

# Afton Historian Report

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Dear Gentlemen,

### Historian Hours

Historian Hours were:

September - 94      October - 73      November - 82      December - 109  
January - 64      February - 98      March - 71

### Activities of the Historian

1. Researching properties in Nineveh, Afton, and Bettsburg by requests.
2. Transferring audio cassette tapes to digital for preservation - and so I don't accidentally have "old tapes" eaten by machines while doing dictation and putting the words in writing. Some of those old tapes are scary even playing once !
3. Working on dictation of old cassette tape stories.
4. "Translating" old handwriting of the fountain pen days, and getting old diaries typed up. There are 3 current sets that in process - lighting determines which day which set gets worked on.
5. As per usual - in the winter months, much of my work is done in home and not necessarily in the office. One must keep the home fires warm. These are also good months to work on diaries, recordings and such.
6. Multiple trips to Otego searching for documents and information of our area prior to Chenango County being the county seat. Fun, but not much luck.
7. Names of St. Agnes Church granted many names, sadly however, being a very recent photo, there are names we do not know.
8. 9 families have reached out this winter for family information.
9. Researched a vehicle accident from the 1960's. Microfilm ! What fun!
10. Continuations of prior research projects.
11. Began working on a new publication for Afton, NY. There hasn't been one in a very long time ! Waiting on some permissions from prior written books for use of information.
12. .... and as usual - I forget things - because I just do them as they come along.....

Sincerely, Mel. Hager, Afton Historian.