

# State Historian's Update

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# New York State Historian

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The New York State Historian position was created by an act of the Legislature in 1895 to “provide for the appointment of a State Historian and for the compilation of the military and naval records of the State.”

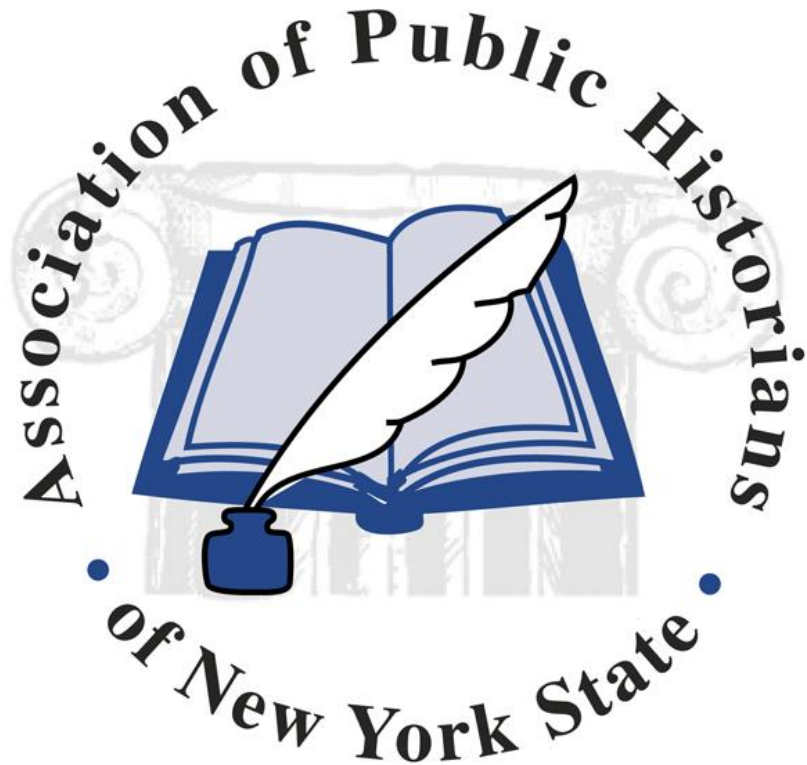
The first State Historian was Hugh Hastings who was appointed by Governor Levi P. Morton.

The Governor appointed the State Historian until 1911, when Commissioner Andrew S. Draper was able to make the position part of SED.



# Local Government Historians

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**New York is one of only two states in the nation that require that all villages, towns, cities, counties and boroughs appoint a local historian.**

**All local government historians report to their municipalities and to the state historian according to Cultural Affairs Law 57.07 and 57.09**



# Office of State History Website

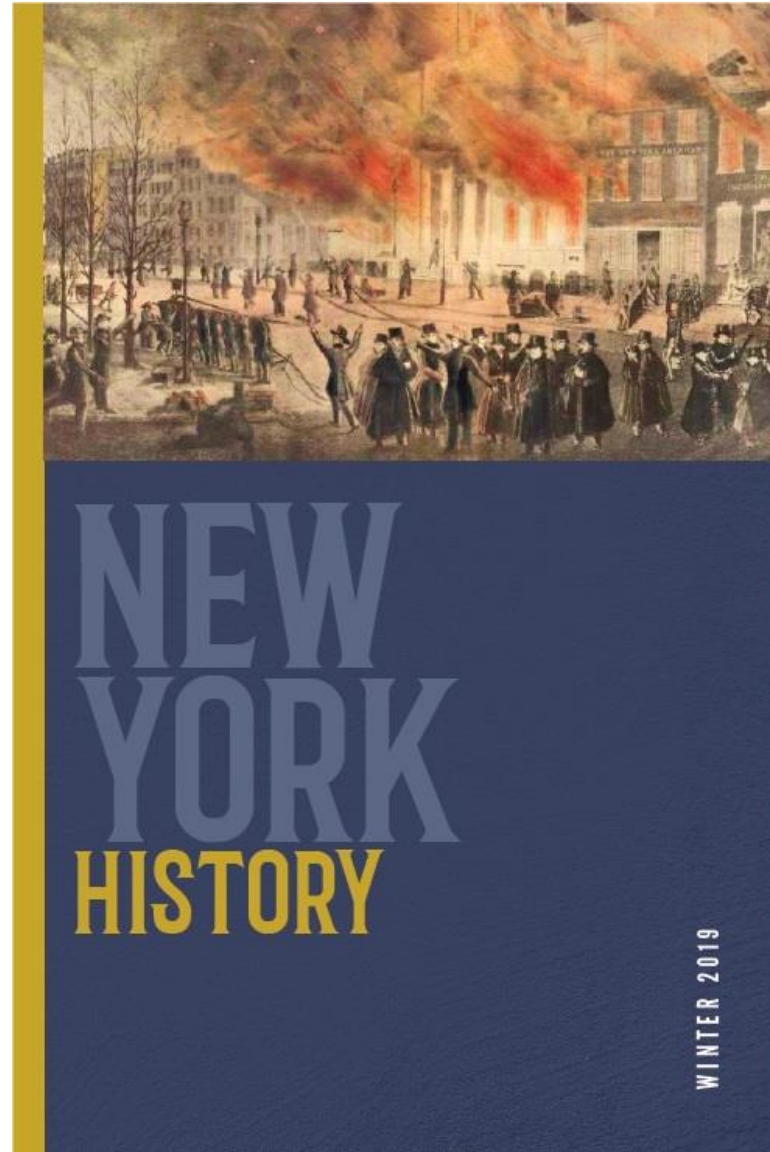
Website acts as a clearing house on information related to the diverse field of history in NYS including events, news, grant and funding information, project highlights, and other material of interest to professional historians and the public alike.



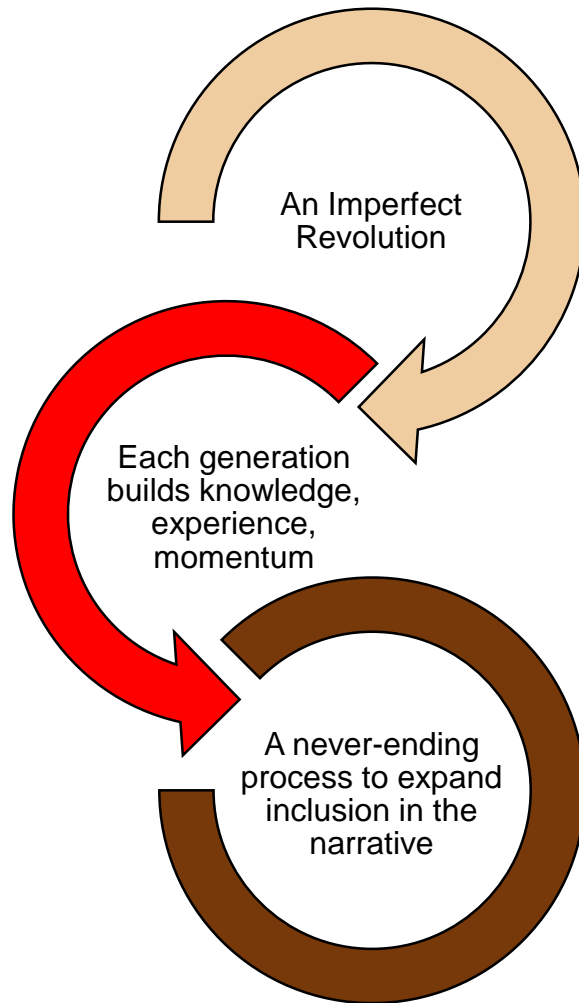
# A New York Minute in History Podcast



# *New York History Journal*



# Revolutionary NY 250



**GOAL: To foster a public, robust, and complicated conversation about New York State and American History in order to create an awareness of the impact of the past on the present and how history defines who we are - and who we are not - moving into the future.**



# Museum Chartering

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The State Historian now oversees the Museum Chartering function of OCE. All aspects of museum chartering and Commissioner's Consents related to museums are reviewed by the Office of Counsel and then the Chartering Coordinator and State Historian make their recommendations.





# New York History Day

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- Capital Region History Day: 30% Increase in participants from 2018 (128 students from 10 local schools)
- Local Media Coverage
- Don Wildman from *Mysteries at the Museum* attended and interviewed students about their projects for the *A New York Minute in History Podcast* produced by WAMC
- NYS History Day will be held April 29 in Cooperstown



**THANK YOU!**

