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Greetings! I thought you might like to know what a County Historian's job involves. The following was prepared by Shirley Husted, Monroe County Historian and appeared recently in CHAT, the County Historians' Newsletter.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR COUNTY HISTORIANS

1. To collect and preserve historical materials, legends and facts about their county and state.
2. As liaison for the State Historian, to supervise, train and assist village, town and city historians and encourage the appointment of a local historian in each municipality, assisting local historians in every way possible way.
3. To prepare a report of the occurrences of historical importance in the county, each January, and maintain acquisition records, cataloguing holdings.
4. To safeguard public records and periodically inspect their condition, visiting all the county departments at least biannually.
5. To speak, teach, photograph and write on subjects of historical import, using all media to educate the public, including historical makers.
6. To plan and conduct workshops for local historicans and historical agencies to help further their programs and foster expertise and uniformity.
7. To assist other governmental departments with research and training in preservation techniques, protecting important records by duplication.
8. To work towards the preservation of important local architecture and aboriginal sites. To encourage tourism, and care of abandoned cemeteries.
9. To assist genealogical research through indexing of existing books and records, collecting vital statistics whenever possible, and making materials available for public research by appointment -- whenever possible referring searchers to other sources of help.
10. To work with educational institutions to develop more awareness of local history, recommending to schools and libraries books that ought to be acquired and materials which would benefit research and education.