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PRESENTING AND PRESERVING THE HERITAGE OF UPSTATE NEW YORK’S FRANCO-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
THE PROJECT

- History
- Janet Shideler
- NEH Common Heritage Grant
- Siena College Summer Scholars
- The Cohoes, NY event at Harmony Mills
- On the road
- Aftermath
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DIGITIZING YOUR STORY
Share your heritage as a descendant of French Canadians who made upstate New York their home! Tell the story of your family, your community, and your culture! Bring an artifact for digitization, and enjoy an afternoon of celebration and heritage preservation. We invite you to bring items that are significant to your Franco-American heritage: immigration and naturalization papers, family photos, toys, religious medals, newspaper clippings, needlework, sheet music, bottles, spindles, medals for military service, anything that helps to tell your Franco-American story.
JOIN US

June 24th 2018 (Saint-Jean- Baptiste Day)
Harmony Mills Lofts
100 North Mohawk St., Cohoes
11 AM – 2 PM: Digitization Stations Open
1 PM – 2:30 PM: Lecture by Cynthia Fox (University at Albany), followed by a performance by singer/songwriter Josée Vachon

Seating to this free event may be limited. Tickets will be provided in advance to those who indicate that they will be bringing artifacts. If you have an artifact for digitization and would like to receive a ticket OR if you cannot attend but you have artifacts that you would like to have digitized, please contact Janet Shiebler (Siena College) at NED-Franco@sienna.edu or call (518) 772-0799.

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COLLECTING IMAGES AND METADATA

- Google Form

Thank you for taking part in this project to present and preserve the heritage of upstate New York's Franco-American Communities. I just have a few questions I would like to ask you about you and your artifact:
INFORMATION COLLECTED

• WHO?
• WHAT?
• WHEN?
• WHERE?
• WHY important?
• Measurement of item in centimeters
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CONTROVERSY
ARTIFACTS

- Photographs (old and new)
- Furniture
- Folk art
- Documents
- Letters
- Linens
- Clothing
- Prayer Cards
- Postcards
EVIDENCE OF FRANCO PRESENCE IN COHOES, NY
HARMONY MILLS
HARMONY MILL NO.3
A ROYAL TREAT
DOILIES, POTHOLDERS, AND JESUS CHRIST IN WAX
FRANCO-AMERICAN COWBOYS
SPELLING COUNTS

Reno [Renaud]

Exavier [Xavier]
WE WILL NEVER HAVE ANY SUMMER
LESSONS LEARNED

- Be specific
- Set a limit
- Digitization as separate event
- Genealogy
- Stay organized
- Next phases