

June 2015 Historian Report for July Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During June 2015:

- Attended Town Board monthly meeting June 3, 2015, and provided May Historian Report
- Attended Village Board monthly meeting June 15, 2015, and gave May Historian Report
- Attended Main Events of Civil War Weekend June 13-14, 2015, including the Cushing presentation at the McClurg, the reading of letters at St. Peter's Church, and the Gala evening. Also participated as organist in Civil War Service at St. Peter's Church.
- Attended CCHS Picnic lecture by John Slater on Pre Prohibition Wineries
- Collecting research about Col Jeremiah Drake of the 112th Civil War Regiment for client
- Collecting and copying more Pre-prohibition Winery and Distillery info for John Slater
- BeeLines articles researched, written, & published with historic photos and documents in June:
 1. Putting Tew & Tew Together to solve a History Mystery (1800s at 44 E Main), photo c. 1900 of Alvin Tew's second hand store and tin shop. - WR June 4, 2015
 2. So what happened at 44 E Main after Tew? (Scans of Sanborn maps - 1902 showing Tew's and 1907 showing Bigler's meat market) WR June 11, 2015)
 3. Did you ever hear of Silver Dew Bottling Works? A new history mystery (Westfield 1930) (Scan of artistic ad from 1930 Westfield Republican)
 4. Highlights of Businesses at 44 E Main Street - 1930-present. (Photo circa 1950 showing sign for Peters Bus Terminal at 44 E Main)

It's been a busy month with the process of selling my house at 117 Union and purchasing a condo at Edgewater. Both transactions are still in process (getting mortgages and fulfilling requirements). And consequently I am still trying to find historian office space in the village. While doing research at the Patterson Library, Nancy Nixon Ensign suggested the possibility of my having office space at the library since they have an elevator. Erin, the new director was approached with this suggestion, but when she proposed it to the library board they rejected the request for insurance reasons because I am not an employee of the library. Meanwhile, with the passing of Albert King (rest his soul), I've become the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Historian. Needing a workable office for that as well as for my positions as Westfield Town and Village Historian, I will be approaching the Vestry of St. Peter's on Monday, July 6th, proposing the use of one of their office spaces for all three historian positions. (There are other considerations at the church which I am not privy to share at present, but which could be included in the use of the space.) I will report to Supervisor Martha and Mayor Mike as soon as I receive a reply from St. Peter's Vestry.

Some time ago it was suggested that space for a historian office might be constructed in the former Add Lumber building that was acquired by the Village of Westfield. Is this still an option should the St. Peter's office not be forthcoming?