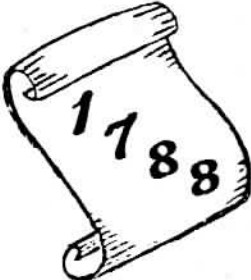


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lots of activity. I went to Albany with our constitution and by-laws. We done good. Just a few changes recommended. Surprisingly, one of these was for us to include our plan to have a museum. Charter are approved for five years at first, after which they become permanent. During this period we can plan activities such as a museum, but if we do not accomplish this during the period, it is no problem. if we don't mention it and then look for approval, we have to start the process all over again. So better to include it now. The name Clinton Historical Society was rejected because there already is one, but the name Town of Clinton Historical Society may be approved.

The MASONS have been polled regarding our interest in sharing Warren Lodge with them and using it as a meeting place and museum. The early returns from the members of the Lodge are very favorable. So far no rejections - only enthusiastic approval. More info as we learn it.

ANNUAL DINNER TIME - We have received approval to have the dinner at the Warren Lodge. We will have it catered. Won't it be great to finally have an Annual Dinner in town! How many times have we wished for that. Plan to be with us for a grand evening....

*** FRIDAY APRIL 12 ***

PRESERVATION AWARD - Is there someone you think has been especially active in some aspect of preserving Clinton's history, its rural character, its landscape or any other aspect of Clinton as a town? If so, send the name to:

Clinton Historical Society
Box 62
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MEMBERSHIP - How about everybody regarding themselves as part of the membership committee. No effort required - just bring a friend, a new resident, or neighbor from another town to our meetings. Then point them to our membership chairman, Al Mueser, or any other member of the exec committee. We will do the rest.

LANDMARK PROFILE:

WINDSWEPT FARM

(Note: This is the first of a series that will appear from time-to-time on the sites in the Town of Clinton that have been designated as Landmarks by the CHS.)

THE KERSHAW FARM

Windswept Farm, located in the Town of Clinton, is an architecturally and historically significant example of a nineteenth century Hudson Valley farm that includes a vernacular Federal style farmhouse and related historic barns and outbuildings. Built by Amos Lyons in 1823, the highly intact farm dwelling is a sturdy, one-and-one-half story, rectangular, heavy timber block with a standard center-hall floor plan. The influence of the Federal style is primarily expressed in the highly crafted mantel, door, and window surrounds and the dwelling's decorative interior woodwork. These characteristics define a regional vernacular building type, common in the mid-Hudson Valley during the early nineteenth century, which combined regional interpretations of national Federal design with a distinctive, colonial pattern of massing, scale, and fenestration. Associated with the house are two intact mid-nineteenth century barns and a cider mill (three contributing buildings) that recall Windswept Farm's history as a prosperous nineteenth-century farm during the 1823 to 1899 period of significance.

The eighty-acre tract of original farmland, still used for agricultural purposes today, preserves the agrarian character of the setting. The property belonged to the Lyon family from 1782 until 1956 and since 1956 has been the home of Warren and Dacie Kershaw. The house is a representative example of its type in Dutchess County and is one of the few remaining early farmhouses in the county that have not been separated from their historic tracts by later subdivision and development.

Windswept Farm is on the National Register.

(article taken from the National Register application)



DON'T LOOK NOW ...



But PLEASE look before the day is over. What should you look for? Everything that has to do with Clinton. And when we say everything, that is exactly what we mean.* Records of any and all kinds which give a scrap or a bunch of information about Clinton are being sought.

We want to add your items to the great number of other items which we have already collected to be microfilmed or copied. The Plan is to get this project underway by Easter. What should be included?

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| PHOTOGRAPHS | NEWSPAPER CLIPS |
| DEEDS | LEDGERS |
| MAPS | DRAWINGS |
| OLD LETTERS | BIBLES |
| POST CARDS | BOOKLETS |
| ADVERTISEMENTS | LEAFLETS |
| POSTERS | RAILROAD ITEMS |
| CHURCH BULLETINS | MEMBERSHIP LISTS |
| DIARIES | FAMILY TREES |
| CLASS LISTS | CERTIFICATES |

ETC, ETC, ETC...

Hey folks - the stuff is around. But it won't be tomorrow. It is up to us to assure that material for future town historians and others interested in telling the story of Clinton have material to work with. The items which have been mentioned above will provide invaluable information and clues about life during earlier times.

We have been the beneficiaries of earlier residents who were wise enough to collect and preserve material for us to learn about their times. Your finds, when they are copied, will become part of the collection which will make displays (in our museum?) or become part of our research library.

1991 already?! How did that happen? Why, it was only yesterday we were riding our bikes and playing with our dolls and trucks. Ninety years have passed since the century turned last. Soon another century will pass. What we collect will help us write the history of this century before it slips by.

Once again - what do we want you to find? ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. If you are in doubt, we want it. Even if you think there is only a slight chance we can use it, we want it. We will pick up your items, guard them carefully, copy them, and return them - all within a very reasonable time.

TAKE A MINUTE NOW -
FILL OUT AND RETURN

I have things to copy. Come and get them.

Name -----

Address -----

----- Zip -----

Phone -----

List what you have now, or if you prefer, wait till we contact you.

Items: -----

Is there someone not receiving our newsletter who might want to provide material for copy? If so, please contact them, or if you like, list their name and phone below, and we will contact them:

Name -----

Phone -----

Return to:

Bill McDermott or Macy Sherow
Clinton Historical Society
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Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

LANDMARKS REGISTER

The Clinton Historical Society has designated 24 sites in the town as Landmarks, and plaques have been affixed to each site. The following list from Emil Schoch, Landmarks Chairman, comprise the awards to date:

Mark & Eliz. Villanti	Pumpkin La
Dorothy Anderson	Milan Hollow Rd
Mr/Mrs Vincent Teahan	Bulls Head Rd
Tom & Delores Murphy	Old Bulls Hd Rd
Peter & Marilyn Buchenholz	Browns Pd Rd
Friends Meeting House	Main St.
John Hannam	Main St.
Mr/Mrs Don Marchese	Clinton Hol. Rd
Richard & Noreen Coller	Deer Ridge Dr
Frances Mark	Hollow Rd
Howard & Marsha Zipser	Hollow Rd
Diana Bontecou	Hibernia Rd
Mr/Mrs John Weiland	Hollow Rd
Mr/Mrs Eugene Hoffnagle	Meadowbrook La
Kelsey Wirehouse	Pumpkin La
Pleas Plains Presb Church	Fiddl. Br. Rd
Susan Fowler-Gallagher	Hollow Rd
Mr/Mrs Charles Hubert	Fiddl. Br. Rd
Joseph & Nancy Drago	Hollow Rd
Warren Lodge	Centre Rd
Craig & Mary Marshall	Fiddl. Br. Rd
Mr/Mrs Louis DeRicchio	Shadblow La.
Allen & Jean Webster	Schultzville Rd
Warren & Dacie Kershaw	Sunset Trail

*** REMINDER ***

NEXT MEETING:

FRIDAY MARCH 1

7:30 PM

TOWN LIBRARY

-FEATURING-

"RECOLLECTIONS

OF OLD

CLINTON"

- John Luhman

- Morris Smith

80 Year Clinton

RESIDENTS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Clinton Historical Society year runs from April 1 to March 31. If you have overlooked sending your 1990 dues, please clip out the following application for renewal and send it with your check payable to "Clinton Historical Society" to:

Florence Smith
RR2 Box 63
Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

Family \$8.00

Individual \$5.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

ADVANCE NOTICE

ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY

APRIL 12