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Saturday, 6 June 2026
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
1841 Historic Courthouse
101 Main Street
Goshen, NY

"The Conklin Families of the Hudson Valley"
Presented by: Brad Conklin

Brad Conklin is the Chairman of the Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region. He is a respected expert on the region's heritage, frequently presenting on the genealogy of Hudson Valley and Rockland County Families and the lost mountain communities of Harriman State Park. He has been researching for 65+ years. The Conklin family holds deep roots in the Hudson Valley, with the lineage tracing back to the early 18th century.

Key historical highlights of the Hudson Valley Conklin's include:

- **Initial Settlement:** The first Conklin's arrived in the Rockland County area from Westchester around 1719.
- **Nicholas Conklin:** A major early figure, Nicholas Conklin (baptized in Tappan in 1724) is the patriarch of the Cochecton and Sullivan County branches of the family. He settled a cabin in the Pomona area in the 1770s, which served as a refuge during the Revolutionary War.
- **The Ramapo Mountain Families:** Descendants of the family, such as Matthew and Phoebe Jane Conklin, put down roots in the Pine Meadow and Johnsontown (later Lake Sebago) areas, remaining there long before the creation of Harriman State Park.

Brad Conklin's research and historical presentations frequently explore how the Conklin's and other local families established deep ancestral ties to the mountainous terrains of the lower Hudson Valley. He regularly hosts informational talks and discussions on local ancestry at venues such as the Tomkins Cove Library in Stony Point.

This program is free and open to the public
Research Room will be open after our program

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