

Southport Historical Society
PO Box 146, Pine City, NY 14871

Membership Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____


Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Individual: \$8.00 _____ Individual Senior/Student: \$5.00 _____
 Family: \$14.00 _____ Lifetime: \$150.00 _____

Business: Small: \$30.00 _____ (under 50 employees)
 Large: \$40.00 _____ (over 50 employees)

Amount Paid: _____



Membership Card
Southport Historical Society

Name: _____

Is a member of the Southport Historical Society for the year: _____

Fitzsimmons Cemetery

The Fitzsimmons Cemetery or Old Settlers Cemetery is located at the intersection of Cedar Street and Lower Maple Avenue. The plot is believed to be one of the oldest burial sites in the area. At one time, it was referred to as the "Griswold Cemetery", as it was located on the original Griswold farm, which dated back to 1785-1790. The administration and maintenance of the cemetery is the responsibility of the Town of Southport.



Programs

The Society has two educational and informational programs yearly, one program in June and one in December. The programs are open to members and the public. The programs are held at Chapel Park, Community Building, 83 Personius Road, Pine City, NY.

Volunteers

The museum is operated entirely by volunteers. We invite you to visit the museum. If you have an interest in Southport's history or would just like to give back to the community, please contact us. Consider joining us. We enjoy seeing new faces with ideas that encourage the Society to grow and extend Southport's history to the community.



Southport Historical Society and Museum



Museum

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Open and Visitors Welcome

March - November
1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

(Look for the Open Flag)

Weather Permitting
First Wednesday in December 1-3 pm



The Southport Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of the Town of Southport, and educating residents, schools, businesses and community organizations concerning the Town of Southport, NY.

Southport Research Information Available

(Past/Present)

- Air Travel, Industries
- Businesses
- Cemeteries, Churches
- Dairy, Farming, Mills, Tobacco
- Families, Fire Departments
- Homes, Christmas Land
- Indians-Seeley Creek Area
- Plank Road
- Rorick's Glen
- Railroads
- Schools
- Town of Southport's History

The Southport Historical Society was officially formed at a dinner meeting at the Pine City Baptist Church on June 13, 1978. A charter from the New York State Department of Education Board of Regents was granted to the Southport Historical Society in July 1979.

The first location of the Historical Society was on Laurel Street in a building that was previously used as a voting booth. The current site of the Historical Society is 1135 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, NY, next to the Southport Town Hall.

When the Town of Southport was incorporated, in 1822, there was no official town seal. The Southport Historical Society sponsored a contest, Design a Town Seal, open to all Southport residents. Ralph F. Enyedy's design was selected. It represents the oldest homes in Southport, dating back to the 1700's, the old Plank Road, the Dutch Hill area, pine trees and lumber mills.



The Southport Historical Society has on display two coverlets made at Webbs Mills.

Silas Billings started the mill around 1820 and later sold it to Charles Evans.

The mill spun and colored woolen yarn which was then woven into carpets and coverlets.



Among the many other items to see at the Museum, you will find fascinating Southport memorabilia, Roricks Glen post cards, a school room, and collections of documents sharing the story of Southport.

