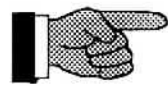
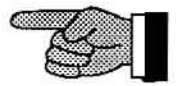


# 150 VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS



**SHOWN PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME**



**WEEKENDS NOON - 4 July 3 - Sept. 12**

**1777 Creek Meeting House/Historical Center, Clinton Corners**

Our Society is pleased to present as its annual summer exhibit "**Tower Hill Photographer**", showing selected images taken at the turn of the century in Dutchess County by local amateur photographer **Sidney Smith Benham** (1870-1944). These scenes feature a wide array of subject matter, from the "great conflagration" fire in the business district of 1916 Millbrook, to significant architecture (Halcyon Hall, etc), to scenes of everyday life. The viewer is immediately impressed with the clarity of these photos, taken from glass plate negatives and cut roll film of the period.

Sidney Benham, who lived on Tower Hill Road in the town of Washington, was very active in community service. He served multiple times as town supervisor, assessor, and postmaster from 1918 thru 1937. His collection has been preserved by the Benham family, and his granddaughter Virginia and grandson Stan have been instrumental in researching and selecting the views for this exhibit. Exhibit director George Greenwood has arranged the images by category for more interesting viewing. In the "Events" section, three scenes of a **trainwreck** are displayed, as are scenes with **Teddy Roosevelt**, the 1909 Hudson-Fulton Celebration, Community Day parade with a 1920's Moline tractor,

and the D.C. Fairgrounds when they were located in Washington Hollow. "Recreation" features a 1904 photo of local resident Al Welling on a motorbike. Al died in his 80's while riding to the golf course...on his motorcycle! "Industry" shows scenes of a very early sawmill (John Senk's), Borden's milk plants, Bloomvale Falls Mills in 1900, and a great 1906 shot of the Clove Valley stone furnace. Of special interest is the photo of the Deep Hollow stone arch bridge, which was built in the 1700's. The bridge came down in 1944, and this is one of the few (only?) surviving turn-of-the-century photographs of this landmark. Other panels will display "Fashion", "Houses and Interiors", "Transportation", "Places", "Farm", and "General".

The Society is indebted to those members who have given their time and talent to develop and present this exhibit for the enjoyment of our community. We thank:

- Virginia Benham Augerson**
- Stanley Benham**
- George Greenwood**
- Scott Lovell**
- Bill McDermott**

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## "OPEN MIKE" FOLK MUSIC

**SAT. June 26 8:00 PM**



**New  
start  
time!**

**MASONIC HALL Schultsville \$5.00**

**Musicians: "Open Mike" format 7:30 sign-up at the door. Info: 266-5494**

**--- Shuttle Parking at the Town Hall --- Held 4th Saturday every month ---**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you volunteer 2 or 4 hours on a weekend this summer to host our vintage photo exhibit? No experience or historical knowledge required! Shifts are Noon-2PM and 2-4PM. Please help us keep these exhibits open!

Call Louise McDermott at 266-3819

### CHICKEN BARBECUE FUNDRAISER Aug. 7

The Masonic Hall Preservation Group will be hosting a "Wine, Chicken, and Song" barbecue at the Clinton Vineyards to raise funds for the restoration of the Masonic Hall in Schultsville. Musicians have been invited to make this a truly enjoyable feast in a beautiful country setting, complete with wine from the Vineyard. This is a family event and all are encouraged to bring their friends. You will receive an announcement with complete details shortly. Cost for the dinner, wine, and music will be \$20 for adults, and \$10 for 12 years and under. We thank members Phyllis and Ben Feder for volunteering their home and Vineyard for this event.

- Enjoy a Good Time, while supporting this project! -

***Have a Great Summer -  
See you at the Photo Exhibit!***

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## 1999 CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

No meetings in July or August

**Friday Sept. 10** "Madam Brett Homestead"  
by Lorraine McCauley

**Friday Oct. 1** "Farming in Clinton: History"  
by Dave Tetor

**Friday Nov. 5** "Stoutenburgh of Hyde Park"  
by James Spratt

**Friday Dec. 3** "Holiday Dinner & Auction"

-- 7:30 PM at CHS Historical Center --

-- no meetings Jan., July, August --

## "DID YOU KNOW?"

*The first primitive road which traversed Clinton from southeast to northwest was built c. 1718 and exists today as Schultsville Road. Two primary needs for the road was for tenant farmers in Dover to travel to pay their rent to Henry Beekman in Rhinebeck, and to move goods to and from Rhinebeck Landing on the Hudson River.*

...researched by Eleanor Rogers from "Clinton, a History of a Town" by Wm. P. McDermott (avail. for sale)



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