The Historic Pittsford Website - Time travel through our town is a project done in partnership with several groups. Its purpose is to provide students and the community at large a virtual source for the history of the town of Pittsford as it fits into the greater scheme of the region and state. It is particularly valuable for fourth grade students as local, regional and state history is the focus of the social studies curriculum in New York State. The Pittsford Central School staff is also interested in sharing this site and learning about similar efforts in other communities so that linkages can be set up and communities can learn from each other.

**Historic Pittsford Website Designers**

The design of the Historic Pittsford Website is a partnership of three groups. One is the Pittsford Central Schools Social Studies Standards effort, chaired by Peter Pappas, Social Studies Standards chairperson. Another is the Jefferson Road School fourth grade parents, staff and students. Finally, Mrs. Elisabeth DeGironimo, GIS web consultant at Phoenix Systems & Technology, has designed and produced the actual site.

**Historic Pittsford Website Development**

The project originated with Mr. Peter Pappas, who through numerous contacts with Historic Pittsford and town officials, linked the fourth grade team at Jefferson Road School with source materials and people for a school project on the history of Pittsford, entitled the Spiegel Project. After a meeting with fourth grade staff, Elisabeth DeGironimo, web consultant at Phoenix Systems & Technology and Mr. Pappas in August 1997, the Historic Pittsford Website project was launched.

Parents were given an initial overview of the project in October 1997. They were then assigned computer lab time periods to come to school and scan photos, maps, and pictures for the project with students. At the same time, Mrs. DeGironimo designed the site and its structure. A database was set up to catalogue the images into the various categories. Students will be adding original material, including interviews with Pittsford officials and business people, reports and multimedia projects.

The Historic Pittsford website is in a GIS format and programmed in HTML. The site has three levels:

- **Local - data about the town of Pittsford.**
- **Region - data about the city of Rochester and Monroe County.**
- **State - data about the state of New York.**

Users are able to zoom in and out of a location from the three levels and gain a perspective of the relationships among the different geographic levels.

The site also is divided into four areas within the levels:

- **Land - data about homes, farms, geographical features of the respective areas.**
- **Enterprise - data about businesses in each area.**
- **Community - data about churches, schools and other civic organizations.**
- **People - data about people at each of the levels.**

As with many websites, this one is in its genesis and will continually evolve and be under construction. Future plans call for the inclusion of aerial photos, QuickTime VR movies, and multimedia projects by students.

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