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The Next Meeting

will be Monday, November 1, 1999 at 7:30 PM, in the first floor meeting room at the Government Center, 137 Margaret Street. Professor Andre Senecal, Director of the Canadian Studies Program, Department of Romance Languages, University of Vermont, will present a program about the fur trade during the time of exploration and settlement of Canada and the interior of the U.S. focusing on the influence of this commerce on the patterns of westward expansion in both countries. He will explore the involvement of the Native Americans in this trade and the traces of French inhabitation of both countries.

Our current exhibit includes artifacts and trade articles from the fur trade, including a beaver carriage robe which was a gift from John Jacob Astor, founder of The American Fur Company (1808), to Peter Saily of Plattsburgh.

Annual Meeting

The following slate of officers was elected for three year terms, to the Board of Trustees of the association, at the annual meeting on October 23, 1999: Bette Mero, of Rouses Point; James Giroux, of Peru; Noel Stewart, of Peru, Jeffrey Dengler, of Keeseville. Also elected was Desmond Racicot, of Plattsburgh, a new member of the Board of Trustees.

The following transcript is from an early recording of an agreement for representation between Leonard Willamy and Robert J. Willson. it is interesting to note the sizes of the parcels of land awarded to individuals for military service

Leonard Willamy To Robert J. Willson, for Selling 50 Acres of land

Whereas his Majesty King George the Third By his Royal proclamation Dated at St. James's the Seventh Day of October One thousand Seven Hundred and sixty three, hath signified his Royal sense and approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of the officers and soldiers of his Army, and to reward the same, he hath order'd the Governor of his Several provinces in North America, to Grant the following Quantities of Land Without fee or reward, subject at the Expiration of Ten years to the same Quit Rents as other land are subject to, in the Province whereas they are granted, as also subject to the same conditions of Cultivation and Improvement. Viz to every person having the Rank of Field officer who has land in america during the late War, five hundred acres, to every captain, three thousand acres, to every subaltern and staff officer two thousand acres, to every non-commission officer two hundred acres, and to every private soldier, who has been disbanded in america and shall make personal application for the same, fifty acres and whereas I Leonard Willamy have served as the third Battalion of his Majesty's Sixtieth Regiment, and have been disbanded In America, am therefore Entitled to the quantity of Fifty acres of land, by Virtue of my right under the said proclamation I do hereby nominate and appoint Robert Tillson of the City of New York merchant to Be my true and lawfull attorney, irrevocable, for me and in my name, or in his own name as attorney for me, to petition or solicit issue out his majesty's letters pattent for the said quantity of land, and when obtain'd to sell the same or any part or parcell thereof unto any

New in the Shop!

"*George Washington's French-Canadian Spy*" by Henri Gosselin. This book fills a void in literature concerning the French-Canadian's role in the War of Independence. Mr. Gosselin has done a service to history with this volume, which tells the story of his ancestor Clement Gosselin and his role in the struggle for independence. Price: \$18.95 plus TX \$1.40 Shipping & Handling:\$4.00

Wish List

Are you perhaps cleaning out and putting things in order for the winter? We are in need of garden and yard tools for the upkeep of the E. Saily Warren House. We would be glad to receive tools such as rakes, shovels, clippers (especially needed are electric hedge trimmers and a lawnmower). Please contact the museum if you have duplicates or tools you no longer use. We will arrange for them to be picked up. Or perhaps you would care to make a gift toward the purchase of these needed items. Gifts to the museum are tax deductible.

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