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HRVH Historical Newspapers chooses Kingston Daily Freeman

HIGHLAND, NY (January 13, 2010) – What is in the cornerstone of the Carnegie Library building on Broadway? What did Josiah Hasbrouck want for Christmas in 1907? How much did a man’s suit cost in 1910? Where was Herzog’s store in 1912? Who was the “woman in white?” Where might I find information about family or friends from the early 1900’s? Answers to these questions and more can be found in historic back issues of The Kingston Daily Freeman newspaper, which have been have been digitized for the years 1903 through 1912 and added to the digital collections of Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH). HRVH is an award-winning collaborative initiative between the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) and libraries, historical societies, museums and other cultural organizations in the Hudson River Valley Region including the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Ulster, Sullivan Rockland, Orange and Putnam.

The public is invited to explore these free, 24/7 sites on the Internet. Researchers, students, instructors and website searchers have access to www.hrvh.org, an active and growing online collection of digitized historical materials – photos, postcards, letters, newspapers, diaries, scrapbooks, manuscripts, memorabilia, maps, ephemera, and audio and video clips – collected from local libraries, museums, historic houses and local history organizations throughout the Hudson River Valley Region.

The Kingston Daily Freeman is the first newspaper to be included in a new digital newspaper repository administered by SENYLRC. The entire contents of the newspaper issues can be searched by word and browsed by date directly at news.hrvh.org. Complete issues of the newspaper can be viewed by full page or individual articles can be highlighted and viewed. This collection will be invaluable to historians, family researchers, teachers and students.

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HRVH Historical Newspapers, part of the Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH) service, is the product of a two year demonstration project supported in part by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. Using this grant and other New York State funds, SENYLRC created images and digitized 2,974 issues and 26,341 pages of The Kingston Daily Freeman from microfilm and print issues of the newspaper. The Kingston Library supplied copies of the microfilm and the City of Kingston Historian provided 106 year old print copies of the newspaper for this project.

The vision for HRVH Historical Newspapers is to provide access to digitized copies of historical newspapers from the Hudson River Valley region of New York State and plans to add more newspapers in the future.

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The **Southeastern NY Library Resources Council (SENYLRC)**, chartered by the NY State Board of Regents in 1967, is one of nine state-funded regional library consortia. SENYLRC's mission is to support its members in the Mid-Hudson Valley in order to enrich their services and enhance access to information for their users. Located in Highland, NY, SENYLRC services target over 100 member institutions, including all types of libraries and cultural heritage organizations. Through recent initiatives like HRVH, SENYLRC demonstrates its value to other institutions considering membership. Visit SENYLRC at www.senylrc.org.

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