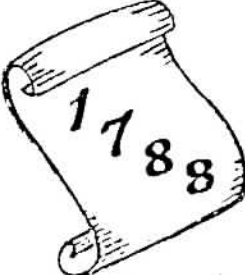


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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# A RARE CACHE

We don't usually get a newsletter in the summer, do we? This summer is different. Community Day, a scheduled concert, a craft exhibit, a planned flea market, and the usual Wednesday afternoons at the Grange with our researchers has kept the executive committee just as busy as it is the rest of the year.

But we have had lots of help. Edna Lachmund, Sherri & Paul Trusz, Carol Valentine & others initiated and implemented a summer concert for the Society and the community. This we hope is one of the many different programs the Society will sponsor in the future. Please mark August 13 on your calendar.

Bill DiFrenza has had a nice response from various crafts people who will enter the fruits of their special talents in the forthcoming exhibit at the Grange hall on Community Day.

Bertha May Nicholson stopped by last month to look again at the church in which her father, Rev. Cecil Pearson, was pastor in 1930-31. Now a Penna. resident she spoke of fond memories she had of Clinton during those few years as a child. She sent for our archive a variety of items regarding entertainment in the community which the church sponsored. Dinner at \$.65 was a bargain even in yesterday's dollars.

Paul & Glenda Schwarze also made an unusual contribution to the Society. They saved hand hewn timbers from the roof of their early home. Old homes sometimes require significant maintenance to extend their lives. Timbers such as these will frame an exhibit sometime in the future.

Eleanor Rogers has contributed many hours to the Society at our Wednesday sessions - one of those tireless workers who just seems to enjoy what she is doing. Her most recent contribution is an 1858 map of Dutchess County containing residents' names. Thanks, Eleanor, we will use this and the other items you have contributed as well.

SEE YOU AT THE CONCERT ! - Bill McD.

Jim Brands, descendent of the Rymph family - early residents of Clinton, made an unusual contribution. Twelve manuscripts dated from 1810 to 1869 details certain aspects of Clinton history. An assessment roll, election list, school assessment list, an auction held in 1814, list of town officials, etc. are among the rare documents he contributed.

Among these were three militia lists. Yes, every male 16-60 was required to serve in the militia but these lists do not survive because they were only muster lists. These 3 documents give us some insight about the militia in Clinton during the period when the British were again attempting to retake their colony in 1812-14.

Another document reminds us that at one time we were all responsible for maintaining the roads. In 1862 James Filkin was assigned 8 days of road work by road commissioner James A. Cookingham. But John E. Traver was assigned only 4 days. They probably owned different lengths of road along District #62. Wonder how many road districts there were in Clinton that year?

Folks, these special historic finds contribute a great deal to Clinton's history. Check your attics. If you are not sure of the importance of what you find, ask us.

In the meantime, thanks to the sharp eye of Jim Brands we can add another piece to Clinton's past.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO  
HELP CLINTON COMMUNITY  
DAY AND OUR MUSEUM !!**

CALL LOUISE OR BILL - 266-3819

# CLINTON COMMUNITY DAY

COME ONE, COME ALL !!

Yes, it's time again for the Town's annual BIG EVENT...Clinton Community Day. Started by the Grange in 1914, this year marks the 79th anniversary of this popular attraction. As was discussed in our last Society meeting in June, the Town was looking for a local group to organize the event this year, and was not getting a response. Our CHS Planning Committee discussed the possibility of having our Society take up the challenge as a community service, and this proposal was supported by the Society in June. Since then, Bill McDermott has chaired a committee of Society members who are "account executives" responsible for signing up vendors for the booths. Also, Craig Marshall is chairing the Parade Committee which will feature floats as an added (and renewed) attraction (see article).

The Community Day Committee has met several times, and a lot of progress is being made. All information on participating vendors, contacts for supplies and services, parade entrants, and other related information is being entered into a computer so that the organizing job for next year will be much, much simpler.

Besides organizing Community Day, our Society will be active that day in:

1. Crafts exhibit...volunteers needed to staff this.
2. Raffle of articles...donated by vendors to offset Community Day expenses.
3. Popcorn booth... Hans Hanaburgh has acquired a popcorn machine as a fund-raiser for the Society's Museum. Members are needed to staff this in 2 hour shifts.
4. French Fries...Jim Hosie of the Schultzville General Store is graciously donating the use of his french frier ...and has volunteered his time to staff the booth...again, as a fund-raiser for the Museum.

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# PARADE FLOATS

Clinton Community Days of years past were famous for the many floats that joined in the parade....some were very elaborate, as evidenced by photographs currently in the Society's archives. With our Society organizing this year's Community Day, we are hopeful to bring back this popular tradition, and we have contacted over 35 town organizations and all town residents soliciting their entries. Elaborate floats are not a requirement. In fact, we are defining "float" to mean a decorated wagon or wheelbarrow, a group of people parading, a towed trailer, decorated truck, or...? Town organizations, individuals, and families are eligible to enter a float.

Prizes will be awarded for "prettiest", 'most unique', 'most participants' and 'best theme-oriented'. The theme for this years Clinton Community Day is:  
-- "Clinton - Together As One" --

To lead this float revival effort, our Society will be entering it's float. A flat-bed (car-hauling) trailer towed by a restored Farmall-H tractor is reserved for our use. Material is also available. All we need to do is develop a theme and construct according to our imagination... this will be a real fun activity!

Please contact Craig Marshall at 266-5684 if you would like to help build the float.

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5. Flea market...a friend of one of our members has donated about 20 boxes of flea market items for us to sell. That coupled with boxes of books donated by members Barb and Jack Cleary will provide more fund-raising for our Museum. Volunteers are needed to staff this booth (with raffle) in 2 hr. shifts.
6. Parade float...our Society will be entering a float...volunteers are needed (see "Float" article).

So, come and have a GREAT TIME at the annual Clinton Community Day - Saturday Sept 4 beginning at 9:00. Call Bill or Louise at 266-3819 if you can volunteer to staff our Society's functions.

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