



## Rochelle's Place for History

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## 2023—170 Years of Memories

### Collecting Our History

As the staff works to catalog all the items we have in our Drawer Inventory...photos, documents, booklets, and programs...we came across essays done by students in middle school in 1981.

They are very interesting and very well done. We have scanned these essays and made them available digitally at our **Research Rochelle** research station.

There are 16 essays and include...

The Andrew Binz Home by Damon Burns

William Horace Holcomb House by Thomas C. Knoerzer

A Home to Love by Janelle Cote

House Report by Mike Daner

This Old House by Jeff Young

Barnes Home by Eric Lebknecker

The James Austin Butterfield Home by James Durand

History of the Earl Cleveland House by Kara Kunkel

Flagg Center Store by Chris O'Dell

History of the Brick House by Corena Williams

The History of St. Patrick's Church by Colleen Primrose

This Old House by Gary Phelps

The Henze Home by Kristi Bennett

Thunder Castle by Lorrie McGrath

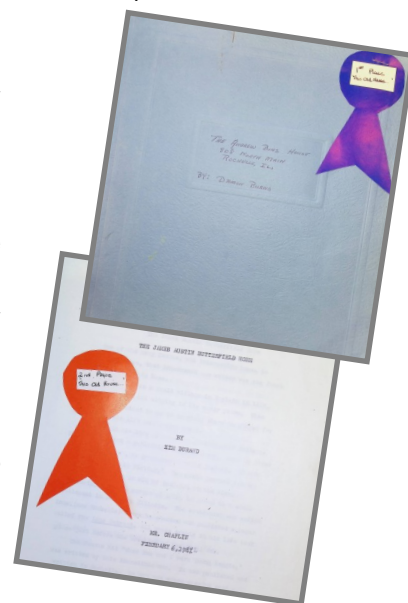
The Tilton Home by Larry Reinken

628 Lincoln Highway by David M. Conner

*Maybe you recognize these students' names!.*

### Doing Research

In addition to the **Research Rochelle** research station in the museum, today Matt Hagemann has an extensive website that his students use to do research about local history. The link to this website can be found on our website and at <https://sites.google.com/rthsd212.org/rochelle-history/home?pli=1>.



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## Strike up the band!

Until the end of this month we recognize early bands in Rochelle in the Cabinet of Curiosities.

One band that we don't know anything about is the Horse Krick Band. Anyone have any information about this band?



Horse Krick Band

## Thanks...

to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation for funding the purchase of a wall mount smart tv and a professionally compiled video with audio that will be part of our *Getting down to business* exhibit on the second floor. The exhibition will include photos, artifacts, and information about business in Rochelle.

You can also thumb through the list of businesses that have come and gone, see where they were located and the years of their operation. It's



## 2023 – 170 years of memories!



We started off the year recognizing early settlers, early memories in diaries, and 170 photos of Rochelle's history in a powerpoint presentation.

Next we featured Girl Scouts during Women's History Month. It's the mission of Girl Scouting to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Angela Murruffo and the girls in Girl Scout Troop 1168 made the museum a better place when they donated and stocked with books a Little Free Library at the museum. The girls in Girl Scout Troop 409 and their leader Heather Simo helped compile the artifacts on display in our Cabinet of Curiosities during March. They also shared their favorite Girl Scout Memory..."catching a rattle-snake and eating it!" Wow!

In April and May we "Strike Up the Band" with a display of photos and artifacts about the various bands in Rochelle. As early as 1885 The Rochelle Boys Band was organized, called that because of the young age of the members.



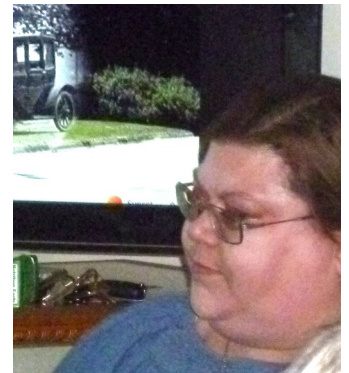
### Thank you!

We are grateful to our presenters who have expanded our horizons and added to our memories.

**Dawn Somers, Jerry Moffitt, Kimberly Ekes, and Tom McDermott** for presenting interesting and informative programs during our Chautauqua series in March.

**Gary Mason** for officially turning on the Iron Fountain and to the **city employees** who actually turn on the water!

Thanks also to **Fran Volz** for adding the picture rail to the Toy Room where we have rehung a few of our favorite paintings.





## Recently added ...

### Recent Acquisitions

The museum is grateful to the following donors for artifacts donated to the museum since January 2023.

Dewayne Adams, Lyle and Ruth Allen, Anonymous, Gretchen Bain, Bob and Diane Barger, Russell and Marlys Bennett, Laura Bunger, Charles and Patricia Cawley, Bobbie Colbert, Ada Coleman, Julie Dentler, Connie Dougherty, David Guest, Matt Haqemann, Cassie Headon, Donna Lee Jaeger, Bruce Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Tom McDermott, Diane McNeilly, Jerry Moffitt of DoArt Productions, Steve O'Connor, Betsy Preston, Mary Haas Raynie, Rochelle Police Department, Laura Salazar, Sally Sawicki, Dave Schabacker, Dawn Somers, Steve Strang, John Young and family,



The donation from the Rochelle Police Department includes eight framed photos one of which is a photo of a fairly recent Torch Run. We need help identifying the individuals in the photos.

Please stop in the museum if you are able to help identify any individuals who have served the community in the police department.



Historical Family Photo  
Gift of Donna Jaeger

*... acquisition is defined as the discovery, preliminary evaluation, taking physical and legal custody of, and acknowledging receipt of materials and objects.*

Homeschool Group 2023



## Come for a Tour



We love to have groups come in the museum for a tour. COVID 19 put a stop to that for a while and funding for school field trips seems to have disappeared but every once in a while we have a group come in.



The Senior Center Group 2023



The Homeschool Group had a great time, especially trying the tools and in the school area and in Debby's Closet on the second floor.

The Senior Center brought in visitors too. They enjoyed a short visit and will just have to come back again!

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### Museum Hours

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appointment*

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### About Our Organization...

The Mission of the Flagg Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.

### Request a Presentation...

Contact the museum to request a presentation to your club, organization, or school by museum personnel. Presentations support the museum's mission to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history.

### Membership

We welcome new members at any time.

Consider becoming a Family, Supporter, Lifetime or Individual member.

Your membership supports the work of the museum and entitles you to assorted benefits. Free admission is a benefit to any level of membership as well as free research, receipt of the quarterly newsletter and a commitment to keeping history alive.

The membership form can be found at [www.flaggtownshipmuseumrochelle.org](http://www.flaggtownshipmuseumrochelle.org) or by stopping in the museum.

### Museum Events 2023

In the works...

**June 2:** First Friday Activities

**June 9:** Cut the Square,

**June 11:** Rochelle Women in the Military

**July 7:** First Friday Activities

**August 4:** First Friday Activities

**August Heritage Festival:**  
Ghosts of Rochelle Art Exhibit

**September 1:** First Friday Activities

**October 1:** First Friday Activities

**October 14:** Campfire Memories

**November 3:** First Friday Activities

**November 12:** Veteran's Day Event, Outdoor Reenactment

**November 25:** Decorate the Museum

**December 1:** Santa at the Museum, 4-7 pm

**December:** Holiday House Walk, Date TBD,

