

January 2015 Historian Report for February Board Meetings
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Historian Activities during “retirement” in 2014:

- January 2014 - packed and sent December 2013 Historian Report, photo, list of historical items donated to McClurg Museum/CCHS; also a copy of Fire Hall Dedication/1979 booklet for Jim Pacanowski. (NB Never received a confirmation of whether or not this package was received).
- February 2014 - responded to request of Richard Pond regarding how to obtain unclaimed funds; wrote and sent 2013 Annual Historian Report to State Historian, County Historian, Town and Village of Westfield - all via email; with help of son Mark Hall, compiled and burned a DVD of Westfield Historian articles, documents, and photos from 2007-2013 to replace missing External Hard Drive that contained these archived records; packaged and mailed DVD to Town of Westfield. (NB Never received confirmation of whether or not this package was received).
- March 2014 - November 2014: Forwarded all further historian requests to either Nancy Nixon Ensign if they were more genealogical in nature, or to John Paul Wolfe at CCHS, for assistance.
- December 2014 - applied to Village and Town to be considered for reappointment as Westfield Historian; Received and researched a request for information about a Lake Erie shipwreck from the 1800s that included reference to a supposed Westfield resident (further research required here).
- Maintained contact with several historian colleagues throughout the year including John Slater (Concord Grape Historian, Nickel Plate RR Historian), Mike Engle (Diner Historian), and Vince Martonis (Hanover Town Historian).
- Thank-you to the Village of Westfield for historian stipend payment completion... it came at a crucial time!

Historian Activities during January 2015:

- Attended Westfield Town Board Meeting 1-7-2015 - appointed Historian
- Attended Westfield Village Board Meeting 1-19-2015 - appointed Historian
- Researched request of Michael Ryan regarding Ryan Hardware Store at 31 East Main during 1920s, Francis P Ryan (Michael's Great Grandfather, proprietor); completed and mailed package of photos and photocopies; received a dozen roses thank-you! (A first-ever as historian - what a delightful surprise!)
- Hosted Mike Engle, Diner Historian; field trip to former diner in Meadville; assisting with Mike's next book, Diners of the Great Lakes.