

FLEMING TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT 2017

- Attended the Harriet Tubman Conference in Maryland and presented a paper on her and oral remembrances of her in Auburn
- Researched Fleming in Annapolis and discovered that he was descended from a Lord in Scotland and came to America in 1768 with his brother Robert. At the time of the Revolution he was conducting an import/export business in New York City.
- Researched for the state's exhibit on Women Rights Movement. Discovered that only Harriet was active in the movement in the town.
- Currently researching the public assistance given to the occupants of Harriet's Home for Aged by the Town of Fleming. Using the annual reports that were required then by the county.
- Raised money for the Tubman Home to obtain the newer photo of Harriet.
- Attended two district meetings of the Town Historians
- Loaned original Post and Peterson hand woven wool and linen items for their exhibit.
- Made an arrangement with the Frontenac Museum to send them family histories of Fleming. These will be family histories of the area covered by the Union Springs school district.
- Attended a conference on the African-American leaders of the Women's Rights Movement. There were only ten found in the state of New York and Harriet was one of them.
- Applied for the second time for a free historic marker from the Pomeroy Foundation. After my first proposal was not approved because I did not have enough documentation, I received the complete records of the Stone School and I believe this application has been approved. The will have provide the post and the mounting. The records of this District #7 school are from December 11, 1857 to May 6, 1947.
- When I became the town historian, there were no copying machines. All of my research then was handwritten. I am transferring all these hand written items on to computer sticks for the next historian.
- Provided the historical sites to the County Tourism Bureau for their pamphlets.

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