

April 15, 2010

Short Program

Title: "Foster Frederick Kislingbury 1847-1884... Fallen Hero"

Presenter: Roy Thurston

Main Program

Title: "Slavery in the Genesee Country"

Presenters: Christine Ridarsky, Victoria Schmitt, & Marilyn Nolte

Synopsis: New York State outlawed Slavery in 1827. Rochester's founder from the state of Maryland, Nathaniel Rochester, was very involved with the slave trade. Rumor had it that one of his slaves was buried on the Rochester compound in Mt. Hope cemetery. The Power Point presentation will discuss the Rochester family's connection with slavery and how conventional wisdom can lead to error. The program is an adaptation of the booklet for the Rochester History serial entitled, "We Called Her Anna"

Bio: Christine is the Rochester city historian. A native of Ohio, she has been in New York State since 1996. Presently she is a PhD candidate in American History at the U of R. Victoria Schmitt is her research assistant. Marilyn Nolte is President of the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery.