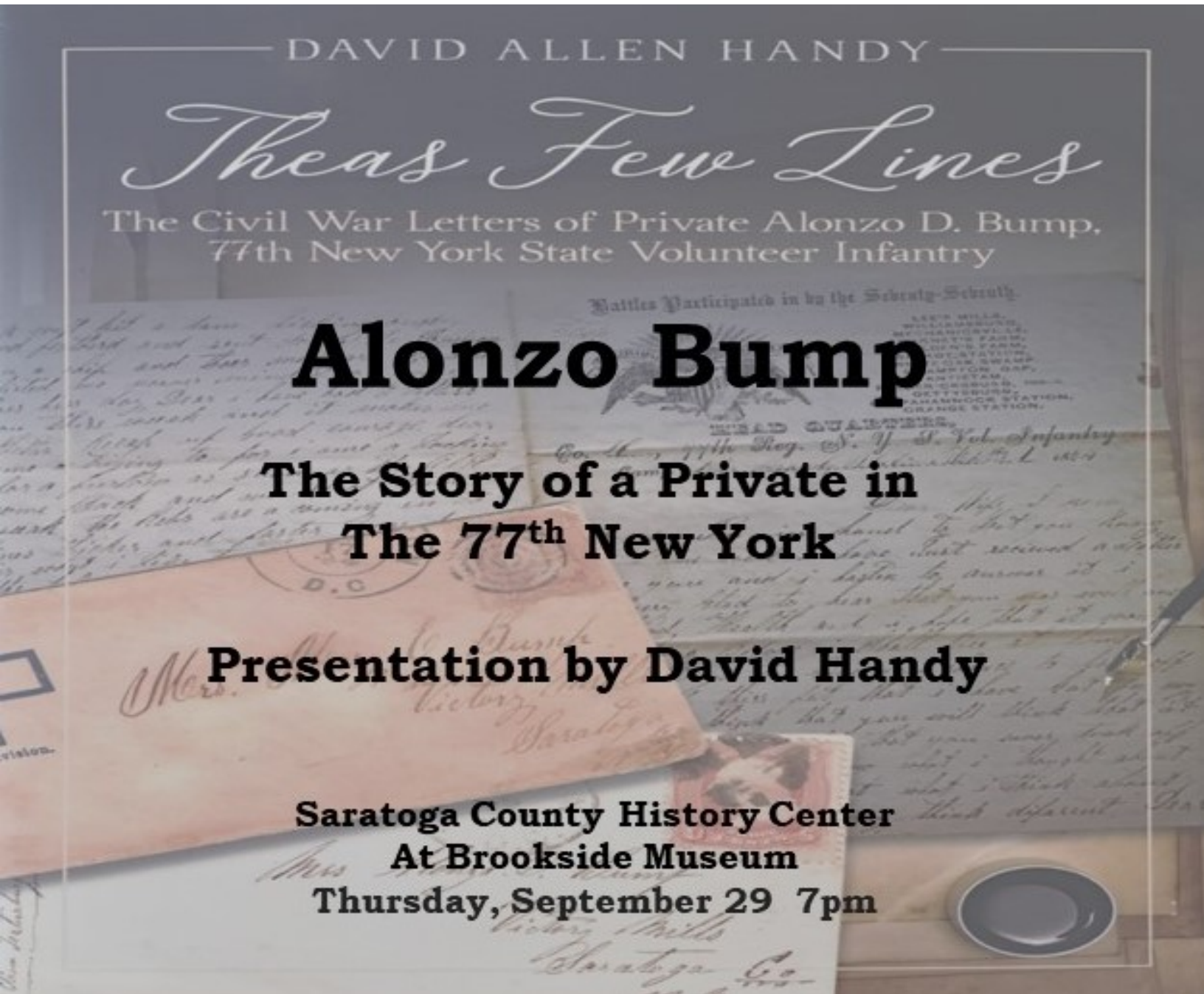




Saratoga County History Center
Sharing History to Promote Community
September 29, 2022



We want to remind people that tonight, September 29 at 7pm SCHC is hosting "*Theas Few Lines*" *The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump* by author David Handy. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum and will be hybrid on the Saratoga County History Center's [facebook page](#). This morning, *The Daily Gazette* has a [nice article](#) on the program.

Handy is the author of the recently released book *Theas Few Lines: The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump, 77th New York State Voluntary Infantry* will present the Civil War experiences of Alonzo Bump as expressed in his letters home to his wife Mary and other family

members. David will touch on many aspects of Alonzo's life as a soldier, including camp life, poor rations, disease, marching, combat, desertion, commanding officers, the enemy, military pay, and other topics. Bump was from the Saratoga County village of Victory. Books will be available for signing. There are plenty of seats for this in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa. If you cannot join us, check it out in the hybrid format on our [Facebook page](#).



Saratoga County History Center's Events

September 29 – 1pm Historians' Walking Tour - The Champlain Canal, Waterford. *Sold Out* This walk will begin at Lock 2 Park in Waterford. Lock 2 Park is located off Broad St. which is on Rt. 32 and the main thoroughfare in downtown Waterford. Parking available at Lock 2 Park and other nearby streets.

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Sign Up for Private Alonzo D. Bump Talk

October 7 – 10:30am Off The Northway Presentation and Book Signing at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library. Local journalist Stephen Williams will talk about the long rollercoaster history of the dream, design, negotiations for, and construction of the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries semiconductor facility in Malta. He will also sign copies of *Off the Northway*, a compilation of 83 articles written from 2005 through 2020 for the *Daily Gazette* in Schenectady, NY. The book will be available for purchase for \$20 and is published by the Saratoga County History Center. The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is located at 475 Moe Road in Clifton Park NY 12065.

October 17 – 9:30am Surrender Day Commemoration in Recognition of the 245th Anniversary of the American Victory at the Battles of Saratoga, America's Turning Point. Join the community and school children for the 244th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga surrender with cannons, patriotic speeches, wreath laying, reenactments and the traditional a13 toasts. State Historian Devin Lander will be the keynote speaker. Fort Hardy Beach Park along the Hudson River, Ferry Street - Route 29, Schuylerville, NY 12871

October 22 - 11am Off The Northway Presentation and Book Signing at the Galway Public Library. Local journalist Stephen Williams will talk about the long rollercoaster history of the dream, design, negotiations for, and construction of the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries semiconductor facility in Malta. He will also sign copies of *Off the Northway*, a compilation of 83 articles written from 2005 through 2020 for the *Daily Gazette* in Schenectady, NY. The book will be available for purchase for \$20 and is published by the Saratoga County History Center. The Galway Public Library is 2112 East Street, Galway, NY 12074.

November 2 - 7pm Saratoga County History Center Annual Meeting including "History Favorites - Trustees' Choice." The trustees' offers a 'show & tell' featuring a few of their favorite items from the SCHC's collection, a preview of upcoming exhibitions, alongside their vision for the future. The annual budget will be presented and there will be voting for new trustees. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

November 12 - 1-6pm Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival. Save the date. What goes well together? Beer and Saratoga chips. Since Saratoga Chips are the focus of SCHC's newest exhibit, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore." It made sense to partner with DeCrescente Distributing Company, which distributes Saratoga Chips and our county's historic leaders in beer distribution. Toss in musicians John Kirk & Trish Miller, along with famed "The Toga Chip Guy," Alan Richer and we have a festival. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa. 12020. Stay tuned for details.

November 13 – 2–4pm “More Saratoga County Stories” book release Meet the contributing authors and the editorial team of *More Saratoga County Stories*, a collection of essays and articles written by 33 local historians. This is the second volume of Saratoga County Stories published by the Saratoga County History Center. Aimed at the general public, it will delight readers with snapshots of the past and true tales of crime, heroism, and colorful personalities. Purchase the book for \$20 and have your copies signed by the authors. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

November 26–December 24 – Artisan’s Market at Brookside Museum. Shop a wide selection of hand-crafted products created by local artisans, including soaps & lotions, ornaments, jewelry, spices & syrups, cutting boards, home décor, and much more! Thursdays 12pm – 5pm, Fridays 11am – 6pm, Saturdays and Sundays 11am – 5pm

All these programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated, and donations are accepted with gratitude. The SCHC's Brookside Museum is located at 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

Membership Announcement!



Thank you for continuing to support the Saratoga County History Center. As our last letter noted, it’s time to renew your membership. If you prefer to renew your membership online, you can visit www.brooksidemuseum.org and follow the “Become a Member” prompt in the top left corner. Thank you again for your continued support, and we hope you will join us for another exciting year at the Saratoga County History Center.

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SARATOGA COUNTY PUBLIC HISTORY AWARDS



An annual award to recognize and celebrate the oft-unnoticed, yet deeply important, work done by public historians, writers, teachers, and museum practitioners



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2nd Annual Saratoga County Public History Award is Coming!

In 2021, the Saratoga County History Center established an annual award to recognize and celebrate the oft-unnoticed, yet deeply important, work done by public historians, writers, teachers, and museum practitioners. The inaugural winners of the Saratoga County Public History Award – Saratoga Springs writer Carol Godette, and local historian Jim Richmond – were selected by a committee comprised of local professionals and experts, and were feted at a gala standing-room only event at Brookside Museum.

The History Center is pleased to announce that the second award process is well underway. We welcome nominations and input from the public. If there is any individual, organization, or business that you believe warrants consideration, please contact Dr. Michael Landis, History Center Trustee, at mlandis@brooksidemuseum.org. You may also visit Brookside Museum and speak with the staff, who are always eager to discuss community happenings. Please be sure to include the person or organization's full name, a detailed description of what they have done in public history, and why you believe they deserve recognition.

Winner(s) will be selected in November, and a public awards ceremony will be held at Brookside Museum in January.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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.

September 29 - 12pm "They Wore What!?: Historical Heroines Kicking @\$\$, in a Corset." Have you ever wondered how your favorite historical women from book and screen could go about their adventures while wearing all those layers, plus a corset? Weren't they hot? How could they breathe!?! Librarian and experienced old-timey-clothes-wearer, Caitlin Sheldon will demonstrate with props and diagrams. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are required.
<https://sspl.libcal.com/event/9175472>

October 3 - 7pm "250th Anniversary of the Fulton County Court House". Join Samantha Hill-Saladino, Fulton County Historian, to give a presentation on the history of the Fulton County Court House at the monthly meeting of the Galway Preservation Society. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

October 11 - 3pm "In Conversation: Indigenous Peoples Day." Join us in honor of Indigenous People's Day to discuss *Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown. Copies of the book may be requested through our online catalog - please contact a librarian should you need assistance. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are requested <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/9399080>

October 13 - 12pm "Brown Bag Lunch: "How It All Began: The Origins of Saratoga Racing" with Brien Bouyea." Hall of Fame and Communications Director for the National Museum of Racing, Brien Bouyea presents the formative years of Saratoga racing and the characters who influenced the track's early days and established its signature race, the Travers Stakes. This program is offered as a partnership between the Saratoga Springs Heritage Area VisitorCenter and the Saratoga Springs Public Library. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are requested <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8597385>

October 15 – 10am - 3:30pm "Heritage Hunters All-Day Genealogy Conference." Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County will offer a series of 4 genealogy talks in one day, featuring certified genealogist Nancy Loe, via Zoom. They are: Beyond Ancestry: Essential Portals for Genealogy, Successful Genealogy Sources and Citations, Discovering European Immigrant Ancestors, and Picture This: Cataloging Digital Photos. In addition to appearing on PBS's *American Experience*, Loe has presented for all experience levels at National Genealogical Society, Rootstech, Legacy Family Tree and genealogy conferences in the U.S., Canada, and Australia. The cost of the conference is \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members, which includes new membership. A registration form should be completed and sent, along with a check, to Ginny Humphrey, 5166 Fairground Ave., Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020 by Oct. 11. Members can find the form in the October-November newsletter issue. Non-members can receive it by snail mail or email by calling Ginny Humphrey, 518-885-9309

October 16 – 5pm Ulysses S. Grant's Bicentennial Birthday Gala. The Friends of Ulysses S. Grant's Cottage is hosting an evening fundraiser to support the development of an educational pavilion and their strategic plan. The dinner includes a presentation by actor Treat Williams and a virtual presentation by Retired General David Petraeus and *Grant* biographer Ron Chernow. The tickets are \$125 and it will take place at the Gideon Putnam Resort & Spa 24 Gideon Putnam Road Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Details at <https://www.grantcottage.org/2022gala>

October 25 – 6pm Mott Family Empire This fascinating presentation details the 5 Generations of the Mott family starting with 1st generation, deed holder Zebulon in 1795 on Farm to Market Road through the 5th generation Charles, one of America's 1st self-made billionaire. You won't want to miss hearing about this amazing family! This is a program of the Halfmoon Historical Society taking place at the Halfmoon Town Hall in the James A. Bold Meeting Room 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Clifton Park, NY 12065.

October 27 - 7pm "Campaign to Saratoga" Join the Old Saratoga Historical Association for a program meeting as Eric Schnitzer, the historian at Saratoga NHP, discusses his recent book, Campaign to Saratoga, he co-authored with Don Troiani. Town of Saratoga's Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events 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.

Project Leaders wanted!

We are looking for two project leaders!!! One for a fall cleaning, One for the storage movement of old articles in an old apartment that is renovated. . If you want to help, please contact Matt at (518) 885-4000. John will call you back.

Volunteer At Brookside

News from the Herb Garden...

Let me say upfront, deer are my favorite wildlings. I think they are magnificent animals; they have beautiful brown eyes, dainty legs, and a shy, graceful demeanor. Their ears flick when they look at you and their tail is a white flag as they sprint across the grass. I'm thrilled when I spot one grazing in a field.

But...not five minutes after I returned from the garden today, I found myself typing these words into Google search: "***how to keep deer from eating plants.***" You guessed correctly. Once again our resident deer had visited the garden.



In the medicinal bed, they had pruned the red clover and cranesbill geranium almost to nonexistence. Not a leaf or flower was left on the morning glories that with their constant attention had only grown a third of the way up the arbor. The hollyhocks, parsley, and sorrel had suffered as well.



It's a dilemma! I find me saying to myself, "they were here first." That's true, but what about the herb garden, anyone's garden? What do we do? What can we do? For now, I am thankful the Secret Garden Tour was last summer!

We are "cleaning up" in preparation for putting the garden to bed for the winter. Our focus, as it does at this time every year, is moving on to the spring. In the dyer bed the cosmos, which were a cloud of flowers throughout the summer, are gone. Recycled chopsticks mark where three golden Marguerites, aka dyer chamomile, will be transplanted. We are removing the smallest of weeds in hopes they won't reappear next spring. Plants we've potted up for next May's plant sale—so far: heal all, white yarrow, thyme, and lemon balm—are being sunk into the soil in available space for winter protection.

Madder centers the dyers' bed. We have never grown madder before, so it's a learning experience. We started plants from seed and transplanted three small plants into the bed in late May. All three survived and grew, but the plant seems to lack "backbone" as they have lazed along the ground all summer. Our first harvest won't be for several years—the literature says the best time is when the roots have grown for three to six years. The roots will produce a red dye.

Weld, a biennial, is another "new" plant in the dyers' bed. It currently is a fountain of long, broad grass-like leaves. All parts of the plant except the roots are used to produce a yellow dye. Next spring, a blossom similar in shape to a mullein blossom will appear on a three to five-foot stem. Tune in, you will see a photo here!



The crickets are still chirping and a cabbage moth—what a name for a pretty white-winged being—was sipping nectar from the purple hyssop flowers and then basking in the sun on lemon balm. Summers end.

All the gardens at Brookside rely on volunteers. No experience is needed! There is still time to help. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help, leave a message with Matt at (518) 885-4000. Kathleen or Maureen will return your call.



CLIFTON PARK
HALFMOON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Presents



Off The Northway

By Stephen Williams

Presentation and Book Signing Event

Friday October 7 10:30 am

475 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY

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SURRENDER DAY CEREMONY

245th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga, America's Turning Point



Date

October 17, 2022

Time 9:30 am

Place

Fort Hardy Beach along the Hudson River Route 29 Schuylerville, NY

Bring your own chair



Presented by the town of Saratoga, the village of Schuylerville, Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission, and Saratoga County History Center

Become a Lifetime Member of the SCHC this Month!

Become a member of the History Center today at the Brookside Lifetime Member with a \$5000 donation. You will receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, a window sticker, and reduced prices for events. In addition, Contributors receive a welcome packet, a membership card with NARM membership, and a 10% discount at the museum shop. In addition, a copy of The First Respectable House: Brookside and the Growth of Ballston Spa, a personal behind-the-scenes tour of the museum by the President, the first look at new exhibits with reception, two free use of the event space per year, and 15% discount at the museum shop, Please note that family memberships are determined by each participating institution. While NARM does not have a standard area of restriction, some institutions do restrict benefits. See the member map for details.

Visit the link to explore our different membership levels: <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/>

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Galway Public Library

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Presentation and Book Signing Event

Saturday October 22, 11 am

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Annual Meeting

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November 27 pm

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Current Exhibits

In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore through December 23

Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950 through November 6

A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops through December 23

County Life in Photographs through November 13

SCHC's Brookside Museum lists all closings at <https://www.facebook.com/brooksidemuseum/>

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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Thursday through Sunday
from 1pm to 5pm

Brookside Museum

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