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EDITH W. ANDERSON
HISTORIAN, TOWN OF ALBION**

Edith W. Anderson, Historian for the Town of Albion is the newest official municipal historian in Orleans County. Her appointment was made on Sept. 14, 1982 by Supervisor Francis Nayman and the Albion Town Board upon the resignation of Mrs. Dennis Smith. Mrs. Anderson is no newcomer to the annals of history. For many years, so to speak, she's been playing the game. Now she has the name. It's been a pleasure to have known her since my high school days, first as a teacher and then later as a colleague, and I might add, a very fine one.

Mrs. Anderson grew up as Edith Woods in Phoenix, N.Y. where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlow Woods were owners of a well-known monument business. She attended SUNY at Plattsburg where she was granted a BA degree. From there she completed several additional graduate courses at SUNY in Buffalo and received her MA degree. Following her education she taught Home Economics in a high school in northern Vermont and then in Hannibal, N.Y. In Aug. 1947 she moved to Albion upon becoming assistant Home Demonstration Agent for Orleans County. After two and one-half years in this position, she resigned and became an instructor in the Albion Central School District where she taught classes in Home Economics, Health and Social Studies in grades 7 - 12 as well as conducting classes in the adult education program. She retired in June 1978 after thirty-four years of teaching.

It was upon her move to Albion that she met her husband, Donald A. Anderson who is now an account executive with Advest, Inc. They were married in 1950 and a few years ago built a new home on East Avenue in Albion. Frequently however, during the summer, they spend time vacationing at the Thousand Islands on the St. Lawrence. Mrs. Anderson has numerous hobbies which are the result of interest in Home Economics and related areas, as well as interest in the history of our county. Such things as quilting, sewing, craft work, collections, old glassware, gardening and genealogy consume her time. She has been able to trace some of her ancestry back into the 1400's and has proven five Mayflower lines. Since retirement, she has been doing genealogical research of local history for others.

Mrs. Anderson is an active member of the Orleans Chapter NSDAR in which she has served as historian for four years and is currently in the sixth year as chapter registrar. She also is chairman of the Flag of the USA Committee, chairman of the Lineage Committee and a member of the Genealogical Records Committee. Mrs. Anderson is a member of local, state and national associations for retired teachers, Orleans County Council on the Arts, as well as a member of the Orleans County Historical Association, the Municipal Historians District 8 and the Cobblestone Society.

As Historian for the Town of Albion, Mrs. Anderson is seeking early pictures, clippings, booklets and history books regarding the Township of Albion. She would appreciate receiving any memorabilia which could become a part of a permanent file and collection or could be copied, thus returning the original to its owner. If you have any artifact which you would consider loaning for an exhibit, please contact her. Eventually, she plans to set up a display of historical artifacts in a locked showcase in the town building.

At the present time, she is working on records of the Annis Cemetery which is located on the Riches Corners Road a short distance from Route 31. If there are descendants or individuals who could furnish any information about burials in this cemetery, or in any of the other rural cemeteries located in the Town of Albion, she would appreciate the opportunity to converse with you.