

The town spent \$825 for a platform for the justice court and additional sheet rocking for the fireproof storage area for town records in the basement below the new addition.

Additionally, the town spent \$1,329 for wall to wall carpeting for the entire basement and cave molding for the walls.

Court walls will have paneling installed. When this is complete, courts will not interfere with other town functions in the Town Hall.

[Source: *The Saratogian and Greenfield Quarterly 1985*]

## The Third Part of the Town Hall 2002

December 9, 2000 – Town Supervisor Robert A. Stokes said “I knew town hall was crowded when a maintenance man had to saw off 8 inches from a desk so an assessor clerk could reach a filing cabinet.”

The town board plans to add a two story expansion to the current Town Hall without raising taxes or borrowing money. The expansion is long overdue. The plan would add two to three offices, secure storage for vital records, and make the building fully handicapped accessible. In addition, a large conference room and lunchroom for employees will be included. The board estimated \$600,000 for the addition. They have been saving tax money in a separate account since 1993.

Actual cost for the 4,600 square foot addition was \$800,000.

A “Save Greenfield Town Hall” committee reached out to town residents to find the truth. Should the Town Hall be moved to a larger land location or add to the current historic town hall? It was decided to stay where they were and add to the original.

Patrick Piper of Butler Rowland Mays Architects of Mechanicville were hired as the architect.

Bast Hatfield under Terry Dickerson did the construction with our own Highway Department under Jim Older saving us a great deal of money.

On December 12, 2002, *The Saratogian* showed a photo of the cupola being placed on the new addition which is similar to the original cupola.

An article from *The Saratogian* on December 13, 2002, said that the town hall addition is expected to come in under budget by \$50,000. By the end of the next week, staff will be physically relocated in the new building – once the telephone and computer hookup is completed.

The addition was dedicated on November 22, 2002.

[Source: *The Saratogian and Robert Stokes dedication speech*]

## “Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga”

This DVD is an 80-minute documentary telling the story of how the people of the Sacandaga Valley had to sacrifice their homes, their farms and their livelihoods for the greater good. It is a story of heartbreak, rebirth and a remarkable engineering project in its own right. This is the story of how the Great Sacandaga Lake, the largest man-made body of water in NY, was made.

DVDs are available for \$20. They are at the Greenfield Town Hall, or by contacting the Historical Society at P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. (Please add \$1.50 if they need to be mailed.)

## 2019 Greenfield Seniors Trip Schedule

The Town of Greenfield sponsors trips for senior residents and provides the coaches. When available, seating will be offered to members of other senior groups (who are not town residents) and other folks residing outside the town. Payment should be made a month in advance of the date of the trip unless otherwise stated. If you find you cannot go after signing up, please notify the trip coordinator in case there is a standby list. Any questions, call Sandy Ovitt at 518-584-8943.

The Greenfield Seniors meet at the Town of Greenfield Community Center at 1 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday, president, Phil Steves, 518-793-2919.

Meal site location – Town of Greenfield Community Center, 25 Wilton Road, phone 518-893-7644 for reservations. Free bus transportation for medical and legal appointments. For reservations, call 518-884-4100.

### ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO GREENFIELD SENIORS

#### Daniele’s Banquet House – New Hartford, NY Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. Board bus at Greenfield Community Center

12:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1 p.m. Show: A Cabaret Christmas – Join Mrs. Claus on a journey to save a homeless child. Find out what happens when Mrs. Claus receives a letter from the child with a Christmas wish to become a singer. Learn also what it’s really like living with Santa for over 400 years. Will she save the day with Love? Find out with all your holiday songs like O’ Holy Night, Chestnuts Roasting, I’ll Be Home for Christmas, and many more.

2:30 p.m. Show is over

6:30 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield

Cost \$59 No refunds. Money is due by Oct. 24

For more information, contact Sandy Ovitt at 518-584-8943.

## HERITAGE HUNTERS ANNUAL GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Skip Duett and Judith A. Herbert, members of The Association of Professional Genealogists, will be the speakers at the full day Genealogy Conference to be held on Saturday, October 19 at Saratoga Town Hall, corner of Rt. 4 and Rt. 29, in Schuylerville. Skip Duett’s topics will be “Should You Add DNA to Your Genealogy Toolbox?” and “I Got My Test Results – Now What?” Judith Herbert will speak about “Researching Ancestors of Meager Means & Even Less Fame in the 19th Century” and “Using Land Records to Prove Familial Relationships.”

The day begins with registration and coffee at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:15 p.m. Registration is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members and includes a hot lunch and breaks. An option is offered for \$45 that would include HH 2019-2020 membership at \$15 and the conference at \$30. For information call 518-871-9371 or 518-885-9309.

### Our Newest LIFETIME MEMBERS

Donald and Kathleen Kieffer



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL AVAILABLE ONLINE

Become a member of The Town of Greenfield Historical Society and receive our newsletter. **Our membership year begins June 1 and ends May 31, dues are paid annually. Send \$10 per household (or \$100 for Lifetime Membership)** along with your name and address to the address shown below. **IF YOU SEND MORE THAN \$10, THE BALANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED A DONATION.** You also may join at one of our meetings. Send this application form and fee to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. Make checks payable to: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society. **YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE! [www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com](http://www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com).** Email [toghistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:toghistsoc@gmail.com) for more information. **Click on STORE, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – HOUSEHOLD or LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP and follow the instructions.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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