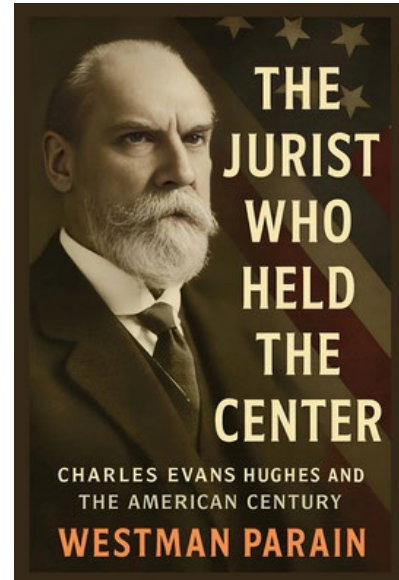
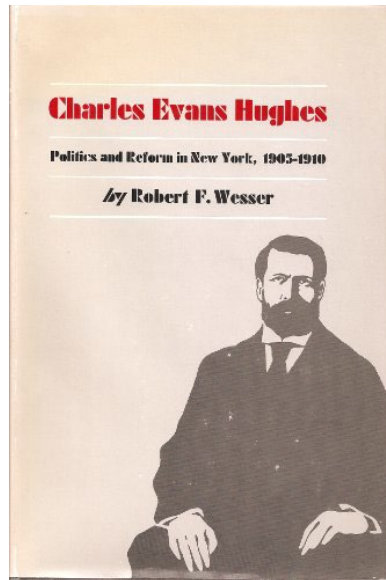
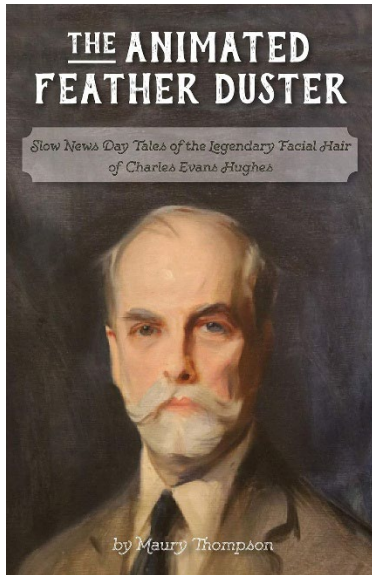


## February 11, 2026 Meeting of WCHS Local History Book Club

Washington County Historical Society's Local History Book Club will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 on Wednesday, February 11, at the society building, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward. Membership in the society is not required.

Discussion focus is the life of Charles Evans Hughes (1868-1948), governor of NY, who lived as a child in Sandy Hill, now Hudson Falls. Any biography of Hughes can be read including the short book, *The Animated Feather Duster*, by Maury Thompson, local journalist. Among other credits, Hughes is said to be the last bearded candidate for President from a major political party, referring to his narrow loss to Woodrow Wilson in the election of 1916. Crandall Library in Glens Falls owns the portrait shown on the cover of Thompson's book. Hughes was born in the Baptist parsonage on Maple Street in Glens Falls. Some remember his impact on racing at the Saratoga track. Those who wish can remain after the session to view the YouTube video of Maury Thompson discussing the life of Hughes.



Future sessions of the club will feature topics related to the larger Adirondack area as well as works by local authors. Upcoming discussions include: Covered bridges in Washington County, *Le Loup's Bloody Trail from Salem to Argyle* (1859), and Border Wars between VT and NY. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at [connieharrington@outlook.com](mailto:connieharrington@outlook.com).