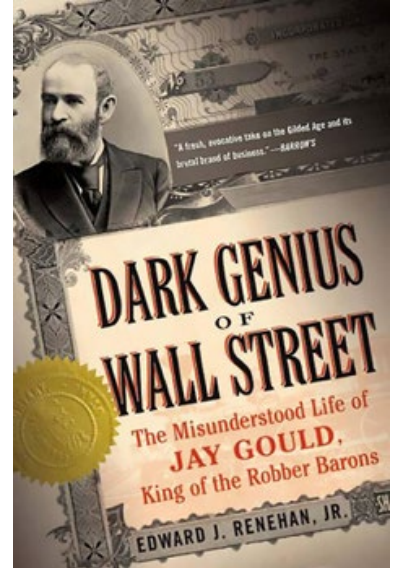
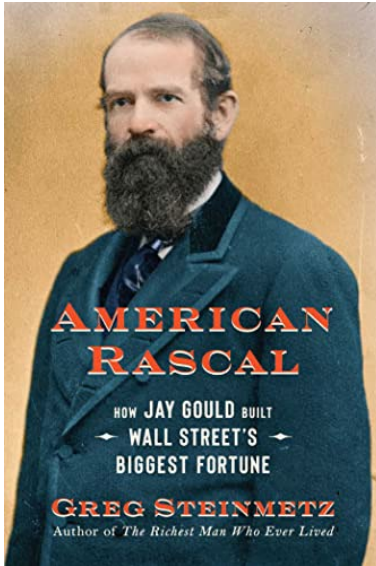


April 8, 2026 Meeting of WCHS Local History Book Club

Washington County Historical Society's Local History Book Club will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 on Wednesday, April 8, at the Slate Valley Museum, 17 Water Street, Granville, NY. Membership in the historical society is not required.

The topic is the role of Jay Gould, billionaire, in Granville's slate industry. Any biography of Gould can be read such as those by Greg Steinmetz, Maury Klein, and Edward Renehan. Online articles can be researched. A 1976 *Post Star* article reported that Gould (1836-1893) caused middle Granville to grow in the 1860s. He purchased the Rutland and Washington Railroad in 1863 and a slate quarry thereafter. Gould financed a row of frame dwellings for his slate quarry employees on what is now Route 22A. The town is said to have had the only working red slate quarries in the world. During his residency in the town, Gould was a well-respected and well-liked businessman.



Future sessions of the club will feature topics related to the larger Adirondack area as well as works by local authors. Upcoming discussions include: local covered bridges, *Le Loup's Bloody Trail from Salem to Argyle* (1859), and flax and linen in Washington County. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at conniefarrington@outlook.com.