the FDR Library's [YouTube](#), Facebook and Twitter accounts. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library present the annual Hudson Valley History Reading Festival. 1 pm Paths to the Past: History Hikes

through the Hudson River Valley, Catskills, Berkshires, Taconics, Saratoga and Capital Region by Russel Dunn and Barbara Delaney - National Archives

The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation has announced that their [Historic Homes Tour](#) will take place on Saturday, May 14 in celebration of our community's rich architectural heritage as well as the Foundation's 45th Anniversary - [Saratoga Today](#).

In case you missed it, [This Week in Saratoga County History - March 24](#) *The Eddy's, an Industrious Waterford Family* written by SCHC Trustee Russ VanDervoort, the Waterford Town Historian and leader of the Waterford Canal and Towpath Society.

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## THE COUNTRY STORE IN SARATOGA COUNTY

Saratoga County was dotted with a variety of country stores, that served as both necessary sources of supplies and social hubs.



Brookside Museum Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 pm 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.



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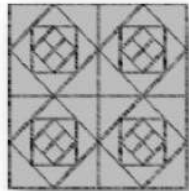
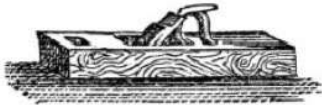
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**Thank You**

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## **TOOLS & TEXTILES**

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April 24 | 12pm Hudson Mohawk Antique Tools and Trades Association Meeting Featuring a Program and Book Signing with Don Williams

May 1 | 1pm Quilts of New York and New England with Quilt Expert Deb Grana

Two events commemorating early America. These programs are free and open to the public, and donations are accepted with gratitude.

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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, 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](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

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## Supporting the Poor in Saratoga County

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Watch it on our YouTube channel  
<https://youtu.be/5Gebmun8o7c>



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This message was sent by the Saratoga County History Center Board of Trustees, 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.

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# Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls

New Video Release

Tuesday, May 3 | 7 PM  
Saratoga County History Center  
at Brookside Museum

This is the first of a series of "Forgotten Crossroads of Saratoga County," on Rock City Falls is designed to document the development of this once vibrant community, what attracted families to settle here in the late 18th and 19th centuries, and how it grew around the mills, taverns, schools, stores, churches, and farms.



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