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*Annual Report of The Historian of The Town of Pelham, NY
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Article 57, section 57.09 of the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law provides, in part, that each duly appointed local historian:

“shall make an annual report, in the month of January, to the local appointing officer or officers and to the state historian of the work which has been accomplished during the preceding year.”

This report has been prepared to comply with the above-quoted statute. It summarizes work performed and accomplishments achieved by The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham during the period from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

The author of this report has served as Town Historian since January 2005. Before that he served as Deputy Town Historian for the previous two years. He also has served as Historian of the Village of Pelham since 2003.

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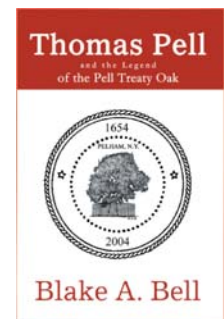
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Educational Activities: Publication of Second Book on Local History



In the last several years The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham has prepared and published in the local newspaper, *The Pelham Weekly*, seventy-five articles about the history of Pelham and surrounding areas. This year *The Pelham Weekly* collected the vast majority of those articles and published them in a book entitled: “Town of Pelham’s 350th Anniversary Celebration – Historian Blake Bell’s Articles Published in *The Pelham Weekly* Plus Photos of Key Events”. Copies of the book were distributed as a gift to each of the hundreds of attendees at the largest fund-raising event of the year: “Novel Night” – an event to raise funds for the Pelham Public Library.

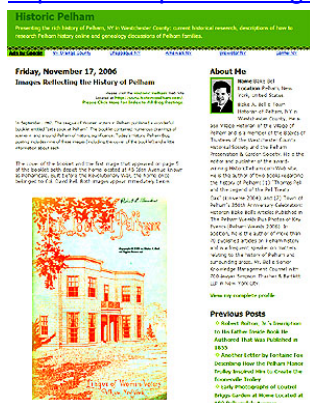
The book is the second local history book authored by the Town Historian in the last three years. The first, published in 2004, is entitled “Thomas Pell and the Legend of the Pell Treaty Oak”. Including copies of that book that have been donated to the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum for sale to the public in its gift shop for its sole benefit, several hundred copies of that book also have been sold as part of the educational activities of The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham.



Educational Activities: The Historic Pelham Daily Blog

The representatives of The Office of The Town of Pelham continue to believe that their principal focus should be educating residents of the Town and other interested persons regarding the rich history of one of the earliest settlements in what we know today as Westchester County. There have been a host of such activities this year. One of the most important such activities has been The Historic Pelham Daily Blog.

On February 8, 2005, publication of The Historic Pelham Daily Blog located at <http://historicpelham.blogspot.com> began. Every



Monday through Friday since that date – without missing a single day including holidays – an article about Pelham history has been posted to the Blog. A mirrored archive containing copies of each and every such Blog posting is also available on the Historic Pelham Web site located at

www.historicpelham.com. During 2006, a total of 260 articles on the history of The Town of Pelham were researched, prepared and posted to The Historic Pelham Blog. This brings to a total of 504 such articles published to the Blog since it first began on February 8, 2005.

The 260 articles published this year included postings on such diverse topics as the following examples: “Accounts of Two Witnesses to Skirmish That Occurred Off the Shores of New Rochelle and Pelham in the War of 1812”; “More About Richard Crabb, the ‘Magistrate’ Who Witnessed the Signing of Thomas Pell’s Treaty with Local Native Americans on June 27, 1654”; “Thomas Pell, First Lord of the Manor of Pelham, Traded Tobacco Along the East Coast by Barque”; “The Ghost Gunship of Pelham: A Revolutionary War Ghost Story”; “Pelham Manor Runaway Slave Notice in June 30, 1877 Issue of The New-York Gazette; And The Weekly Mercury”; “Aaron Burr Tries To Pull a Fast One in the 1790s and Must Sell His Farm in Pelham”; “1780 Letter To George Clinton from American Patriot Philip Pell of Pelham Manor, Commissary of Prisoners of the State of New York”; “Capture of the British Ship Schuldam in Pelham Waters During the Revolutionary War”; “The Involvement of Thomas Pell’s Family in the Witchcraft Persecution of Goody

Knapp”; “Rumors in 1657 That Thomas Pell Manipulated Local Native Americans To Protect His Land Acquisition from Incursions by the Dutch”; “1869 New York Herald Article About Pelham’s Boundary Dispute with New Rochelle”; “1666 Letter from Thomas Pell to John Winthrop, Jr. Regarding Pell’s 1654 Purchase of the Lands That Became Pelham”; “Plans To Create a Horse-Drawn Trolley Car System in Pelham in Early 1890”; “Another Account of Baseball Played in Pelham in the 1880s is Uncovered”; and “The Beginnings of Organized Fire Fighting in Pelham Manor?”.

A listing of all of the Blog Postings this year is annexed to this report as Appendix 1.

Educational Activities: The HistoricPelham.com Web Site



On March 20, 2003, in advance of the Town’s celebration of the 350th anniversary of the signing of the Pell-Siwanoy Treaty in 2004, representatives of The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham unveiled a Web site devoted to the history of Pelham and surrounding areas. The site is located at <http://www.historicpelham.com>.

Throughout 2006 The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham has continued to add sections, pages, text, images and more to the Historic Pelham Web site in an effort to educate Town residents and other interested parties regarding the rich local history.

The purpose of the site and the Historic Pelham Daily Blog is to share the rich history of the Town with the Town’s residents and to make an academic resource available to the Town’s school children. Like the Blog, the Web site project is privately funded. No taxpayer funds have been expended in connection with either project.

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At the close of 2005, the Historic Pelham Web site contained 1,762 Web pages that, if printed, would total more than 3,000 pages of printed content. At the close of 2006, the Web site had grown to more than 2,000 Web pages that, if printed, would total approximately 3,500 pages of printed content.



Traffic to the site is shockingly high. Indeed, traffic is so high that it is apparent that genealogists and researchers who do not reside in Pelham visit the site routinely. PureHost.com hosts the site. According to traffic statistics available from the host, during 2006, visitors viewed Web pages on the site 355,677 times during a total of 167,607 visits. This reflects nearly a doubling of the site's traffic in the last twelve months – a gratifying accomplishment.

Educational Activities: Newspaper Articles on Local History

Another important way in which The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham has worked to educate residents of the Town regarding its rich history has been through periodic newspaper articles. The articles, each of which focuses on a particular aspect of the Town's history, appear slightly more frequently than monthly.

In 2006 thirteen such articles appeared in the local newspaper, *The Pelham Weekly*. Each is about eight pages of single-spaced typed text and appears as roughly an entire page in the newspaper. Below is a list of the articles that were researched, prepared and published:

Bell, Blake A., The Pelham Manor & Huguenot Heights Association, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 1, Jan. 6, 2006.

Bell, Blake A., Bartow-on-the-Sound, Once a Hamlet in the Town of Pelham, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 5, Feb. 3, 2006, p. 13, col. 1.

Bell, Blake A., World War II Victory Gardens in Pelham, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 9, Mar. 3, 2006, p. 12, col. 1.

Bell, Blake A., The Sanborn Map Company and its Pelham Headquarters, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 14, Apr. 7, 2006, p. 10, col. 1.

Bell, Blake A., The Cannon That Roared: Pelham Sacrifices a Memorial for the Nation's Sake, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 21, May 26, 2006, p. 13, col. 1.

Bell, Blake A., The Founding of "Prospect Hill Village" in the Early 1850s, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 25, Second Section, Jun. 23, 2006, p. 34, col. 1.

Bell, Blake A., Pelham and The Great Hurricane of 1938, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 29, Jul. 28, 2006, p. 8, col. 1.

Bell, Blake A., Ralph and Mary Hall, (Persecuted in the 17th Century for Witchcraft) Fled to the Manor of Pelham, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 34, Sep. 1, 2006, p. 8, col. 2.

Bell, Blake A., More Ghosts & Goblins of Pelham, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 40, Oct. 13, 2006, p. 10, col. 1.

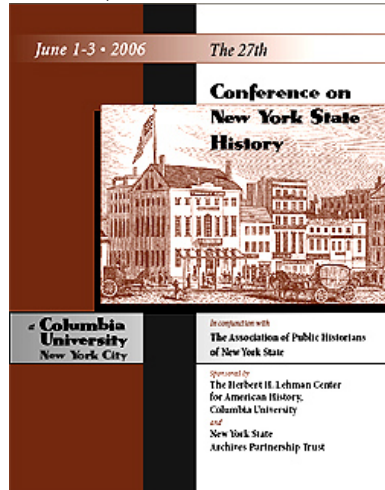
Bell, Blake A., How Much Did Thomas Pell Pay for the Manor of Pelham?, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 43, Nov. 3, 2006, p. 10, col. 1.

Bell, Blake A., The War of 1812 Reaches Pelham, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 49, December 15, 2006, p. 13, col.1.

Bell, Blake A., Christmas Day 1838 in Pelham, *The Pelham Weekly*, Vol. XV, Issue 50, December 22, 2006, p. 12, col. 2.

Educational Activities: Research, Preparation and Presentation of a Scholarly Paper

The 27th Conference on New York State History was held June 1 - 3, 2006 at the Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History, Columbia University. The conference was sponsored by the Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History and the New York State Archives Partnership Trust in conjunction with The Association of Public Historians of New York State.



On Saturday, June 3rd Pelham's Town Historian, Blake A. Bell, presented a paper as a member of panel session 702 entitled "The Suburb". The paper was entitled: "The Pelham Manor & Huguenot Heights Association: An Analysis of the Effects on Today's Village of Pelham Manor of a 'Failed' Effort to Develop a New York City Railroad Suburb During the 1870s". The panel was moderated by Dr. Kenneth T. Jackson, Jacques Barzun Professor of History and the Social Sciences at Columbia University.

With the coming of the so-called "branch line" of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in 1873, a group of enterprising men who lived in New York City and the Town of Pelham created "The Pelham Manor & Huguenot Heights Association". They capitalized the Association by contributing 500 acres for development as an elegant bedroom community – an early "railroad suburb" as Kenneth T. Jackson, author of *CRABGRASS FRONTIER* (Oxford University Press, Inc. 1985) has labeled such communities. Only twelve weeks later the failure of the Philadelphia financial firm Jay Cooke and Company touched off the Financial Panic of 1873. A prolonged financial depression followed the panic. Though the Association continued its development efforts for several years, it failed and entered receivership. The brief work of the Association, however, had a profound influence on the makeup of the budding settlement that, fifteen years later, was incorporated as the Village of Pelham Manor.

The paper presented at the conference traced the

history of the Association and provided biographical sketches of its principals who were involved. The paper further traced the influence of the Association on the area that became today's Village of Pelham Manor. The paper argued that the Association failed due not simply to the depression that followed the Panic of 1873, but due to a complex set of interrelated factors that included the difficulty of commuting on the branch line at the time. The paper further argued that those who put together the Association played a major role in subsequent informal efforts to achieve their original objectives for development of the area. These informal efforts were the driving force behind the incorporation of the Village of Pelham Manor and substantively influenced the layout and makeup of the Village today.

The methodology for preparation of the paper included an exhaustive survey of original 19th century maps, advertisements, photographs, papers and other such materials supplemented with a careful use of secondary resources designed to support the arguments specified above.

Educational Activities: Lectures and Presentations

The Town Historian delivered four important lectures during the year. One such presentation was held at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum on October 15 as part of the museum's Fall Lecture Series.

The event was an unqualified success with an overflow crowd that required the museum to locate and set up additional chairs to handle the larger-than-expected crowd. The title of the lecture was "The Story of the Failed Development of 'Bartow-on-the-Sound'". The lecture dealt with efforts by the Bartow family in the early 1870s to develop a portion of their land into a small railroad suburb. Those efforts failed for a host of reasons and, eventually, New York City annexed the area and it became part of today's Pelham Bay Park. It has remained undeveloped ever since.

On June 21, the Town Historian made a presentation entitled "The 'Fatt Calfe' Ceremony and the New Rochelle Commemorative Half Dollar" to the members of the Westchester County Coin Club in Scarsdale, New York.

The presentation addressed the historical basis for the obverse design of the famed 1938 New Rochelle Commemorative Half Dollar issued to

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commemorate the 250th anniversary of the settlement of New Rochelle. The obverse of the rare coin depicts John Pell, so-called "Second Lord of the Manor of Pelham" receiving from Huguenot settlers of New Rochelle a "fatt calfe" – the annual tribute required under the terms of the 1689 deed for the lands he sold to permit the settlement of New Rochelle by the Huguenots.



Obverse of New Rochelle Half Dollar

The well-received presentation subsequently received an "American Numismatic Association Education Award" for outstanding work to educate numismatists regarding an important aspect of their hobby.

The Town Historian delivered a third presentation on November 6. The presentation was a major address to a well-attended conference.

The conference was "Saving History: Using Digital Resources For Access and Preservation" held at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center

in Yorktown Heights, New York.

It was sponsored by the Westchester County Archives and the

Westchester County Historical Society; co-sponsored by the Westchester

Library System.

The conference, for local historians, history keepers and

municipal records officials throughout the

County of Westchester was underwritten in part with generous support from the

Westchester County Department of Information Technology and the IBM Corporation.

The presentation was entitled "A Town Historian Preserves and Shares the History of Pelham, New York Digitally: A Case Study". In

conjunction with the presentation, the Town Historian prepared an extensive, 33-page paper entitled "Preserve and Share: A Town Historian Preserves and Shares the History of Pelham, New York". The paper was distributed to all attendees at the conference.

The presentation was delivered as a combination PowerPoint slide show with live Web access projected to the audience.

Additionally, the Town Historian gave a lecture on the History of Women's Service in Pelham to The Junior League of Pelham, Inc. on January 26, 2006.

Digitization of Important Historical Material

In 2006 The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham continued for the fifth year its initiative to digitize much of the important content maintained in the archival files of the small office located in the Richard J. Daronco Town House, 20 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, NY, out of which The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham operates. The effort has been on a volunteer basis, using personal computer and scanning equipment owned and maintained by the volunteers. This program has been conducted at no cost to the taxpayers. Of course, this has meant that it has been an inordinately slow and labor-intensive process.

This year The Office added many images to the collection of several thousand that has been developed in the last few years. The digitized data is stored in three places for disaster recovery purposes and is maintained primarily in full color .TIFF files scanned at 300 dpi (dots per inch).

The project continues to concentrate primarily on scanning the glass negatives and lantern slides containing images of Pelham photographed by William R. Montgomery (one of the Town's first three historians) in the 1920s and early 1930s. The Office of The Historian has been using software to reverse the images of the Glass Negatives to create a digitized "positive" image of the photographs.

For each such digitized glass negative or lantern slide The Office of The Historian has continued to log bibliographic data into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Excel is being used because it will eventually allow the export of data in a fashion to allow its import into a database to permit more sophisticated analyses of such content.

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Below are several examples of such images that were digitized in 2006.



Significant Photograph of Garden at 180 Pelhamdale Avenue Taken on May 21, 1927; Garden Designed by Nationally-Renowned Landscape Architect Loutrel W. Briggs



Stables of the Bolton Priory on April 2, 1938 Prior to Conversion Into Residence During the 1950s; Bolton Priory is Listed on the National Register of Historic Places



Undated Glass Lantern Slide Showing "Little Red Church" at Corner of Boston Post Road and Pelhamdale Avenue Before It Was Moved from the Site in 1917

Immediately below is an example of the bibliographic records created for each scanned item. The record below relates to the Glass Lantern Slide above that shows the "Little Red Church".

Subject: Undated View of the Little Red Church (Huguenot Memorial Presbyterian Church)

Title (If Any): "The Little Red Church"

Date (Creation/Publication): Ca. 1917

Photographer / Creator: William R. Montgomery

Medium: Glass Negative

Repository: The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham

Collection: Glass Negatives Collection of The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham

Access / File Info.: Standing Steel Cabinet: Glass Negatives Box #3

URL (If Any):

Notes: Glass Negative stored inside archival envelope on which is written in blue ink "St Pauls No Date" Struck Through by Blake A. Bell and the following in black ink: THIS IS NOT ST. PAUL'S. IT IS THE LITTLE RED CHURCH SHOWN IN A GLASS LANTERN SLIDE (HUGUENOT MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH) LOWER SIGN HANGING ON TREE HAS BEEN VIEWED IN A COMPUTER ENHANCED IMAGE. IT READS 'DURING BUILDING / OPERATIONS / SERVICES WILL BE / HELD AT THE / MANOR CLUB / SUN SCH'L AT 10 / CHURCH AT 11 15 / EVERYONE WELCOME' [signed] Blake A. Bell 12/10/2006";

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Digitization of Important Historical Material (Continued from Page 6)

00000147-B is not from the Historian Office files but, rather, is a computer enhanced image of the lower sign hanging on the tree. 00000147-C is not from the Historian Office files but, rather, is a computer enhanced image of the upper sign hanging on the tree. An oval white adhesive label is stuck on the front of the slide with "1480" written in blue ink on it.

Reverse:

Source(s): From William R. Montgomery's attic after his death.

Category: Church; House of Worship; Little Red Church; Huguenot Memorial Presbyterian Church; Pelham Manor & Huguenot Heights Association; Pelhamdale Avenue; Boston Post Road; Four Corners

Dimensions: 8.5 cm x 10 cm

Obverse ID No.: 00000147-A

Reverse ID No.: 00000147-B

Additional ID No.: 00000147-C

Documenting Ever-Changing Views of the Town: Digital Photographs

For the last seven years, extensive efforts have been undertaken to document the ever-changing face of the Town of Pelham through digital photography. To date nearly 3,500 images have been captured and, for disaster recovery purposes, are maintained in three locations.

Three examples of such photographs appear below. The first shows a historic site. The second shows a daily scene. The third shows an important event in the life of the Town.



Town of Pelham Memorial to Town's Victims of September 11 Attack Under Construction with Pelham Train Station in Background.



Village of Pelham Police Call Parked Next to Town Hall on Fifth Avenue, Pelham



Crowd Gathered for Rededication of Cherry Tree Garden at Pelham Memorial High School on October 7, 2006

Responses To Inquiries About the History of Pelham

Last year the annual report for 2005 noted that "[r]esponding to inquiries about the history of Pelham, quite frankly, has become overwhelming and burdensome. Given the ease with which such

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inquiries can be made via email, The Town Historian has been flooded with questions.” In 2006 the number of inquiries grew to staggering levels. It is estimated that more than 400 such inquiries were received during 2006 – approximately a 33% increase.

The burden grew so great in 2006 that, for the first time, The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham was unable to respond to all such queries, many of which asked for genealogical research. Examples of some of the more interesting inquiries and their resolutions appear below.

December 21, 2006 email from Lisa Reilly of Larchmont, NY asking for information about her “husband’s Great Grandfather [who] was the first President and Mayor of Pelham”. Response – The first Supervisor of the Town was James Pell (1773-1784). The first President of the Village of Pelham Manor was John W. Townsend, Jr. (April 1891 – April 1893). The first President of the Village of Pelham was S. C. Caldwell (June 1896 – March 1899). The first President of the Village of North Pelham was Jacob Heisler (Oct. 1896 – March 1897). The only Reilly ever to serve in any such role was James Reilly (President of the Village of North Pelham Mar. 1906 to Mar. 1911; Mar. 1920 to Mar. 1925 and Mayor of the Village of North Pelham Mar. 1927 to Mar. 1929).

December 7, 2006 email from Carol DeCuffa asking for information about Bishop R. C. Lawson and his home in Pelham in the early 20th Century. Resolution – Provided July 4, 1961 *New York Times* obituary of Bishop Robert Clarence Lawson and a biography for him.

November 20, 2006 email from William Jay scholar Lynn Harvey of Chicago, Illinois asking if loose papers discovered in mid-19th Century journals of William Jay Bolton of Pelham Manor might be papers of William Jay. Resolution – Promised to check, but determined papers were not those of William Jay.

September 6, 2006 email from Karen Cornman of Pelham seeking old photographs of her home at 409 Fowler Avenue to assist with obtaining a variance for the structure to add a porch. Resolution – Determined no old photographs of the home exist in office files.

June 5, 2006 email from Maggie Klein, editor of *The Pelham Weekly* newspaper asking if claim by resident that downed tree in her yard was oldest tree in Pelham was accurate. Response – May have been one of the oldest, but there is strong evidence that the oldest living tree in the Town of Pelham is one near the corner of Monterey and Colonial Avenues (the old Boston Post Road) that is more than two hundred years old.

May 1, 2006 email from Lee Gruzen, an author preparing a book “about New York waters that touches on Captain Peter Bedson (10/14/1855 – 12/27/1929) buried on City Island. He asked about where to review records for the Pelham Cemetery on City Island (once part of the Town of Pelham). Response – Referred him to the City Island Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization housed in the City Island Nautical Museum.

April 9, 2006 email from Anne Drouis of Lodi, New York “looking for information on the wife of Caleb Pell, the man who advertised his lost watch [in an 18th Century newspaper advertisement] and the subject of your Feb 10 blog” for a dissertation that she is preparing. Response – provided information about Caleb Pell, Mary Pell and Samuel Pell and referred her to the Museum at Fort Ticonderoga and to St. Paul’s Church National Historic Site in Mount Vernon, New York.

The list of queries and responses could go on for dozens and dozens of pages. These are merely examples. The Office of The Historian received inquiries from students, authors, genealogical researchers, people preparing house histories and curious Pelham residents on a nearly daily basis throughout the entire year.

Discoveries of Important Records

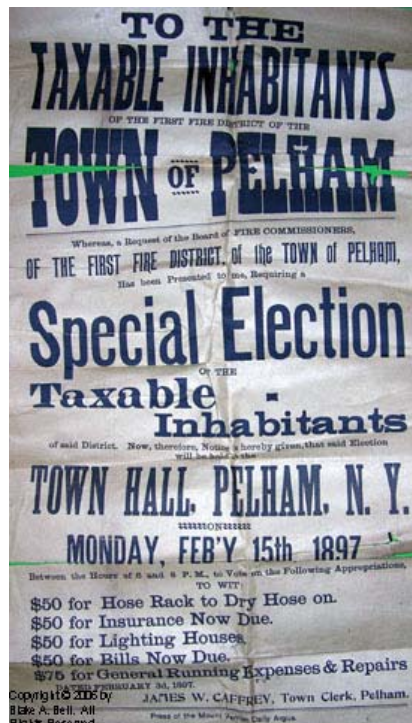
In early January, 2006, the Town of Pelham began improvements to the basement of Town Hall located at 34 Fifth Avenue. Representatives of the Town asked The Office of The Historian to review materials that had been stored in the basement for decades since the material was to be removed from the basement while the improvements are made.

The Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian spent most of the day on Saturday, January 28 moving, organizing, reviewing and sorting many, many boxes of dusty material. Determinations were made regarding what should be moved to the Historian's Office, what should be moved to a storage area that holds less frequently accessed Historian's Office materials, what should be sent to long term storage and what should be thrown away.

Since some of the records dated as far back as the 1870s, it should come as no surprise that during the review quite a number of interesting and significant items relating to the history of the Town were discovered.

Among the many materials located during the review were small containers containing hundreds and hundreds of "files" kept as papers stuffed into ordinary letter envelopes. Of course, the material stored in the envelopes was folded and packets of the envelopes were bundled by string. A large number of the records related to the fire units that served residents of the Villages of North Pelham, Pelham and Pelham Manor in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Above is an image of one such item -- a poster prepared as notice of a special election of the residents of the First Fire District of the Town of Pelham held on February 15, 1897.



Administration of The Office and The Town's Collections

The Historian's Office is a small room located in the basement at the rear of The Richard J. Daronco Town House located at 20 Fifth Avenue. Important archives of the Office are located in steel cabinets in that room.

The office maintains an extensive index card catalogue that cross-references the Town's historical collections. Susan Swanson and Mimi Buckley created and maintained that card catalogue during their tenures as Town Historian. There is a steel five-drawer flat case in which maps and other oversized items are stored. There are building files in which folders keyed to building addresses throughout the town contain information for many, many of the structures in town. There are artifact files in which items related to the history of the Town are filed. There is a standing file cabinet containing photographic prints of historical significance as well as bibliographic and obituary files for prominent residents in the Town's history.

There is a four-file cabinet containing the Town's "clippings files" in which thousands of newspaper and publication clippings regarding historical developments in the history of the Town are maintained. Standing cabinets contain microfilm, video and film collections as well as glass negatives, photographs and artifacts related to the history of the Town.

Along one wall of the office is a glass enclosed book case with four shelves containing hundreds of books that relate to the Town's history. Though crowded, the office constitutes the principal collection of material assembled by Town Historians during the last 92 years.

There is a very large volume of additional historical files and papers stored in the loft of the Daronco Town House. A third location for historical records is a Vault in the basement of the Town Hall next door to the Daronco Town House.

In addition to these rather large collections, The Office of The Historian has developed nearly 15,000 images of historically significant information about the Town and the area surrounding it. Many of these images are of materials in the Town's collections, but thousands of these images are of materials that are *not* part of the Town's collections.

Administrative tasks involving the office, records storage and the like are burdensome. Filing

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and keeping the Index Card system up to date is a difficult job. Additionally, a representative of the Office prepares the annual budget (which is quite modest). Administering efforts to maintain microfilm records of local newspapers is also a difficult job.

Current Plans for 2007

Current plans for The Office of The Historian of The Town of Pelham for 2007 include the following.

A proposal for the preparation and presentation of two scholarly papers has been submitted for The Conference on New York State History in Cooperstown, New York June 7-9, 2007 sponsored by The New York State Historical Association and The Archives Partnership Trust. The first proposed paper is entitled "Early Organized Baseball in Suburbia: A History of Organized Baseball in Pelham from the Early 1880s Through the 1890s". The second proposed paper is entitled "Slavery in Rural New York: A History of Slavery in the Manor of Pelham and the Town of Pelham During the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries".

In addition, The Office of The Historian will continue the preparation and publication of daily articles regarding different aspects of Pelham History on the Historic Pelham Blog and on the HistoricPelham.com Web site. It is anticipated that, once again, more than 250 such articles will be prepared and published in 2006. In addition, a substantial amount of additional material will be added to the HistoricPelham.com Web site.

The digitization program of The Office of The Historian will continue in 2007. On a nearly weekly basis, members of the office will scan and inventory material that is at risk of deterioration in an effort to record such data for posterity.

Likewise, the digital photography program will continue in 2007. It is expected that several hundred additional digital photographs of the changing face of the Town will be taken.

The Town Historian will submit to the local newspaper, The Pelham Weekly, at least ten articles on the history of the Town for publication on approximately a monthly basis during 2007. In addition, the Town Historian will prepare at least two

"house histories" concerning significant structures in the Town.

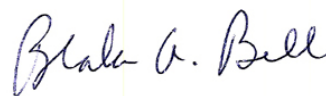
The Town Historian also will continue service as members of the Boards of Trustees of the Westchester County Historical Society and the Pelham Preservation Society. In addition, the Town Historian will begin service in January as a member of the Board of Advisors of Saint Paul's Church National Historic Site in Mount Vernon, New York.

The Town Historian will continue responding to inquiries related to the history of Pelham to every extent possible. While it seems clear that if inquiries continue to increase in scope and complexity as they have in the last two years it likely will not be possible even to acknowledge receipt of all such queries, a diligent effort nevertheless will be made to respond to as many as time permits.

Conclusion

This report is respectfully submitted to comply with the provisions of Article 57, section 57.09 of the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law.

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APPENDIX 1

LISTING OF ALL POSTINGS PUBLISHED TO THE HISTORIC PELHAM DAILY BLOG DURING 2006 (IF YOU ARE VIEWING THIS REPORT ONLINE IN PDF FORMAT, THE LINKS BELOW ARE LIVE)

DECEMBER 2006

- Fri. Dec. 29, 2006: [Native Americans Ordered to Remove from the Manor of Pelham in 1675](#)
- Thu. Dec. 28, 2006: [Description of Pelham Contained in "Gazetteer of the State of New York" Published in 1860](#)
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