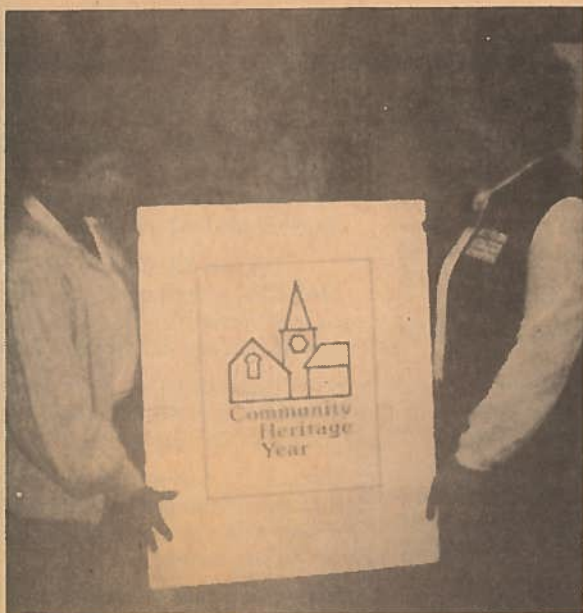


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Governor Cuomo Proclaims Community Heritage Year 1988

On March 7, 1788, two important pieces of legislation were enacted which provided for dividing the State into counties and dividing the counties of this State into towns. These laws guided the development of all communities in New York State.

In order to mark the bicentennial of these laws

and to promote the significance of the history of the individual communities, which collective is the history of New York State, the Alliance of Historical Service Agencies will sponsor Community Heritage Year 1988.

The Alliance includes the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies, the Regional Council of Historical Agencies, the Federation of Historical Services, and the Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies and Museums. They will encourage citizens to celebrate community heritage by presenting and coordinating public programs and activities throughout 1988.

Community Heritage Year will offer a series of projects and events occurring in hamlets, villages, towns, cities and counties across the State designed to enhance the awareness of New Yorkers regarding the history and culture of their communities and State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim 1988 as

COMMUNITY HERITAGE YEAR
in New York State.

Shown in the accompanying photo are directors of the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies with the Community Heritage Year Logo. Left to right they are Lysbeth Hoffman, Carlton Historian, Terry Lasher-Winslow, Chairperson of WNYAHA and Delia Robinson, Gaines, Historian. Several local historical groups are now formulating plans to celebrate Community Heritage Year.