

Town of Greenburgh
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*The Guardians of History:
Greenburgh's Historical Societies*

By Riley Wentzler & Felicia Barber



We hope you have enjoyed our Slice of History series thus far as the authors take preserving the town's history very seriously and have taken great care to present interesting and accurate information. We are however, by no means, the sole

guardians of the town's history, Greenburgh is very fortunate to have six amazing historical societies located within our town. Here is their information:

The Ardsley Historical Society located at 9 American Legion Drive Ardsley, New York 10502, on the second floor of the Ardsley Public Library. You can visit them on Tuesdays 10:00am to 12:00pm. Or visit their website at <http://www.ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org/>

The Dobbs Ferry Historical Society is located at The Mead House 12 Elm Street Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. The house was built in the nineteenth century. The earliest record of residents is in 1864 when it belonged to a merchant and sailor, Captain Abram Wilsea. From 1917 until 1991 it was the Mead Family's private residence. Herbert Mead bequeathed it to his daughter Sara who donated it to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society upon her death. Accordingly the house contains mostly Sara Mead's possessions. However it also has several antique typewriters and candy molds. There are also panels depicting places in town where George Washington and his troops stayed during the Revolutionary War. (personal communication from Peggie Blizzard at the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society) You can visit them on Tuesdays 10:00am to 12:00 pm. Or visit their website at <http://dobbsferryhistory.org/wordpress/>

The Hastings on The Hudson Historical Society located at Draper Cottage- 407 Broadway, Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706 has an extensive archive of the town's history as well as an exhibit detailing the history from 1940-Present Day.

The archive contains:

- over 12,000 photographs
- 180 oral histories
- 410 maps
- 400 books
- various scientific instruments

- 100 year old children's toys

The exhibit will be up until September of 2019 (personal communication from Jan Clough at the Hastings on The Hudson Historical Society). You can visit them on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Or visit their website at <https://www.hastingshistorical.org/>

The Irvington Historical Society located at The McVickar House 131 Main St, Irvington, NY 10533. You can visit them on Thursdays & Saturdays 1pm to 4pm. They are closed the entire month of August. Or you can visit their website at <http://www.irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org/>



The Historical Society serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown located at the Jacob Odell House One Grove Street Tarrytown, NY 10591 currently has two exhibits on display. They are: “The Capture of Major Andre” detailing the capture of the British spy who persuaded Benedict Arnold to defect during the Revolutionary War and “A Village of Miniatures” which shows miniature versions of many important buildings in Tarrytown. “The Capture of Major Andre” is there year-round, whereas “A Village of Miniatures” is a seasonal exhibit (Charlene Weigle at

The Historical Society Serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown) You can visit them on Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Or you can visit their website at www.thehistoricalsociety.net/

The Westchester County Historical Society located at 2199 Saw Mill River Rd, Elmsford, NY 10523 contains a genealogical research center and a library of 2,000 manuscripts with the oldest dating back to 1700. (Patrick Rafer at the Westchester County Historical Society) You can visit them on Wednesday s and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. Or you can visit their website at <http://www.westchesterhistory.com/>



Previous Slices of History include:

How a Flat Tire led to a Happy Escape: The Story of Carvel in Greenburgh (12/11/18)

<http://www.greenburghny.com/Documents/Carvel%20History.pdf>

A Thousand Words Which You Never Knew: The Forgotten Story of the Seal of Greenburgh. (11/17/18)

<http://www.greenburghny.com/Documents/Slice%20of%20History%20-%20A%20Thousand%20Words.pdf>

"The Disappearing Railroad Blues" in Greenburgh: The Fate of the Putnam Railroad Line and the old Putnam Trail ((11/6/18)

<http://www.greenburghny.com/Documents/Slice%20of%20History%20-%20%20Railroad%20Blues.pdf>

A Different Kind of Rebel: Greenburgh's Contributions to the Underground Railroad (10/27/18)

<http://www.greenburghny.com/Documents/GREENBURGH.pdf>

Greenburgh at The Great American Crossroads: Greenburgh's Civil War Story (10/19/18) <http://www.greenburghny.com/Cit-e-Access/news/index.cfm?NID=47461&TID=10&jump2=0>

Greenburgh's Hall of Heroes: Ferncliff Cemetery Where Memories Live Forever (10/12/18) <http://www.greenburghny.com/Cit-e-Access/news/index.cfm?NID=47403&TID=10&jump2=0>

A Final Resting Place for "Man's Best Friend": The Peaceable Kingdom (9/29/18) <http://www.greenburghny.com/Cit-e-Access/news/index.cfm?NID=47331&TID=10&jump2=0>

Greenburgh and The Arts (9/22/18) <http://www.greenburghny.com/Cit-e-Access/news/index.cfm?NID=47278&TID=10&jump2=0>

Greenburgh's BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH: A History of The Freemasons in Greenburgh (9/12/18) <http://www.greenburghny.com/Cit-e-Access/news/archnews.cfm?NID=47212&TID=10&jump2=0>

About the Authors:

We are both Assistant Town Historians at Greenburgh Town Hall and we are engaged to be married and are currently looking for permanent employment.

Riley Wentzler:

I was born and raised in a small rural town in central Pennsylvania. In high school, I took every honors course available including four years of Spanish. I received A's in all of them. I graduated third in my class of 146 students. This brought me to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Once there, I continued my trend of academic excellence. I graduated summa cum laude in Political Science with a minor in Spanish and a Master's in Communication Studies, with a G.P.A of 3.94. Within Communication Studies, I specialized in semiotics. It was also there that I met my lovely fiancée, Felicia Barber. My Master's in Communication has promoted public speaking, teamwork, and customer service. My Political Science degree has developed my research skills using computer-based tools and provided me with experience using the Microsoft Office products. My minor in Spanish has facilitated my bilingual capabilities. During my internship at Greenburgh, I created the petition for the State Roads project using website tools. My diverse education and areas of interest have provided me with a wide range of skills. I look forward to finding a career opportunity in business or government. **To learn more about the various historical societies or to suggest a topic for next week's article, you can contact me at assistanthistorian@greenburghny.com. To help me find employment you can contact me at rjwentzler413@gmail.com**

Felicia Barber:

I was born in New York City and raised in Hartsdale, New York. I graduated from Ardsley High School. I recently earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. It was here that I met my fiancé, Riley Wentzler. As a result of my academic excellence, I won a scholarship every year. I learned and applied many graphic design skills to projects during my summer internships and at school. I am proficient in using Adobe graphic design applications including Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign. For my Identity/branding course at Edinboro, I created logos to appear on the tee-shirts of Physical Education majors. For a veteran's upcoming event, I used a typeface to focus the reader to the soldier in the poster. For the State Roads Legislative Campaign project, I created the embedded graphic-photo that accompanied the petition I am looking for a job to utilize my skills as a Graphic Designer in an agency, print shop, company or government **To suggest a topic for next week's article, you can contact me at assistanthistorian@greenburghny.com. To learn more about my artwork or to help me find employment you can contact me at feliciadbarber@gmail.com.**

Interview with the Authors:

<https://wcbs880.radio.com/articles/news/stories-main-street-couple-cerebral-palsy-brings-many-talents-town-greenburgh>