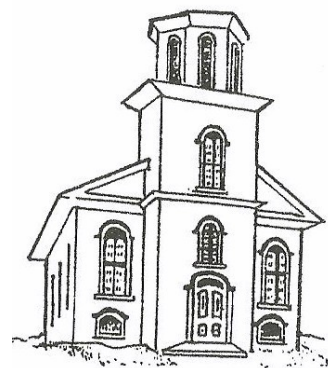


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CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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LEARN ABOUT THE ONEIDA COMMUNITY

A few miles west of us in what's Sherrill today John Humphrey Noyes created in 1848 the experimental utopian Perfectionist society called the Oneida Community. The curator of collections and interpretation at the Mansion House, Anthony Wonderley, will present a program on how the Society challenged social views on gender rolls, marriages, work, and child-rearing.

Mr. Wonderley (Ph.D., Cornell) is Curator of the Oneida Community Mansion House, a National Historic Landmark and not-for-profit museum. He recently was named a Fellow of the New York State Archaeological Association, has published several articles, and a couple of books on history, folklore, and archaeology.



The program , our joint meeting with the New Hartford Historical Society, starts at 2 PM at 1 Fountain Street on November 13, 2011. Refreshments will follow the program.

SALUTE TO VETS NOVEMBER 11TH



Two days prior to the Wonderley program, the Society will hold a "Salute to Veterans" ceremony at 11 AM on November 11, 2011. This is the third year a Veterans' Day program has been held. This year veterans of the Viet Nam War will take the spotlight, but all veterans, the members, and the public are invited to attend.

The Viet Nam War in Southeast Asia and here on the home front will be part of the program. A roster of local Viet Nam vets is being compiled and will be presented. Refreshments will follow the program.

All are also invited at 10 AM for a brief ceremony, run by Helmuth-Ingalls American Legion Post 232, in St. Mary's Cemetery off St. Mary's Avenue.

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VETS FROM CLINTON/KIRKLAND

Since Revolutionary War Captain Moses Foote settled with seven others in March 1787, veterans have played a big part in the community. From running parades to decorating cemeteries to placing monuments in the park to holding various civic events in their buildings or rooms the veterans of Kirkland deserve a big place in our history and a big thanks from all for their active duty and community service since.

Moses Foote was born in Plymouth, Connecticut and lived there until the close of the war. He served as lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of Col. James Wadsworth and also as a captain in the 25th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers.

Foote and 47 other Revolutionary War soldiers are buried in the Old Burying Ground on Kirkland Avenue. Foote is in an unmarked grave as are many others. On July 14, 1937 the bronze memorial tablet at the O.B.G. was unveiled by the Oneida Chapter of the D.A.R.

Over the years the Clinton Historical Society has helped maintain the cemetery, and now the Kirkland Highway Department takes fine care of it.

Civil War vets are also buried in the O.B.G. including a black soldier Henry Howard (1817-1897), who served in the 11th US Artillery. He was a former slave who fled his master and ended up here via the underground railroad.



Ozias Marvin (1763-1848), who built the house at 34 College Street and owned much of the Marvin Street area, was a private in his father's company from Norwalk, Connecticut and also in Capt. Lockwood's Company of Coast Guard 1780-81.

The rural cemeteries of Kirkland also have burials of early veterans. In the Brimfield Street cemetery are veterans of the Revolutionary War John Carpenter, James Look, Nathan Marsh, Hanannah Ellinwood, and others.

The active cemeteries, Sunset Hill and St. Mary's, also hold veterans of more recent wars, and their graves are marked with flags each Memorial Day.

POPPIES— Poppies grew wild in battlefields of Belgium during World War I. The overturned soils of battle allowed the poppy seeds to be covered and then grow to remind all of the bloodshed during that and future wars. Canadian physician Col. John McCare wrote "In Flanders Fields" probably the most famous war poem of all time. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Ypres salient in the spring of 1915.

CHRISTMAS SOCIALIZER

As a special benefit of membership all are invited to the Christmas Socializer on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 between 7 and 8:30 PM. Come and enjoy the company of old friends and new acquaintances, bound together by our fondness for Clinton and history. Drinks, snacks, and refreshments will be served at this free event in the tastefully-decorated Society. The traditional Christmas décor will provide a great background for this event. Card tables are needed by Monday, November 28.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' STROLL

The annual Christmas Shoppers' Stroll has been a main event of the Thanksgiving week for years. During the **Stroll, November 25**, the Society will hold Open House from 11 AM to 8 PM. Drop in for refreshments, to view the Christmas decorations, and to look at the Hamilton College Bicentennial exhibit which will close on December 7, 2011. While at the society check the history books and maps available to buy for Christmas gifts. "*Give the Gift of History*"

CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

Following the Hamilton Bicentennial exhibit will be one on the Civil War. If anyone has old guns, canteens, uniforms, pictures, letters, artifacts, etc., please contact Faye Cittadino at 895-1055 or historybuff65@hotmail.com.

DO YOU HAVE SPACE?

The Society seeks a member willing to allow the Society some barn or garage space to store several feet of metal shelving for future use if an addition is built. Contact President Paul Frey.

LIFE MEMBER

The society has a new life member. John Nye of Bloomfield, New Jersey has recently moved from contributing to Life membership. We welcome him and his family. Mr. Nye owns the Harding properties on Harding Road. Welcome, John .

DONATIONS

A cash register and a weather vane have been added to the collection. Thanks to Sharon and Mackay Rippey for the weathervane cowl from an old hop kiln on their farm, the former Brandis/Zombek farm, on the Deansboro Road.

To Steve and Helen Ford a thank you for the cash register used at Ford's Market.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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I hope you all enjoyed David Wicks' presentation October 23rd.

November is a busy month for the society. The Veterans' Day Program on Friday, November 11 at 11:00 AM here at the society starts out the month. Next we have The Oneida Community presented by Anthony Wonderley, Ph.D. on Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 P.M. This will be a joint meeting with New Hartford Historical Society. Finally, we have Clinton Village Christmas Stroll and the Clinton Historical Society's open house on Friday, November 25 from 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. to round out this month.

During the month of October we were busy having the floors and chairs steam cleaned. We have a new video projector that is a lot brighter than the last one we had. Family Tree Maker 2011 is now owned by the society, and we are in the process of upgrading our collections software to Past Perfect 5.0. We will be starting a review of our website, Facebook and Skype accounts to see how we can better utilize these accounts to reach more of our membership. If you could provide technical or content input to these reviews, call the society and leave your name and number.

We are also looking for individuals that would like to work on one or more of our committees. The committees are: Nominating, Building, Collections, Communications and Public Relations, Finance and Investments, Hospitality, Membership, Publications, and Programs. Stop by or call the society at 859-1392 or me at 725-4830 if you are interested.

Just a reminder this holiday season, the gift of membership to the society will always be cherished and remembered.

Paul

BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSES IN CLINTON IN 1890

In the 1890 period town excise boards granted licenses to sell intoxicating beverages. Each year applicants would post a bond and apply. Here are the successful vendors in 1890 in the village and town:

Stores— F.J. Root, West Park Row; J.T. Watson & Son, College Street

Innkeepers— Thomas Finnegan, College Street; Frank S. Hill, Hamilton House, College Street; F.L. Tower, Clinton House, West Park Row; William Page, Franklin Iron Works; James Combs, Kirkland; John Martin, Kellogg Street

Beer & Ale Only— James Mahanney, College Street; Hugh Larkin, Franklin Iron Works; J.R. Birge at his railroad eating house on Kirkland Avenue; Thomas Bradbury, Kirkland Avenue; Patgrick J. Rooney, Franklin Avenue; Florence D. Fitzpatrick, Franklin Iron Works; Michael Kellicher, Beatty Avenue; Richard Ashcroft, New Street; and H.B. Vann

Notes— Franklin Iron Works had a blast furnace employing at times 200-300 men in the late 1800s and is now Franklin Springs. The iron ore mines were on Brimfield Street, New Street, and Kellogg Street; the Fitzpatrick tavern was the general store in Franklin Springs on the site of the present post office. The O & W RR crossed Kirkland Avenue at Chenango Avenue so a couple of bars served train workers among other customers.