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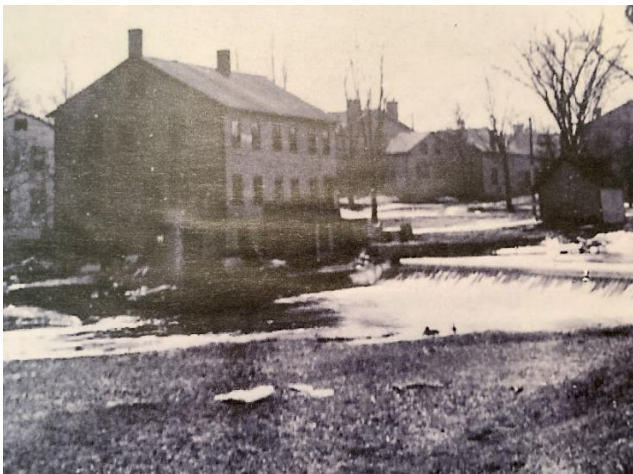
## Update on Cornell-Cazenovia Heritage Project

Last winter, Cazenovia Heritage was awarded a matching grant from Cornell University for a graduate student to conduct what is called a Reconnaissance Survey. The survey’s scope is of the neighborhoods east of Lincklean Street, north of Albany Street, along Chittenango Creek. A Reconnaissance Survey provides the first step in identifying the historical context for the socio-economic development of the area, and a high-level inventory of its architecture. The selected area is outside of the Village Historic District, contains 100+ houses, and has never been formally documented from this historical and architectural perspective.

The Survey is now complete, and the final report is in preparation. To both complement and substantiate the report’s findings, volunteers from Cazenovia Heritage undertook a look at the occupations of the people living there from 1850 – 1880. Results from both the Survey and the occupation study will be presented at the November 4<sup>th</sup> program.

A special invitation to attend goes to folks who now live on or near Farnham, Center, Lyman, William, Corwin, or Sweetland Streets. And to everyone else? You, too, are invited to learn about these remarkable neighborhoods that were critical to Cazenovia’s development and survival over 230 years.

*Below (L) Wool Mill ca. 1870s; photo courtesy of Cazenovia Public Library. (R) Wool Mill today.*



## 2024 Programs

Hard to imagine, but it will soon be time to plan our programs for 2024. We have a couple of known, fabulous programs already lined up, but would like your input on the rest. So, please give us your ideas! Here are some possibilities from our file -- let us know which ones you'd like, and if not listed, let us know what else you're thinking:

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- Ten Oldest Houses in Cazenovia Still Standing
- Walking Tour of \_\_\_\_\_(fill in the blank)
- Lost Cazenovia (buildings/sites that have been demolished)
- People/Families of Cazenovia's History & Their Houses
- Self-Guided Tour of National Register Properties in the Town
- Other Self-Guided Tour of \_\_\_\_\_(fill in the blank)
- Understanding Preservation and Preservation Laws
- The People Buried in Cazenovia's Abandoned Cemeteries
- Watering Troughs and Hitching Posts
- Walking Tour of South Cemetery and/or Evergreen Cemetery (not Halloween tours) of notable citizens and/or of landscape features
- What else would you like?



You can let a Board Member know or send an email with your idea: [info@cazheritage.org](mailto:info@cazheritage.org)

And, No . . . you can't suggest Caz231 !

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**Take a Look!**



Even if you don't "do" social media, here's two sites you might want to check out: Facebook and Instagram's accounts for [cazheritage.org](http://cazheritage.org) which were opened in 2022. This year, followers on Facebook have received an extra treat on Fridays with a look back at the merchants and architecture along Albany Street. Collaborating with the current merchants, these "Foundation Fridays" are forwarded to the merchants' followers, introducing Cazenovia Heritage to many new folks in our area.

For examples, July's *Foundation Friday* on the Lincklean House reached 3,197 people; August's post on H. Grey Supply Co. and Dwyer Pharmacy exceeded 2,100. These platforms allow us to reach a wider audience that may not know of Cazenovia Heritage or its events through traditional channels. Followers also receive alerts to our upcoming events and photos from the events are posted to Instagram. Check it out! 👍

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## ***What's Preservation All About?***

The Caz230 programs have impressed upon everyone Cazenovia's remarkably rich and deep inventory of historic architecture. And the need to protect it for generations to come. We thought it appropriate to start a column to level-set our understanding of what preservation is and isn't. Of what preservation means if you live in the Village or the Town. And how other communities have successfully dealt with the issues of preservation, demolition, and development.

To get started, let's take a moment to remember why you all care about preservation. Eight years ago, the National Trust for Historic Preservation issued a newsletter asking, "Why Do Old Places Matter?" and provided answers that will likely resonate with you:

- **Local Identity:** Historic buildings embody our local identity and provide a shared identity through landmarks, history, memory, and stories.
- **Personal Identity:** "Old places serve as reference points for measuring, refreshing, and recalibrating our sense of self over time. They are literally the landmarks of our identity."
- **Architecture:** Old buildings reflect art and craftsmanship, and help us to understand our capacities as humans.
- **History:** Being able to experience a place where something actually happened generates a curiosity and excitement that surpasses being told where something *used to be*.
- **Continuity:** Old places remind us that we are part –and only a part -- of a continuum.
- **Learning:** Without realizing it, we absorb information about prior ways of life from the places people inhabited – how people worked, played, lived, and died.
- **Sustainability:** A more environmentally sustainable world calls for us to be appreciative and creative with the communities, buildings, and things that already exist, so that we are not constantly tearing buildings down and throwing things away.
- **Economics:** a community of well-maintained historic buildings attracts visitors, businesses, and residents that can create a vibrant economy.

In the next issue, we'll talk about what preservation is and isn't, and what are the myths and facts surrounding the adoption of preservation protections.



## Advocacy Updates

*Future of Cazenovia College:* Creative proposals from various community groups will be presented for public comment at two sessions on **October 11th** at the Hampton Inn. The sessions are sponsored by CACDA and will be held **from 12:00 – 2:00 PM and 6:30 – 8:30 PM**. As previously reported, Cazenovia Heritage undertook a feasibility study for converting the College buildings into a Shared Use Campus that would include a Center for Preservation Trades. This will be among the ideas presented on the 11<sup>th</sup>. A goal of the sessions is a community consensus to propose to developers. We hope all of you can attend a session and provide your feedback.

### *Use Your Voice!*

We hope all of you will participate in the upcoming “Meet the Candidates” sponsored by the League of Women Voters on Wednesday, October 25th. The candidates already know where Cazenovia Heritage stands on the need for common sense protections of our historic resources in the Town, but they need to hear it from you! Please ask the candidates: *“What common sense protections for our historic architecture and buildings would you support?”*

## Caz230 “Ask the Experts” Program

Last month’s program was a fun event when 25+ attendees brought their questions and photos about their houses, unknown features, and objects to challenge Ted Bartlett, Carl Stearns, and Dale Bowers. The collective curiosity and enthusiasm of participants made a great experience for all. The program was conducted at the Gothic Cottage, providing numerous folks with their first glimpse of the historic interiors.



## More Progress!

Looking forward to the completion of improvements underway at a commercial apartment building on Williams Street!

