

Society Receives Robert David Lion Gardiner Grant

The Yaphank Historical Society is pleased to announce a grant awarded to them in the amount of **\$300,000** for the continuing restoration of the Homan-Gerard House in Yaphank's Historic District. The matching funds grant was given by the **Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation** for the project * — a partnership between Yaphank Historical Society and Suffolk County Department of Historical Services. Suffolk County already contributed \$300,000 to reinstall heating equipment, framing and other work. The Gardiner grant is going directly to the historical society and work is expected to be completed by the spring of 2019.

"The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation Grant helps provide much needed funding to continue the restoration of the historic Homan-Gerard House", said Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone. *"Preserving and restoring endangered structures such as the Homan-Gerard House, which are an integral part of our history, is a top priority in Suffolk County."*

This strategy follows in the tradition of past joint efforts in restoring the Hawkins House and the Mary L. Booth House. The Homan-Gerard House is on the National Register of Historic Places. The restoration of period fireplaces, windows and doors, stairway and floors, which are unique examples of transitional Federal and Greek Revival architectural detailing, is important in saving this unique early Long Island home, and integral part of the history and culture of Yaphank. When open to the public in 2019, the house will be interpreted as it was in 1825-1830.

*Note: Official Gardiner Grant notification was received by the Society in the Fall of 2015. Funds from this grant could not be allocated until major work on structural integrity of the building (Suffolk County tasks) was completed.
