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MEET KATHY SCROGER HISTORIAN, TOWN OF KENDALL

Kathy Scroger, Historian for the Town of Kendall grew up in the area she now finds so fascinating. Her parents were Burt and Ernestine Fuller Hardenbrook, a name which seems almost synonymous with Kendall itself. She graduated from Kendall High School and the Rochester Business Institute and continued her education at Brockport State. For a time she was employed at Eastman Kodak and now works part time at Lincoln First Bank, Brockport South.

In 1966 she married Charles (Skip) Scroger who is a Senior Investigator for the State Police in Brockport. They have three children who are Charley age fourteen, Jennifer age twelve and Chuck age nine. In 1976 the Scrogers purchased from Watson Hardenbrook, a cobblestone house located on the east side of Kendall Road. The house had had very little done to it throughout the years so extensive interior remodeling was necessary. This house was built some time around 1850 by Ezra Spicer and is an exquisite example of the later period of cobblestone masonry. Lakewashed stones of varied colors were used, laid in courses 2½ inches high. Unusual features of the house are the wooden pilasters at the corners rather than the typical Medina Sandstone quoins. The name Spicer goes way back into the early history of Kendall as a certain Orman Spicer opened the first tavern in 1827. This house is one of 8 cobblestone homes to be found in the Township of Kendall.

Upon the resignation of Town Historian Delores Sedore, Kathy Scroger was appointed by Supervisor Michael Paduchak and the Kendall Town Board in March 1982 to her position. It pays a small salary and carries with it a budget for historical purposes. Kathy says, "I really wanted the job. I like the townspeople, various houses and enjoy history." She also said "I like the day-to-day part of the job of saving clippings relative to Kendall which I take from the Albion Advertiser and Rochester papers." With these clippings which keep Kendall's history up to date, Kathy maintains a scrapbook. In her home she houses a large filing cabinet which is totally devoted to her history preservation. She is always interested in seeking early pictures of Kendall and local history books for the town's collection. She also has copies of cemetery records for the town. Kathy is just glad to get any information and is very happy with copies of pictures and other material if owners don't want to give up their originals. She is especially interested in gaining any photos on historic information on West Kendall as very little exists in her files. Kathy says "Ruth Rayburn of Morton has been very helpful in securing information on Morton, Kendall Mills and Troutburg." With Ruth's assistance they have copied a complete scrapbook dating back to 1880 which was filled with news clippings relating to Kendall. The clippings were gathered first by Harriett R. Bassett Mulford assisted by Lina Mulford. Later clippings were added by Mary Mulford Buckman and finally Nina Mulford Murphy. This book which gives so many accounts of Kendall's history was indexed in 1944 by George S. Mulford and now remains with Kathy's town files. With such information on hand she is able to answer frequent genealogical questions which she enjoys doing. Recently she has written and compiled a history of the Morton Baptist church which was published in a booklet for its Sesquicentennial in October 1982. As a member of that church she has taught Sunday School for eight years, is a deaconess and secretary of the Golden Rule Circle Womens group. Kathy is also a member of the Orleans County Historical Association, Cobblestone Society, and the Orleans Order of Eastern Star 318.