

## Dutchess County Local History

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### **Will Tatum**

Will Tatum has served as Dutchess County Historian since October 2012. He received his BA in History from the College of William & Mary in Virginia in 2003, and his MA and PhD in History from Brown University in 2004 and 2016 respectively. As Dutchess County Historian, Will designs exhibits, conducts archival projects, and coordinates the county history community, which includes local historians, historical societies, preservation groups, and state and federal historic sites. He also delivers public programming exploring the 337 years of Dutchess County's history. Over the past seven years, Will has worked closely with the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on the Dutchess County Ancient Documents Project, which has indexed and imaged over 117,000 pages of documents. Will's presentation today will lead us through the development of the County Clerk's Office, which was established in 1715 and has served as the home of county history and records management for 305 years.