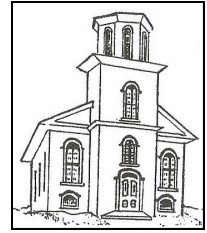


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CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

December 2013

WELCOME TO SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/11/13

Continuing a Christmas tradition set a few years ago the Society Board of directors cordially invites ALL members and guests to a FREE holiday party and socializer:

Date- December 11, 2013

Time- 7- 8:30

Place- Society at 1 Fountain Street

Dress- informal

Refreshments- snacks, pastries, beer, wine, and soft drinks

REQUIREMENTS- visit with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy yourselves

Stroll Hours

The Society will again participate in the Chamber's Christmas or Shoppers' Stroll on Friday, November 29 from 3-7 and on Saturday, November 30 from 1-4.

New displays on the lower level are being setup. Traditional Christmas decorations will abound. Refreshments will be served so bring your family and visitors and drop in for the festivities.

GIFT IDEAS

Fill your Christmas gift list with books and maps from the Society's bookstore.

Commemorative plates and bottles are also available.

Stop in during regular Wednesday or Saturday hours or during the Stroll.

Some duplicates from the library are also for sale.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM DECEMBER 7TH

David Siegenthaler will present a preview of his new book about airlift missions at 2 PM on Saturday, December 7, 2013. He served in the Air Force flying airlift missions. Admission is free.

Do you have suggestions for program topics and presenters for 2014-2015 year? If so, please alert Bob Tegart, who seeks quality programs on local topics.

YEAR-END DONATIONS

Year-end donations have come in the past three years and have helped the Society's current operations budget greatly. Won't you consider a 2013 tax-deductible gift to the Society now?

A form and a self-addressed envelope are enclosed for your convenience. We thank you in advance and will print donors' names in the next Newsletter.

GOOD TURNOUT FOR 2 EVENTS

President Tegart told the Board that the Society hosted over 25 Hamilton College parents and alums on a recent November Saturday tour of the building and the business district.

On November 10 around 90 attended the joint meeting with New Hartford H.S. to learn about the War of 1812. A tribute to Kirkland/Clinton soldiers of that war followed.

Clinton was settled in 1787; the town of Kirkland was formed in 1827; and the village of Clinton was incorporated in 1843.

CHURCHES OF CLINTON/KIRKLAND

Last month began a brief series on churches of Clinton/Kirkland, and this month the series continues:

7- The Salvation Army had services here in the park in September 1902. The following day a special musical service took place in the Methodist Church (today's KAC). Two young bandsmen from Exter, England performed. They were making a tour of the US, and they said that they "have received splendid welcomes in America."

8- The Quakers, official name is Society of Friends, have a meeting house at 2981 Austin Road which is off Lumbard Road which is off Dugway Road south of Clinton . The local Quakers began meeting in the KAC in the 1960s. Later an old farmhouse on Austin Road was used. This house was about 180 years old and was without central heat, indoor plumbing, and had an out-house several feet away.

In the mid-1990s a movement for a better place to worship began, and the New Swarthmoor Meeting House was completed in 1998. Many volunteers helped build it; it featured large windows and strong wood support beams. Meeting House Quakers do not have ministers and conduct worship services with no music or sermon.

Worshippers gather around and sit in silence for an hour. Then someone may start singing, anyone can speak, read a Bible verse, etc. A meal would probably follow the service, which is grounded in silence.

9- Lutheran Home at 102 Utica Road has held religious services since it was founded in 1919. Residents still have various services led by fulltime chaplains.

10- Alliance Chapel- met in the mid-1920s at the home of Mrs. L.H. Plank on Dwight Avenue.

11- Kirkland Presbyterian Church on Seneca Turnpike was built in 1836, but the congregation had begun in 1817. It closed in 1965, has been used as a tack shop, antique shop, and is now a private home.

Rev. Clarence Post was pastor there for 26 years between 1921 and 1947. Post graduated from Hamilton College in 1904 and Auburn Theological Seminary in 1908. Post became blind when a minister in Corfu, New York in 1908, but continued to preach and serve churches until his retirement in 1947.

Post lived at 202 College Street which was his family home just west of the bridge.

In 1884 the church changed from the Congregational to Presbyterian denomination.



12– 7th Day Adventist School– located at 8215 Brimfield Street between 1921 and 1924. This was a boarding and day school for teens run by the 7th Day Adventist Church. A producing farm where students worked, worshipped, and studied was part of the school.

13– Hamilton College Chapel– it has held services since it was built in 1827 and is used by all denominations today. For years Hamilton used to have an affiliation with the Presbyterian Church and early presidents were Presbyterian ministers. Rev. Jeff McArn holds the position of College Chaplain.

14– In 1909 a group organized the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Clark Mills. It was located at 18 Main Street in a small building more recently used as an archery shop in front of the firemen's field. It was also called the Clark Mills Gospel Tabernacle or just Gospel Chapel. Rev. Glenn Phillips was one of the last pastors; it closed in 1978.

Quite active in the 1950s the *Clinton Courier* listed these Sunday activities in April 1952: worship at 10:30; Sunday School at 11:30; Young people at 6:30; Evangelistic Service at 7:30; Good News Club on Tuesday evening; and Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. Rev. Charles Logue was pastor at that period.

Rev. Robert R. Reese was pastor in the World war II period, and Rev. Wilmer C. Simmons was pastor there from 1960 to 1964.

15– The only church in the Clark Mills listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places is St. Mark's Episcopal Church on White Street. In the fall of 1862 services were held in a school house as many immigrants from England had come to work in the new cotton mills and wanted Anglican services. A.B. Clark gave the lot at 17 White Street and \$100.00. The cornerstone was laid June 6, 1863 by Bishop William H. Delancy. The parish was incorporated November 17, 1863, and the Rectory was built in 1872 for \$1600.00.

Rev. Russell Todd was the priest at the Westmoreland Episcopal Church and became the first one at St. Mark's.

Pictured here the board and batten Gothic-Revival church was similar to the type developed by Richard Upjohn for rural Episcopal parishes. It has a steeply-pitched roof with vertical siding.

Inside the cruciform plan has a central entry, shallow transepts, and a hexagonal apse

Next door south is the Rectory which was completed in 1872 and occupied by the rector, Rev. A.W.Cornell. It cost \$1600.00.



