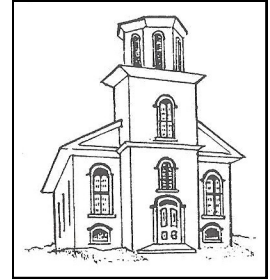


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## CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



December 2012

### COME TO CHRISTMAS SOCIALIZER DECEMBER 12TH!!

All members and guests are cordially invited to the Christmas socializer set for Wednesday, December 12 from 7 to 8:30. This **free** event is a good chance to mingle with other members, meet new members, and to visit with old friends.

The Society will be in its holiday finery, and refreshments will include pastries, snacks, soft drinks, wine, and beer.

This informal gathering is the Society's present to its members, hosted by your Board of Directors. Barbara Owens and Bob Tegart are coordinating the party.

### YEAR-END DONATIONS AND GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Consider the Society in your year-end charitable giving this year.

Also consider giving a Society membership through March 3, 2014 as a Christmas or birthday gift to your family members, neighbors, or friends.

Enclosed is a form and envelope for you to use for both situations.

### 'HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE'

Best known as a song by Gladys Knight & the Pips in 1967 this phrase refers to 19th century technology.

Soon after the telegraph was invented, the term 'grapevine telegraph' was coined and used in a dictionary in 1852.

This was an improvement from the older 'down-the-wire' telegraph which Samuel F.B. Morse invented in 1844.

It means gaining information via an informal contact.

Clinton Historical Society  
Founded in 1962

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## SALUTE TO WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

At the Veterans' Day ceremony at the Society this year all women from Kirkland and Clinton who served in the military were honored.

President Bob Tegart gave a presentation of women in the services through the years. This had many pictures of uniforms and posters.

Also on display were a WAVE uniform, a WAC uniform, and a Red Cross nurse outfit loaned by the Oneida County Historical Society. Faye Cittadino also put together an exhibit of Army helmets and artifacts in the display cases.

Town and Village Historian Richard Williams read a list of 27 local women who served during World War II. These included Army nurses, WACS, WAVES, and SPARS.

Since 1945 the following women from Kirkland have enlisted:

Marissa French— Air Force

Barbara Green— Army Lt. Col.

Rose Karolac— Army

Ruth McDermott— Army, Captain

Laura McMichel— Air Force

Maxeen Smith— Air Guard, Nurse

Gayle Rastani— Air Force,

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Kaitlin Burns— Navy, Ensign

The Society seeks to have a complete listing of all women from Kirkland who served. Please notify the Society with any more names, service, rank, etc.

Kirkland's first female enlistee in World War II was Shirley Hughes of Brimfield Street, who died November 4, 2012 at age 95. She attained the rank of captain and then taught school in Whitesboro. Shirley was also a former secretary of the Society.



## POND HOUSE SOLD

The home and barns at 54 Kirkland Avenue were sold on November 11. This home was built, ca. 1797, by early Clinton settler Barnabas Pond, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and son-in-law of Clinton founder Moses Foote.

In the mid-20th century it was owned by Charles Baker, who was active in Republican politics and became Oneida County Sheriff in the 1950s.

This federal-style home retains its original charm and symmetrical proportions and has been a landmark on Kirkland Avenue since built. The Society placed a blue and gold historical marker at the road in 1975 to indicate its historical importance.

The previous owners since the 1970s were William and Jean Kay formerly of Whitesboro. Much of the farmland has been sold off including a parcel to the Resurrection Assembly of God Church next door towards Clinton.

Major Pond and his wife Thankful are buried in the Old Burying Ground at Norton and Kirkland avenues. Pond knew the Marquis LaFayette from the Revolutionary War.

Society members Christian and Erica Sanchez Goodwillie of Dwight Avenue are the new owners.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This has been a busy month. The Society provided an honor guard for the display of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation at Munson-Williams-Proctor, attended a joint meeting with New Hartford Historical Society, held a Veterans' Day ceremony, hosted a "Chamber After Hours" event, and a busy Shoppers' Stroll.

Next month we will continue with our Holiday Socializer on December 12. Then it's back to work. We will continue to be open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 PM and Saturdays from 9 to 12 noon. On Saturday we will be conducting training for our volunteers. We have a lot of projects to complete. If you would like to help, please stop in, and we will put you to work.

Thank you to all our members who have helped with the Farmers' Market, providing meeting refreshments, putting up holiday decorations, sorting documents, conducting research, or helping clean and maintain the building. Your Board of Directors really appreciates your support—without which we could not operate.

Join us on FACE BOOK,

Robert Tegart, President

### DONATIONS

The Society thanks these members for recent donations to the collection.

1- Kai Webster has donated several toys and games from the 1960s and earlier periods.

Some examples are a Tinker toy, a Birge game, a Kaleidoscope, Mickey Mouse puzzle, "Inside the Atom" comic book, and a Dutch Girl spinning top. Also five Clinton High School yearbooks 1961-1965, two yardsticks of local businesses (H.J. Allen Est. and G.L.F.), and Stone Church Men's Club Registers. 2- Bill and Bonny Waldron have donated a water color of Provincetown, Massachusetts painted by Howard Chaney in 1954. The Society now owns two of Chaney's watercolors. Chaney taught art at Clinton High School for 33 years and was a past president of the Society. He was actively engaged in having the Society take a major role in the Old Burying Ground in the 1970 period. He died February 1975 at age 56.

### RECENT NEW MEMBERS

These folks have joined the ranks of about 550 other dues-paying members of the Society: Linda Bekkers, Lisa Dayton, Susan Klein, and Linda Tafel. *WELCOME !!*

**GENEALOGY TIP**— go to [cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com) which is a huge site with links to 325,309 other genealogy sites in 192 categories. This is a grand place to begin your family search.