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Telefunken Documentary Receives Support from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

The Long Island Radio and Television Historical Society has received a generous grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation to continue work on a feature documentary about the Telefunken wireless plant in Sayville. The Telefunken station played a major role in the development of wireless technology, while at the same time, participating in nefarious communications with Germany during WWI.

Currently titled "Invisible Threads", the documentary hopes to shed light on a little known part of Long Island history. "This is an important local story that had worldwide impact," said Connie Currie, president of the LIRTVHS. "Ever since our efforts to save the original site was thwarted by a fire in 1998, we have been working hard to make sure that the history there was not lost or forgotten," she continued.

The project is being produced by researcher/filmmaker Joseph Sikorski, who created the award winning documentary about Nikola Tesla's Wardencllyffe laboratory entitled "Tower to the People". The film, which continues to raise awareness of the valiant efforts of the Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe, was recently selected for the Academy of Motion Picture Art's and Science's prestigious Core Collection.

"We're thrilled to be working with Joe, whose intense research on the topic has connected the dots and filled in many of the missing parts of the story," remarked LIRTVHS Treasurer Ed Taylor. "The film is not only documenting the events, but is compiling an archive of related materials for posterity," he added.

"We are optimistic that telling this incredible, untold chapter of history will not only spark interest in our community, but alert people to our organization's efforts," LIRTVHS board member Chris Kretz hoped.

To receive updates on "Invisible Threads" or to support the organization's efforts, please consider becoming a member of the Long Island Radio & Television Historical Society at: <https://squareup.com/store/long-island-radio-and-tv-historical-society/>