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It's interesting when you start delving into things, no matter what era you're looking at. Right now, we're looking into the Victorian era, but there are really interesting stories from more modern times as well. When I finish this book, I might go on to an Edwardian one, and then a mid-century one and so on.

When you're looking at local history, the story perspective changes from that of an historian to that of a local citizen who grew up here. The stories are different, and I love that. History takes all shapes and sizes.

The face of the nation changed so much after the wars. Before that, very little had changed from the days of the first settlers. It was all agricultural and rural. If you had communities, they were small.

The face of a place is always changing, and so the stories are always changing. Even someone new to a community will have stories in a few years. Every year there's a change that warrants a story, and we may never keep up with it.

Collecting history is a never-ending story.

