

History Advisory Committee  
Feb. 26th, 2023 meeting canceled due to illness  
Historian's notes below

- Hudson River Valley Heritage training webinars continue through mid-March. Rich and Tom have been attending. We will start adding content by the end of March.
- Preserve New York grant: Ethan and Tom were in contact with Crawford and Stearns recently to get an updated quote on a building condition report for the Parsonage. Tom is working on getting letters of support for the application. The grant is due to the Preservation League of NYS by March 31st.
- Recent donations: Bill Droege donated about 30 greeting cards that had been illustrated by the late Rita Rifenburg. He also donated an old copy of the deed to a property he previously owned in Cheviot relevant to the E. Louise Fisher grant.
- Field trips: Rich, Alvin, and Tom visited what's left of the Burden cemetery recently. Will visit the Bouwerie and the cemetery there in March.
- Americana Corner grant: Our request for funds to translate the 18th century Reformed church books was turned down. Next step will be for Rich and/or Tom to take them up to the State Library for scanning. Have to come up with another game plan for translation.
- Cemetery cleanings: If the weather cooperates during the week of April 9th-15th, we'll schedule a day or two to hopefully finish up cleaning at the Second Lutheran Cemetery.
- Columbia County Semiquincentennial Committee: First meeting was held on February 23rd. There are about 20 people on the committee including town supervisors, town historians, the county historian, and the director of Columbia County Historical Society. The general aims of the committee were discussed and then subcommittees were formed including: Events, Fundraising, Education, Communications, and Volunteers. There may also be town level semiquincentennial committees as well but they will likely be bunched together among three towns to reduce the burden on volunteers. Germantown would be grouped with Livingston and Clermont in this scenario.
- Events:
  - **Community Events Workshop:** March 6th, 6:30 PM at the Community Building.
  - **A Cartographic Stroll by Dr. Lindner:** March 11th, 1 PM, at Germantown Library.
  - **Revolutionary War in and near Germantown:** March 16th, 6 PM at Germantown Library and on Zoom.
  - **Walking Tour of Cheviot:** June 18th, 5 PM, starting with a walk through Cheviot cemetery then down to the river in time for sunset. Part of PATH through History Weekend.