#### **CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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P.O. Box 42 Clinton, New York 13323

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Joining the Society recently are these new members: Laura and Kevin Griffin, James Sinclair, Linda Manning and Richard Muratori, Siobhan Dugan, Andrew Burton, F. Eugene and Loretta Romano, Ted Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hutchings, Denyse and Greg Evans, Shirley Knop, Lisa Lemieux, Ken and Bev Mangine, Peter McCabe, Ron McClusky, Shirley Weil Sallinger, Mrs. Andrew Smith, Eugene R. Torchia, Beverly Cantrill, Robert Getz, Pam Vona, Steve Wilson, Joan Wolek, Ed and Honore Jones, Dr. Lisa Lester and Dan Gale, Steve and Carol Orvis, and Caldwell Banker Sexton Real Estate. Welcome and thanks for becoming a member.

### **GIFT A MEMBERSHIP**

In the December 2009 Newsletter a form was included for current members to obtain a gift membership for a family member or friend. The new membership would be in force until March 31, 2011, a bonus of 3 months.

Time still remains for gift memberships. Send the form **NOW** to allow others to support the Society and become acquainted with our rich local history and Society events.

DUES STRUCTURE- \$10.00 individual, \$15.00 family/business, \$25.00 friend, \$50.00 contributing, and \$500.00 life (one-time).

Society President Frank Cittadino will donate a print of one of his paintings to all who join at the Contributing level. Don't pass up this opportunity.

Since the Society started using the PastPerfect software in 2000 971 members have been entered. Now the Society mails to about 500 addresses, but many are husbands and wives making a total membership close to 700.

# PROTECTING YOUR HEIRLOOM FURNITURE 1/10

Do you have some old furniture which has been in your family's hands for years and which you hope will stay in your family?

Society President Frank J. Cittadino will present a special program on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 2 PM at 1 Fountain Street entitled "Protecting Your Heirloom Furniture."

It will be filled with a variety of useful ways to insure that your treasured pieces remain beautiful and well-loved.

Frank has had a passion for history and art his entire life and has worked to develop programs that encourage others to have a personal connection to history.

Frank has advanced degrees in Fine Arts and Art History, and has had over 30 one-man exhibits of his work. By painting Central New York he celebrates the beauty of the rolling hills and fields.

# ACTIVE MILITARY NAMES SOUGHT

The Society will send this Newsletter free to any active military servicepeople who live in the Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton. If you know of anyone in the service, send in his/her name and address to the Society's e-mail address or via US Mail.

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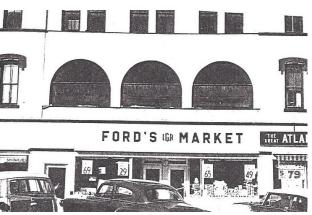
Wednesday 1-3 Saturday 11-2

# PROBLEMS AT WEST PARK ROW OUTHOUSE

Today we take for granted our village sewer system and never think how it was prior to 1895 when the sewers were installed. An article in the April 4, 1888 Clinton Courier described a problem at the Clinton House's outhouse. The Clinton House was a hotel between the 1820s and 1920 at 8-9 West Park Row, in 2010 the new Nola's area and the former Park Row Booksellers.

Here is a part of the article: "The attention of the Board of Health should be directed to the outrageous condition of the outhouse condition in the rear of the Clinton House. Always a loathsome and disgusting nuisance its condition of filth just now is unprecedented. As a breeding place for pestilence this foul stench-trap is fearfully threatening. Within a few feet of and entirely surrounded by a majority of the business places of the village and separated only by a four-inch brick wall from the kitchen of the hotel where the victuals for the guests are prepared, it is providential that a wave of pestilential disease has not laid low those who have been obliged to endure its presence under their very noses.

Its situation is on the highest ground in its vicinity and within a few feet of one or more wells. Such a condition of things is entirely inexcusable, and an outrage on public decency which should be severely dealt with without another hour's delay."



Note- The village put in a water system in 1884 although a well is mentioned in the article. Perhaps all businesses did not hookup right away. We assume the new sewers in 1895 eliminated this dangerous, unhealthy mess.

At left is Ford's Market about 1960 at 8-9 West Park Row. This was the Clinton House Hotel block.

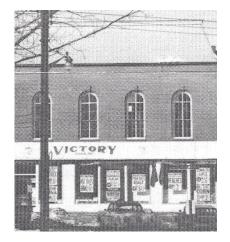
# **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

Recently the family of the late Edward Ingalls graciously requested donations to the Society in Edward's name. Donations of this type are most welcome.

The Clinton Historical Society thanks the Ingalls family.

The Society depends upon the generosity of its members in many ways. Please help us "preserve the past for the future" by remembering the CHS in your will and estate planning. Thank you!

### Victory at 16



WPR in 1950s.

# VICTORY STORE AD From June 1966-

The Victory Store occupied 16 West Park Row between 1951 and 1964 when it moved to a new building on Chenango Avenue, today's Dollar General store. Previously, the Victory had been in the store front next north at 18 West Park Row and also elsewhere on the West Park Row since the 1920s. The Victory gave out S & H green stamps- one for each 10 cents of sales; notice the coupons on the left side of the ad in the Clinton Courier. Victory became Great American and went out of business in 2002 on Chenango Avenue.

