

**April 2015 Historian Report for May Board Meetings**  
**Marybelle Beigh, Westfield Historian**

**Historian Activities During April 2015:**

- Unable to attend April Westfield Town Board Meeting because of Holy Week Church Service responsibilities. But did provide my report via email to Tim Smith, Town Clerk.
- Attended Westfield Village Board Meeting 4-20-2015 and gave March Historian Report.
- Received Portage Inn photos, for scanning into computer archives, from Jim Blanchard
- Attended Spring Chautauqua County Municipal Historians meeting 4-13-2015 with Michelle Henry at McClurg Museum. Received a Westfield historical item from Devon Taylor, Mayville Village Historian.
- Meeting 4-14-2015 with Martha Bills, Town Supervisor, and Christy Herbst, CCHS, to discuss cooperation and proper archive locations for items provided to Westfield Historian
- Enrolled in, and attended JCC Chautauqua County history course - three sessions, 4-15,22,29, 2015, 6-8 PM at Jamestown campus - “Staying alive in the 1800s” - First session on Poor Farm, taught by Michelle Henry, Chautauqua County Historian (Power Point presentation, original records of “inmates”); Second session on medicines and pharmacists of the 1800s, taught by Vince Martonis, Hanover Town Historian (a lot old medicine bottles displayed, and many handouts); Third session on history of Chautauqua Lake, taught by Sara Reale, Educ. Coord. At Fenton (excellent slide presentation, and old photos, maps).
- Attended Spring meeting of Government Appointed Historians of Western New York (GAHWNY) at Batavia, 4-18-2015, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM; Informative sessions: “History of the Historian in NY State” by Amie Alden; “What’s in your tool kit?” By Michelle Henry; Town Historian Panel: “The challenges of dealing with government boards-How town historians have dealt with expectations and sticky situations.” and “The Challenges of Historical Research and Verifying Information” by Wayne Mahood, SUNY Geneseo retired professor. Acquired book about Medicine and Pharmacies on the Niagara Frontier in the book exchange fundraiser for GAHWNY scholarships.
- Attended CCHS Annual Luncheon Meeting, and presentation on The Anti-Slavery Movement in Chautauqua County by Wendy Straight and Doug Shepherd, using the E.T. Foote papers available for research at McClurg Museum , on 4-24-2015, 11:30 AM to 2 PM.
- Attended CCHS reception for Lincoln Funeral Train re-enactors, 4-28-2015, 1:30 PM, after their presentation at WACS to middle school students.
- BeeLines articles researched, written, published in WR with historic photos:
  1. History of the Portage Inn (two historic photos) - WR April 2, 2015
  2. History of NW corner of Main & Portage - Part 1 (photo c.1880) - WR April 9, 2015
  3. History of NW corner of Main & Portage - Part 2 (photo 1912 diner) - WR April 16, 2015
  4. History of NW corner of Main & Portage - Part 3 - Era of Three Grand Theaters - 1916-1992 - WR April 23, 2015
  5. History of 42 North Portage, now known as Portage Pie - WR April 30, 2015
- BeeLines articles and photos have been submitted also to Vince Luce to post on Village Historian web page
- Continuing to post BeeLines articles and photos, and historical announcements on Facebook