

CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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P.O. Box 42
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WOMEN ABOLITIONISTS IN ONEIDA COUNTY

Our next meeting on Thursday, October 9 will feature Lee resident Maryellen Urtz, who will discuss women of Oneida County connected to the "abolitionist movement" of the antebellum era.

Oneida County had a minority of abolitionists, but they formed anti-slavery societies and held meetings. Anti-slavery tracts, lectures, and petitions were part of their tactics to eradicate slavery.

Maryellen Urtz became hooked on history over 30 years ago when she served eight years as Town of Lee Historian. She has a degree from Russell Sage College with majors in history and social studies education. She has done much research in New York and neighboring states and has been a columnist in the monthly paper "Women in Motion" sharing some of her stories of little-known women in history.

Plan on attending October 9 to hear the story of women who led the fight here to end slavery. Refreshments will follow the meeting at the Society.

HISTORY DAY 10/4

The 2nd annual **HISTORY DAY IN ONEIDA COUNTY** will occur on Saturday, October 4 in 30 historical societies, museums, and historic sites.

Members are encouraged to visit a neighboring societies between the hours of 12 noon and 4 PM to see their displays and exhibits.

Brochures are available at all participating sites. The exact locations and addresses are listed in the brochure.

Enjoy seeing other societies and learn more about area history.

FARM BOOK

The recent Society release *Farms and Barns of Kirkland, New York* has sold out within two months.

An order has been placed for more copies which should be available in October. Watch for an announcement in local media.

HOLIDAY SOCIALIZER

As a bonus to members a **HOLIDAY SOCIALIZER** will take place at the Society on Wednesday, December 10 from 7 to 8:30. Save that date. Details will follow.

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HOURS-
Wednesday 1 to 3
Saturday 11 to 2

**COLLECTI
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WANTED**

The popular, well-received **Clinton Christmas Stroll** is being planned for Friday, November 28 this year.

Members with collectibles are asked to contact Esther Delaney about displaying parts of their collection during the Stroll. The Society has secure display cases which can hold small displays. A Christmas theme for the displays would be appropriate, but not

necessary. Any items are eligible.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the September brochure was mailed these new members are welcomed:

Tricia Fields of Columbia, Maryland

Tim and Marie Wiles of Clinton

Alison Murray of Clinton

KIT HOMES

Several years ago our Newsletter editor Phil Munson did a few articles about Clinton homes which were built from kits sold by Sears and Roebuck. 4-5 Clinton homes are Sears homes.

This is an appeal now for any other homeowner to reveal if his/her home is a kit. Aladdin Homes, Montgomery Ward, and a few other firms also sold these kits between the 1880's and 1960's.

KITS continued

Numerous kits were constructed in villages and cities across the country in the first half of the 20th century. Costs of these homes ranged up to \$4-5000. Some firms also sold garage kits, camp kits, and addition kits.

They were advertised as something the owner could build in a few days.

If you think your home was a kit, please contact Dick Williams at 853-5018 or apulia@verizon.net

'LEND US YOUR E-MAILS'

In an attempt to communicate more rapidly with all members, the Society seeks your e-mail address.

Please send us your e-mail address to the Society's e-mail address:

clintonhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Don't worry if you do not use e-mails. The Society will continue to use regular mail.

**VOLUNTEERS
SOUGHT**

The Society appeals to members to volunteer a few hours a month at the Society. Folks are needed for special projects and to staff the building during open hours on Wednesday and Saturday. Call Bob Tegart at 853-3026 to schedule brief training.

KIRKLAND CEMETERIES

Brimfield Street



Beginning a series on cemeteries in Kirkland we first look at the one on Brimfield Street across from Cleary Road.

Clinton Courier owners James B. And Henry B. Sykes in 1896 printed an account of the Old Burying Ground and also the Brimfield Street burial ground in a pamphlet entitled *Historical Sketch of the Old Clinton Burying Ground*. Here's Sykes' description of the cemetery:

"This enclosure contains 17 rods and can be traced back to May 20, 1820 when Nathan Marsh leased the plot to Hannaniah Ellinwood, Nathaniel Butler, James Look, Jared Andrews, Moses Dickinson, Reuben Ellinwood, Simeon Robbins, John W. Carpenter, William Carpenter, Augustus Carpenter, Eli Ellinwood, Samuel Coe of Paris, and Charles Babcock of Whitestown in consideration of \$5.00 and two cents annual rental, payable May 1st if legally demanded." It is signed by Nathan Marsh, and the witnesses were Jeremiah Matthews and Adolphus Ellinwood.

In spring 1790 three families from Brimfield, Massachusetts arrived here in the then Town of Whitestown. Their names were Marsh, Carpenter, and Ellinwood. Their aim was to clear some land, plant it, and erect a log cabin by fall. They then returned to Massachusetts and came back here in November with their families, cattle, pigs, and household goods.

Nathan Marsh, William Carpenter, and Hannaniah Ellinwood were these sturdy pioneers who settled on Lot No. 81 of the 7th Division of Coxe's Patent in the area of Cleary Road and Brimfield Street. An eighteen room house replaced the original log cabin and is still in the family, now Burrows, at 8344 Brimfield Street.

List of Burials

Armstrong, Mary, died 1/19/1858, age 64	10/30/1846, age 43
Armstrong, William, died 9/9/1846, age 62	Coe, David, died 4/15/1816, age 69
Arnott, William, unmarked grave	Coe, Jerusha, wife of David, died 12/1/1808, age 62
Carpenter, Augustus, died 11/21/1873, age 81	Cutler, Mabel, wide of Seth, died 8/10/1841, age 68
Carpenter, Capt. John, died 1805, age 66	Ellinwood, Capt. Reuben, died 10/23/1863, age 85
Carpenter, Caroline, wife of Augustus, died 10/18/1885, age 87	Ellinwood, Charles, son of Reuben, died 5/25/1824, age 7
Carpenter, John W., died 1/27/1833, age 50	Ellinwood, Edward P., son of Elias, died 3/8/1865, age 30
Carpenter, Sally, wife of John W., died 5/24/1856, age 53	Ellinwood, Esther, wife of Hannaniah, died 8/25/1827, age 66
Carpenter, Sarah, wife of William, died 10/5/1835, age 71	Ellinwood, Eunice, wife of Reuben, died
Carpenter, William, died 4/15/1816, age 59	
Carpenter, Winthrop, son of John W., died	

4/28/1832, age 51
 Ellinwood, Hanannah, died 1/13/1833, age 76
 Ellinwood, Harriet, daughter of Eli, died 9/14/1823, age 2
 Ellinwood, Helen M., daughter of Eli, died 9/10/1832, age 2
 Ellinwood, Mary, wife of Elias, died 9/10/1832, age 70
 Ellinwood, Phoebe Ann, wife of Orlando, died 6/7/1841, age 27
 Ellinwood, Samuel, died 4/27/1814, age 46
 Ellinwood, Truman, died 8/24/1827, age 24
 Fitch, Rebecca, former wife of Samuel Ellinwood, died 9/26/1851, age 83
 Groves, Lydia, wife of Peter, died 11/24/1818, age 73
 Groves, Peter, died 7/26/1801, age 68
 Hart, Elias, died 12/9/1824, age 47
 Howe, Henry, H., unmarked grave
 Look, Capt James, unmarked grave
 Marsh, Mary A., wife of William N., died 5/12/1850, age 45
 Marsh, Nathan, died 8/22/1833, age 76
 Marsh, Samuel G., son of William, died 9/24/1838, age 6 weeks
 Marsh, Sarah, wife of Nathan, died 7/29/1840, age 66
 Marsh, William N., died 9/3/1884, age 80
 Pratt, Abigail, died 8/5/1804, age 38
 Pratt, Peleg B., died 6/4/1812, age 40
 Prior, Poly, wife of Paul B. Prior, died 3/17/1817, age 32
 Sherman, Rachel, died 11/20/1805, age 80
 Sweeting, Alexander T., died 9/21/1838, age 27
 Wilson, Nathaniel G., son of Thomas
 Wilson, died 11/24/1830, age 3

Some of these men buried served in the Revolutionary War although records are somewhat unclear. Captains John Carpenter, James Look, and Lieutenant John W. Carpenter along with David Coe, Hanannah Ellinwood, Nathan Marsh, and Peleg Bill Pratt were soldiers of the Continental Army.

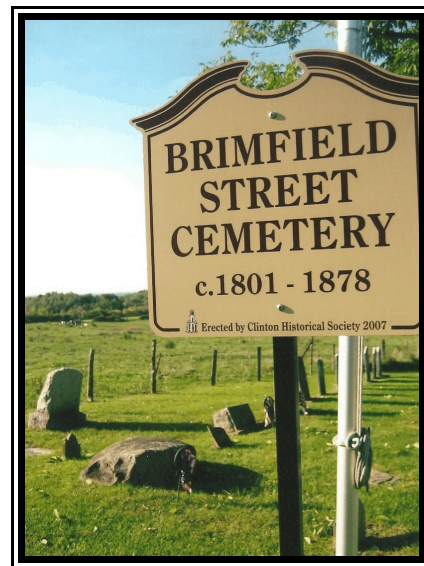
The Oneida Chapter of the D.A.R. held a dedication ceremony at the cemetery

in September 1929. Bronze markers with individual names were dedicated with short talks about each soldier given by people who were direct descendants of the soldiers.

The program contained a bugle assembly, call to order by Regent Mrs. F.F. Russell, invocation concluding with the Lord's Prayer, a reading, remarks about the six soldiers, placing of flags and flowers by descendants, flag salute, benediction, and taps bugle.

The Kirkland Highway Department has cared for this abandoned cemetery for years, and it is in good condition considering the age of some stones. Grass is mowed, and the plot is kept trimmed.

In September 2007 the Society marked several abandoned cemeteries in the town including Brimfield Street. The sign is below.



Between circa 1801 and 1880 about 45 burials were made here of people who lived in the area. The members of the Marsh, Ellinwood, and Carpenter families made up the majority of those interred, a fitting place to rest considering they pioneered or homesteaded here in the 1790s.

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