

CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BORST FAMILY AND CLINTON IRON ORE ON 2/8

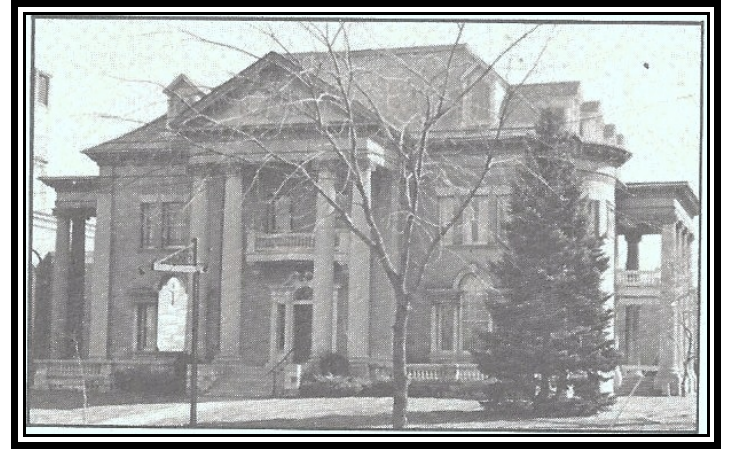
1000s of tons of Clinton Hematite ore remain underground in the Town of Kirkland. The second to last operator of the mines on Willow Hill (Brimfield Street) was Charles A. Borst (1851-1918), who was a major force in Clinton in the early 20th century. An 1881 graduate of Hamilton College and an internationally-known astronomer, Borst was owner of the Clinton Hematite Mines, which supplied the red iron ore to make cast iron, red barn paint and mortar colors. His mines also provided electricity to Clinton.

In 1911 Borst bought the MacKinnon mansion (picture below) at 1605 Genesee Street in Utica, now owned by the First Presbyterian Church and commuted to his Clinton office daily via trolley.

Plan on attending Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 2 PM when Stephen Best will present the history of the Borst family and the mansion in Utica. Best will describe the Borst family's place in the Clinton and Utica communities and the story of the loss of their fortune.

Rare photographs, obtained from Mr. Borst's grandchildren, will be part of the program.

Best is Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church and Adjunct Instructor at Hamilton College. He has researched the history of the MacKinnon/Borst mansion and the family's charmed but ultimately sad history. This will be a very interesting program. Refreshments will follow.



DANSVILLE CLAIMS CLARA BARTON, TOO

Clara Barton attended the female division of the Clinton Liberal Institute between late 1850 and 1852 at age 29-30. The school, sponsored by the New York State Universalists, was at 13 Chestnut Street. A blue and gold marker stands in front of the current house on those grounds today.

Miss Barton spent more time upstate in Dansville at Dr. James C. Jackson's Sanitarium between 1876 and 1886 where she regained her health and formed strong friendships. In 1877 she worked to urge the U.S.A. to sign the "Geneva Convention" under which the International Red Cross had operated since 1864. She organized the American Red Cross in May 1881 in Washington, and a group of Dansville friends formed the Dansville Society of the Red Cross. In 1921 the Dansville Society was officially named the Clara Barton Chapter Number One, American Red Cross.

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Former Clinton Baptist Church, built in 1832, at 1 Fountain Street

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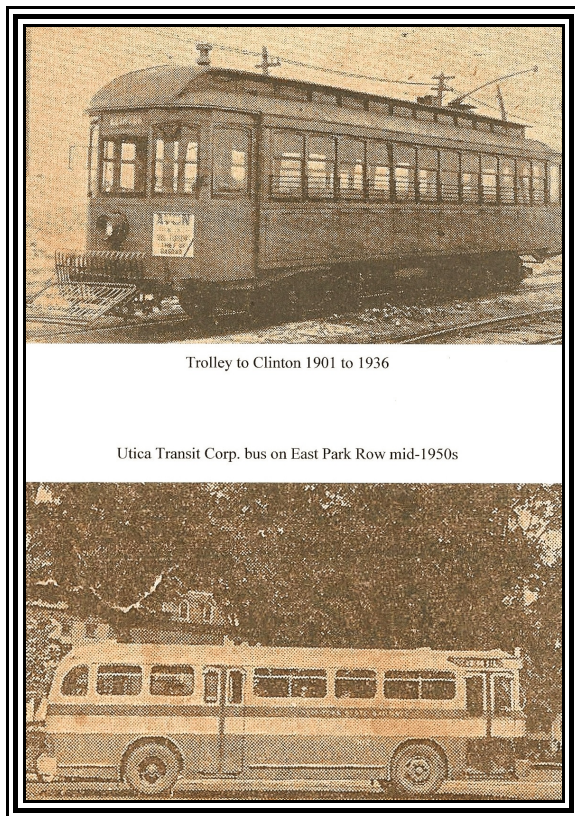
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OPEN HOURS

Wednesday 1-3
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GETTIN' TO UTICA



Getting to the big city has always been the goal of small town folks. Clintonians at first had to walk to Fort Schuyler, as Utica was then called or Old Fort Schuyler, or go by horseback or horse-drawn carriage.

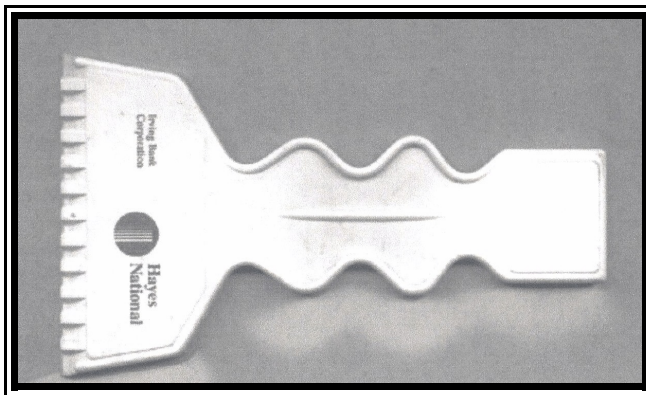
In September 1866 a steam engine of the Utica, Clinton & Binghamton railroad pulled the first train here. Passenger service to both Utica and Rome ensued as well as travel south to Hamilton, Norwich, and eventually Jersey City. Passenger service ended in the early 1930s.

When intercity and interurban trolley electric-run trolleys began around 1900, one came from Utica right up the center of Utica Street up East Park Row, and returned to Utica

via West Park Row.

After the demise of the trolley the Utica run was courtesy of the Utica Transit Corp. and later the Utica Transit Authority. Now the limited service comes from Syracuse-based CENTRO.

In the 1940s and 1950s the UTC ran buses very half hour between 6 AM and 12 midnight.



FROM OUR COLLECTION TO YOU

Among the many small artifacts in the collection are many business promotional items. Pictured at left is an ice scraper for your car windshield in winter.

Hayes National Bank was located where NBT is today and goes way back to March 1878 when Cory D. Hayes bought The Clinton Bank on East Park Row. The logo Irving Bank Corporation indicates the period was in the mid-1970s.

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ADULT LOCAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

After the success of the recent farm history project where over 20 people helped research, take pictures, and write up accounts of Kirkland farms, the Society invites those interested on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 2 PM to attend a briefing about an **ADULT LOCAL HISTORY WORKSHOP**.

If you are curious about your family history, your house history, your church history, your club history, your school history, or ever wonder when the trains came to Clinton, when Hamilton College was formed, where the Chenango Canal went through town, or the answers to dozens of other questions, this is for YOU!

Participants will learn what materials CHS has in its collection and where exactly they are, will take a field trip to the Oneida County Historical Society, and will develop a project to work on. The end result could be a new exhibit, a new display, a brochure, an article for the Newsletter, and a slide or PowerPoint show. This could be an individual or group project to further our knowledge of Kirkland history.

Contact Bob Tegart at 853-3026 or Dick Williams at 853-5018 if planning to attend or with any questions. This is a free benefit of Society membership.

KIRKLAND CEMETERIES- KELLOGG/CHUCKERY

Almost to Chuckery on the north side of Kellogg Street is the next abandoned cemetery in our series: the **Kellogg/Chuckery Cemetery**. Early settlers in that eastern area of the town were buried there from such local families as Comstock, Kellogg, and Marshall.

The Kirkland Highway Department takes good care of it and has placed a split rail fence parallel to the road which enhances the appearance.



LIST OF BURIALS

John J. Birdsey, died April 8, 1826, age 52 years

Eunice Bullard, daughter of John & Eunice Bullard, died September 27, 1852, age 21

Diadamia Comstock, wife of George W. Constock, died June 2, 1867, age 28 years, 7 months, 26 days

George W. Comstock, died November 9, 1877, age 59 years, 2 months

Levi Comstock, died July 13, 1859, age 76 years, 15 days

Lois Comstock, wife of Levi, died December 25, 1875, age 90 years

Ellen Enos, daughter of Henry & Harriet Enos, died February 28, 1859, age 9 years

Rush Enos, son of Henry & Harriet Enos, died March 1, 1859, age 7 years

Glenn H. Evans, died 1977, age 66 years

Eli I. Gilbert, died November 7, 1882, age 48 years

Martha P. Gilbert, daughter of Henry & Ursula Gilbert, died August 11, 1865, age 22 years, 10 months
 Lorenzo F. Hecox, died January 1, 1887, age 78
 Lucy Hecox, wife of Lorenzo Hecox, died April 1, 1880, age 70 years
 Burton M. Johnson, son of Seth & Lydia Johnson, died January 14, 1862, age 15 months
 Sarah H. Johnson, died March 5, 1831, age 6 years, 9 months
 These 2 stones are right of Sarah H. Johnson's and have similar engraving:
 J.E.J. died January 18, 1828, age 3 months and J.K.J. died August 25, 1831, age 18 years
 Bridget Jones, wife of John C. Jones, died September 17, 1900, age 69 years
 John C. Jones, died July 7, 1901, age 72 years
 Calvin Kellogg, died April 30, 1880, age 86 years- G.A.R. marker and flag
 F.W. Kellogg, died May 27, 1868, age 23 years
 Frankie Kellogg, died October 13, 1864, age 5 years
 George Clark Kellogg, son of Henry & Jane Kellogg, died June 27, 1853, age 3 years, 10 months, 27 days
 Julia A. Kellogg, wife of James Kellogg? died November 3, 1856, age 25 years
 Loomis Kellogg, died October 6, 1819, age 90 years, 1 month, 26 days; Revolutionary War soldier- D.A.R. marker
 Persis Kellogg, wife of Loomis Kellogg, died April 23, 1858
 Sophronia Hecox Kellogg, wife of Calvin Kellogg, died June 15, 1879, age 80 years
 William B. Kellogg, died October 22, 1872, age 17 years
 Sally Latham, wife of John Latham, died December 29, 1822, age 38 years
 Elmina R. Marshall, wife of Townsend P. Marshall, died August 18, 1847, age 35 years, 6 months, 18 days
 Elmina M. Marshall, daughter of E.C. & Virginia Marshall, died March 12, 1871, age 1 month, 1 day
 Emma M. Saunders, wife of Ezra D. Saunders, died May 16, 1887, age 28
 Ezra D. Saunders- no dates
 Ina Mary Tremain, only daughter of John Tremain, died April 14 (year illegible), age 20
 Caroline L. Woodin, wife of Giles E. Woodin, died June 21, 1856, age 31 years, 4 months, 14 days
 Giles E. Woodin, died January 20, 1865, age 42 years, 4 months; G.A.R. Post 227, marker and flag

Notes- Three of the men served in the military, two in the Civil War and one in the Revolutionary War.
 The burial of Glenn H. Evans (1911-1977) is somewhat confusing if accurate. Can anyone help? No other Evans names are recorded so one wonders why Evans was buried there over 75 years after the previous burial? By 1977 this cemetery was officially abandoned so the date of 1977 seems questionable.

The above tombstone inscriptions were recorded in 2001 by Betty McCulloch and Kathleen Last. 3 field stones had no inscriptions.

Epitaph from the Old Burying Ground, Kirkland Avenue

Alathea, consort of Samuel Bingham, August 12, 1822, 68 year

"Lord, she was thine and not mine own
 Thou hast not done me wrong
 I thank thee for the precious loan
 Afforded me so long"

TOWN-GOWN FUND

The Society will receive \$1800.00 from the Hamilton College Town-Gown Fund for student programs. This welcome grant will help get the local history message across to more young people. About five years ago the Society also got Hamilton Town-Gown funds.

Society director Glen



Corner of College ST. & West Park Row (old Hogan's Corner) looking down College St.
Alteri's Restaurant and McHarris Gifts in foreground
Dec. 31, 2008

MacGregor walked around Clinton New Year's Eve and snapped these great shots, which black and white reproduction does not do justice.



ANOTHER VIEW OF NORTH PARK ROW

In the January 2009 issue we had a postcard, circa 1910, of N.P.R. At right we see the Peter Fake store on the site of fire house # 1 and the old Park House Tavern where Lumbard Memorial Hall is today. The Park House was a tavern for most of the 19th century and was torn down around 1899.



**MOSES FOOTE AND OTHERS
FOUNDED CLINTON MARCH 3, 1787
SOME 222 YEARS AGO**

BOARD BUSINESS

Your Board of Directors meets monthly and conducts the business of the Society. This includes reports from the treasurer, the curator, the building supervisor, the president, secretary's minutes, the membership chair, etc.

On January 12 the Board also started to plan next summer's **Historic Clinton Week**, a possible photography contest for youth, a meeting for volunteers to help staff the Society, and a discussion of reorganizing the exhibits on the lower level. Items for a "schooltown" display are needed.

Suggestions for programs for the 2009-2010 year were also solicited. Directors serve three-year terms and can serve only six years in a row. Officers are chosen from the directors for one-year terms. Members may attend any Board meeting, which are held on second Mondays at 7 PM.

The Society depends upon the generosity of its members. Please consult your lawyer and kindly remember the Society in your will and estate planning. If each of the Society's 500 members left \$1000 to the Society in their wills, the CHS invested funds would be in great shape! *Thank you!*

