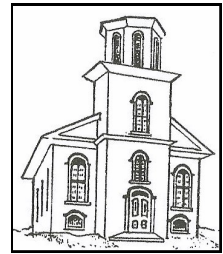


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CLINTON HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER



December 2015

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' STROLL

The Christmas season has arrived, and the Society invites all members and guests to "drop in" during our open hours November 27 and November 28 to help us celebrate the festive holidays between now and January 1, 2016.

The Society will be open 3 to 6 pm on Friday, November 27 and 1 to 4 pm Saturday, November 28.

The downstairs permanent exhibits include the Apothecary Shoppe, civilian defense artifacts from the 1950s, hockey items, a fanning mill and wood plow, former Stone Presbyterian Church Seth Thomas clock and two faces, former auditorium seats from the Middle School, Lithia water bottles, old student desk, new acquisitions, business signs from the 1910 period, and iron ore/blast furnace artifacts.

On the main floor the display cases contain Evelyn Edwards' Christmas postcards, Clinton business promotion items covering over 100 years basically a "Made in Clinton" exhibit, Ens. Robert O. Burns, Jr. portrait, pictures and medals, 19th century domestic and farm implements, and many framed paintings and pictures.

The many local history books also will be available for purchase; see list elsewhere in this newsletter. The Society will be decorated in festive Christmas attire.

MEMBER SOCIALIZER DECEMBER 9

Keeping in the holiday spirits of good cheer the Society invites all members to the annual **Christmas Socializer** from 7 to 8:30 on Wednesday, December 9. Cocktails, soft drinks, appetizers and finger food will be served.

This is a great chance to meet old friends and meet new ones who share your love of Clinton history. It's a free event sponsored by your Society board of directors. Join us.

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Dues- \$10.00 individual;
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\$25.00 friends; \$50.00 contributing

WATERVILLE TIMES TO ENTER CLINTON MARKET

Since the 169-year old *Clinton Courier* stopped publishing on September 9, 2015, the village and town have been left without a weekly paper. News, sports, honor rolls, ads, pictures, and local events have been missing for most of us.

The *Waterville Times* has published since 1857, and today is owned by Pat Louise. Pat wants to come to Clinton and fill that gap. She will mail her weekly starting November 18, and it will be available at various locations for free.

She has hired a reporter and photographer to be in the area for board meetings, sports events, and other community functions. Pat plans to add four more pages to her normal 12 page *Times* for Clinton news.

The Society welcomes the *Times* to Clinton and encourages our members to subscribe, send news items to the *Times*, and buy ads if a business.

The *Waterville Times* will only continue after December if Pat Louise receives a positive response from Clinton.

ROBERT TEGART IS COUNTY PRESIDENT

The Society's coordinator and past president Robert Tegart now is president of the Oneida County Historians Association which began in 1998 on the occasion of the county's bicentennial.

The O.C.H.A. holds four meetings each year for all town and village historians in the county and sponsors History Day each summer.

SOCIETY WILL JOIN CLINTON CHAMBER

The Society will make connections with the Clinton/Kirkland business community by joining the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. New Chamber executive director is Jackie Walters. Jackie and husband Doug are Society members and live on Fountain Street.

YEAR END DONATIONS

As of November 12 over \$1400 has been received from 30 members to replenish funds used to build a new metal fire escape in the rear of the building to conform to new building codes. Thanks go out to these members whose names will be in a future Newsletter.

Others are encouraged to send us your gift by December 31, 2015 to qualify for a tax deduction in 2015. Use the remittance envelope inserted in the November Newsletter mailing.

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM- LARGE TURNOUT

Over 100 members and guests attended the Ensign Robert O. Burns, Jr. program on November 8. Wade Lallier gave an interesting presentation using audio, video, and still pictures to show Hellcat fighter planes, the USS Belleau Woods aircraft carrier, and Burns family photos. A large portrait of Burns in uniform was unveiled by his daughter Mrs. Ann Burns Chapman of Tully, New York.

The Burns family has graciously donated many items about Ens. Burns to the Society. At the conclusion of the program the society presented Burns' medals and pictures to the Schilling, Burns, Young V.F.W. 9591 Post of Clinton. The Post will display the items next to pictures of Paul Schilling, which were given by the Schilling family two years ago.



Above Wade Lallier presented medals Ens. Burns was awarded to past V.F.W. commander Jack Lane as past V.F.W. commander Chet Stuttler looks on. Also attending were Helmuth-Ingalls American Legion Post 232 commander John Nolan, vice-commander Les LeBrecque, and Ken Shilkret.



Wade Lallier standing by portrait of Ens. Burns with his daughter Ann Burns Chapman and her husband Chris.



From left are past V.F.W. commanders George Reschethnikow, Chet Stuttler, and Jack Lane accepting medals and pictures.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

With the holiday season right around the corner, gift giving becomes foremost on many minds. What should I get for my Family, Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, or close family friends? Instead of the traditional gift giving approach, perhaps a unique gift such as a membership to the Clinton Historical Society would be to their liking especially if it's a family member who is an avid history buff or is involved in genealogy or building a family tree. We have the right tools and resources to get them started or keep them connected to the local history and civic activities in the community.

If they are already Clinton Historical Society members, then a donation in their name or a membership renewal is a great way to give a gift. Remember dues is tax deductible.

Happy Holidays,

Jerry Semchenko

GIVE THE GIFT OF HISTORY Use this page as your order form

May we suggest a local history book or two to give in December? Or for yourself?

- 1- Francis Lallier, *Little Country School District 12*, \$24.00
- 2- Frank and Faye Cittadino, *Clinton and Town of Kirkland*, \$ 24.00
- 3- Richard Williams, *Along Oriskany & Big Creeks*, \$24.00
- 4- James Sykes, *Forty Years of Clinton History 1875-1915*, \$ 8.00
- 5- Richard Williams, *Kirkland Since 1827*, \$10.00
- 6- Richard Williams, *Farms & Barns of Kirkland*, \$25.00
- 7- Susan Goodier, *No Votes for Women*, \$25.00
- 8- Evelyn Edwards, *Sauquoit Valley*, \$20.00

Mugs and maps also available

FOR SALE DURING OPEN HOURS WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 1 TO 4

MAIL ORDER— include \$3.00 per book for postage

Send check to P.O. Box 42, Clinton 13323 or go to www.clintonhistory.org and use PayPal .

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