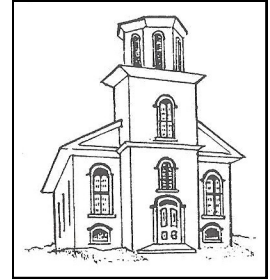
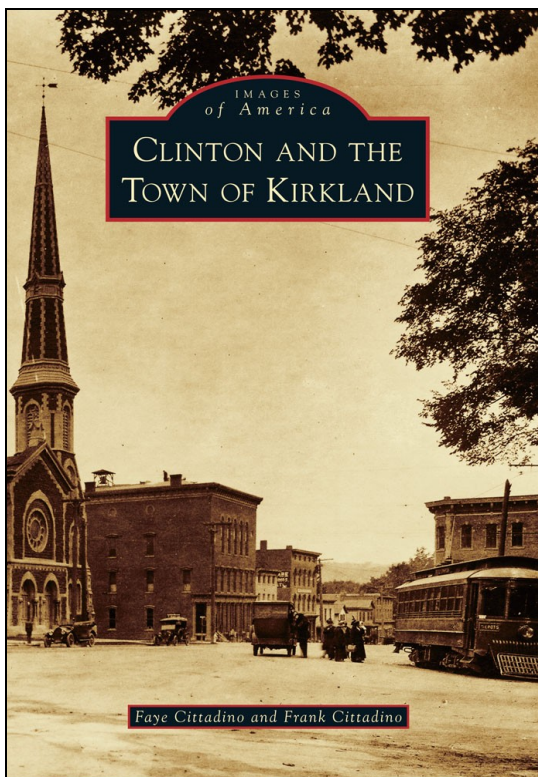


PRESERVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

## CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



March 2012



In recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clinton Historical Society and 225 years of Clinton and Town of Kirkland history, **Faye and Frank Cittadino** will present a program of photographs and reflections of our community's long and proud history at the Society building on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

Their new book, ***Clinton and the Town of Kirkland***, is scheduled for release this month and will form the basis for their program's historic overview of early Clinton, Clark Mills, Franklin Springs, and Hamilton College communities. It features many unusual images of businesses, industries, farming, Hamilton College, and schools which are bound to bring nostalgic memories and perhaps several surprises!

After many years of research, the goal was to create a book that will allow a trip "down memory lane" for anyone who has ever lived, visited, or attended school/college here. A secondary goal was to respond to requests for a book that would help serve as a reference for those interested in the rich and diverse history of the Town of Kirkland and its unique communities and why they have earned reputations as wonderful places to call home! Books will be available the day of the program as well as at other locations including Barnes and Noble.

### STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

Storage space for some of our artifacts is needed. If you have space in your barn to store a few chairs and a small school desk, contact Bob Tegart at 853-3026.

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Founded in 1962

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## VOLUNTEERS BUSY AT WORK

The Society is fortunate to have over the years volunteers to be directors, officers, refreshment and membership chairs, and archival helpers. Currently, (in picture Barbara Brookes, Betty Maxam, and John Burdick), Jean Ashforth, Jim Jenkins, and Dan Harrold work two hours during the open hours 1 to 3 on Wednesdays.

Betty has been sorting obituaries and is now working on old scrapbooks as is Barbara Brookes. John Burdick does research on inquiries, Jean Ashforth handles old photos, and Jim Jenkins and Dan Harrold have been reading, transcribing, and copying old documents.



We still need more volunteers to index scrapbooks and help in getting our collection in order. One example is a large collection of materials from the Clinton Metallic Paint Co. which closed in 1964. Another collection needing attention is the Clinton bicentennial of 1987 materials.

Contact Bob Tegart at 853-3026 or stop in some Wednesday between 1 and 3.

## WORLD WAR II MEMORIES

Society member Herb Bell writes from southern Pennsylvania that he recalls these events as a schoolboy here in Clinton during the war:

- \*Knitting scarves for "Bundles for Britain" in 4th grade
- \*The village cannon from the park being taken for scrap
- \*Boy Scout Troop 48 collecting newspapers
- \*Providing an empty toothpaste tube when buying a new one
- \*Gas rationing stamps and meat rationing stamps
- \*Sitting on the Nob off Ives Lane with his father Austin to identify aircraft that flew over
- \*Miniature wood, to scale, models of Allied and Axis aircraft made by Bell's father Austin who taught industrial arts at Utica

## CLINTON FIGURE SKATING CLUB SHOW FROM 1957

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THE CLINTON FIGURE SKATING CLUB

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### ICE PARADE OF 1957



PRINCE - SCOT OLIVER CINDERELLA - MARY D'APRIX

MARCH 22, 23, 24

CLINTON ARENA

Hockey does not hold the exclusive winter sports monopoly as figure skating has been a big part of the activities at the Clinton Arena since 1949.

Shown at left is the program from the 1957 ice show **Cinderella On Ice**. Featured performers were Scot Oliver and Margaret D'Aprix.

Mrs. Harry (Dot) Dorr was chair of the show assisted by many parents on costume, tickets, publicity, lights, ushers, makeup, and properties committees.

Regina McManus (now Regina Burton) was club professional who produced and directed the extravaganza.

A feature of the shows back in the 1950s was a live orchestra as opposed to recorded music. Clinton school band man Anthony Milograno led a 10-piece group. Charlie Budesheim had done that in the early 1950s.

Ray Martin took photographs for the program, and a guest artist, Evelyn Betti Muller, from Brooklyn did an exhibition routine.

## RECYCLING CLINTON BUILDINGS—Part III of a series

**Clinton Baptists** built a church at 1 Fountain Street after leaving one at McConnell's Corners on Post Street which split over the Morgan anti-Masonic fervor of the late 1820s. Clinton Baptists struggled at times financially and never owned a parsonage. However, they held on until an aging and decreasing congregation caused them to close in June 1989. After being vacant for four years the Clinton Historical Society took over the church, held meetings there, and moved its historical collection from the town library. In 1999 and 2000 a major renovation took place which dramatically transformed the old church into a modern historical society....basically a new building in an old shell. The Society raised over \$308,000 in a capital campaign for the renovations in 2001-2003.

The brick building at **1 Kirkland Avenue** now houses offices and shops and is owned by Harold Heintz. It was built as the office of the *Clinton Courier* in 1891 and held the editorial offices plus the complete printing shop. The *Courier* moved to 32 College Street in 1989 and to the current location on Meadow Street in the late 1990s.

To Be Continued

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I hope all who attended the Doug Preston and Bob Stephensen's presentation on The Building of Union Station on February 12 enjoyed it as much as I did!

In the month of March we have Faye and Frank Cittadino's presentation on Clinton and the Town of Kirkland. I am pleased to share the news that the Cittadino's new book, *Clinton and the Town of Kirkland* is due for public release this month by Arcadia Publishing. They worked especially hard to time the release with the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Society and the 200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the college so it would generate funds for our endowment.

The Schooltown Quester's display for March is provided by Carol Hernandez and Sona Larzelere.

Jenifer Travato at The Antiques Café, 8 North Park Row is selling Clinton Historical Society books and mugs. The phone number at the store is 381-3155.

The Society seeks photos, slides, memorabilia from the Historical Society's first 50 years. The items are to be used for 50<sup>th</sup> celebration in June.

This time of year we start looking for high school students, college students, parents, grandparents and great grandparents to fill positions for new board members, committee chairs, committee members, volunteers and other people to help make a team that will make our society stronger. We are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year and need people to help plan our next 50 years. The committees are: Nominating, Building, Collections, Communications and Public Relations, Finance and Investments, Hospitality, Membership, Publications, and Programs. If you feel you can help in one or more of these areas please call me at 725-4830.

Just a reminder this St. Patrick's, the gift of membership to the society will always be cherished and remembered.

Paul

## MARCH IS DUES MONTH FOR NEXT YEAR

Your Society relies heavily on dues from members to fund the annual budget. Dues are the main source of revenue, and it's time again to ask you faithful members to **renew** your interest in the Society and our **rich local history**. As true believers and donors to the Society your Board of Directors looks to you to keep or even increase your level of support.

Enclosed in this mailing is the March 2012 *Newsletter*, a dues statement, and a return envelope. Please fill out the return statement section with your e-mail address and any other missing information such as a change of phone number or mailing address.

The Society accepts checks and also payments through PayPal. Go to our web site [www.clintonhistory.org](http://www.clintonhistory.org) and click on "PayPal. You need not have a PayPal account to use this way, but you must have a credit card. Consider moving up a level of membership to **friend** or **contributing**. **Thank you.**

**Please return your payment and dues statement form by April 15, 2012.**