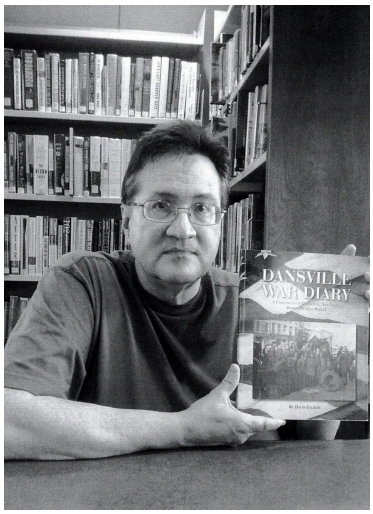
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THE FOUNDATION FOR DANSVILLE EDUCATION

David Gilbert - 2025 Inductee



David Gilbert, a lifelong Dansville resident and 1977 DCS graduate, has been an invaluable resource for knowledge about our area's history. He has served on the Dansville Area Historical Society's Board of Directors for over 40 years and continues to keep Dansville's history alive and accessible.

David's keen interest in history began when he took a local history class from Dansville High School teacher, Richard Eades. To quote David, "I realized I could step out my front door and see history right here in Dansville." He pursued his interest in local history by reading books, researching at the library, and consulting with local historian Wilfred "Wutz" Rauber to find out more about Dansville's beginnings. Local history became a passion.

Over the years, David began to write about Dansville's rich past with eloquence, wit, and charm. His articles published in the Genesee Country Express in the 1990s, entitled Dansville Turns 200, gave substance to the "what, where, why, and who" of the happenings in Dansville from 1975 to 1996. Later publications include Dansville's Castle on the Hill, a Brief History (2004), Dansville's War Diary (2019), and True Stories of Dansville (2022).

Another passion of David's is music. He has been the vocal choir and handbell director at the Dansville Presbyterian Church for 30+ years, leading the Ecumenical Handbell Choir at several community concerts. In addition to writing several publications for the church, David is currently working on the history of the 100 most-sung hymns.

David's contributions to the Dansville Area Historical Society are significant. He currently holds the DAHS title of Vice President/Researcher and has also been referred to as the DAHS historian and curator. David is responsible for starting and continuing the Dansville Historical Hall of Fame, which to this date has inducted 30 women and men who have significantly affected Dansville's place in history. David is often sought out to share his historical knowledge, and he does so willingly, whether it be for a reunion group touring the museum or for the 2024 Clara Barton Statue Dedication. Every activity in David Gilbert's free time involves giving back to the community, supporting Dansville, and preserving its history.