

MARCH, 18, 2015

March continues to be very rewarding. My 2015 membership to the APHNY has been received and my paperwork for attending the 2015 APHNY Annual Conference (upon Board approval) is ready to sent in. I am very excited about attending this years' conference.

I am equally excited that on March 14, 2015, I, along with my wife, Carolyn, and Amboy Historical Society Historian Lisa Smother ( with assistance with Councilman Frank Romanowski) were able to open and explore the Town's "Larger" Safe for historical documents. We found a treasure-trove of birth and death records, mortgage records and town statistical information dating back to 1842.

We began the tedious task of handling and appropriately labeling the items we found using the appropriate materials and safety procedures suggested by the Board and Lisa. We look forward to work on this project on a weekly basis. Much has to be done to preserve this important historical information along with scanning and proper storage.

Luckily, I was able to open the "small" safe. There i found only one booklet containing only one page with entries in reference to "Doctors and Undertakers" serving the Town of Amboy. I then placed this in the "large" safe. The future of finding the past history of Amboy looks very fruitful!

This past month only produced one request form the public. The request was in reference to a lecturer offering his services. I have turned this request over to Lisa Smother, for the possible interest of the Amboy Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tim Kelley  
Amboy Town Historian

JUNE 17, 2015

On Saturday, May 30, 2015, i attended the Amboy Historical Society meeting as an invited guest. Also attending was my wife, Carolyn, as well as other members. It was a good opportunity for us to inform the Society of the interesting workshops that we attended at the 2015 APHNY conference we attended this past April.

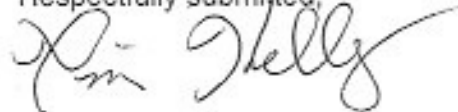
We also agreed to work together on the William G Pomeroy Historical Sign Grant during the summer months. Lisa (Smithler) Harrington , the Society's Historian, will be working with me .

In conversation we also discussed working together on local cemetery restorations with the help of Tim Nichols, Town and Village Historian of Camden. His interest was well received.

I also turned over Peter Bucher's request for historical information on his property on Cook Road. Ed Lesinski and Dick Bryant said they would be happy to assist him on his research.

So far this month I have received no correspondence or request from residents or others. I will also be attending the Society's next scheduled meeting, on June 20, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Kelley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tim Kelley  
Town of Amboy Historian

OCTOBER 21, 2015

On September 19th I attend the monthly meeting of the "Oswego County Historians Association" at the New Haven Town Hall. Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of that meeting. The October meeting was held at the Halfshire Historical Society, in Richland, on Saturday, the 17th. Because of a previous commitment I was not able to attend. Lisa Harrington, by my invitation, was able to represent my office in my absence. Lisa, also the Historian for the Amboy Historical Society, was pleased that she had a chance to meet William G Pomeroy, representing his foundation. Lisa is working with me on the "Historical Sign Project" for the Town of Amboy. We will also be working together on the "Legends & Lore Sign Project". "Historical Signs" need historical documentation, where the "Legends & Lore Signs" are based upon stories passed down through the generations of "Happenings" that might have happened in Amboy's past.

In the next few weeks I will be submitting a brief history of the Town of Amboy for inclusion in the County Wide History Booklet, which will go to press some time in the first half of 2016.

As of this report I have not received any correspondence or request from our residents.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Kelley  
Town of Amboy Historian