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## PRESS RELEASE HALFMOON HISTORICAL SOCIETY "COMMERCE ON THE CANAL" PRESENTATION GIVEN BY BRAD UTTER

Senior Historian and Curator at the New York State Museum

Mr. Utter has worked at the New York State Museum since 2014, where his research has been focused on New York Canals. Prior to working at the New York State Museum, he was Director of the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center.

Goods shipped on the Erie Canal often required a middleman, a forwarding and/or a purchasing agent. This discussion will focus on a giant windlass (hoist) removed from the H.G. Root & Co. canal warehouse in the Village of Mohawk including the history of the company and the role warehouses and forwarding agents played in commerce moving on the canal. The windlass is now on display at the New York State Museum as part of the new exhibit "Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal".

November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Halfmoon Town Hall
In the A. James Bold Meeting Room, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza