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# EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED

## *On the Road Again*

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You never know when you might have a conversation on local history, so it is good to be prepared at all times (for instance, I had a very successful surprise interview at a local store simply). There are certain items that you will find useful to carry with you as a matter of habit. Will go to sleep with her

*Objective: Carry at least a minimum of tools so that you can always access any particular item.*

- a small digital camera
- a dollar bill (it can be used to provide a measurement scale for a picture or get a donut)
- paper and pen/pencil
- some sort of business card with contact information. I use a small pad with information on northerncatskillshistory.com printed on one side, and a structure for notes on the other. The headings of name, date, source, phone/email, location, and action remind me to take complete notes.

Source:	Date:	Name:	Phone/email:	Location:																				
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**northerncatskillshistory.com**

Our goal is to promote interest, documentation, and publication of local history in the Northern Catskills in cooperation with individuals, genealogical/historical societies, museums, and local/county historians.

Success of the web site will be measured by increased activity related to local history in the northern Catskills; improved attendance at talks and programs on local history; increased membership in local historical societies; and a broader cadre of people documenting local history.

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This article is one of several to help you document local history. Other articles will help you convert your interviews, documents, pictures, and artifacts into documentation of your local history that can be shared with your community.

**Analyzing Your Own Resources**

Organizing your information

Organizing the people of your area

Organizing the documents of your area

Organizing the pictures of your area

Organizing the artifacts of your area

**Creating Your Own Local History**

Developing documentation from your resources

Genealogical work

Validating local history

Presenting and publishing local history

**Courses and Support**

**Assignment:** Most historical societies close down for the winter, and non-migratory neighbors tend to fight cabin fever by going to the Saturday or Sunday afternoon movies in Hunter, at the Power Authority, or another venue. While these may be fun, I hope you set up this alternative: host a series of workshops using this article as a focus and start to document your own local history.

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