

**OHA****Tornadoes  
and teachers**

The Onondaga Historical Association is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Here's what was going on in 1863:

A terrific tornado passed over the country three miles north of Poughkeepsie, leveled trees, destroyed crops, and even overturned buildings in a few instances. Stones weighing one hundred pounds were taken from walls and thrown 30 feet or more. The telegraph poles were torn down, which caused difficulty in getting telegraphic reports, the quickest form of communication at that time.

Also this week: The Teacher's National Convention met in Chicago. At least 15,000 teachers were in attendance, three-fourths of them women.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*