

History Advisory Committee
May 27, 2023

Attendance: Donald Dubac, Yvonne Crawford, Rich Coons, Tom Shannon

- New York Heritage: The Colden Map project is online but still in progress. There are four versions of the map and eleven indentures available so far. Technical issues with zooming in on some indentures but they should be resolved soon.
<https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/search/collection/p16694coll68>
- Empire ADC: We recently paid the one time, \$50 fee to join. Rich and Tom met with Jen Palmentiero at the Parsonage to get a crash course in how to get started. The purpose is to organize the physical collections and have the finding aids this process generates available to the public.
- Metal Detector and Treasure Hunting Prohibition Law: Will go to a public hearing on June 13th at 6:45 PM. Read the proposed law on the Town of Germantown website, germantownny.org
- Bank of Greene County Grant: was recently awarded in the amount of \$1,000 for reprinting pamphlets. Still waiting on the actual check to arrive. We brainstormed ideas such as combining the memoirs of Bill Hubert, Ray Kelch, and Clayton Mink into one publication.
- Recent donations: About 15 GCS yearbooks from 2002 to present from recently retired HS Math teacher Jeanne Olivera; A dozen Arthur Kelly books from Donna Smith via Mary Howell; Rich picked up a couple of indentures at auction recently including one from the 1750s involving Diell Rockefeller; Mary Howell gave a 1743 indenture and one from 1734 written in German; Many old photos from Patty Phelan; Old photos and a Germantown Post newspaper from Ken Clow.
- Events:
 - May 30th, Mrs. Taylor's 4th graders to visit the Parsonage.
 - June 18th, 5 PM Walking Tour of Cheviot Cemetery, hamlet, and park.
 - June 17th, 4-6 PM FOHG event at Quittner.
 - July 1st, 4PM-11PM Fireworks at Palatine Park, History Dept. will have a table.
 - Sept. 9th 4PM-7PM Tom and Emily Majer, Q and A at Quittner.
 - September: Otto's will have a Germantown history themed sandwich all month.
 - Sept. 16th Hudson River Valley Ramble. Kayak/History Tour from Lasher Park to the Ramshorn Livingston Sanctuary led by Tom. Hiking Tour of the Sanctuary led by Greene County Historian Jonathan Palmer.

- October TBD, talk at the Reformed Church about the stained glass windows. Rev. Tipple will talk about the theological significance of each one. Tom will talk about the people they are dedicated to.