



Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



2013 CVNHP Local Implementation Grant

Marjorie Lansing Porter Collection Multi-Media Project

Project Summary

Utilizing a 2013 CVNHP Commemoration Grant, TAUNY partnered with SUNY Plattsburgh Library's Special Collections, the Adirondack History Center in Elizabethtown, and Mountain Lake PBS in Plattsburgh to showcase an important song collection housed at SUNY Plattsburgh and to honor the woman who collected the materials in the 1940s and 1950s: Champlain Valley historian Marjorie Lansing Porter. The songs in the collection range from rare British and Irish ballads to native New York songs of the lumber camps and iron mines. The regional collaboration produced the following outcomes under the title "Songs to Keep": digitization of the Porter collection to make it more easily accessible to researchers, a traveling exhibit about Marjorie Lansing Porter, a CD of songs from the collection reinterpreted by contemporary Adirondack musicians, a 6-stop concert tour, a 72-page song book, and a one-hour documentary about Porter, the collection, and the effort to bring that work to light.

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Artists record a traditional Adirondack folk song.

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The project supports the following action(s) and task(s) of the Cultural Heritage and Recreation chapter of *Opportunities for Action*:

Action 9.1 Provide the support needed for historical and archeological research.

Task 9.1.2 Support ethnographic research and documentation of the cultures within the CVNHP

Task 9.1.3 Use new and existing research and documentation to support the evaluation, conservation and interpretation of natural and cultural heritage resources.