



HISTORY COMES TO YOU

TRAVELLING HISTORY PROGRAMS

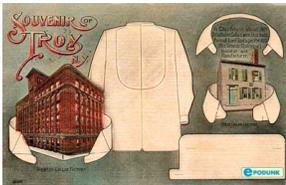
The **Rensselaer County Historical Society** offers the **History Comes To You** travelling history program which is perfect for senior groups, church groups, any organization that would like a dynamic history presentation. RCHS staff members present a one-hour talk with slides on various topics.

Don't see the topic you are looking for, call us at 518-272-7232 we will do what we can to accommodate your needs.



Armchair Tour of Rensselaer County

This program presented by Kathy Sheehan, Rensselaer County Historian, provides an overview of the history of Rensselaer County. It includes both historical and contemporary images of the towns, villages and cities located in Rensselaer County.



Troy NY – From Collar City to the Home of Uncle Sam

This program will discuss the history of Troy, highlight the city's amazing architecture, and emphasize some of Troy's most famous and infamous characters.



Uncle Sam: The Man and The Legend

Troy is the official home of Uncle Sam but who was the man behind our national icon? This program will introduce you to Samuel Wilson, highlighting the places where he lived and worked as well as other facts that we know about him



The Ladies of Second Street

Throughout the 19th and early 20th century, Troy was home to several progressive minded women who promoted women's education, the right to vote and other reforms to encourage and support women. Learn about some of these fascinating women like Betsey Hart, Emma Willard, Olivia Slocum Sage and more.



The Underground Railroad

Troy was a hotbed of abolitionist activity and this program provides background on several important people such as Henry Highland Garnet, who advanced the cause of the end of slavery and Charles Nalle, an escaped slave who was captured by Federal Marshalls and then freed by a group of citizens led by Harriet Tubman. Program can also include sites throughout the county that played a role in the Underground Railroad. Please indicate if you want more of a city or county focus.



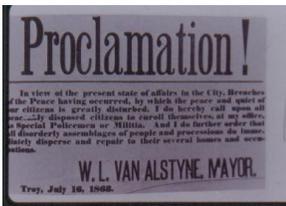
The Great Fire of Troy

On May 10, 1862, fire erupted on a bridge crossing the Hudson River and within hours, more than 500 buildings in the city were destroyed. Presented by Stacy Pomeroy Draper, RCHS's Curator, this illustrated talk traces the progress of the "Great Fire" and the impact this disaster had on the community.



For the Public Good: Health & Medicine in Rensselaer County, 1860-1960

In the 19th century, rising populations contributed to overcrowded housing, poor sanitation and an already overtaxed fresh water supply. Outbreaks of major illness followed; attacking the working poor, who were often new immigrants, the hardest. This talk focuses on the partnerships that developed between the medical profession, emerging social service agencies and city and county government to eliminate these scourges and promote a healthier, vibrant community.



Troy's Draft Riots

Presented by Stacy Pomeroy Draper, RCHS Curator, this program explores the frightening days of July 1863 when mobs roamed the streets protesting the Civil War draft. Hear eye-witness accounts and discover how our nation's bloody conflict impacted people right here in Troy.



Troy is My Hometown: Maureen Stapleton

Academy Award winner, Maureen Stapleton never forgot her hometown, Troy, New York. Growing up on First Street, Ms. Stapleton often frequented Troy's many movie houses, escaping reality by entering into the world of Hollywood. This program will highlight Ms. Stapleton's career and examine Troy's entertainment past that influenced this hometown girl.

TO BOOK A PROGRAM

Call 518-272-7232 x.13, each program can be booked for \$50.

REQUIREMENTS

RCHS requires a room that can be darkened and access to an electrical outlet. RCHS will bring a laptop and projector. A screen is preferred.