



HUDSON FULTON CHAMPLAIN NEWBURGH BEACON BAY 2009

Quadricentennial Documentary Executive Producers

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Elizabeth P. McKean, Records Management Officer City of Newburgh

A licensed NYS professional land surveyor, McKean produced a fifteen-minute film 1990-92 on the infamous land patent dispute trial of 1785 in Chester, New York, presided over by Aaron Burr and argued by Alexander Hamilton. Working with members of the Delaware-Hudson Land Surveyors Association and DTM Studios, she researched, wrote, created the storyboard, raised the funds, did the casting, helped direct, edited and distributed the film. With in-kind donations and volunteers, what would have been a \$70,000 film was produced for under \$30,000, and was given to libraries and schools throughout the region.

McKean is Records Management Officer for the City of Newburgh, managing municipal records that date back to the 1700's. For more than a decade, she has worked with regional historians and community organizations on numerous projects from a National Historic Landmark building to a proposed estuary preserve & historic mill trail. The Quadricentennial documentary of 4 centuries of Newburgh Beacon Bay heritage combines and celebrates all of her shared interests with the community in which she serves.

Mary McTamany, City Historian City of Newburgh

A fourth-generation Newburgh family member still living in the same City ward as her grandparents who immigrated in 1861, McTamany is City Historian and administrator of the Newburgh Heritage Center. A graduate of Mount Saint Mary College and Long Island University, McTamany has a degree in Library Information Science. Among her many distinguished career roles, she is past Director of the Tuxedo Park Library and Mount Saint Mary College Library, and worked with the Newburgh Free Library, Middletown Thrall Library and U.S. overseas libraries in Germany. She serves on the Board of the Greater Hudson Heritage Network and is past President of the Southeastern New York Libraries Resources Council. She is a member of the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay & the Highlands, the Hudson Valley Documentary Heritage Program Advisory Council, Newburgh Preservation Association, the Heritage Corridor Task Force, the City's Waterfront Advisory Committee, a founding committee member for the Hudson River Valley Heritage website www.hrvh.org, and writes a weekly column called "Newburgh Heritage" for the Mid-Hudson Times

As the Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site Manager said of Mary McTamany when presenting her with the Martha Washington 'Woman of History' Award to her, "her life and her work blend the best of three worlds: what was, what is, and what can be, for the City of Newburgh."

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**Chuck Thomas, Outreach Services Dept.
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With a background in Anthropology and Archaeology and a love of the Historical, Contact and Pre-Contact Periods in the past of what became New York State, he has a passion to document and interpret the past in our region. As a private archaeological consultant, he has conducted scores of archaeological investigations in the Hudson Valley for over 30 years. The current Chair of the Town of Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission, the former Town of Montgomery Historian, a past-President of the Inc. Orange County Chapter of the NYS Archaeological Association, and former Board member of the Newburgh Preservation Association, Chuck has a long association with celebrating the historical resources of our communities.

Charles R. Thomas, President of BTK Associates, Inc., was a Staff Archaeologist for a National Register Historic Site from 1974 – 1990. He has successfully completed the N.Y.S. Civil Service examinations for State Scientist in Archaeology (1978) and Historic Site Manager II (1984). He has worked as an archaeological consultant since 1977. Mr. Thomas has worked as a survey consultant for the N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. He has completed seminars and training programs including National Trust for Historic Preservation and Smithsonian Institution programs in historic site administration, education and operations funding and administration and cultural programming.

Thomas has an MSIS degree from SUNY Albany and is in the Outreach Services Department of the Newburgh Free Library, the Central Reference Library for the Ramapo-Catskill Library System. He has worked extensively with the Local History Collection and is active in the creation and management of digital collections such as those being developed for access through the Hudson River Valley Heritage project. He is a member of the Educational Committee of the Quadricentennial Committee of Newburgh Bay.