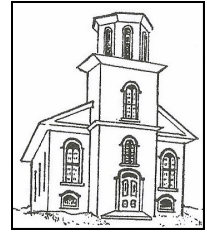


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THE STORY OF LOCAL BOOTLEGGING IN 1920S

The Prohibition era has fascinated historians and social commentators since it ended in 1933. How was this area in the Prohibition 1920s?

A local historian and retired Madison School history teacher Jim Ford will discuss bootlegger Grove Hinman on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 2 PM at the Society.

Many stories have circulated through the years about Grove Hinman who lived in Madison, but was related to many of the Deansboro Hinmans who farmed parts of southern Kirkland.

The "Noble Experiment" to legislate temperance became a legal mess with many outright flaunting the law. Police often turned their attention to other issues, and rum running from Canada was prevalent. Ford wrote a book about Hinman and his life in this era.

This promises to be a different and exciting program so put January 12 on your calendar and plan to attend. Delicious refreshments will follow.

THANKS TO YEAR-END DONORS

For the fourth year the Society membership has responded graciously and generously to the year-end appeal for donations. As of December 17, these members have supported the Society:

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CLINTON SOLDIER DIES OF TYPHOID FEVER

While we read today of soldiers dying in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq of wounds from bombs and other explosives, in the Spanish-American War as well as other wars disease became a major killer of soldiers.

The *Clinton Courier* of September 7, 1898 has a story about Frederick Angier of Clinton who died in a Newport, Rhode Island hospital.

Angier enlisted in the regular Army early in 1897 in Arizona and was transferred to Tampa, Florida where he joined the Rough Riders, the famous cavalry commanded by Col. Theodore Roosevelt. He was in Company I of the 1st Cavalry.

Angier, a 19-year old, participated in fighting at Santiago, Cuba during the war.

He was brought to Camp Wikoff at Montauk Point, Long Island where he became seriously ill.

His father, Patrick Angier, was informed by a nurse that his only hopes lay in his removal to better quarters. Mr. Angier and a son-in-law John Tormey went to Camp Wikoff and made arrangements to have the boy transfer to a New York City hospital, but on his way he with a number of other sick soldiers were taken off the vessel at Newport, R.I. and put in a hospital.

The father went to New York expecting to find his son, but due to delay and uncertainty as to where the ship was to dock they spent a day or so in a fruitless search.

Finally they found that he was in a Newport hospital so they returned to Clinton.

The next news was sad as they were told of Frederick's death of typhoid fever.

His remains were returned to Clinton for burial, but we can't determine which cemetery.

Army policy was to provide pensions to families of deceased soldiers. \$12.00 per month started in September 1898 to the Angier family. This was the first one paid to a family locally from the Spanish-American War.

CHURCHES OF CLARK MILLS

The last two months a series on churches began, and now we turn to two churches in Clark Mills.

16- The Church of the Annunciation is located at 7616 E. South Street actually in the town of Westmoreland. It was sponsored and begun by Rev. James O'Reilly of St. Mary's in Clinton in the 1908 period. Some building materials from the demolition of the former Clinton Liberal Institute at Chestnut Street and Williams Street were used in building Annunciation. Rev. O'Reilly was in charge of Annunciation in the early period in addition to his duties at St. Mary's.

In September 2008 the Church of the Annunciation celebrated its centennial with a display of its history, a festival, a concert, and an interfaith prayer service. On December 6th a centennial Christmas celebration was held.

Coinciding with the church's centennial was the 50th jubilee of its pastor Father Robert Bogan. During his pastorate the parish grew and benefitted from expanding population in Clark Mills and the surrounding town of Westmoreland.

The church priest now is Rev. Kevin Bunger who supervises groups of teens and youth plus the Altar Rosary and a choir with Paul O'Neil as music minister.



17- The Clark Mills United Methodist Church at 4857 Clinton Street is on the west side just south of the former Winns Furniture store and now Rich Plan headquarters. This is the former general store of the Hind and Harrison Plush works.

The church formed in 1896 at that same location, and Henry Toner serves as lay supply pastor today.

At far left is a circa 1910 picture of the Clark Mills United Methodist Church and the former railroad station of the NYO&W. The station was also the post office.



NEW ACQUISITIONS

Thank you to all who have donated items to the Society over the last few months. There are more which have to be catalogued, and as we handle them, they will be noted in future newsletters. Do you have any items in your attic which relate to our history? We are in need of items from all time periods - Don't forget history does not mean 100 years ago....1980 was 34 years ago!

Thanks to the following people for their contributions!

Mr John F. Romano	Book, Smith-Romano; Making it Happen
Margaret Jury	Book "Towpaths, Turnpikes, and Towns" by Oneida County Boces
Chairman Robert Meelan,	Collection of Artifacts belonging to the Clinton Auxiliary Police
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Jean Mulberger	2 Posters from the Clinton Bicentennial - 1787 - 1987 Signed by Katie Joseph Warfel 1987
Martha Norton	Photographs of Cottage Seminary, and of Anna Lavinia Clarke Snow, Former student from 1886 - 1890. 1 photograph of Anna, possibly graduation photo 1 painted rock with print done by Anna in 1890 11 letters written by Anna to parents during her stay at school
Wilson	Photos of her home at 9 Franklin Avenue in the 19 th Century
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Rich Heintz	Collection of Business ephemera from Hayes bank and other businesses.

MIGRANT CAMP

On Route 5 just east of Bleeker Road on the south side is this former migrant camp. This is one of the few left in the area. Migrant labor to pick peas and beans was phased out in the 1970s when mechanical pickers took over.



