

## March 3 Saratoga County History Center News and Events



## Saratoga County History Center *Sharing History to Promote Community* March 3, 2022



Visitors filled the gallery to our new exhibition, the "Black Experiences in Saratoga County 1750-1950".

The exhibition will be open on Saturday and Sunday between Noon and 4 pm.



# Saratoga County History Center's Events

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**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). Tickets for this ZOOM program at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39590-waterford-to-waterford-irish-connections>

Tickets for Waterford to Waterford

**March 24** - 7pm “Supporting the Poor in Saratoga County” A Saratoga County History Roundtable talk by County Historian Lauren Roberts on the 130-year history of the County Poorhouse. The Poorhouse was established in 1827, when the county purchased land to accommodate an Alms House for “the victims of misfortune.” As the county grew, so did the number of people who needed care. The Poor House complex included a large-scale farm, schoolhouse, imposing brick residence and an infirmary. Tickets for this in person event at Brookside Museum are at <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39903-supporting-the-poor-in-saratoga-county> This is a hybrid program and will be available via our Facebook Live (no ticket necessary).

[https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/live_videos/)

Tickets for Supporting the Poor

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated.

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## We need a moment's time from you

As SCHS begins a new year, we are reaching out to our members and friends to seek their input on our programs and services. The information will be used by SCHS in the development of 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.**

**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](mailto: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 16** - 7pm "*George Washington's Long Island Spy Ring*," Pulitzer prize winning journalist and author Bill Bleyer reveals the fascinating story of the Culper Spy Ring and the people and places involved 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 19** - 2pm "The Battle of Valcour Island," Award winning historian and author of the recently published *Valcour: The 1776 Campaign the Saved Cause of Liberty*," Jack Kelly shares the wild and suspenseful story of the scrappy American navy that took on the full might of the Britian's sea power in the opening year of the American Revolution. 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. .

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THE SARATOGA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER, WATERFORD (NY) HISTORICAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER AND IRELAND'S WATERFORD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PRESENT....



**MARCH 12TH, 2022 AT 1PM**

A live international history program about the connections and shared cultural aspects of both Waterford, Ireland and Waterford, New York through the lasting legacy of heritage within the greater Capital Region and Saratoga County.

This is a free online event open to the public. To register and receive the zoom link visit :

<https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39590-waterford-to-waterford-irish-connections>

## **Exciting changes are taking place.**

2021 was a very exciting year for the Saratoga County Historical Center at Brookside. We added five new exhibits, made great strides in our collection, raised more than \$31,000 to improve our building and saw 240% growth in our membership. We are thrilled to announce changes to the SHSC membership offer!

In the next few weeks, we will share our plan to accommodate the needs of all of our community in an ever changing world, we are offering new membership levels

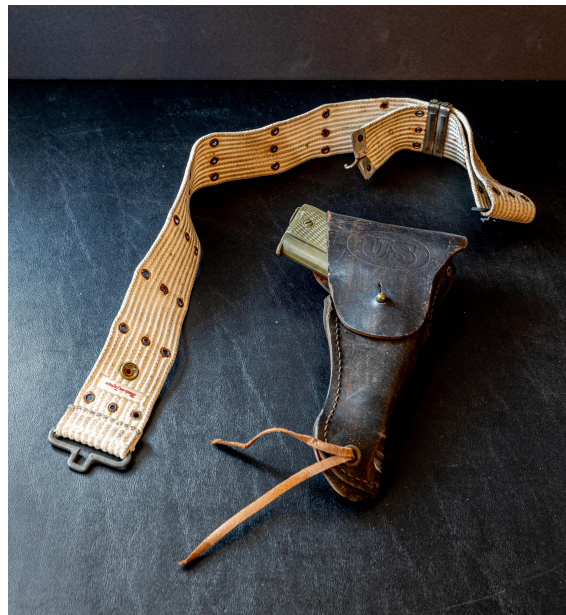
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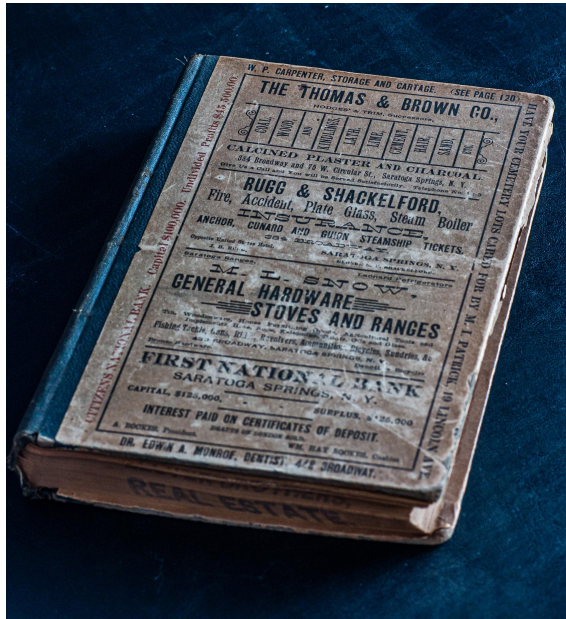
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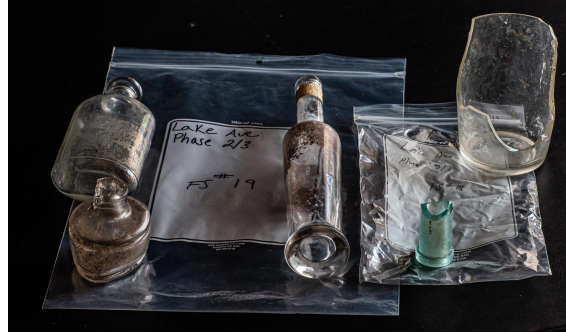


Thanks to volunteer David Waite for sharing these pictures of the artifacts in the "Black Experiences in Saratoga County 1750 - 1950" exhibition. Join SCHC's volunteer community and help our visitors appreciate local history.

[Click to Volunteer](#)







**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.

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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.



**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



## 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.

History Center brings Ireland to New York. "Waterford to Waterford: Irish Connections" will be the topic of a free presentation at 1 pm March 12 on Zoom in partnership with the **Saratoga County History Center**, the **Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center** and the Ireland Waterford Institute of Technology. The hourlong international history program, the first to utilize new media technology purchased by the history center in 2021, will explore the historical connections and shared cultural aspects of Waterford, Ireland and Waterford, New York through the lasting legacy of heritage within the greater Capital Region and Saratoga County. To register, email Sean Kelleher: [sean@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:sean@brooksidemuseum.org) or go to <https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/39590-waterford-to-waterford-irish-connections>. - The Times Union

Clifton P Clifton Park once had his own theme park explains **Clifton Park Town Historian John Scherer** - [ESPN Radio 104.5 The Team](#)

In case you missed it, [This Week in Saratoga County History - February 24](#) "*Dressed for Freedom*" by Saratoga County Historian, Lauren Roberts

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# Saratoga County Compass

The online publication of SCHC's Saratoga County Compass has a short history of the transformation [“From Historical Society to History Center”](#) written by Dr. Michael Landis/

“As you may know, "Brookside" the organization has undergone dramatic changes, especially in 2020, when we transitioned from local historical society to regional history center," explains Landis. "That transition is critical to our current and future work." It is a great short read.

The compass showcases the latest discoveries from public history scholars, professional academics and experts from a wide variety of fields. Whether it's cutting-edge historical research, musings from a classroom teacher, photo essays, student contributions, or observations by professional pundits, we are pleased to showcase and celebrate scholarly endeavors. The editor of Saratoga County Compass is Dr. Michael Landis, trustee and Public Programs Manager at the Saratoga County History Center. Submissions should be sent to Dr. Landis at [mlandis@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:mlandis@brooksidemuseum.org).

[Read the Compass](#)

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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 graphic has an orange background. On the left is a sepia-toned portrait of a man with a receding hairline, wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt. To the right of the portrait is the SCHC logo, which includes the letters 'SCHC' in a stylized font and a map of Saratoga County divided into colored sections. Below the logo, the title 'The Lattimore Circle' is written in a black, cursive script. At the bottom right, the text 'WATCH AT [HTTPS://YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCCWB2LIMLN6FISBYOXCPHEW](https://youtube.com/channel/UCCWB2LIMLN6FISBYOXCPHEW)' is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Visit our YouTube Channel

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

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