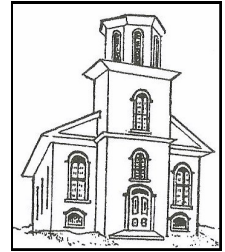


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CLINTON HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER



June 2014

HISTORIC CLINTON WEEK EVENTS

Since 1971 the Society has sponsored **Historic Clinton Week** to celebrate the community's rich history dating back to settlement by Capt. Moses Foote and others in March 1787. Mid-July was originally chosen as that was the week when Clinton held its centennial in 1887. Recently the first week of July has been H.C.W. , and this year it runs from June 30 to July 5.

HERE'S THE RUNDOWN OF 2014 EVENTS

Monday, June 30– **College Street Then & Now**– find all about the first block in history, architecture, restaurants, merchants, missing blocks, railroad, and the Chenango Canal led by John Burdick, Dick Williams, and Bob Tegart; gather at 7 PM at the Society.

Tuesday– July 1– **American Girl Dolls** sponsored by the Town Library, Questers, and the Society. It will be 4:15 to 5:30 at the Society led by Faye Cittadino. Girls 2nd grade and up and parents are invited to see the debut of the three dolls in the collection so far and to make crafts and to learn the tie-in to Clinton history for each doll.

Wednesday- July 2—**OPEN HOUSE** at the Society– come and see exhibits and displays, the new lower level arrangement, ask questions, find your house date, search your family– 7 to 9 PM

Thursday- July 3– **MOVIE NIGHT**– 7 PM at the Town Library, title TBA chaired by Jerry Semchenko

Friday- July 4- Fourth of July **parade**

DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTION

The Society gratefully acknowledges these recent donations to the Munson Library:

From Shirley Felt: Methodist Church ephemera, KAC and Library items, Clinton school programs, musical programs, ABC program, etc.

From Paul Heintz- Frederick Turner, attorney, sign, Library minutes and annual reports, mugs from NBT, Alterra Villa, Hayes Bank, Oneida Coutny map, NYO&W marker, Park Row Pharmacy ledgers, Ice Show ephemera, 1962 Kirkland voting list

From James Miller- two railroad levers found at Britcher's Coal Yard

From Barbara Decker- Pictures and memorabilia from 9 Franklin Avenue- former home of Alice McCabe

From John Cleary- family history documents of Cleary, Wade, and Mulcahy families

From Robert O'Neil- Clinton Fire Department constitution and bylaws, county firemen convention programs

From Ed Taft- pictures of World War I Clinton vet Alton J. Andrews

From Anne Hameline- Clinton village code book, 1965

From Dorothy McConnell- John McConnell Remembers edited by Dorothy

From Ann C. Miller- family items from Roger and Rena Brandt, (former Mulberry Street residents); 3 lanterns (Roger worked on the railroad), World War I postcards and medals (Roger was a Marine in the war), a windup music box, a child's chair, a bell, and a quilt

From Richard Williams- baseball hat with inscription "Clinton Tractor & Imp. Co. 50 Years 1953-2003"

From James Hyde- booklet of small photo stamps of Clinton scenes marked "Watson Drug Co."

From Larry Ravlin- 4 digital copies of photos of 63 College Street

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FARMERS' MARKET– The Society will have a table display and items for sale this summer; if available to sit at the booth, contact director Jerry Semchenko at 427-3641 or schico2175@aol.com. Jerry is coordinating the venture which is a good chance to give the Society some publicity and to sell some books.

DUES ARE DUE– Please check the date on the envelope label. If it still is 3/31/14, your membership is in jeopardy of suspension if the Society does not receive your dues by September 1. The renewal card came with your March Newsletter. See lower part of page 2 for dues rates.

SATURDAY SUMMER HOURS– scheduled for 1 to 4, but call first 859-1392 to make sure a volunteer is on duty; Wednesday hours 1 to 4 remain.

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED ON ROYCE ALUMNAE *The Gentle Revolutionaries* is a novel based on the lives of two prominent American missionaries, Dan and Emelie Bradley, who became close friends with the famous monk, later King Mongkut. They arrived in Thailand (Siam) in 1835 and made significant contributions to Thailand's medical, social and intellectual history. Their diaries and letters, as well as the Thai's evaluation of them, destroys the false image of Thailand an English writer had created. The Bradleys and their missionary coworkers came from New York's "Burned Over District," famous for its policy of accepting women as social equals. Thai nobles basically treated missionary women as their husbands did, respectfully and warmly.

Emily Bradley lived on Kirkland Avenue in the double house which was where Royce Seminary was situated. Much Clinton history is in this book. Cost \$24.95 from WestBow Press, 1663 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403 plus \$6.00 postage. Author Don Lord consulted the Society for his chapters on Clinton history.

July 14- Dick Williams will lead a tour of the Kirkland Cemetery on French Road for the Greater Utica Landmarks Society; gather at 6 PM at the cemetery about 1/2 mile north of Route 5 in Kirkland.



After the June 9th board meeting, your board posed for this picture. From left front row— Pat Smith, Erik Genalo, president, Mary Bryd, secretary, Gill Goering; back row— Jerry Semchenko, Fran Lallier, Barbara Decker, Susan Goodier, Lisa Firsching, Ruth Cosgrove, and Bob Tegart, immediate past president and coordinator. Treasurer Daryl Chesebro and Vice-president Barbara Owens were absent.

ROSE CLEVELAND BOOK

The new Don Lord book on Emelie Royce was noted on page 3. Another author has used the Society's collection to do research. Rose Elizabeth Cleveland was a younger sister of Grover Cleveland who lived here at 24 Utica Street in the 1851-3 period.

A writer from Finland has written a book about Rose entitled *Rose E. Cleveland 1st Lady & Literary Scholar*. Sirpa Salenius teaches at a Finnish university and has researched Rose's career as a teacher, literary critic, and lastly as a medical helper in Italy during World War I, where she is buried. Rose was a student and teacher at Houghton Seminary on Chestnut Street prior to Grover becoming president.

Your Society's collection is being used now by international and American historians and writers. One new director Susan Goodier has also used the Society's files on the Clinton Political Equality Club which lobbied for the right of women to vote.

**CLINTON WAS 227 YEARS OLD ON
MARCH 3, 2014** commemorating the date on which
Moses Foot and seven others founded Clinton.



Marker on Rose Cleveland's grave in Bagni di Lucca, Italy in Tuscany. Above is a drawing of Rose which is from the esf.edu website.

RESTAURANT NAME CHANGES

Restaurants come and go in this area trying to capture their slice of the dining out market. One site in Kirkland at 7920 State Route 5, formerly 80 Seneca Turnpike, has housed different restaurants with different names since the 1960s.

In the 1960 period a small house became the Ascot Inn with evening and Sunday hours. This was followed with the 1970 opening of the Keg 'N Kleaver, an English-style inn featuring a dinner menu with steaks, lobster, and a salad bar. The name was changed to Aylesbury Inn in 1975 after being sued by a Denver, Colorado inn with the same name. It was doubled in size then to 6000 square feet. The Aylesbury had a popular cocktail bar.

Owner John Wade announced in May 1990 that Aylesbury would close. David R. White bought the restaurant in 1991 from Rome Savings Bank, and it was known as the Butcher Block. In March 1992 Fred B. Grimaldi opened the building as Fred Grimaldi's Chop House and would hire 45 people for the restaurant which would seat 165 people for dinner. It didn't last a year.

After being vacant a few years a Vernon restaurateur Randy Watson, who also owned the Mason Jar, opened it again revising the name Aylesbury Inn in November 2000. It would be open seven days a week serving steaks and seafood. A Sunday brunch would be featured along with rooms for business and meeting needs. The décor was to be "inviting and homey Adirondack atmosphere." Someone ran it as Silverwood Restaurant briefly in 2003.

Since October 2004 the building has housed a financial management firm and stock broker.



Gorton's 5 & 10

At left is a picture from the past with Society volunteer Ginny Romanelli. Ginny and Vince operated Gorton's at 8 West Park Row, now Nola's, after Don and Hazel Gorton retired in 1976. They opened in January 1977 and closed in 1986 as keeping such small quantities of stock became difficult due to distributors wanting to sell only larger quantities. Small stores were squeezed tightly, and now small village 5 & 10's are a thing of the past.

Gorton's was known for having items not found elsewhere and for friendly and courteous service. Now when one wants a pair of socks or a ballpoint pen or a lamp shade, one heads to larger shops and chain stores.

Ginny still volunteers and has scanned 100s of slides from Phil Munson's collection for the Society. Vince did the carpenter work and made our "open" sign plus the several small stands on the lower level which hold the descriptions for the exhibits.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Everyone!

Let me first start off by saying that I am so honored to have been elected as President of the board for the historical society. I would like to thank the board and especially the outgoing president Bob Tegart for all of their help and understanding as I learn the ropes of my new position.

Historic Clinton Week is fast approaching, and we have some exciting events this year, which include the unveiling of the American Girl project from the Kirkland Town Library and a movie night, just to name a few!

Our hours will not change for the summer. We will be open Wednesday and Saturday 1-4, so come in and check out the new exhibits downstairs or do some research utilizing our great resources and staff. In closing I hope that everyone has a safe and happy summer!

Erik Genalo