

The Washington County Historical Society Presents: History Fair 2017—Forts and Battles (Of All Kinds!)



- *French and Indian War*
 - *Revolutionary War*
 - *Civil War*
 - *100 Years Since We Entered Into WWI*
 - *100 Years of Women Having the Right to Vote In New York State*
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Saturday, September 30, 2017 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Exhibits by Town and Village Historians,
Historical Societies, and Re-enactors*

Programs for All Ages

*3 p.m. concert by the Hudson River Ramblers:
Music of the American Revolution*

Hartford Central School, 4704 NY Rte. 1490, Hartford NY

Admission is Free — Donations Gladly Accepted



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Programs at Hartford Central School

11:00 A.M.

“The Yanks are Coming” presented by Al Cormier: Historian Al Cormier will read from the diary of Louis LaTulippe who was originally in a cavalry regiment in Vermont. After the war LaTulippe moved his family to Salem, N.Y. His WWI jacket and campaign hat will be on display. Attendees will receive a WWI chronology sheet.

“The Shays’ Settlement Project: A Story of Revolt and Archaeology” Speaker: Steve Butz: The Shays’ Settlement Project is the first formal study of the ruins of a fortified 18th century settlement located in the mountains near the New York/Vermont border. The settlement was founded by Captain Daniel Shays and his fellow refugees after they fled from Massachusetts following the uprising he led in 1787. Incredibly, this piece of lost American history lay hidden and untouched for over 200 years. The archaeological study began in April of 2013, and is still ongoing.

“The Baroness Frederika Riedesel Sheltering in the Marshall House Schuylerville” Speaker: David Bullard: An account of the adventures of Baroness Riedesel, wife of the commander of the German mercenary forces attached to Burgoyne’s British army. Baroness Riedesel was the wife of Major General Frederik Adolph Riedesel who with her three infant daughters accompanied her husband during the ill-fated Burgoyne campaign. Her journal **“War of the American Revolution and the Capture of the German Troops at Saratoga”** vividly describes her experiences.

“The British Soldier in World War One and Life in the Trenches!” Speaker: Matthew Zembo (all ages, but geared toward age 8 and up): What was it like to be a soldier in the Great War? If the weather is good this session will be outside and participants will learn some drills the soldiers would have learned. Our speaker will be in full kit.

1:00 p.m.

“Through Susan’s Eyes: Susan Brownell Anthony’s Childhood in Washington County” Speaker: Debi Craig: Most people do not know that Susan B. Anthony and her family moved to Battenville in the Town of Greenwich in Washington County in 1826. She lived and even taught here during her formative years. Many of her ideas about women’s rights later in life were developed while she lived here. Sites directly involved with Susan’s life in Washington County in Greenwich, Easton and Cambridge will be included.

“Monumental Battle” Speaker: Mike Russert: The boys of the Washington County 123rd Regiment thought the war was over, however by the last quarter of the 19th century, they had to fight a battle over the placement of their monument at Gettysburg against another Union regiment. Using unpublished primary sources Mike Russert will talk about this interesting side note to the Civil War

“Sammy the Doughboy Remembers” Speaker: Robert E. Mulligan, Jr.: “This talk recalls the sights, places, and events of the First World War as experienced by soldiers from New York State. The images are taken from the New York Times rotogravure section. The high-quality sepia images, published every Wednesday record the entire history of the war, at home and overseas, dealing with the United States and other combatant nations.

“Being a British Soldier on Burgoyne’s Campaign of 1777” Speaker: Matthew Zembo: Participants will learn what life was like in the British Army during the American Revolution and look at the uniforms and equipment carried into battle. Participants will learn some basic drills. It is hoped this session will be outside if the weather cooperates!

2:00 P.M.

“Suffrage History Through Song” Speaker: Patricia Dolton: Tisha Dolton will focus on the local Warren/Washington County connection with the Women’s Suffrage movement. She will talk about Mary Anthony (Susan B.’s sister), Chester A. Arthur’s sister Mary McElroy (who was anti-suffrage), the Political Equality Clubs in Washington County, Lucy Price (who was also anti-suffrage) and her visit to upstate New York including Glens Falls, Inez Milholland and her famous horseback ride in the 1913 Women’s Suffrage parade in Washington, D.C. as well as how counties voted.

“Military Operations in Lake George Battlefield Park during the Revolutionary War” Speaker: Lyn Karig Hohmann: While most are familiar with the importance of military operations in this area during the French and Indian War, the site was also very active during the Revolutionary War. This lecture will discuss the various roles this site played for both sides as well as the key figures who walked this site.

“The American Revolution in Washington County” Speaker: Patrick Niles: This talk will focus on the military actions that took place in Washington County during the American Revolution. It will include the 1777 campaign as well as invasions by the British in the latter stages of the war.

3:00 P.M.

Hudson River Ramblers concert