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CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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1975

A good beginning

The June 20, 1975 meeting was both informative and entertaining. Thanks to the executive team for a good program. Special thanks to Helena Van Vliet, Kate Spross and Betty Kinney for the early Clinton pictures. The running commentary by Helena Van Vliet and Rip Van Auken gave life and meaning to the pictures. Our able production manager was John Jeanneney.

The following individuals are chairing the below listed committees.

1. Pictorial history - Helena Van Vliet
2. Oral history - Bette Davis
3. Gravesites - Fran Weir
4. Membership - Charles Spross
5. Early records - Bill McDermott (temporary)

The following committee chairmanships are unfilled.

6. Program
7. Early transportation and education and services
8. Newsletter

Any individual wishing to serve on or chair these or any other committees please speak to any one of the executive team.

Next meeting

October 17, 1975 8:15 PM Town Hall at Schultzville
Speaker: Clifford Buck

Mr. Buck is a noted local historian and geneologist who has been actively engaged in research for the past 40 years. A graduate of Cornell University, he has been an active farmer and insurance agent until recently. As a long time member of the Dutchess County Historical Society he has published some of his work beginning in 1938 with an article on the town of Salt Point. In the 60's his interest spread to Clinton and resulted in a publication on Abel Peters, an early settler, whose house still stands in Clinton Corners and who gave the land for the Stone Meeting House erected in 1777 by the Quakers. Currently his work as a Geneological Consultant brings him requests from all parts of the country for information on family trees. He is a respected member of the Dutchess County Geneological Society.

Mr. Buck's 2 part talk will cover Clinton's early history and discuss methods for tracing one's family and property history.

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Museum

The Clinton Historical Society has received permission from the Town Board to use the old library space at the Town Hall for a museum. In the coming months we plan to collect and display items of historical interest such as copies of old maps, early publications, historical reference works, deeds, pictures, etc.

Minutes of June 20, 1975 meeting

Emma Link

In this year of bicentennial activity, the Clinton Historical Society was reactivated on the evening of June 20, 1975, at the Town Hall in Schultzville.

From the number of residents who turned out in response to the cards sent by the secretary, it was apparent that many felt our town had very much to offer in historical background to remind the older residents of its heritage and to give those who had made their homes here recently, some idea of the contributions the original settlers had made to their community and country.

The president, Rip Van Auken, suggested that a new slate of officers from various parts of the town would be in order and offered for a vote, the following slate which was accepted:

President - William McDermott
Vice-President - Kelsev Wirehouse
Treasurer - Charles Spross
Recording Secretary - Emma Link
Corresponding Secretary - Peg Chart
Historians - Helena Van Vliet
Rip Van Auken

Bill McDermott took the chair and explained his ideas of what would make the meetings of the Society both worthwhile and interesting. Many of those present contributed to the discussion and with the wide diversity of interests, it was decided that various committees could be formed to study whatever subjects were most interesting to them. Meetings would be held four - six times a year with the committees meeting and investigating their special interests more frequently if necessary. The main meetings could then be turned over to each committee as part of the evening's entertainment.

Now with summer over and a long winter ahead, the council met at the home of Charles Spross to make plans for another meeting. The guest speaker will be Clifford Buck.

This News Letter, then, is to be a notice to all the members and all their neighbors, to gather at the Town Hall in Schultzville at 8:15 on October 17TH, to share in the fascinating history of the Town of Clinton as it develops through future meetings.

Membership

The Clinton Historical Society is open to all. New members are welcome, encouraged to attend meetings and to join any of the committees. There are no membership requirements other than the desire to join. Dues are \$3.00 for individual and \$5.00 for family membership. Please use the membership / mailing list form and mail your dues today. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Clinton Historical Society
c/o Charles G. Spross
Schultzville Road
Clinton Corners, New York 12514

Family membership \$5.00 _____ Individual membership \$3.00 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip _____

Please make check payable to: Clinton Historical Society

Local Notes

The Clinton Bicentennial Committee has published a handsomely bound, 68 page book "Clinton - A Bicentennial Review". The book, which is a review of Clinton's history and life styles, contains many articles, pictures, illustrations and maps. Books may be purchased for \$2.50 at the J. L. Market or the Clinton Library.