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Hudson Fulton Celebration Materials Online

HIGHLAND, NY (May 12, 2009) - Henry Hudson's voyage up the Hudson, Samuel de Champlain's discovery of Lake Champlain, and Robert Fulton's pioneer trip up the Hudson were celebrated by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration in 1909 and the Hudson Champlain Celebration in 1959. The Hudson River itself has been celebrated with postcards, souvenir booklets, photographs, and newspaper articles. Many of these original materials have been digitized and can be viewed through the Hudson River Valley Heritage (www.hrvh.org) website. Additional materials will be digitized and made available online throughout the year. Just a few of those available now on HRVH:

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Souvenir Booklets - Four souvenir books relating to the 1909 Hudson-Fulton Celebration. Artist Frederick J. Mulhaupt's painting, "The Goddess of Navigation" graces the front cover of the 23-page, "1909 Hudson-Fulton Celebration Souvenir Program." The "Hudson River Day Line: the Evolution of 100 years," 1907, a 45-page pictorial and informational book, depicts 100 years of progress in marine architecture, through popular steamers and day liners. (Source: Marlboro Free Library.)

Hudson-Fulton Commemoration Postcards from 1909 - Images of postcard souvenirs from the 1909 celebrations includes color images of the parade floats as well as artist depictions of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton. (Source: Hudson River Valley Institute and private collections.)

Photographs from the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, 1909 - A collection documenting the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, September 25 through October 2, 1909, in Newburgh, NY. (Source: Newburgh Free Library.)

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