

CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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TWO GREAT PROGRAMS FOR MARCH

The Society has two interesting and enjoyable programs lined up for March. Mark your calendars for two pleasant Sunday afternoons.

On Sunday, March 7 at 2 PM our own **Fay Brandis'** flying career during World War II in the Army Air Corps and as a commercial pilot afterwards will be presented in a filmed documentary. Clark Mills historian and aviator himself, Moses Acee, has put together the interview with Fay. Fay grew up in Franklin Springs and attended Cornell University prior to the war. He has been a Society member for years and will be present on the 7th to answer any questions about his flying years.

On March 14th at 2 PM **Richard Hunt** will take us on a journey back to discuss "Central New York Baseball Players." Hunt taught American history at Clinton High School and now serves as its principal. He has organized a student club which does research into baseball and the players. As baseball spring training will be just about over, this timely topic should keep you in tune with our national pastime.

DUES NOTICES ARE ENCLOSED

It's that time of year again! The annual dues notices are enclosed plus a return self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

The Society relies heavily on your dues to operate. Maintaining the former Baptist Church, preserving our rich collection of Kirkland and Clinton history, and providing public programs and five open hours a week require your dues support.

If you prefer using a credit card, CHS now accepts **VISA, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express**. To pay by any of these methods, go to our web site at www.clintonhistory.org and click the **JOIN** link at the top of the page. You will see a "dues" **Pay Now** button. It is a secure transaction through **PayPal**. CHS will never have your credit card number, and you do not have to have a **PayPal** account to use this option.

Some members have paid in advance, and others are LIFE members so please check your envelope label for the date to which your dues are paid up. Most labels will have **3/31/10** which means your dues for our fiscal year of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 should be sent in either by check or our new option through **PayPal** by May 1, 2010.

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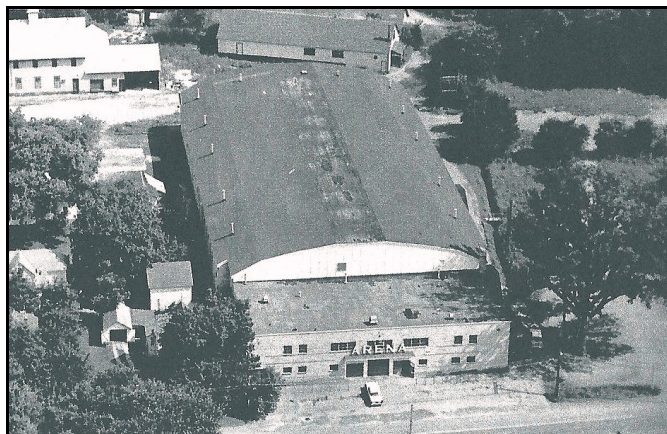
HAVE YOU GUESSED THE AGE OF THE WHITE OAK TREE?

Last spring the old white oak tree at College and Marvin streets was taken down. The CHS has a large slice of it on permanent display in the lobby. Guess its age and win a great prize. The winner will be announced at the May 5, 2010 annual meeting. Blanks are atop the green box.

AT RIGHT- Over 50 members gathered for a Christmas holiday season gathering on December 9th and enjoyed drinks, snacks, and good fellowship at the Society.



CLINTON ARENA LISTED ON STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



Town of Kirkland officials were notified in January that the Edward W. Stanley Recreation Center, a.k.a. the Clinton Arena, at 36 Kirkland Avenue, has been listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places.

The second Arena was built in fall 1953 to winter 1954 after the first Arena burned in September 1953.

The application will now go to the U.S.

Department of Interior, National Park Service, which administers the national registry program. Usually the N.P.S. approves what the New York State officials recommend. The Arena joins four other Kirkland buildings which are now on the state and national registers: St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Clark Mills, Hamilton College Chapel, Elihu Root House on College Hill Road, and the Norton farmhouse on Norton Avenue. The Village Historic District is also listed.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

The Society welcomes Katie Rockwell, Shelley Moses, M.L. Adams, Sue Lorraine, Melanie DeFazio, Sharon and Dennis Wittern, and Mike and Nancy Bauer to the membership rolls.

REMINISCENCES SOUGHT

Do you have an anecdote, an interesting story, a memory from high school, a picture of some Clinton event in 1960, or anything else which might appeal to other members, please contact the editor. We would like to put these items in future Newsletters.

The Clinton Historical Society depends upon the generosity of its members. Please help advance our work by remembering the Society in your will and estate planning.

QUESTERS DISPLAY CASE

The Schooltown Questers have brought its wooden display case to the Society where various members will share their personnel collections with the public. Recently Peggy Jury, Roseann Suhr, and Sona Larzelere have had displays. Thank you Questers.

More recent Society members should know that in 2000 the Questers donated \$4000 to the Society for the purchase of the stacking chairs used for programs.

CLARIFICATION

Last month's issue had a brief mention of the Kennedy Block on South Park Row. Ed Buckley has corrected your editor concerning the years it was used as a school.

The then-new Clinton Central School District used that building for the 1932-33 school year when the new 7-12 school on Chenango Avenue was under construction.

Ed recalls that his 6th grade was taught by Edna Ten Eyk and was upstairs with the 5th grade while the 4th grade was downstairs.

In the 1933-34 year Ed entered 7th grade in the new commodious school with the signature tower.

STAGECOACH ACCIDENT

Also in the February issue was an item about the stages through the village. Vehicle accidents happened back then, too.

The *Oneida Chief* of September 25, 1851 reported that the afternoon coach was coming into the village when one of the wheels broke down, throwing the coach on its "beam end." 16 passengers were aboard, eight of them were ladies. Some received slight bruises, but no one was seriously hurt.

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In the same paper Mrs. Philip McEntee, who was riding in her carriage en route to church in Clark Mills, was thrown from the wagon and "so much injured as to cause her death on the Thursday following."

CLINTONS IN U.S.A.

Question: how many Clintons are there in the nation? 26 have zip codes. Other Clintons are counties and towns.

Clinton, Alabama	35448
Clinton, Arkansas	72031
Clinton, Connecticut	06413
Clinton, Illinois	61727
Clinton, Indiana	47842
Clinton, Iowa	52732
Clinton, Kentucky	42031
Clinton, Louisiana	70722
Clinton, Maine	04927
Clinton, Maryland	20735
Clinton, Massachusetts	01510
Clinton, Michigan	49236
Clinton, Minnesota	56225
Clinton, Missouri	64735
Clinton, Montana	59825
Clinton, New Jersey	08809
Clinton, New York	13323
Clinton, North Carolina	28328
Clinton, Ohio	44216
Clinton, Oklahoma	73601
Clinton, Pennsylvania	15026
Clinton, South Carolina	29325
Clinton, Tennessee	37716
Clinton, Washington	98236
Clinton, Wisconsin	53525
Clinton Hill Station, New Jersey	07108
Clinton Corners, New York	12414