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With input of each Orleans County Municipal Historian, we have selectively compiled a few highlights which have occurred in our townships and villages during 1984.

Albion Town Historian Edith Anderson points to the Orleans Correctional Facility as the major project to have occurred in Albion during 1984. She also notes the expansion of COVA and the beginning of construction for relocation of stop gates on the canal just west of the Village of Albion.

Village of Albion Historian Dr. Neil Johnson has noted the new garage built by the Albion Fire Department and the plans for rebuilding the Main Street bridge. During the past year a fire destroyed Sam's Bar. The village has now purchased this building which adjoins the Village Hall for expansion.

The Gaines Congregational Church both celebrated their 150th anniversaries. Brigden Memorials established a new business in the township which opened in 1984.

Kendall Town Historian Kathy Scroger notes the lakeshore re-evaluation of property for development. Several bad fires also occurred in Kendall during the past year.

Medina Village Historian Ceclia White notes the completion of the long awaited community swimming pool. The Medina Canal Festival was a huge success under the chairmanship of Nancy Berger. Currently, the Medina Historical Society is undertaking the major project of cataloguing their museum.

Barre Town Historian Helen Mathes indicates that the Barre Presbyterian Church celebrated its 150th anniversary with a number of former pastors. The township is currently free of debt and a new roof was installed on the town building during 1984.

Carlton Town Historian Lysbeth Hoffman points out several highlights for her area. A 46 lb. 4 oz. Chinook Salmon was caught in Oak Orchard Creek during early October by a lady trolling. The fish is the second largest ever caught from Lake Ontario of its species. The opening of Brown's Berry Patch occurred at The Bridges on the 100th anniversary of the settling of the Brown Family near this location. New signs were erected at Carlton and Waterport cemeteries. Carlton Fire Department has made plans for the expansion of their facilities which are expected to be completed in April. A new zoning ordinance was approved in February.

Clarendon Town Historian Alan Isselhard notes that the town now has a new highway building. Plans are also well under way by a very enthusiastic committee for the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Town of Clarendon. The last weekend in June has been designated as the time for this event which is called "Jubilation."

Gaines Town Historian J. Howard Pratt and Deputy Historian Delia Rbbinson both make note of the very successful Gaines Jubilee which took place during 1984. A 64-page historical booklet was compiled by Mrs. Robinson for the event. Three different historic markers were also erected in the town during the past year. The Cobblestone Church and

Murray Town Historian and Village of Holley Historian Marcia DeFillippo note that the Baptist Church of Murray closed and that an historical marker was dedicated at the old Baptist Church in Holley. Salisbury Fountain in the Holley Green was removed for renovation. The Electric Plant was revised and a new large mausoleum was erected in the Catholic Cemetery. The village historian with assistance from Ray Santoro made a film on the History of Holley.

Ridgeway Town Historian Evelyn Allen points out that a new Sewage System was installed for the hamlet of Knowlesville. The Apple Grove Inn suffered a bad fire but has also reopened. The combined Rotary Clubs of the county sponsored the Orleans County Fishing Derby. This was particularly initiated by the Medina Rotary.

Shelby Town Historian Alice Zacher notes the opening of the Cornerstone Christian Academy in Millville with 16 students and three teachers. The Congregational Emporium, also in Millville, opened its doors to the public. Rosemary Pray was elected President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Firemen's Association, State of New York. She is the first Orleans County woman to achieve this honor. Tracey Lynn Fox of Millville was named 1985 Orleans County Junior Miss. Shelby Crushed Stone Products, Inc. is in full swing with plans for expansion.

Yates Town Historian and Lyndonville Historian Virginia Cooper points with pride to the fact that the cemetery on Greenman Road has been cleaned up as a Boy Scout project. Several tombstones were also repaired. Mrs. Cooper and others have also been working to get the Tarbox-Baun six-sided house on the National Register.