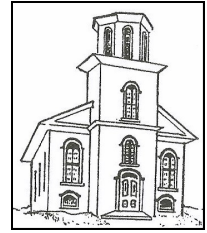


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CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November 2013

WAR OF 1812 STORY NEXT ON 11/10

For the 37th year the New Hartford and Clinton societies will hold a joint meeting; this year it's at the Clinton Historical Society on Sunday, November 10th at 2 PM.

Since this is the bicentennial of the War of 1812 Kirkland town historian Richard Williams will present the history of the war in and around New York State. Much of the fighting was in New York, and many battles took place on the Niagara Frontier, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence Valley.

The PowerPoint will highlight some of the major engagements, the inept generals, the naval successes, and the logistical nightmares which hampered supplying the troops with sufficient stores and ammunitions.

SALUTE TO VETERANS— As the next day is Veterans' Day a brief tribute to Kirkland men who fought in the War of 1812 will follow the war's history.

EMILY PHILLIPS— LIFE MEMBER

The Society salutes and welcomes Mrs. Emily Phillips to the ranks of Life Member. She joins about 20 others who have made that commitment. Mrs. Phillips lives in Franklin Springs in the historic residence of the Lester and Levi Barker family. The society marked the hotel in the early 1970s with a plaque.

WORK AT OLD BURYING GROUND

The Society was left money from the estate of Bill Williams for the OBG. Currently Bill Miller has worked at repairing and resetting several old monuments which had broken apart.

Stop and take a look at the refurbished markers.

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DIANE PARRISH WRITES A DOLL BOOK

Society director Diane Parrish has had a book published entitled *The Story of the Columbian Dolls: How the Adams Sisters Saved The Family Farm*. The sisters were Emma and Marietta. Emma was Diane's great aunt.

These dolls were made at the Adams farm in Oswego Center, New York about three miles from Oswego. One of the dolls was entered in the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago where it won an award.

Marshall Fields department store sold them, and one of the dolls set out to travel around the world in 1900 as a roving goodwill ambassador.

The book may be acquired by going to Amazon-Books.com and google Columbian Dolls or Diane's name. The cloth dolls have become somewhat rare and very collectible today.

Congratulations Diane for this endeavor and best wishes for sales success.

TOWN LIBRARY HISTORY

On November 7 plan on attending a talk at the Kirkland Town Library on the history of public libraries in Clark Mills and Clinton. Our member Yvonne Brady has done much research on this topic which will be an interesting program. Bob Tegart will assist. Time is 7 PM.

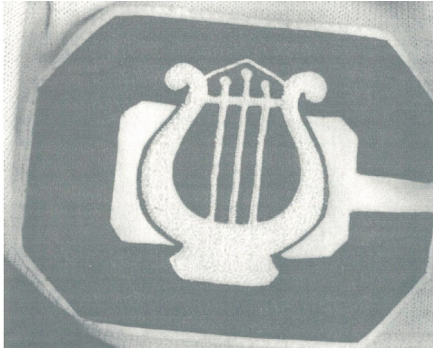
HISTORY BRIEFS

1- The Christmas Socializer will be on Wednesday evening, December 11 from 7 to 8:30 at the Society.

2- The annual Christmas Stroll, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be on Friday, November 29 this year. The Society will be decorated and open that day. Exact hours are to be determined.

3-The Clinton High School Class of 1963 visited the Society for a presentation of Clinton in the 1960s given by Richard Williams. About 45 class members attended.

4- Wade Lallier is redoing the downstairs display area to include the recently-acquired Kirkland Civilian Defense items. This will open at the Stroll.

ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

**A block "C" for music from
Clinton High School**

SOCIETY WISHES

- 1- your family tree
- 2- interior shots (pictures) of businesses and homes
- 3- memories of 9/11/2001
- 4- memories and pictures of Clinton years ago
- 5- donations of stock or other securities
- 6- your attendance at public programs
- 7- your using the Munson library for research
- 8- donations of items pertaining to Kirkland history

CHURCHES OF CLINTON

The churches date from the Society of Clinton in 1791 followed by the Universalists in 1821, the Baptists in 1832, the Methodists in 1841, the Catholics in 1852, the Episcopalians in 1863-5., and the Resurrection Assembly of God in 2005.

However, other groups have held religious services here through the years.

1- A Welsh Church held services in the late 1880s in the Sherman Block on North Park Row. Times were 2 and 6 PM and Sunday School at 10 AM. One article said that the church was in "prosperous condition." The Clinton Methodist Church across the park held a "donation" for the Welsh Church in 1887 raising \$70.25 . Songs and addresses were in both English and Welsh.

2- In the 1929 period the Franklin Springs Prayer and Praise Service held meetings. In 1912 Brockway Hall was the place where Lenten evangelistic services were scheduled. In 1899 gospel services were conducted at Warner's Hall in Franklin Springs. These places were thought by Phil Munson to be over the store in F.S. which burned in 1916. It was on the site of the recently-closed post office.

3- A Christian Science Bible study took place in August 1898 on the second floor of the block on North Park Row. In 1910 and 1911 announcements were in the *Clinton Courier* for Christian Science services on Sunday at 10 AM. Earlier in 1902 Christian Scientists had rooms in the Sigma Phi Hall, now the Library, on College Street. In 1904 a lecture on Christian Science was held at the Scollard Opera House.

4- Lumbard Memorial Town Hall has been used by several different religious groups since the 1950s. Rev. Roger Bates preached there after leaving the Clinton Baptist Church , and currently the Prayer House holds services on Sunday mornings. *Continued on page 4*

MORE ON CLINTON RELIGIOUS GROUPS

We're on the WEB
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5- Rev. Said Adour led the Church of Resurrection in the 1996-97 period using the Central New York Medical Society building at 210 Clinton Road. The Resurrection Assembly of God, which used to meet at 210

Clinton Road also, had volunteers who built the new church at 44 Kirkland Avenue over a 2-3 year period 2003-5. The church contains 8,700 square feet and sits on 17.75 acres of the former Charles Baker farm.

6- Revs. Peter and Addie Forester conduct the Life in Christ Family Church on Robinson Road. It opened there in August 1999 and was previously housed at 7359 State Route 5 near State Route 233. The inter-denominational church began in 1995.

More on Kirkland and Clark Mills churches will be in the next newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Day at the Museum

Did you ever wonder just what goes on when the Historical Society is open? Here is a typical day at the Clinton Historical Society. Bob arrives at 12:45 to find Wade at work on the basement Civil Defense display. He is busy cleaning the cabinet that Fran has repaired.

At 1:15 a woman comes in looking for a map of the Oriskany Creek. At 1:25 Dick comes in to post dues payments on the computer followed by John to conduct research. At 1:30 two gentlemen arrive and view the displays upstairs. They ask about Split Rock and tell me that they are related to the Suppe's, who started the operation. We ask if they would like to see our display of split Rock items and take them downstairs to view our artifacts. They tell us that they have some Split Rock items and we asked if they could loan them to us.

Shortly after, Virginia arrives to help sort out the Civil Defense artifacts. At 1:45 Paul arrives to work on the new computer system, and soon Jerry joins him. Later, Roberta comes in to ask about the arrangements for the Class of 1963 Reunion to be held in our building. She is followed by Gail, who wants to discuss the details of the Photowalk to be conducted from our building on Saturday.

We have a quick meeting with Dick and John to work out the Veterans Day event and a few other things. Another man enters the building carrying a "railway lever" – used to move cars – another donation. Where's the donation form?

We want to label the portraits hanging in the main building and after a search through our files and the *Clinton Courier* were able to correctly identify the people. Paul and Jerry continue to work on the computers. Suddenly we realized it was at 5:30 and that we should be home. The lights are darkened, doors locked, security system set and it's another day at the office!

Sound like something you would like to be part of? Give us a call today!

Bob Jegan

