



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Sherman Historical Society

(2019 – 2020 fiscal year)

**The Sherman Historical Society was founded in 1975 with the purpose:**

- To bring together people interested in the town's history.
- To collect and preserve objects which help to establish or illustrate its history.
- To acquire and manage any property available to the Society.
- To interest young people in their town's heritage.
- To publish historical information, and to maintain a library of historical materials.

Officers:

Susan Moga – President

Elizabeth Mard – Vice President

Susan Lang – Treasurer

Lori Finck - Secretary

Presented at Annual Meeting  
September 29, 2020  
Northrop House via Zoom  
10 Route 37 Center  
Sherman Historical Society



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# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## AGENDA

**Date:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** SHS – via Zoom

**Agenda:**

Meeting Call to Order  
2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Report – Susan Lang

President's Report – Sue Moga

- Recap of 2019-2020 Events
- Membership

Election of Board of Directors - Lori

Business

- Adapting to Covid-19
- Barn Restoration Update - Jan
- Tree Work Needed
- Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting

Adjournment

**Thank you all for your generous support!**



## President's Report

While the word “interesting” certainly describes the time we are living in, it doesn’t quite cut it. “Challenging”, “demanding”, that’s better. We are explorers, discovering new terrain. We are survivors, bush whacking through the jungle before us. Once we learn the lay of the land, we can cut our own path. We may ‘all be in this together’ but each person, family and organization must figure out the right path on their own. As a historical society we are tasked with preserving and interpreting for future generations. We would like to ask for your help to accomplish that in real time. Would you think about how things changed for you because of the virus? Is there a recipe that became you go-to or did you create something new? Are there any objects that would be significant to this moment in time? What do you want your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to know? A diary, an essay, a clipping or object that you would like to donate to the Sherman Historical Society would be greatly appreciated. Email [office@shermanhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:office@shermanhistoricalsociety.org) if you have any questions.

SHS accomplished many events before things came to a halt. The Annual Open House and our Second Tree and Menorah Lighting were great successes. Fall and Winter half-day school programs were full. We made cider, fell in love with fall, tapped trees and made maple syrup cookies. A quilt display was installed in the Northrop House with a Tea scheduled for Seniors to bring their quilts for a Show and Tell on March 12. That was the day things shut down. The quilts optimistically hung until July. Schools closed, ‘distance learning’ became a new familiar phrase. SHS talked about online programs, but screen time was already in high demand. The 2020 Barn Sale had to be cancelled much to the dismay of everyone. Please plan to donate to Barn Sale 2021. Drop off information will be on our website. One thing that did not slow down however is work on the Barn Restoration. With the leveling and new roof accomplished, Phase 3 began last fall with the delivery of the siding. A mild winter cooperated which allowed for staining the boards on most days. The Barn was a maze of sawhorses and siding. Staining, drying, stacking went on for months. Then starting on the south side, the siding began to go up. There was a deadline to meet as the bats would be returning the end of March. As beneficial as bats are, they need to roost outside in the bat house, not in the Barn. With the siding accomplished in time the Barn is now bat free. This summer we have had some great high school volunteers. Dom LaRose and Philip Ostrosky cleaned up, moved stuff and organized a lumber rack in preparation for Phase 4 of the Barn Restoration. The lighting installation should begin by the end of the summer. Looking forward, while there will be no inside Northrop Open House in December, we are planning to have the Annual Tree and Menorah Lighting on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

**Respectfully Submitted by**

**Susan R. Moga**  
**SHS President**



## Board of Directors

All board members for the class of 2020 have agreed to serve again.

### 2019- 2020 Board of Directors:

Susan Moga	President
Elizabeth Mard	Vice President
Lori Finck	Secretary
Susan Lang	Treasurer

The Board of Directors was comprised of eight members. The breakdown, by class is as follows:

Directors:

#### **Class of 2020**

Susan Moga  
Elizabeth Mard  
Jan Desiato

#### **Class of 2022**

Lisa Cilio  
Lori Finck  
Susan Lang  
Joni Taylor  
Ginny Zellner

## Secretary Report

Report of the Secretary of the Sherman Historical Society to the Annual Meeting 9-29-2020

The Secretary attended and kept minutes at all Annual and Board of Director meetings of the Society.

All copies of these minutes were filed with the office of the Society.

*Lori Finck*

Lori Finck  
Secretary



## Financial Reports

Sherman Historical Society, Inc			09/29/2020
Balance Sheets			Cash Basis
August 31, 2020 and 2019			
		Aug 31, 2020	Aug 31, 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
	Endowment Fund Checking	\$ 27,507.21	\$ 35,851.10
	Endowment Fund CD	10,073.16	-
	Janney Advantage	6,003.78	10,350.88
	Janney CD	26,419.65	51,083.68
	Janney - Old Store CD	10,000.48	-
	The Old Store Checking	24,936.32	36,156.35
	Operations Checking	1,700.75	12,030.75
	Special Savings Account	6,420.47	4,550.32
	Total Checking/Savings	113,061.82	150,023.06
	Total Other Current Assets - Store Inventory	25,000.00	25,000.00
	Total Current Assets	138,061.82	175,023.06
Fixed Assets			
	Computers and Equipment	1,547.95	1,547.95
	Computers and Equipt Deprec	(620.00)	(310.00)
	Barn Restoration	111,867.94	74,291.94
	Old Store Improvement	107,119.00	107,119.00
	Old Store Improvement Deprec	(77,218.00)	(75,412.00)
	Old Store	90,988.00	90,988.00
	Old Store Depreciation	(51,618.00)	(49,285.00)
	Cobbler Shop Improvements	10,668.00	10,668.00
	Cobbler Shop Improvements Depre	(1,906.00)	(1,632.00)
	Cobbler Shop Restoration	67,619.00	67,619.00
	Cobbler Shop Depreciation	(18,857.00)	(17,123.00)
	Northrop House Improvements	30,210.00	30,210.00
	Northrop Hse Improvements Depre	(7,055.00)	(5,619.00)
	Total Fixed Assets	262,745.89	233,062.89
Other Assets			
Investments			
	Janney Equities	472,266.66	383,341.36
	Janney Fixed Income	227,580.14	214,774.55
	Total Investments	699,846.80	598,115.91
Northrop House			
	Northrop House Contents	211,122.50	211,122.50
	Northrop House and Property	339,947.54	339,947.54
	Total Northrop House	551,070.04	551,070.04
	Total Other Assets	1,250,916.84	1,149,185.95
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,651,724.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,557,271.90</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Equity			
	Unrealized Gains/Losses	\$ 68,714.07	\$ (9,599.02)
	Unrestrict (retained earnings)	1,557,271.90	1,401,317.23
	Net Income	25,738.58	165,553.69
	Total Equity	1,651,724.55	1,557,271.90
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,651,724.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,557,271.90</b>



Sherman Historical Society, Inc					09/29/2020
Profit & Loss - CONSOLIDATED					Cash Basis
For The Years Ended August 31, 2020 and 2019					
				Sep '19 - Aug '20	Sep '18 - Aug '19
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
		Dividend Income	\$ 13,378.42	\$ 12,212.55	
		Donations	33,417.55	158,163.46	
		Barn Sale	-	8,171.05	
		Capital Campaign - This Old Barn	-	3,502.00	
		Interest Income	450.60	1,038.87	
		Membership Dues	12,890.96	12,015.00	
		Programs, Education Income	1,254.00	4,274.00	
		Other Income	210.00	168.00	
		Realized Gain/Loss	20,784.14	22,812.11	
		Sales	98,362.23	120,315.37	
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>180,747.90</b>	<b>342,672.41</b>	
		Cost of Goods Sold	71,288.93	78,432.52	
		<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>109,458.97</b>	<b>264,239.89</b>	
Expense					
		Admin., Displays, Supplies	3,160.71	4,006.52	
		Archival/Collections	456.83	780.20	
		Bank and Credit Card Fees	40.04	62.64	
		Building, Property Maintenance	8,095.60	25,186.86	
		Conferences, Dues, Fees	338.00	348.00	
		Depreciation	7,893.00	7,848.00	
		Donation Expense	-	406.00	
		Fund Raising Expense	-	672.74	
		Insurance	11,016.00	9,824.00	
		Investment Management Fees	7,532.61	6,306.59	
		Office Manager	6,880.50	7,299.00	
		Postage	560.10	564.80	
		Printing	1,325.00	1,106.25	
		Professional Services	8,526.15	8,840.00	
		Programs, Education	1,577.88	4,166.49	
		Other Expense	-	256.25	
		Public Relations	10,491.78	2,739.42	
		Roger Shuman Lifeline Exhibit	241.05	345.35	
		Scholarship	2,000.00	1,000.00	
		Travel	2,171.16	4,236.57	
		Utilities	11,413.98	12,690.52	
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>83,720.39</b>	<b>98,686.20</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>\$ 25,738.58</b>	<b>\$ 165,553.69</b>	



Sherman Historical Society, Inc					09/29/2020
Profit & Loss - OPERATIONS					Cash Basis
For The Years Ended August 31, 2020 and 2019					
				Sep '19 - Aug '20	Sep '18 - Aug '19
			Ordinary Income/Expense		
			Income		
			Donations	\$ 9,017.55	\$ 4,163.46
			Barn Sale	-	8,171.05
			Interest Income	1.20	0.98
			Membership Dues	11,890.96	10,515.00
			Programs, Education Income	1,254.00	4,274.00
			Other - Sentinel Houses	210.00	168.00
			Total Income	22,373.71	27,292.49
			Gross Profit	22,373.71	27,292.49
			Expense		
			Admin., Displays, Supplies	1,167.04	1,208.39
			Archival/Collections	456.83	780.20
			Bank and Credit Card Fees	17.14	15.54
			Building, Property Maintenance	734.43	2,062.00
			Conferences, Dues, Fees	338.00	348.00
			Depreciation	3,754.00	3,709.00
			Donation Expense	-	406.00
			Barn Sale	-	667.63
			Insurance	3,674.66	3,275.00
			Office Manager	6,880.50	7,299.00
			Postage	532.75	560.00
			Printing	1,325.00	1,106.25
			Professional Services	5,176.15	5,573.34
			Programs, Education	1,577.88	4,166.49
			Other Exp - A History of Sherman	-	256.25
			Public Relations - Promotion	9,096.72	-
			Roger Shrman Lifeline Exhibit	241.05	345.35
			Scholarship	1,000.00	500.00
			Utilities	2,615.41	2,531.27
			Total Expense	38,587.56	34,809.71
			Net Ordinary (Loss)	(16,213.85)	(7,517.22)
			Other Income/Expense		
			Other Expense		
			Transfers Out / (In From Endowment)	(4,000.00)	-
			Net Other Income	4,000.00	-
			Net (Loss) - OPERATIONS	\$ (12,213.85)	\$ (7,517.22)





	<b>Special Savings Summary</b>					8/31/2020	
<b>Income</b>						<b>Balance in Accounts</b>	
	IBM - RSLC / Trail	5,345.00				\$ 4,758.60	
	Hatfield	1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	
	Thorne	5,000.00				\$ 488.43	
	Acquisitions	265.00				\$ 160.00	
	Interest	13.44				\$ 13.44	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 11,623.44</b>				<b>\$ 6,420.47</b>	
<b>Expense</b>							
	IBM	586.40					
	Hatfield	0.00					
	Thorne	4,511.57					
	Acquisitions	105.00					
	Interest	0.00					
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 5,202.97</b>					
<b>Remaining in Special Savings Account</b>					<b>\$ 6,420.47</b>		



## Endowment Report

Sherman Historical Society  
Report of the Endowment Committee  
Annual Meeting September 29, 2020  
Northrop House via Zoom

The Committee is composed of:  
Lori Finck - Chairman  
Hal Clark  
John Allen  
President Sue Moga (ex-officio)  
Treasurer Susan Lang (ex-officio)

The committee meets at least quarterly with the investment manager and reviews the society's investment portfolio. The portfolio as of 8-31-2020 has \$705,851 in assets, has a YTD return of 8.20% and yields 1.92%.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lori Finck*

Lori Finck  
Chairman  
Endowment Committee



Sherman Historical Society, Inc						09/29/2020
Profit & Loss - ENDOWMENT						Cash Basis
For The Years Ended August 31, 2020 and 2019						
					Sep '19 - Aug '20	Sep '18 - Aug '19
Ordinary Income/Expense						
		Income				
			Dividend Income	\$ 13,378.42	\$ 12,212.55	
			Donations	24,400.00	154,000.00	
			Capital Campaign - This Old Barn	-	3,502.00	
			Interest Income	448.92	993.61	
			Membership Dues	1,000.00	1,500.00	
			Realized Gain/Loss	20,784.14	22,812.11	
		Total Income			60,011.48	195,020.27
Gross Profit					60,011.48	195,020.27
		Expense				
			Admin., Displays, Supplies	-	79.40	
			Bank and Credit Card Fees	22.90	7.20	
			Building, Property Maintenance	4,924.16	12,392.00	
			Capital Campaign - This Old Barn	-	5.11	
			Insurance	3,670.67	3,274.00	
			Investment Management Fees	7,532.61	6,306.59	
			Professional Services	2,425.00	2,383.33	
			Utilities	4,125.16	4,457.34	
		Total Expense			22,700.50	28,904.97
Net Ordinary Income					\$ 37,310.98	\$ 166,115.30
Other Income/Expense						
			Transfers Out / (In from Old Store)	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)	
			Transfers Out to Operating / (In)	4,000.00	-	
Net Other Income					6,000.00	10,000.00
Net Income - ENDOWMENT					\$ 43,310.98	\$ 176,115.30



## **The Old Store Report**

### **Fiscal Year Ending August 2020**

The fiscal year ending in 2020 was a very special year for The Old Store. It started off with a very special honor when the team of approximately 25 volunteers received the Volunteer of the Year award. It was with great honor that the plaque was hung at the front desk of The Old Store for the year.

Our sales increased by over nine percent from September through December, with many new customers finding us and making us a part of their shopping experience. Many of the customers stopped by the last week of the year and it was so rewarding to hear their stories of the gifts that were received and given.

In February, three volunteers attended the NYNOW show at the Javits Center in NYC making purchases from over 40 vendors, about 20 of which were new for the store. Pricing and staging the merchandise for the Spring opening was almost complete when the decision was made to not open as planned due to COVID 19. It was not an easy decision to make but a necessary one to keep our volunteers and customers safe.

The goal of the store is to provide a venue for local and out-of-town shoppers, to increase awareness of SHS, to support building maintenance and capital improvements, and to channel funds to the SHS endowment. This year marked our 22<sup>nd</sup> year of achieving this goal.

We are so grateful for the support of the Sherman community, which helps to support The Old Store, and therefore SHS. Next year, it will be with such joy that we announce our grand reopening into the new, less COVID impacted world.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lisa Cilio*

Lisa Cilio  
Old Store Manager



<b>Sherman Historical Society, Inc</b>							09/29/2020
<b>Profit &amp; Loss - THE OLD STORE</b>							Cash Basis
<b>For The Years Ended August 31, 2020 and 2019</b>							
					<b>Sep '19 - Aug '20</b>	<b>Sep '18 - Aug '19</b>	
				Ordinary Income/Expense			
				Income			
				Interest Income	\$ 0.48	\$ 44.28	
				Sales	98,362.23	120,315.37	
				<b>Total Income</b>	<b>98,362.71</b>	<b>120,359.65</b>	
				Cost of Goods Sold			
				Credit Card Fees	3,821.99	4,281.01	
				Purchases	67,466.94	74,151.51	
				<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>71,288.93</b>	<b>78,432.52</b>	
				<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>27,073.78</b>	<b>41,927.13</b>	
				Expense			
				Admin., Displays, Supplies	1,993.67	2,718.73	
				Bank and Credit Card Fees	-	39.90	
				Building, Property Maintenance	2,437.01	10,732.86	
				Depreciation	4,139.00	4,139.00	
				Insurance	3,670.67	3,275.00	
				Postage	27.35	4.80	
				Professional Services	925.00	883.33	
				Advertising	918.25	1,584.75	
				Promotion	476.81	1,154.67	
				Scholarship	1,000.00	500.00	
				Travel	2,171.16	4,236.57	
				Utilities	4,673.41	5,701.91	
				<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,432.33</b>	<b>34,971.52</b>	
				<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,641.45</b>	<b>\$ 6,955.61</b>	
				Other Income/Expense			
				Other Expense			
				Transfers Out to Endowment / (In)	10,000.00	10,000.00	
				<b>Net Other Expense</b>	<b>(10,000.00)</b>	<b>(10,000.00)</b>	
				<b>Net (Loss) / Income - The Old Store</b>	<b>\$ (5,358.55)</b>	<b>\$ (3,044.39)</b>	



## Membership Report

Here is a summary of our membership and a comparison year over year. Please note: this data was obtained from our past perfect database and is only as accurate as how the data was entered.

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018		2016-2017		2015-2016		2014-2015	
Benefactor	9	1,864	7	1,450	6	\$1,500	7	\$1,75	3	\$750	4	\$1,000
Household	46	2,745	83	2,550	112	\$3,360	113	\$3,395	94	\$2,905	83	\$2,490
Life	2	1,000	43	1,500	41	\$1,500	38	\$1,000	35	\$1,970	33	\$120
Other	3	75	4	85	6	\$145	3	\$50	20	\$695	40	\$1,165
Patron	47	4,922	35	3,625	44	\$4,425	40	\$3,900	46	\$4,530	43	\$4,300
Contributing/Sponsor	47	2,335	55	2,775	56	\$2,825	60	\$3,000	43	\$2,250	28	\$1,400
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>\$12,941</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>\$11,985</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>\$13,755</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>\$13,095</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>\$13,100</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>\$10,475</b>

### New Members:

	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015
Benefactor	1				1	1
Household	8	6	14	22	10	8
Life		**	1*	1	1	0
Other	1	1			1	3
Patron		1	6	7	5	2
Sponsor/ Contributing	1	3	1	6	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>

### Total Donations:

2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015
\$33,110*	\$162,901	\$138,304	\$13,327	\$28,860	\$8,780

\*Note: Breakdown of Donations – Capital Campaign \$1,000, Endowment (Life Donations, gifts over \$500, Memorials, etc.) \$24,450, General \$6,415 and Children Programs \$1,245.

Prepared by Angela LeClerc and Respectfully Submitted,

*Joni Taylor*

Joni Taylor  
Membership Chair



## Property Management Report

In an effort to be pro-active many items on the Northrop House maintenance that needed attention were handled over the past few years. The house exterior was repainted, and storm windows installed. During the past year the primary focus of property management were the barn windows. Almost all of the windows were in need of total restoration. Sills, sashes and frames were painstakingly rebuilt, and glass replaced. Work on Phase 3 of the Barn Restoration was noticeable to anyone driving by. New siding was installed over the old.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Moga on behalf of Jan Desiato,

*Jan Desiato*

Jan Desiato

Property Management Chair



# Program Committee Report

PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
2020

## Committee.

### Co-Chairs:

Gail Turro  
Eileen O'Connell  
Phyllis McGoldrick  
Joni Taylor  
Virginia Zellner

## September 12

A Shaker weaving workshop was held by Mr. John Somma, Ridgefield, CT. His hands on workshop was given to instruct the tape weaving of chairs in the Shaker style.

## October 19

A Fall Family Fun Day was held in front of the Old Barn. Cider was pressed and served, and pumpkins were carved for our pumpkin totem poles that were lit and on display until Halloween.

## December

Preparation for Open House (December 8<sup>th</sup>) continued to be underway. Extensive research into the Northrop House history was involved. The theme for 2019, *Celebrate Northrop House, 190 Years.*

## March 2020

The Committee prepared a Victorian English Tea Room. Using the Gallery Room and the Victorian Parlor, tables were beautifully set for tea with the museum's china and linen. Due to COVID19, this event was unable to come to life

## May

The Annual Barn sale has been put on hold until 2021

## Ct. Open House Day

This year, due to the Covid-19 challenges, we were unable to showcase the Northrop House as planned. We look forward to next years' Open House Day.

## **CELEBRATE NORTHROP HOUSE 190 YEARS**

The Northrop House was recreated into its decades, stepping back in time to the building of the house in 1829.

Beginning in the **Gallery Room, 1940's**. The Sherman Post Office in this front room, original post office boxes c/o Gaylordsville, Phyllis McGoldrick and Frank Wedall made it happen.





Postmistress, Nellie Worden aka. Joni Taylor checked everyone in and gave visitors that evening, their mail.

**Victorian Parlor, 1870's.** Dr. John Woodruff, owner, although he never lived here! Our beautiful Victorian Christmas Tree, decorations, toys and books were in full splendor.

### **Dining Room, 1829**

This exhibit portrayed the history of the Northrop family. Portraits of the family and Wilson Ware's drawing of the house filled the room in exhibition. Lovely desserts, Eileen O'Connell. Gail Turro, Phyllis McGoldrick hosted.

### **Old Kitchen, 1829**

Hearth Cooking

Meat pies and a hardy fire. Becky Steiger, Ginny Zellner, & Phyllis McGoldrick, cooked and fed the guests.

### **Drovers Lodging 1829**

Current bathroom was converted into original, authentic, imagined space, bed and fold down table for eating. Drovers probably made this stop right here!

Jan Desiato portrayed the drover in fine style.

And so, many exhibits to create one. Happy Birthday Northrop House!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Tree & Menorah Lighting**

In conjunction with the Annual Holiday Open House, we again gathered the community at the Old Barn to sing carols, eat cookies, sip hot cocoa, visit with Old St. Nick, light the tree and menorah and spread some holiday cheer.

### **Sherman School Tours**

Second Grade Tour of the Northrop House did not take place this year due to COVID19, we look forward to hosting the tour for the second graders in 2021

Our year!

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Zellner, on behalf of,

*Gail Eileen Phyllis Joni & Ginny*

Gail Turro, Eileen O'Connell (Co-Chairs), Phyllis McGoldrick, Joni Taylor and Virginia Zellner



## Education

Due to COVID19 our Educational Programming has been on hold at the moment for the safety of all.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ginny Zellner*

Ginny Zellner  
Education Committee Chair

## Children's Programming

This year's Kids@Northrop Children's Programming was greatly impacted by COVID-19, causing us to cancel some of our Spring Programs and our beloved 'Hooked on History' Summer Program. We were lucky enough to complete our two Fall Programs; Scarecrows, Corn & Kids...Oh My in October and Falling for Fall in November, as well as one Spring Program, How Sweet It is in March. During these ½ day programs, the kids rotated through a historical educational, crafting and baking component, all tied the theme. The children learned about the harvest and why scarecrows were used, explored nature in Fall, press cider, tapped maple trees, and learned the how to make syrup. In the kitchen they made from scratch, cornbread muffins and butter, pumpkin cookies with cream cheese filling and maple cookies. And they were able to be creative making scarecrows, Thanksgiving pictures and frames and barn wood (from the Old Barn) paintings.

All of our programs were full, with approx. 22-24 children in each session. And we were fortunate to have many teen and tween volunteers, several who aged out of our programming, to help with our programs.

We eagerly look forward to resuming our Children's Programming, as soon as the restrictions are lifted, and we can safely offer them again.

Respectfully submitted by

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## Collections/Accessions Report

### Accession Report 09/01/2019 - 8/31/2020

THE CURATORS ANNUAL REPORT: 2019-2020

The Society truly appreciates your gifts of Sherman History.

Alice Schneckenburger: Mallory Family 1800's local history.

Eileen White: Sherman Church History

Jeb Embree: Barnes Hill History

"On the Road Bookshop", Canton, CT: 2 Autograph books, 1800, Sherman

Tiffany Walker Neubauer: Old "Sentinel" newspapers.

Mallory Stephens: Books from Mallory Family 1800's

Kim Lakin Ball: Photo album re: distant R. Sherman Family

Liz Mard: The desk of Allie Giddings, from which she wrote: "A History of Sherman".

Henry Edmonds: family memorabilia from 1930-'40's.

Debbie Poole: 17 Pewter ornaments orig. sold at Old Store – returned there for sale.

John & Liz Allen: Large outside Lantern, for post. Formerly, property of Mary Hadlow.

Orange Hist. Soc.: A large 1800's Bible belonging to Dr. John Orton of Sherman.

Erica Risberg: research papers on Candlewood Lake.

J. Robert Henstenburg: 4 Watercolor paintings by his mother for Sherman Art Show.

Gloria Thorne, Curator

Respectfully,

Gloria A. Thorne  
Curator



## CURATOR'S REPORT

### NOTES FROM THE CURATOR

When I arrived home from Florida in June there were boxes and big envelopes waiting to be opened and accessioned, if they fit our museum criteria. Well they all did! The big one was started last fall, which was a collection of items from the estate of Alice Schneckenburger; by her daughter Grace Parker. These were not possessions belonging to Alice. The 80 some pieces were from her attic belonged to the era of her great uncle The Honorable Daniel Mallory, brother to Charles Mallory, the father of our own, Mary Mallory Pattison Hadlow, the benefactor of Northrop House and property. Dan Mallory, as he was known in Sherman, was a State Legislator for our area; he and his wife had one daughter, Lillian, who married and lived in Sherman Center her whole life. There were books on higher learning, English, math and self-improvement and always a Bible or New Testament in this early to mid 1800's time frame; this nice collection of books came from Alice's brother, Mallory Stephens. The family's child's "high chair" and any small items of everyday living, medicine bottles, a dear wire egg basket, beautiful sounding sleigh bells, a large mantle clock, a round wood Shaker box containing individual boxes of spices for the kitchen, tin cream pail, and the list goes on! I get so immersed that I want to learn more about the Mallory's and why they were so motivated, as farmers, to seek higher education and always give back to their community; being only one of many citizens of Sherman in that era to live this way.

Another stand out "paper collection" was from Jeb Embree, whose family lived on Barnes Hill. Their property was purchased from Eunice and Edna Barnes, mother and daughter of an earlier Barnes family. Jeb's mother, Beatrice Embree, had saved all the land transactions, deeds and letters associated with their purchase and because she was close to the Barnes, we have news clippings, letters, documents from Edna Barnes, that she had saved from her parents. It's quite a complete history of Sherman in the late 1800's.

Because I've been reading this kind of material over the past 40 years, I've gained an empathy for this early era, how they lived, how they self-educated and their interests in building a solid and safe community, all by the grace of God. Edna Barnes was the organist (hand pumped) at the Congregational Church and a great organizer of the Temperance Society. Weekly meetings for mostly women were held in her home or at the church – apparently there was a need for this among the farmers of the town??

The list of donors this past year, in addition to the two above are: Eileen White, with more from her old Gelston house - diaries of Rev. Gelston for 34 years and his handwritten call to serve the church in 1797 (he was here for 44 years). A huge old leather Bible belonging to Dr. John Orton of Sherman, from the Orange Historical Society; Liz Mard donated items from her parents, the Charles Munch family, and the desk from Allie Giddings where she wrote "A History of Sherman" in 1975. Henry Edmonds donated "savings" from his Sherman family in a little later era, the early 1900's. There were a few small donations from former members of the Society for which we are most grateful, THANK YOU. My research has taken me on an incredible ride this past year, I can't imagine there is more to come?!

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