Looking for something to do this weekend? Check out our outstanding exhibits! *In the Saratoga*
Style: *Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore* is largely from the comprehensive collection of Alan Richer of Saratoga Lake, America's premier collector on the subject. *A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shop*, focuses on Saratoga's most beloved business. Our exhibit on *Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950*, has a lot of positive comments. It is back to school time, our collaborative project with Skidmore College is *County Life in Photographs*. SCHC's Brookside Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 5pm at 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. All of these things happen with members like you. The time has come to renew your membership with a visit to our membership page.

Become a member
let's get all fired up

IT'S BBQ TIME!

Join us for Miller's Backyard BBQ Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner
Friday, September 16th, 3-6pm at Brookside Museum
Dinners for S15. Chicken dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and cornbread. Pulled Pork includes 1/2 lb. Pulled Pork with baked potato, cornbread and 4oz coleslaw.
This is a take-out only.

RSVP & Details at
https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/
or (518) 885-4000

Saratoga County History Center’s Events
**September 10** – 10:30am **From Slavery to Freedom: Blacks in Saratoga From the Colonial Period Through Gradual Manumission.** Dr. Armstead has a deep understanding of African-American social and cultural life and is well known for her first book, *‘Lord, Please Don’t Take Me in August’* a comparative study of black life in the resort communities of Saratoga Springs, NY, and Newport, RI during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Her presentation will be held at the Dyer-Phelps Memorial AME Zion Church, 122 Crescent St. in Saratoga Springs. It is based on research supported by a collaboration between the Organization of American Historians and the National Parks Service. Please register for the talk at:

**Register for From Slavery to Freedom Talk**

**September 16** 3-6pm **Drive-thru Miller's Backyard BBQ Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner To Go.** A benefit for the Saratoga County History Center, dinners are $15. Each chicken dinner will include 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and cornbread. Each Pulled Pork will consist of 1/2 lb pulled pork with baked potato, cornbread, and 4oz coleslaw. In addition, Mac and Cheese sides are available for $5. This is a take-out only at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa. Please visit [https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/](https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/) or call (518) 885-4000 to reserve your meal. There will be a limited number of extra dinners available on the day. Questions? Contact donna@brooksidemuseum.org or phone 518-885-4000

**Order Miller's Backyard BBQ**

**September 17** – 10am **Historians' Walking Tour - Vischer Ferry.** John Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian, will lead a tour of Vischer Ferry, one of Saratoga County’s “Forgotten Crossroads.” The Tour will explore the Vischer Ferry Historic District, learning about its Greek Revival and Victorian homes, its heyday during the canal era, and it’s time as a summer resort at the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Stories of some of the hamlet’s more interesting residents will be discussed. This walking tour will be about 1.5 miles round trip on level paved roads. The tour will begin at the parking area at the end of Ferry Drive, and end at noon at the Vischer Ferry General Store for those interested in lunch. Our annual farm fest will also be happening that day as an added attraction. The suggested donation is $10 per registration. Please register for the tour at [https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45745-historians-walking-tours-vischer-ferry-sept-17th](https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45745-historians-walking-tours-vischer-ferry-sept-17th)

**Register for Vischer Ferry Walking Tour**

**September 21** – 7pm **Experts Next Door - The Saratoga-Las Vegas Connection.** Mob Museum Trustee and University of Nevada, Las Vegas Associate Professor of History Michael Green will go
over some of the famous and not-so-famous links between the two resort towns, after which he will take questions and comments from the audience. A native of Las Vegas, Dr. Green is a nationally-recognized scholar of US history and an experienced, engaging public speaker who delights audiences with anecdotes and inside scoops. From movies to mobsters to migrants, Dr. Green will pull back the curtain (or should we say prison bars?) on the Saratoga-Las Vegas relationship. The event, to be held on Zoom, is open to the public. It is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. To register, please visit
https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/44049-experts-next-door-20-saratoga-las-vegas-connection?fbclid=IwAR3V7t-jX4BHw7XTjYV-EWjmHR3jZr86Ln-OOQcDKIBHBZrsKNp5xtQleio

September 29 – 1pm Historians' Walking Tour - The Champlain Canal, Waterford. Russ VanDervoort, Waterford Town Historian, will lead a tour of the Champlain Canal in Waterford. This section of the canal opened in 1823, some parts remain unchanged. Along the tour route, we will pass a swing bridge, a basin, a change bridge, several waste weirs, and a power canal which played a major role in the Industrial Revolution. This walk will begin at Lock 2 Park in Waterford. This tour is a 1 ½ mile round walk on a basic level path that is a part of the Empire State Trailway and the Champlain Canal Trailway, known as the Waterford to Whitehall Trail. Lock 2 Park is located off Broad St. which is on Rt. 32 and the main thoroughfare in downtown Waterford. The entryway is part of the old Canal towpath, and there is a large sign for Lock 2 at the entrance. Parking available at Lock 2 Park and other nearby streets. The suggested donation is $10 per registration. Please register for the Tour at:
https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/45747-historians-walking-tours-champlain-canal-sept-29th

September 29 – 7pm Thes Few Lines" The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump. David Handy, author of the recently released book Thes 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. Books will be available for signing. To register, 
https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/47692-alonzo-bump This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.
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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.

WE NEED YOU!

On August 15th, the Saratoga County History Center is beginning its' membership drive for 2023. Renew your membership or become a member today by visiting: www.brooksidemuseum.org

Membership Announcement!

We are in the middle of our annual membership campaign. This is when we ask for YOUR help to support the history and culture in our community and beyond. We’ve been able to accomplish all that we do because of your continued support, and we are incredibly grateful. As we grow and change for the better, we will be implementing a new membership renewal process beginning September 1, 2022. As current members, each year, you received a membership renewal on a rolling basis depending on when you initially became a member. Starting September 1, all members will reset as we try to make the renewal process easier for you and SCHC. If you are a new or
existing member who joined or renewed after March 1, 2022, your membership will roll over to 2023, and your membership will be valid until September 2023.

You will have received renewal letters if you have not renewed or joined since March 1, 2022. SCHC can do what we do because of your financial contributions - and we thank you. Additionally, you may have heard that we’ve revamped our membership to include perks for each membership level, which are listed on our website. These new membership levels and extras can be used throughout the year as you come and visit the museum. When you renew your membership, you will also be able to make a recurring gift throughout the year.
The Saratoga County History Center is pleased to sponsor a presentation on the Civil War letters of Saratoga County resident Alonzo Bump by David Handy, author of the recently released book *Theas Few Lines: The Civil War Letters of Private Alonzo D. Bump, 77th New York State Voluntary Infantry* on Thursday, September 26 at 7 pm at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa.

The letters, compiled in part from the collection of the History Center at Brookside Museum, provides a rich account of the experience of an upstate New Yorker who left home to fight for the Union during the American Civil War. Alonzo D. Bump lived in the thriving cotton mill community at Victory, the home of the Saratoga Victory Manufacturing Company where he was employed as a weaver. With the desire to "go down to see the world" Alonzo left behind his wife Mary and his three-year-old daughter Mattie. Private Bump's letters were primarily written to Mary, though a few were directed to his mother, mother-in-law, and his two sisters-in-law.

His letters reveal a deep love shared with Mary. For Alonzo, composing letters served as the primary instrument whereby he maintained his emotional ties with Mary and had a powerful therapeutic benefit for the married couple. Exchanging letters helped to mollify the geographic distance between Alonzo and Mary. He wrote about camp life, poor rations, disease, marching, combat, desertion, commanding officers, the enemy, military pay, sex, prostitution, pornography, and African Americans. The reader will come away with a deeper understanding of the common soldier's experience during the Civil War.

"Alonzo Bump's letters are a spectacular example of wartime correspondence and a jewel in the collection of the Saratoga County History Center," said Anne Clothier, Education Director at Brookside Museum. “We are delighted that David Handy has worked to expand our understanding of these letters and provide additional context about the era and the experiences of local soldiers and their families.” Books will be available for signing, and pre-registration is required at [https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/47692-alonzo-bump](https://brooksidemuseum.networkforgood.com/events/47692-alonzo-bump)
"FIRST_NAME" SCHC has a great program of events in September.
David Handy is a graduate of Union College in Schenectady with a major in 19th-century history. He holds graduate degrees in Counseling, Divinity, and Social Work, a retired minister in the United Methodist Church and a psychotherapist in private practice. David is also the author of McKean’s Sunday School Boys Go to War, published in 2014.

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

**September 5 - 3pm** "A historical perspective, an organ recital, and a meet and greet" will take place at the Round Lake Auditorium on Labor Day. Lydia Hoffman will provide a historical perspective of the Village, the Auditorium, and the Davis-Ferris Tracker Organ beginning at 3pm. At 4pm the nationally known organist Thomas Dressler will perform on the Davis-Ferris Tracker Organ which in December 2016 was designated as a National Historic Landmark. His special abilities to communicate, both as a speaker and performer, are combined in his performances, where he discusses much of the music he performs. Thomas will perform works by J.S. Bach, Louis-Nicolas Clerambault, Charles Ives, and Scott Joplin among others. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at [www.roundlakeauditorium.org](http://www.roundlakeauditorium.org) for a fee of $10 which helps support this national treasure. A Peek at the Pipes will also be available following the recital.

**September 8 - 12pm** "Brown Bag Lunch Saratoga History Using Images from the Bollster Collection with Charlie Kuenzel." The George S. Bolster photographic collection provides historians with 325,000 images that help tell the story of Saratoga Springs. Through a series of specially selected images, local favorite Charlie Kuenzel will tell many stories of Saratoga Springs with facts that are revealed in those images. This program is offered as a partnership between the
Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center and the Saratoga Springs Public Library. The Saratoga Springs Public Library is located at 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3271. Reservations are required. [https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8597330](https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8597330)

**September 9** – 6:30pm "The Transcontinental Railroad." The 1869 completion of what was then the largest infrastructure project in American history turned the United States into a true continental power and opened the development of our “Wild West.” Many of the personalities who were prime movers in the project had ties to the Capital District, and our local industrial base provided a number of the necessary parts that made. Join Historian Michael Barrett, for this presentation on the front lawn at the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center at 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY 12188. These are bring-your-own chairs and refreshments picnic-style events on the museum lawn. Admission is $10 per person. For more information, contact info@waterfordmuseum.com

**September 12** -7pm “A Stop Along the Way-Blue Corners”. Join The Galway Preservation Society for our monthly program meeting when Dave Waite will present the history of the hamlet of Blue Corners in West Charlton from its beginning as a stop for teamsters until its demise as a community in the mid-1800s. Waite is a Galway Preservation Society Trustee. The meeting will be at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

**September 17** - 1pm **Genealogy Myths.** A Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County talk by Genealogist Lisa Dougherty. Dougherty talks about some of the common myths and how they can mislead genealogy research. The audience will be encouraged to share experiences they may have had, along with their efforts to prove or disprove what they’ve been told. Town of Saratoga’s Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

**September 22** - 7pm "General Schuyler's Enslaved" Join the Old Saratoga Historical Association for a program meeting as Heidi Hill from Schuyler Mansion shares recent research on the people enslaved by General Schuyler. Town of Saratoga’s Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

**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 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 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.

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**From Slavery to Freedom:**

**Blacks in Saratoga From the Colonial Period Through Gradual Manumission**

**Dr. Myra B. Armstead**

Author of “Please Don’t Take Me In August”

**Saturday, September 10, 10:30 am**

Dyer-Phelps Memorial AME Zion Church

122 Crescent St. Saratoga Springs, NY

*sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum*

This talk is based on research supported by a collaboration between the Organization of American Historians and the National Park Service.

Pre-register at https://brooksidemuseum.org/

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Register for From Slavery to Freedom Talk
News from the herb garden...

As Penelope Lively writes in her recent memoir, *Life in the Garden*, "A garden is never just now; it suggests yesterday, and tomorrow…"

I hesitate even to mention this word while temperatures still are hitting 90 degrees and humidity makes the days steamy. This photo gives the word away. Yes, winter is part of the gardening year here in the Northeast. So here we go.

There is quiet peacefulness in waking up to snow blanketing the earth. Many grumble and groan as they pull on their boots, hats, and gloves and brave the snow to start the process of shoveling out. But gardeners rejoice. Deep snow is a gift. Snow is Mother Nature's mulch helping to keep the soil warmer, offering protection from freezing and thawing, limiting winter kill, and providing valuable moisture as it melts. Snow is often referred to as "Poor Man's Fertilizer" because it contains small amounts of nutrients that melt into the soil.

Snow was intermittent and never deep last winter and ice formed and melted as temperatures fluctuated—life-threatening conditions for plants. We held our breath until mid-May; then we took
stock of the garden. Winter had claimed prize plants—the lavenders, horehound, and bronze fennel among others.

We replaced the lavenders and horehound hoping the bronze fennel would self-seed as prolifically as in past years. Hollyhocks were added last spring and their blossoms had shimmered like jewels just in time for the Secret Garden Tour.

Hollyhocks have a reputation for abundant self-seeding, but even though we searched for weeks, no tiny hollyhocks appeared. Our disappointment led to exploration and then, in reinforcement of the proverb "every cloud has a silver lining," we discovered the black hollyhock, a perfect plant for a colonial garden. "Hollyhock Nigra was first described in 1629. Its huge black-red flowers have been prized for centuries," writes HarvestingHistory.com. The flower is edible, so we planted it in the culinary bed.

In mid-July, as I was on my hands and knees weeding paths, I noticed three tiny leaves, spitting image of the water lily-sized leaves of a hollyhock. I was thrilled and left the plant to grow enough to transplant. While checking the plant's progress I discovered it was two plants cheek to jowl.
Then our resident deer visited the garden; they dined on the black hollyhock's largest leaves and nibbled these struggling plants to the base. They regrew and although appearing sadly anemic they seemed determined to survive.

This week we transplanted one into the medicinal bed and the other into the culinary bed. Only time will tell if they settle in and, if they do, whether rose or cream color flowers will blossom like jewels next July.

As to the dill, it too did not self-seed. Plants from a nursery are now the towering centerpiece in the culinary bed.
The Saratoga County History Center will hold a drive-thru Miller's Backyard BBQ Chicken and Pulled Pork dinner to go on Friday, September 16th, 3-6pm at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY.

“Fundraising is important to support our mission to preserve and share the diverse histories of Saratoga County,” explains Trustee Donna Dardaris. “We are excited to work for the first time with Saratoga County-based Miller's Backyard BBQ, who are an Eight Time Grand Champion on the pro circuit.”

Visit https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/ or (518) 885-4000 to reserve your meal.

21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa NY 12020
Dinners are $15 each. Chicken dinner will include 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and cornbread. Pulled Pork dinners will include 1/2 lb. Pulled Pork with baked potato, cornbread, and 4 oz coleslaw. In addition, cheesy and delicious Mac and Cheese sides are available for an additional $5. This is a take-out only. Please visit [https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/](https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/millers-backyard-barbecue/) or call (518) 885-4000 to reserve your meal.

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**SCHC Wish List**

The Saratoga County History Center relies on community support. Support doesn’t necessarily need to be in the form of cash. Providing us with much needed equipment, supplies and services helps reduce our costs greatly. We are currently looking for the below items/services. If you are interested in donating the items/services, please contact SCHC at info@brooksdimuseum.org or 518 885-4000

- **Podium**
- **USPS Forever Stamps**
- **Professional Microphones**
- **Topsoil**
Another successful Historians’ Walking Tour. Thank you to the 28 participants in our walking tour of Forest Park led by Ballston Town historian Rick Reynolds. It was a lovely day for a visit which was documented by our photographer Dave Waite. All these Historians’ Walking Tours would not be possible without Jim Richmond. Thank you, Rick, Dave, and Jim.
You'll want to sign up early for the Historians Walking Tour Series because they sell out. Our first four walking tours are past capacity. As of our email, seven tickets are available for guided walking tours of Vischer Ferry on September 17. We have 14 tickets for guided tours of the Champlain Channel in Waterford on September 29.
Historians Walking Tours

Exploring the Hotels of Old Ballston Spa

lead by Anne Clothier & Dave Waite

Monday, July 18, 2pm – Ballston Spa

Details and Registration at brooksidemuseum.org/
Suggested Donation $10

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Historians' Walking Tours
Schuyler's Saratoga led by Sean Kelleher

Thursday, August 4, 4pm – Schuylerville
Details and Registration at brooksidemuseum.org/
Suggested Donation $10
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ZIM SMITH TRAIL IN ROSEBUD

SOLD OUT

SCHC

10 AM
August 15, 2022

Sheryl Roberts
County Historian
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VISCHER FERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT

HISTORIANS WALKING TOURS

With
John Scherer
Clifton Park Town Historian

10 AM

September 17
2022
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Registering for our last two guided Historians' Walking Tours is now time. Details can be found at the top of the email.

Register for Vischer Ferry Walking Tour
Volunteer wanted!
We are looking to increase the number of volunteers.
Roles include:
- General Volunteers
- Museum Assistants
- Building and Grounds Assistants
You can also sign up to volunteer through our website. [https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/](https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/volunteer/)

Volunteer At Brookside
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The Saratoga-Las Vegas Connection

Dr. Michael Green
The Mob Museum & the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Sept 21, 7pm EST, via Zoom
Experts Next Door Series
Saratoga County History Center

Register for Experts Next Door
The Saratoga-Las Vegas Connection

Become a Member of the SCHC this Month!

Become a member of the History Center today at the Brookside Contributor with a $100 donation. You will receive SCHC’s newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, window sticker, and reduced prices for events. In addition, Contributors receive a welcome packet, membership card with NARM membership, and a 10% discount at the museum shop.

Visit the link to explore our different membership levels: https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/
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Saratoga County History Center with Skidmore College Department of History Presents

County Life in Photographs

See the exhibit at Brookside Museum. Open Thursday through Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm.

SCHC's Brookside Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 1pm to 5pm and is located at 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Admission to this museum is free and donations are welcome. www.brooksidemuseum.org

Current Exhibits
In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore through December 23
Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950 through November 13
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/brookidemuseum/

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.

### Black Experiences in Saratoga County 1750 – 1950

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

New additions to the exhibit include The prestigious Scripter Award, awarded by the University of Southern California and other artifacts related to Solomon Northup.

The Brookside Museum is open Thursday to Sunday from 1pm to 5pm. You will find it at 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Entry is free and donations are acceptable.

### A unique bus tour of Christopher Carleton Raid in 1780.

Fort Ticonderoga and America’s History LLC will continue their partnership on September 23 when the tour company offers a new look at Major Christopher Carleton’s raid on New York’s northern frontier. The raid devastated many farms and residences in Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties. Carleton’s mixed command of British regulars, Loyalists and Native Allies also captured Fort Ann and Fort George.
Lake George summer resident Bruce Venter organizes a one-day bus tour each year on the Friday that coincides with Fort Ticonderoga’s annual American Revolution Seminar. A portion of the tour’s registration fee is donated to Fort Ticonderoga.

This year’s tour is titled “New York’s Frontier on Fire: Major Christopher Carleton’s Raid in 1780.” The tour will cover Carleton’s raid from Lake Champlain’s South Bay to Fort Ann, Kingsbury, Glens Falls, Queensbury, Bloody Pond, Fort George, the new Visitors Center at the Lake George Battlefield Park and many unique sites associated with the raid. The strategy and successful execution of this British raid is often overlooked by standard histories of the Revolutionary War.

“This is a chance for us to offer a very unusual bit of history to tour participants because it is a campaign that is usually overshadowed by Sir John Johnson’s “Burning of the Valleys” raid which occurred at the same time in the Mohawk and Schoharie valleys,” Venter said. “It is important to understand the full context of British raiding in the fall of 1780 because Benedict Arnold was plotting to sell West Point to the enemy at the same time,” he added.

"We will be going into Gansevoort in Saratoga County to discuss burning of homes, farms, and mills on the west side of the Hudson, especially the burning of John McCrea home," explains Patrick Niles, Vice President of the Washington County Historical Society.

The tour will be led by Patrick Niles and Bruce Venter. Niles is a licensed battlefield guide at the Saratoga National Historical Park and an experienced tour leader. Venter is the author of The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear Guard Action that Saved America and serves on the board of trustees of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the Marshall House in Schuylerville.

The tour includes lunch, refreshment breaks and a map package. The tour leaves and returns to the Fort Ticonderoga parking lot. A complete tour description is found on the America’s History LLC web site.

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The SCHC News and Events are available on our website.
The Saratoga County History Center is proud to be a Blue Star Museum

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