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Historian's Report for activity in January 2025

Dear Supervisor Holdridge and Board Members of the Town of Chester:

Ms. Chiusano and I continued our collaborative project, a research internship with a Chester Academy student which included an expedition to the Chester Cemetery this month.

I attended two Texas Historical Commission webinars "History in the Shadows: Incorporating Dark Tourism at Historic Sites" and "Inviting Our Littlest Learners: How to Create Space and Activities for Early Childhood Education in Your Museum Spaces."

I also assisted Valerie Desharnais, who presented "Battle of Minisink" at the Chester Historical Society's annual meeting January 18th.

I participated in the Chester Conservation Advisory Council, listed as an "Ad Hoc Committees Member" in their annual report.

I recreated several "How The Great Chain Was Made" exhibit panels that were lost for Doc Bayne to use in his upcoming presentations on this aspect of the Revolution.

I have provided responses to several intriguing inquiries in January.



- Angela O'Neal, Chester Village Clerk inquired about a "Chester Flag." Finding no 'Village of Chester Flag,' we discovered that two 'Town of Chester Flags' were made for the Town's sesquicentennial in 1992. The search ensued for these flags. Town Clerk, Linda Zappala located one of the two flags - a unused one at the Highway Dept.

- Lydia Curdrous and Kristina Bauman inquired about a rug with an image of Sugar Loaf and the date 1936. I found no additional information!

- Matthew Thorenz, Head of Adult Services, Moffat Library requested permission to publish one of my Historical Marker photos in the inaugural edition of the "Blooming Grove Post" newspaper. Permission granted.

Respectfully submitted,

