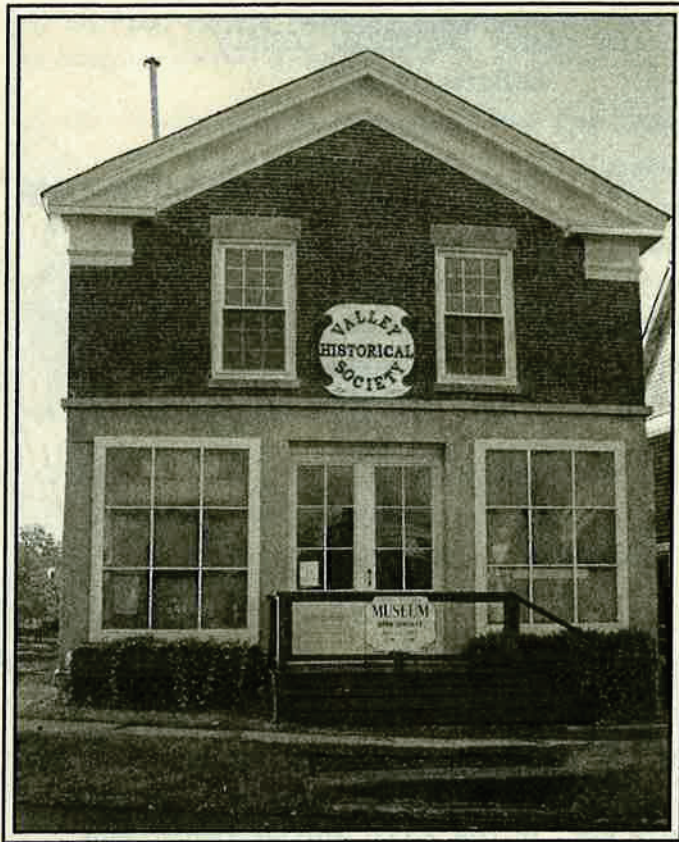





The Valley Historical Society



PO Box 1045 • Sinclairville, New York 14782

Chartered by New York State 1984

~ For The Year 2026 ~

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The **Valley Historical Society**, which has the same boundaries as the Cassadaga Valley School System, is supported by its towns of Charlotte, Gerry, Stockton, the Villages of Sinclairville and Cassadaga. The historical society was chartered in 1984 by the New York State Board of Regents.

Meetings are 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month, and are often held in the Museum in Sinclairville, New York.

The Museum is open from 2 - 5 pm on Sundays from May through September, and other times by appointment.

New members and visitors are always welcome!

The Valley Historical Society

Officers for 2026

President-	Sheryl Christy
Vice President-	Chuck Cichon
Treasurer-	John Sipos
Secretary-	Evelyn Thomdike
Curator-	Sheryl Christy
Assistant Curator-	Bonnie Larkin
Trustees-	Tyler Worden Archie Colton June Woollett Helen Runge Dean Houser
Alternate Trustee-	Linda Parmenter
History Fair Chairman-	Dean Houser
Graphics-	Susan W. Sipos



History Fair

~Take Part in the 27th Annual History Fair ~

Museum Tours, Grand Parade, Contests, Farmers' Market, Craft Show,
Car Show, Pie Contest, Food Stands, Dinners, Dance, Fireworks.

Saturday, September 12, 2026, 7 am - 9 pm

History Fair Chairman- Dean Houser

~ All Are Welcome ~



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Calendar of Events for 2026

Tuesday, April 7th, 7 pm: *Maple Sugaring Party- Charlotte Center Church.*
Bring a dish and spoon to stir your maple syrup to make maple cream.
Dues are payable then. Refreshments are provided.

Tuesday, May 5th, 7 pm at the Museum.
Program: *Becky LeBaron- History of the Children's Home in Gerry, NY*

Tuesday, June 2nd, 7 pm at the Museum.

Tuesday, July 7th, 7 pm: *Patriotic Program* at the Museum. Program Topic: *The Local Plane Spotters during World War II*

Tuesday, July 21st - Sunday, July 26th- Chautauqua County Fair, Dunkirk, NY

Sunday, August 2nd- Chautauqua County History Expo, 10 - 4, Mayville, NY

Tuesday, August 4th at 6 pm: Annual Family Picnic- at Sinclairville Ball Park-
Bring a Dish Food to Share and your own table service and beverage;
Program: *"Treasure Trove"*

Tuesday, September 1st, 7 pm at the Museum.
Finalize plans for the annual History Fair.

Saturday, September 12th, 7 am - 9 pm: *27th Annual History Fair of events, parade and activities.* All are welcome.

Tuesday, October 6th, 7 pm at the Sinclairville Fire Hall.
The Program will be announced.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 7 pm at the Sinclairville Library.
The Program will be announced.
Nomination of Officers for 2027.

Tuesday, December 1st: No Meeting



The Valley Historical Society was founded in 1977 to preserve the history of the Cassadaga Valley area. The museum is located in the village of Sinclairville, which houses artifacts dating back to Indian occupation 10,000 years ago to the settlers of over 200 years ago and recent happenings.


During the period 1809-10, settlers came to the area, over the hill, down Chautauqua Lake from Lake Erie and up the Alleghany tributaries. Wherever there was water power, saw mills were constructed, followed by other pioneer industries.

In 1845 the Museum building in Sinclairville was built as a store for Mr. Mitchell. It has been used as a post office, Catholic Church, the library and lodge rooms.

Exhibits in the Museum reflect early settler life and industries, featuring butter, cheese and maple syrup making. Quilts and clothing, a spinning wheel, swift, loom, farm machinery and tools are on display.

Mr. Mitchell's cider business (later known as Colburn's Cider) is reflected in our big wheel and cider barrels.

The Museum also houses many records from area churches, schools, stores and farms.

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April 2026

