

YEARLY HISTORIAN'S REPORT for 2025 for TOWN OF LIMA, N.Y

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Publications

--Wrote weekly Lima, N.Y. history stories for my Facebook group, 'Looking Back With Lima's Town Historian'. There were fifty-two (52) stories/articles, which are listed below.

1. Places and Names in the Town of Lima We May Be Unaware Of.
2. Yesterday and Today: Looking at the Businesses on the South Side of West Main Street.
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4. Yesterday and Today: Looking at the Business Center on the South Side of East Main Street.
5. Yesterday and Today: Looking at the Businesses on Lake Ave.
6. The Lima Rodeo
7. Photographs of Lima in the Winter.
8. The South Lima Muck Lands.
9. The Historic Buildings Plaque Project.
10. March is Women's History Month: Spotlight on Mabel Jenks and Tennie B. Burton.
11. Yesterday and Today: Building and Storefronts on North East Main Street.
12. Spotlight on the former Nichols Block.
13. Service Stations/Gas Stations that have occupied the site across from the Town Hall.
14. Town of Lima's Flag
15. Our local DAR Chapter, Kka-hase-ga-o
16. The Lime Kilns on Upper Dalton Road
17. Lima One Room School Houses- District School #8
18. Memorial Day Post

19. Lima One Room School Houses- District School #3
20. Lima One Room School Houses- School District #1.
21. Lima One Room School Houses- School District #6
22. Lima One Room School Houses- School District #4
23. District #9 Village of Lima School District
24. Lima One Room School Houses- School Districts #2 and #7
 26. College Hall at Elim Bible College
 27. Firemen's Parade and Carnival
28. The Bed Races of the Crossroads Festival- The Golden Agers Team in 2007, 2008, and 2009
29. History of the Historical Monument on 15A/Lima/Rush Road, at the fork in the road, heading east to Honeoye Falls and to the north to Rush.
 30. PINCO
 31. Moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Livingston County
 32. Our Town Hall
 32. Post on Community Gathering for the Restored State Signs
 33. Movie Theater in the Town Hall
 34. Photos of our Village in Days Past
 35. Honoring the Life of Jonathan Stills
 36. The Irish Immigrants in Lima
 37. St. Rose School
 38. Historian's Exhibit, 'Lima's Buildings and Businesses Today and Yesterday'
at the Town Hall, Historian's Corner
 39. Ken O'Dea
 40. The 2025 Crossroads Festival
 41. Town of Lima Court House

- 42. Greene's Garage
- 43. Two 1858 Lima Maps
- 44. Entertainment in 1898- A Carnival of History 1620-1776- Benefit for Presbyterian Society of Lima
- 45. Veterans' Day
- 46. First Airmail Flight from Lima to Rochester
- 47. Street Scenes of Lima
- 48. Ice Storms in 1935 and 1936
- 49. Routes 5 and 20- Introduction
- 50. Routes 5 and 20- First in a series
- 51. Routes 5 and 20- Second in a series
- 52. Routes 5 and 20- third in a series. Summary of the Eight Inns/Taverns along Routes 5 and 20

Exhibits in the lobby of the Town Hall, Historian's Corner.

'AGRICULTURE IN THE TOWN OF LIMA'

'LIMA'S BUILDINGS AND BUSINESSES- THEN AND NOW'

Community Presentation

--A community gathering was held on September 17, 2025, for the Restoration of the seven (7) State signs in Lima. Presentation by Darin Everdyke, who restored the signs. Refreshments were served.

Community Involvement

--Attended the monthly BE WELL LIMA meeting on April 2, 2025, at the request of Town Supervisor Mike Falk.

--Attended the Ska-Hase-Ga-O Dedication Ceremony for the new Ska-Hase-Ga-O State sign on April 25, 2025.

--Met with a local resident who currently lives in District School #3. She has an extensive collection of photos and documents of the school district. Gathered research on School District #3.

- Was present at the Historian's Corner in the Town Hall for Crossroads Days to answer questions about the exhibit, 'Lima Buildings, and Businesses, Then and Now.'
- Attended the Lima Historical Society Annual Picnic on August 24, 2025, at Mark Tubbs Park.
 - Went to see the Moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at the Geneseo Airplane Museum.
- Attended three (3) Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) meetings, Lima's local Chapter, Sha-Hase-Ga-O.
- I was invited to be the Speaker for the November 15th DAR Meeting, speaking about my role as the Town Historian.
- Attended the Lima Veterans Ceremony on Veterans Day at the Four Corners.
- Met with a local resident regarding her request for a plaque for St. Rose Church. Gave her information about the history of the church.

Professional Activities

- Attended the Livingston County Historians Luncheon on August 20, 2025, in Piffard.
- Attended the Western NY Historians Annual Conference on September 13, 2025, in Varysburg, NY.
- Met with Lima's New Town Supervisor, Jon Kates, on 11/14/25.

Grants Obtained/Community Projects

- In 2024, I had asked Darin Everdyke, who refurbishes State Historic Signs, to refurbish the seven (7) historic State signs in Lima. He worked on them in the Fall 2024 and the Spring of 2025. The State signs were completed and placed on the newly painted posts in Lima.
- The Bronze Plaques from the 2024 Livingston County Economic Development Office were installed on the five (5) historic buildings in the Spring of 2025. The five buildings to receive a historic bronze plaque are: Centennial Fire Hall, Masonic Hall, Stanley Exchange, American Hotel, and Copytown.

- In the Spring of 2025, I applied for a \$5000 Grant from Livingston County Economic Development for additional historic bronze plaques. The grant was approved. The grant for \$5,000 is for three (3) additional bronze plaques for three (3) historic buildings in the business section of Lima, as well as an acrylic sign for the Fire Department. The bronze plaques for the 2025 grant will be installed on the following buildings: Krup and

Campbell Law Office (7312 East Main St.), 7310 East Main St., and 7308 East Main St. Additionally, there will be a sign for the Fire Department building that houses the old Childs Foamite Pumper. Fire Chief Dick Garey and I worked on the sign with the manufacturer, Sign Language.

--I wrote the building's histories for the bronze plaques for Krup and Campbell Law Office, 7012 East Main St., and the Lakis Building, 7010 East Main St.

--I purchased two large cement urns for the front of the Town Hall with the \$200 we had remaining from the \$5000 Grant from Livingston County Development Office. I picked them up from Lowe's in Henrietta.

School Activities

--I contacted Honeoye Falls/Lima Central (HFL) School about going into the classroom to teach Lima history. In addition, I would like to have an art project about Lima's historic buildings with the students. Two teachers are on board with this project. The plan is to go into the classrooms in June 2026.

Office Activities

--Continue to file articles about Lima from local newspapers in the office.

--Continue to organize the office, file information, make copies of newspaper articles, and record current Lima history and happenings.

--Continue to organize the historian's office, as well as making it secure.

Genealogy Requests

--Answered email and phone requests regarding genealogy and cemetery information.

DEVELOPMENT

--Continuing to read books about Lima's history, Livingston County, and Western New York.