

Otsego County

# History Matters

Otsego County was established nearly 150 years ago. Imagine the fascinating things that happened during that time. **History Matters** is a new and exciting program that explores & captures those stories. With your help and active participation, we can make sure future generations will continue to enjoy the history of Otsego County. *If we don't, who will?*

## Join our Team of History Detectives

We're looking for Volunteers with ...

- Curiosity & desire to learn
- 8 - 12 hours per month to commit to program
- Ability to get tasks completed on time
- Genuine interest in our local history



**Orientation Session**  
**March 10, 2018**

*History helps us understand change and how the society we live in came to be. The second reason history is inescapable as a subject of serious study closely follows the first: The past causes the present, and so the future.*

- American Historical Association

## We'll learn about ...



Pioneers & Founders

Native Americans

Claude Shannon

Military Veterans

Community Leaders

Polish Heritage

**Vanderbilt**

**Elmira**

**Johannesburg**

**Waters**

**Sparr**

**Hallock**

**Gaylord**

**Otsego Lake Village**

**Ghost Towns**

**Townships**

**Lumbering Era**

**Agriculture**

**TB Sanitarium**

**Oil & Gas Industry**

**One Room Schools**

**Ski Resorts**

**The Gaylord Car**



## **We'll learn how to ...**

- Think like a historian
- Separate fact from fiction
- Research using primary & secondary sources
- Write to make history interesting
- Design displays using artifacts, photos, and text
- Conduct taped interviews

## **Navigate on-line resources**

Census records

Sanborn maps

Herald Times archives

OCHS web site

Seeking Michigan

Otsego County Property Search

Cemetery Index

Library of Congress Maps and Newspapers



TeachingHistory.org

WhatWasThere.com

AASLH

“Master Local Historian”

## **As a result, our Team will ...**

- Make history come to life
- Tell the story of Otsego County
- Write feature articles for local media such as the Herald Times & Weekly Choice
- Design exhibits for the museum
- Conduct guided walking tours
- Create You Tube videos
- Prepare for our county's sesquicentennial

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**Learn**

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[www: otsego.org/ochs](http://www.otsego.org/ochs)

### **Sponsoring Partners**

Otsego County Historical Society  
Otsego County Library  
Otsego County Commission on Aging  
University Center Gaylord  
Gaylord Community Schools