



December Meeting

~J. B. Sanders

I would like to thank Michael Diana for his interesting presentation on the stories of hauntings in and around old Schenectady.

Our next meeting will be held at 7 pm on December 5, 2022 at the Galway Town Hall. No refreshments will be provided and social time will be limited. Our Historic Building Survey Committee will present a program on the Johnston/Ashley House on Bliss Road, Galway. We will delve into the style and structure of the house; the oral history of who may have built the house; and documentation of the owners over time. The house is very special and retains much of its original character.



We are working to jointly present the program live at the Galway Town Hall and via Zoom for those who may wish to view the program remotely. The Zoom meeting number is 294 161 5132.

I regret to inform you that past Galway Preservation Society Member, Margie Cwiakala has passed away.

If you haven't done so already, members should now submit their dues for the 2022-2023 year.

Historical Markers

~Bonnie Donnan



For years I promised myself that someday I would have the time to pull over and read historical markers. They are the key that opens the door to events and places that often leave me thinking "Wow. I never knew that" or, I confess, "Who was this person? Why is it remarkable that they lived here?"

One of the startling bits I learned on a marker was that Winston Churchill's great grandfather, Isaac Jerome, was born in Charlton. Yes, the quintessentially British Prime Minister had roots in Charlton.

The Charlton marker is listed on the website HMdb.org, the Historical Marker Database, a great armchair opportunity to read many a marker that I didn't have the time or space in traffic to pull over and read. It has a photo, describes, and pinpoints the location of markers, latitude, and longitude, or on a clickable map. Directions are precise, even to describing which side of the road to check for the marker. Historical relevance of who what, and when, are summarized. Locations of other markers in the area are given, with links to click for each. A tour taken with the click of a fingertip to fill in for all those steering wheel drive-byes.

Another interesting website is Hoxie.org. Among the markers described in detail are those placed in Albany to celebrate the bicentennial of the charter in 1886. The text of the plaques and their original placement locations, highlight how very little is static. History is fluid, and very few of the markers greeted the tricentennial in 1986. Buildings where the plaques were set are often long gone. This site has a good background story of many of the markers, and what happened to some of them. All around interesting notes of history to be found.

<https://hoxsie.org/other-great-stuff/>