



Howland *Stone* Store Museum

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Winter News - - 2014



January, usually a very slow month, was exceptionally productive at the Museum this year. **Nellie Slocum**, a junior at SUNY Brockport, worked for three weeks as an intern with long-time volunteer Ann Mathieson. They continued the inventorying and labeling of many of the documents in our archives, thereby much increasing their accessibility, and made digital images and inventoried artifacts such as photographs and women's suffrage materials.

Nellie also worked extensively on our 2014 exhibit, "Slocum and His Store." The reason we have a "Cobblestone Store Museum" is that in 1837 Slocum Howland, Emily Howland's father, built the cobblestone store to serve his growing business interests in Sherwood. The store was the center of economic activity for Sherwood and the surrounding area and was part of the larger economic world until 1883, when it was no longer large enough and was replaced by "The Block" next door. Nellie researched, mounted, and completed panels of "Slocum and His Store" for our exhibit. Her work will show the flow of goods to and from the store, locally to nationally and internationally, in the mid- to late 19th

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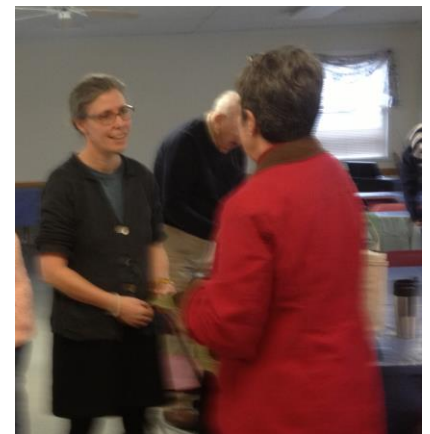
We are very grateful to Nellie, a daughter of Donald and Marcia Slocum of King Ferry, for her hard work and accomplishments for the Museum.

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**Gwen Spicer**, a specialist in the conservation and care of museum materials, brought her expertise to the Museum January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, thanks to a grant from the Museum Association of New York. Gwen has over twenty-five years of experience in textile and paper conservation, and she has also focused on development and problem-solving for museums, including small ones like ours. The purpose of the visit was to help us better preserve the building and the collections and to examine various ways to store and display the collections

Monday Gwen and several board members toured the building in order to examine the collection items. Tuesday she met with board members and volunteers, discussing potential improvements to the building itself as well as alternative ways to preserve and display our collections.

For example, one of our challenges is moisture in the building, and she suggested ways to improve drainage and landscaping to reduce the problem. Gwen was pleased to observe that we already protect our collection by using acid-free archival paper and boxes for storage. She suggested additional ways to organize and display items. Part of Tuesday's meeting was hands-on, with demonstrations of how to care for and store archives and artifacts. We are looking forward to her final report.



### Opendore Update—March 1, 2014

If you have been in southern Cayuga County during recent months, you are aware of the significant snowfalls and the extremely cold weather. This has prevented any work at Opendore, but Mike Walker and his crew are ready to get back to work and complete Phase One of the project as soon as the weather allows. Phase One includes stabilizing and enclosing the building, replacing the roof, replacing the first floor including floor joists. We are most appreciative of the continuing financial contributions to the Opendore project.

### 2014 Woman's Suffrage Calendar—Still Available



Calendars may be purchased locally from museum Board members or by contacting 315-364-5587 or [Pwhite2299@aol.com](mailto:Pwhite2299@aol.com). Online purchases with a credit card may be made at [www.howlandstonestore.org](http://www.howlandstonestore.org), Cost is \$16 plus shipping.

The 2014 calendar tells the Story of Miss Isabel Howland, niece of Emily, and her significant actions on behalf of Woman's Suffrage at the local, county, state, and national levels. The poster images for each month are all "new".

### MEMBERSHIP FORM - DUES (for 2014)

**YES! I/We would like to support the ongoing restoration/preservation and educational programming of the Howland Stone Store Museum. (Since HSSM's total income is from donations and fund-raisers, your contribution is really appreciated.) THANK YOU!**

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| Name: _____      | _____ \$10 individual     |
| Address: _____   | _____ \$15 family         |
| City/State _____ | _____ Additional donation |
| Phone: _____     | _____ TOTAL enclosed      |
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Make checks payable to **Howland Stone Store Museum, PO Box 124, Aurora, NY 13026**

Volunteer Opportunities— want to help?

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| _____ assist with programs or displays | _____ assist with Grants/fund-raising |
| _____ greet visitors Thurs or Sat p.m. | _____ assist with collection care     |

**SAVE** - - Sunday, May 18 at 7:00 pm –HSSM Annual Meeting and first Summer Social program.

HSSM Board: Martha Clymer, Carolyn Littlejohn, Sharon Porter, Cheryl Roemmelt, Phyllis Stanton, Ann Tobey, Patricia White, President