

Delanson, New York, R#1
January 3, 1953

Mr. Marshall Drinon, Clerk
Town of Duanesburg
Delanson, New York

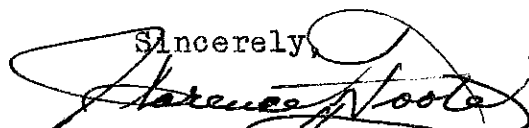
Dear Members of the Town Board:

My report as your appointed historian for 1952 follows:

1. Thru fine co-operation of the Duane Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the graves of soldiers of all wars, so far as known, were marked by flags for Memorial day, largely due to the efforts of former commander, Allan Edwards.
2. I have received much valuable data and photograph from the Kalamazoo Museum of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and help from the director in my research on the life and activities of Benjamin Cummings, inventor of the first circular saw. I also have from another source, a photograph of one of these saws, hammered out about one mile from my home in the town of Duanesburg.
3. I have continued work on former town district school records, so far as they have been available to me.
4. I have answered many letters of inquiry as well as many telephone calls.
5. I have copied either with camera or handwriting or typing items of local interest, including some very old letters.
6. I have attended as many historical meetings as possible.
7. I have made and shown slides of views around Duanesburg.
8. I carefully scan newspapers, magazines and new books as well as old ones for usable material for either scrapbook or note book.
9. I am taking a course in shorthand to help speed up note taking or copying data while at meetings or in research anywhere.
10. I have guided out of town people to places they wanted to find within the town. One of these was the well known genealogist and regular contributor to Hobbies Magazine, Miss Mabel Louise Keech of Chicago, who describes her eastern trip in a detailed 3½ page article in a recent issue, and devotes 4 inches to my part in guiding her to the grave of her ancestor Cornelius Scott who fought in the Revolutionary war.
11. Because of my Mother suffering a severe stroke of paralysis in October, I have not been able to accomplish all planned but am doing what I can under the circumstances.

With Best Wishes to you all for a Happy and Prosperous New Year,
I am

Sincerely,



Clarence Foote