



## Annual Report 2021

*Protecting Our Past, Preserving Our Future*

[www.cazheritage.org](http://www.cazheritage.org)

January 2022

*Cazenovia Heritage was launched after attempts during 2019 - 2020 to save the Jabez Abell farmhouse from further deterioration proved infeasible. Focus groups of Cazenovia residents were held to explore the creation of an organization to prevent this from recurring and to protect the historic architecture of Cazenovia. Its goal would be to protect historic resources from needless alteration, demolition, or neglect in the future.*

*This idea was warmly received, and Cazenovia Heritage was born. Legally registered as a non-for-profit organization in November 2020, it launched in May 2021 with its first public architectural walking tours.*

*While unable to stop the slow demise of Jabez Abell's farmhouse, Cazenovia Heritage is its legacy. We proudly display the farmhouse cupola as our logo, an ever-present reminder that recognizing what is lost can be a collective call to action.*

*Anne B. Ferguson, President*

*Ted Bartlett, Vice President & Secretary*

*Carl D. Stearns, Treasurer*

### **Our Mission and How It Is Being Accomplished**

The mission of Cazenovia Heritage is to support the protection, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and/or adaptive re-use of historic, architectural, and archeological resources within the greater Cazenovia area. Three supportive pillars support the execution of this mission: Education, Advocacy, and Financial Support.

➤ **Educational Programs and Events**

Beginning monthly in May through December 2021, ten public education programs were held with a total of **391 attendees**. These free programs are organized in four tracts: Architecture; Places, Spaces, and Things; the People of Cazenovia; and Technical Workshops.

These programs have proved both popular and an enjoyable way for the public to learn and appreciate Cazenovia’s historic resources. Programs were presented by Ted Bartlett or Carl Stearns, unless otherwise noted, and included:

- Architecture Walking Tour -- Albany Street Business District
- Architecture Walking Tour – Cazenovia Neighborhoods
- Repair & Maintenance of Historic Windows*, K. Reigel
- Exterior Moldings – Finding Beauty in Architectural Details*
- A Remembrance of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law Cazenovia Convention*, presentation by H. Humphries and walking tour of sites
- Guided Tour of Carpenter’s Barn and Restoration Efforts
- Historic Preservation, a Tool for Economic Development*, presentation by R. Corby former Mayor, Pittsford NY
- Preservation Priorities -- Community Meeting
- Architectural Styles, Part I: Federal through Early Victorian*
- The Bear Tree . . . Stories from Cazenovia’s History*, Erica Barnes and Jason Emerson

➤ **Advocacy**

To support our mission, we advocate on behalf of historic resources to develop workable solutions that best protect their integrity and long-term viability. Our efforts quickly became focused on proposed changes to the Gothic Cottage to accommodate the needs of a modern Town Office.

Architectural drawings of what is called the Compromise Plan were developed and submitted to the Town Board for consideration. The alternative, Plan C, proposes excessive alteration and fails to meet the project’s objectives. The Town Board is to select one of these as the option for remaining at the Gothic Cottage, as well as in comparison to an offsite plan. These deliberations continue into 2022 and we will continue to press for what we believe to be the best option for the Gothic Cottage.

We also raised awareness of the demolition threats to two homes, one at Williams and Farnham Streets and one at 7 Liberty. Both appear slated for happy outcomes in 2022, with rehabilitation being undertaken by their new owners.

➤ **Financial Support**

We are thrilled with the positive response to our first fund-raising year. Charter Memberships and donations were offered to jump-start the creation of funds for future grants and to support the use of professional services when required. During 2021, these funds allowed Cazenovia Heritage to engage QPK Design to develop elevations of the Gothic Cottage Compromise Plan. Regular memberships support our on-going programs and operations. All memberships are being honored through 2022.

For 2021, **supporters provided nearly \$23,000** in donations and memberships. This is a great start toward long-term sustainability. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to all who have donated.

We do wish to offer special recognition of our 2021 Charter Memberships for their key role in making Cazenovia Heritage happen! See the last pages for this Honor Roll!

**Other Operational Initiatives**

During this first year, Cazenovia Heritage developed and launched its website; published a quarterly newsletter; provided on-going email communications regarding programs; and conducted its first membership drive.

We completed an evaluation of a Donor Management System to centrally track donations and replace the PayPal payments platform; this system is currently being implemented with the target of a launch in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

**Financial Performance - 2021**

Total Actual Income: \$22,945

Actual Expense:

Supplies, copies, etc	290
Postage & Mailing	2,177*
Professional services	4,700*
Website Dev & Maintce	596
Donor Mngmt Sys	458
Other	1,078

Total Actual Expenses: \$9,299

**Net Cash Carry-Forward: \$13,646**

\*2021 Accrued Expense

**Report of Annual Meeting**

The first Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 19, 2022 via Zoom. At that meeting, current officers were confirmed to continue their second year of three-year terms:

Anne B. Ferguson, President  
Ted Bartlett, Vice President & Secretary  
Carl D. Stearns, Treasurer

Nominations for additional Directors having three-year terms were received and voted into office:

Dale Bowers  
Elizabeth "Libbi" Murray  
Robert Ridler

The budget for 2022 was presented and approved. Recognition of volunteer Committee Chairpersons was made to Jenny Coughlin, Memberships & Donations; Roger Saltman, Technology Initiatives; and Barbara Clarke, Cazenovia Convention Program Coordinator. Appreciation to all volunteers was noted.

**Charter Members of Cazenovia Heritage as of December 31, 2021\***

Dick and Marilyn Alberding  
Tom Anderson and Marc Schappell  
Ted and Barbara Bartlett  
Eric Beyer  
Andy and Amy Breuer  
Sparky and Patti Christakos  
Kevin Clark and Michael Haynie  
Tom and Barbara Clarke  
Bob and Bobbi Constable  
Sharon Cooney  
Brian and Jenny Coughlin  
Graham Edgerton and Anne Redfern  
Anne Beckwith Ferguson  
Michael Fish and Marion Hancock Fish  
Scott Ferguson and Jeanne Whitney Smith  
Russ and Susie Grills  
Baird and Muffy Hanson  
Jonathan Holstein  
Richard and Katherine Huftalen  
Aaron and Michela Hugo  
Andy and Kelli Johnson  
Scott Johnson and Joan Young

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\* Charter Memberships are available through May 2022

**Charter Members of Cazenovia Heritage as of December 31, 2021\***

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Richard Kavey and Linda Hryb  
Richard and Kathy Lorr  
Rick and Karen Lounsbury  
Eugene and Christine Lozner  
Michael MacHugh  
Wally and Gayonne McDonald  
David and Libbi Murray  
Howard and Ann Port  
Bob and Cherry Ridler  
Graham and Maudie Ritchie  
Michael and Vanessa Roets  
Roger and Anne Saltman  
Sharye Skinner  
Mark Smith  
Donna Staller  
Carl and Susan Stearns  
Charles and Gyata Stormon  
M. Pringle Symmonds  
Tom Tait  
Christopher Terrell  
Michael Tomlan  
Dorothy Willsey

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