

EMPLOYMENT

Historical Research and Writing

May 1991 – present

Researcher and writer specializing in central New York State history, including architectural, resort development, agricultural, and social history. Have completed National Register listing projects, comprehensive historic resources surveys, and exhibits for historical societies and galleries.

Architectural History: Have completed and am currently working on a variety of projects related to historic architecture and landscape.

- Three large National Register of Historic Places district nominations: the Lindesay Patent District (listed 1995), the Glimmerglass District (listed 1999), and the Waggoner Patent District (nomination completed 2003; listing pending). The Lindesay Patent District includes the rural village of Cherry Valley, New York, and the surrounding agricultural landscape, which retains a clear visual and historical relationship with its 1739 plat. The Glimmerglass district includes the landscape surrounding Otsego Lake, where novelist James Fenimore Cooper grew up and derived inspiration for his influential novels of the early American experience. The nomination links the physical landscape with the emotional mythic landscape created by Cooper, and the architecture of the resort that developed there. The Waggoner Patent District encompasses a 17,000-acre tract in Springfield, New York, notable for the way its settlement and community history is linked to surviving landscape features.
- Assessment of Historic Landscape for the Proposed NYRI Route in Madison and Chenango Counties, completed February 2008. A study of a three-mile strip of land passing through towns of Brookfield, Hamilton, Sherburne, North Norwich, Guilford, Bainbridge, and Afton to determine areas of high historic integrity potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places carried out for Stop NYRI, and advocacy group.
- National Historic Landmark nomination for Flight of Five, Erie Canal, City of Lockport (anticipated completion March 2010).
- Documentation of the development of the Jacob Fluno farm, Panther Mountain Road, Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York, for restoration planning by owner, 2006.
- Multiple Property Listing (MPD) documenting Mill Hamlets in the Oaks Creek Valley, 1785-1956, and completion of associated district nomination for the hamlet of Fly Creek, Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York, listed June 2006).
- MPD documenting development of recreational camps and cabins on Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park, Flathead County, Montana, and completion of 11 related nominations, 9 for districts and 2 for individual properties, listed June 2006.
- Completed HABS/HAER documentation report for City of Watertown on Pearl Street Bridge, January 2004, and for Town of Warrensburgh, Warren County, December 2007.
- Completed historic documentation report for City of Oneonta on West-Nesbitt Mill, Market Street, April 2003.
- Completed an assessment of historic resources for Chazen Engineering for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Cayuga Green at Six Mile Creek and Cornell/Ciminelli projects in downtown Ithaca, Tompkins County, October 2002.
- Completed assessment of historic buildings and landscape at Wells College, Village of Aurora, Cayuga County, New York, for HOLT Architects, Ithaca, New York, April 2001.
- Documentation of the development of the Caleb Thayer farm, West Lake Road, Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York, for restoration planning by owner, 1995.

Other completed National Register projects include:

- National Register nomination for New Kingston (hamlet), Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York (listed February 2008)

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- National Register nomination for the Burns Family Farm, Town of Bovina, Delaware County, New York (listed May 2007)
- National Register nomination for the Ithaca Downtown Historic District (listed December 2004)
- National Register nomination for Main Street commercial district in Oneonta, Otsego County (listed December 2003)
- National Register nomination for the hamlet of Roxbury, Delaware County (listed June 2003)
- National Register nomination for historic Main Street and Railroad Avenue commercial district of Middleburgh, Schoharie County, New York
- National Register nominations for the Trumansburg Baptist Church, Trumansburg, Tompkins County, New York (listed September 2001); Fenimore Farm Stone Buildings, The Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York (listed June 1997); Fly Creek Methodist Church, Fly Creek, Otsego County (listed June 1996); East Springfield Union School, East Springfield, Otsego County (listed March 1996); Arbor Hill, Delhi, Delaware County, New York
- National Register Historic District nominations for Bovina Center, Delaware County (listed March 2000) and Roseboom Hamlet, Roseboom, Otsego County (listed November 1998)

Historic resource surveys completed include:

- Comprehensive Historic Resources Survey of 25 historic farmsteads in Town of Pittstown, Rensselaer County (ongoing: anticipated completion August 2009)
- Reconnaissance-level Historic Resources Survey of Village of Milford, Otsego County, (completed March 2009)
- Comprehensive Historic Resources Survey of towns of Sharon, Schoharie County, and Cherry Valley, Otsego County, exclusive of existing NR districts (completed September 2004)
- Comprehensive Historic Resources Survey of New Kingston Tract, Town of Middletown, Delaware County (completed February 2004)
- Hamlet of Nelson, Madison County, for Erieville-Nelson Heritage Society (completed September 2002)
- Town of Hartwick, Otsego County, for Hartwick Historical Society (completed October 2001); worked extensively with volunteers from the society and local school district's American History Advanced Placement class
- Town of Roseboom, Otsego County for Roseboom Historical Association and Otsego County Planning Department (completed July 2000)
- Town of Springfield, Otsego County for Springfield Historical Society (completed February 1998); intensive research project examining historic development of the Waggoner Patent area of Springfield to develop themes for National Register nomination (completed April 2001)
- Hamlet of Roseboom, Otsego County for Roseboom Historical Association (completed December 1997); worked with Cooperstown Central School's Advanced Placement American History class
- Town of Otsego, Otsego County for Otsego 2000 (completed November 1992)

Completed eighty-six Section 106 reviews of historic architecture in proposed New York State Department of Transportation project areas in the Southern Tier, the Catskills, and Central New York State, for the Public Archaeology Facility, University of Binghamton, from 1996 to 2001. Selected project listed in "Writing" section.

Exhibit Research and Writing: Have completed and am working on interpretive exhibits for historical societies and local history galleries.

Other projects (unless otherwise noted, have also designed and installed exhibits):

- Research for interpretive planning for the Hull House Foundation, Lancaster, New York. Ongoing beginning December 2007.
- *Durable Legacy*, wrote exhibit script on the Fort Edward stoneware industry centered on Fort Edward for Fort Edward Historical Association, designed exhibit, and installed. Opened June 2006.
- Interpretive program for the Glimmerglass National Register Historic District in Otsego County, including outdoor information boards and a pamphlet; three boards installed summer 2002; associated pamphlet completed January 2004; additional work ongoing

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- *Transforming an American Village: Cooperstown's Colonial Revival*, exhibit examining architecture of the Colonial Revival period in Cooperstown, Otsego County, for the Smithy-Pioneer Gallery, Cooperstown (opened June 2002)
- Research leading to interpretive planning including furnishings plans and exhibits for the Bement-Billings Farmstead of Newark Valley Historical Society, Newark Valley, Tioga County, New York. Work has included detailed research concerning family and conditions from settlement period to 1850 and assessment of collections for furnishing of settlement period house. Work has included three different grant-funded phases, the most recent one in progress.
- *Gentleman Farmers: The Jays of Bedford*, exhibit at the John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, Katonah, Westchester County, about the farm's operation from 1797 to 1951; worked with New York State Parks staff designer, conservator, and exhibits coordinator (opened in the property's newly restored barn September 1999)
- *Forged Iron*, exhibit at the Smithy-Pioneer Gallery, Cooperstown, about blacksmithing in Otsego County (opened June 1999)
- *Pride and Passion: The African-American Baseball Experience*, exhibit at the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, discussing African-American baseball from the 1860s to the present, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Jackie Robinson crossing the color barrier in Major League Baseball. Researched and wrote exhibit script. (opened July 1998)
- "Doc" Cockett of Cooperstown, exhibit at the Smithy-Pioneer Gallery, about local woman instrumental in developing art and cultural life in the area from 1920 to 1950 (opened June 1998)
- *The Rural Hours of Susan Fenimore Cooper*, at the Smithy-Pioneer Gallery, exhibit examining the context of one of America's first examples of nature writing and illustrating it with local images (opened June 1996; later installed at Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, 1997, and Castleton State College, Castleton, Vermont, 2000)
- *Home and Hearth*, exhibit at the Smithy-Pioneer Gallery, about farmhouse architecture in Otsego County as a companion exhibit to *Rural Icons* (opened June 1995; exhibited also at Hartwick College)
- *Rural Icons*, exhibit at the Smithy-Pioneer Gallery, about barn architecture in Otsego County (opened June 1994; exhibited also at Hartwick College and the Catskill Center, Margaretville, Delaware County)
- *Redesigning Nature: Historic Gardens around Otsego Lake*, exhibit at the Smithy-Pioneer Gallery (opened June 1993; exhibited also at Hyde Hall and at New York State Historical Association for Garden Conservancy Annual Meeting)
- *Scribes and Mikemen: Recording the Game*, exhibit about baseball journalism at the library of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (opened 1992)

Elizabeth Perkins Fellow Old York Historical Society, York, Maine	June 1990-September 1990
Administrative Assistant National Trust for Historic Preservation, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	August 1988-August 1989
Archaeology Assistant Winchester Archaeology Unit, Winchester, Hampshire County, England	August 1987-June 1988
Conservation Assistant and Exhibit Installer The Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	June 1981-March 1987

WRITING

Entry on Celia Thaxter for Nature Writers volume of *Early American Nature Writers*, 2007.

Entries about Otsego County, wheat, corn, hay, oats, sheep, buckwheat, pumpkins, and the Boston Ten Towns for *The Encyclopedia of New York State History*. To be published by Syracuse University Press, 2002.

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“In Response to the Women at Seneca Falls: Susan Fenimore Cooper and the Rightful Place of Woman in America,” to be published in a collection of essays on Susan Fenimore Cooper by the University of Georgia Press, Athens, Georgia, 2001. Reprinted in *Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism*, Vol. 129.

Selected reconnaissance level survey reports for Section 106 reviews of proposed New York State Department of Transportation projects in the following towns by date of completion:

2001: Town and Village of Lowville, Lewis County; Village of Marathon, Cortland County; Roseboom, Otsego County; Towns of Cato and Ira, Cayuga County; Town of Liberty, Sullivan County

2000: Culverts in Otsego, Chenango, and Delaware counties; Town and City of Cortland, Cortland County.

1999: City of Utica, Oneida County; Village of Leroy, Genesee County; Village of Owego, Tioga County; City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County; Village of Bainbridge, Chenango County; Towns of Chenango and Dickinson, Broome County; Town of Delhi, Delaware County; Towns of Southport and Elmira, Chemung County; Towns of Thompson and Monticello, Sullivan County; Town of Altamont and Village of Tupper Lake, Franklin County

1998: Town of Newfield, Onondaga County; Towns of Camillus, Onondaga, and City of Syracuse, Onondaga County; Town of Greece and City of Rochester, Monroe County; Towns of Lewiston and Porter, Niagara County; Town of Clarksville, Allegany County; Town of Owego, Tioga County; Town of Highland, Sullivan County; Towns of Fallsburg, Thompson, and South Fallsburg, Sullivan County; Town of Union and City of Endicott, Broome County; Town and Village of Delhi, Delaware County; Town of Constantia, Oswego County; Town of Genoa, Cayuga County; Town of Liberty, Sullivan County

1997: Town of Hancock, Delaware County; Towns of Walworth and Marion, Wayne County; Towns of Elmira, Ashland, and Chemung, Chemung County; Town of Dryden, Tompkins County; Town of Lafayette, Onondaga County; Town of Henrietta, Monroe County; Town of Richfield and Village of Richfield Springs, Otsego County

1996: Village of Waterloo, Seneca County; City of Horseheads, Chemung County; City of Oswego, Oswego County

Running, Walking, Biking in the Otsego Hills, a route guide for the Otsego Lake region. Published by the New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York, 2000.

“Otsego Rural Hours,” a bi-weekly column for *The Freeman’s Journal*, Cooperstown, New York, drawing on journal entries from Susan Fenimore Cooper’s *Rural Hours*, and providing interpretive commentary concerning social history, natural history, and other topics. September 1997-December 1999.

A Region of Romance, an illustrated essay in book form on the development of the nineteenth century resort on Otsego Lake. Published by Otsego 2000 and Smithy-Pioneer Gallery, 1997.

Entries concerning work of Thomas Bailey Aldrich, William Dean Howells, Celia Thaxter, and Sarah Orne Jewett in *A Noble and Dignified Stream: The Piscataqua Region in the Colonial Revival, 1860-1930*. Funded by the National Endowment of the Humanities; published by Old York Historical Society, 1992.

SPEAKING

“Homestead to Resort: Recreational Properties on Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park.” Presented at the Natural and Cultural History Conference, Waterton National Park, Canada, July 2006.

“Work in Progress: Probate Inventories in Otsego County, New York, and What They Can Tell Us About Change over Time in Domestic Textiles 1810-1850.” Presented at the Textile History Forum, Lowell, Massachusetts, 2002.

“The Tailoring Accounts of Ransom Williams, Berkshire, New York, 1800-1839.” Presented and published in *Proceedings* at the Textile History Forum, Lowell, Massachusetts, 2002.

Tour of Historic Garden Landscapes around Otsego Lake, presented for Historic Landscape Course, Seminars on American Culture, New York State Historical Association, July 2000.

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“The Home-Book of the Picturesque: Father and Daughter,” presented at the 1999 James Fenimore Cooper Seminar, State University College at Oneonta, New York.

“Summers in Springfield,” presented as part of Friends of Hyde Hall lecture series, October 1997.

Panel member with Alan Taylor and Wayne Franklin and tour presenter for NEH-funded Seminar on Landscape and Imagination discussing the Cooper family’s relationship (William, James, and Susan) with the Otsego Lake landscape, July 1997.

“The Development of Farmhouse Architecture in Otsego County, 1790-1900,” presented as part of Friends of Hyde Hall lecture series, September 1995.

“Historic building surveys and understanding vernacular landscapes,” presented to Cooperstown Graduate Program of History Museum Studies, February 1994.

“William Dean Howells, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and the Development of Regional Writing and Realism in American Literature,” presented at Strawberry Banke Museum, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, July 1992.

“Deephaven: Piscataqua Paradigm,” a talk and discussion of Sarah Orne Jewett’s Deephaven, presented at Jewett House, South Berwick, Maine (Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities), March 1991.

EDUCATION

Victorian Society Summer School in London
Scholarship recipient, 1999

Cooperstown Graduate Program for History Museum Studies
M.A. awarded 1992 by State University College of Oneonta, New York; Thesis: “Summers in the Middle Landscape: Regional Writers of the Piscataqua Region, 1869-1902”

Institute of Archaeology, University of London
Courses in Photographic Conservation, Landscape Archaeology, and Techniques of Archaeology

Bryn Mawr College
Ars Bacheloris cum laude in English literature awarded 1981

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Field course in Western Ecology (including 2 weeks in Southwestern United States, State University College of Oneonta, 2005).

Head Cross Country Running Coach, Cooperstown Central School, 1992-present

Student Conservation Association Internship in recreation management in Klamath National Forest, Happy Camp District, California, May - August 2003

Historic Architecture Advisor to the Cooperstown Planning Board, April-September 1999

Editor of *The Clapper*, Journal of the North American Guild of Change Ringers, 1990-1995

AWARDS

Preservation League of New York State Award 2000 for the Glimmerglass National Register Historic District Nomination Project (awarded to the Glimmerglass Coalition and Otsego 2000)

RCHA Award 2000 for the Glimmerglass National Register Historic District Nomination Project (awarded to the Glimmerglass Coalition and Otsego 2000)

Otsego and Schoharie Counties 1999 Historic Preservation Award, Special Award, for *A Region of Romance*

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Landscape Preservation Award, Preservation League of New York State, 1995, for the Lindsay Patent National Register Historic District nomination (awarded to Otsego 2000, Cherry Valley Historical Association, and Cherry Valley Village Library)

Huguenot Award for excellence in history, July 1991