

HOLLOW RD. PLEASANT PLAINS

WEST CLINTON FIREHOUSE

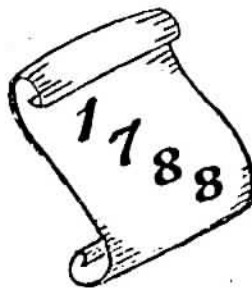
FRIDAY APR. 16

NEXT MEETING:

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Clinton Historical Society  
Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Is our attention span getting short, or are we too busy, or is it possible time moves along at a swifter pace? All these caveats to account for the late notice on the ANNUAL MEETING. We have it now. It will be held at the West Clinton Fire Dept. on Friday, April 16, 1993 at 6 PM. See the reservation included in this newsletter. And please try to include your membership dues.

By the time you receive this, our crew will have completed cleaning the attic of the Grange building. A dirty job but a real interesting historical experience...and working together has been fun. Thanks to all who helped in this project!!

We continue to work closely with ALSON VAN WAGNER, who sadly will be leaving the area soon. He is sharing his long time experience with Quaker history in this area and in Dutchess County in general. Also, very important to our Center is his ability to lead us through the myriad of resources about this important group of early settlers. It would have taken us a lot of time to track all these resources ourselves. Sometime soon we hope to gather many of these resources for membership and public use. As you probably realize there is no central resource in Dutchess Co. where this material is available.

In a flash CRAIG MARSHALL fixed an ailing microfilm reader. Check with the right person and you get quality results. Thanks Craig.

## FINALLY, A DECENT DAY

March 3 was the first day our Wednesday afternoon group didn't have to slog through slush or endure some cold at the Grange Hall to continue their work. That day was full of activity. Post cards, photos, and other ephemera donated to the Society were brought by MARILYN BUCHENHOLZ. Some of the group reviewed them and Marilyn will record identifying information on each before turning them over to the Society.

ELEANOR ROGERS & LOUISE McDERMOTT sorted deed abstracts to add to the Society's files. Identifying each resident on these abstracts, though labor intensive, helps to build our file of former residents in the town.

GEORGE GREENWOOD has launched the next phase of the 20th century project. You should see George working with the computer and the Society's microfilm reader at the same time. But then again, some folks are pretty creative.

ANN D'ATTORE was busy copying photos using her camera, closeup equipment and the Society's copy equipment. Ann has also agreed to begin developing our photos in-house once we provide a dark room facility. By the way our specialist CRAIG MARSHALL has designed some portable equipment for this.

VIOLA SCHOCH came by to fill us in on her one-room school project which has progressed very nicely. EMIL SCHOCH brought applications for 1993 Landmark designation.

And in the other corner was BILL McDERMOTT doing that administrative work which comes with setting up a working Family History Center/Museum.

**\* ALICE'S TUNE \***  
**-HAPPY ST. PAT'S-**

A Saint Patrick's Day Dirge  
by ALICE WEILAND

(Sung to the tune of Danny Boy)

The Winter's Gone  
But how the snow is falling;  
The spring is far,  
So far away from view;  
The birds are cold;  
Their feeble notes are calling  
"Come back, come back,"  
They beg the spring, "Pray do!"

We would oblige,  
We mortals weak and weary.  
But tell us, please!  
What can we say or do  
When Mother Nature  
Plays her tricks upon us?  
Dear feathered friends, the sun  
The sun will shine again --  
for you.

Alice composed this poem-song  
in honor of St. Patrick's day  
shortly before the Grangers  
met for their regular Tuesday  
meeting. During each meeting this  
group puts on a program with each  
member making a contribution.

## FLEA MARKET

The regular popular flea markets  
held at the Upton Lake Grange in  
Clinton corners will begin again  
Saturday April 3, 10 AM to 3 PM.  
Our Society will have a table to  
raise a few coins to purchase  
materials for our Wednesday  
afternoon group of volunteers. We  
will gladly accept items you wish  
to donate for sale. Call Bill or  
Louise also if you would like to  
take a 2 hour shift on the table  
(tel: 266-3819).

## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

APR.16

6:00 PM Wine & Hors D'Oeuvres

7:15 PM Dinner

8:30 PM Annual Meeting  
Elections  
Landmark Awards  
Preservation Award  
Achievement Awards

SPECIAL: **\$11.25**

Checks to:  
Clinton Historical Society  
c/o Louise Mc Dermott  
Box 62  
Clinton Corners, NY12514

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR  
ANNUAL DUES !

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY !!  
Bring a friend to enjoy the  
hospitality of the West Clinton  
Fire Dept. staff. We think it  
is nice to stay in town for  
these Annual Dinners ...what  
do you think?

**BARKER HALL**  
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**-RSVP by APR. 4-**

## \*\* 1792 BIBLE \*\*

The Society received a leather-bound Lutheran bible printed in German in 1792. HARRY PRESTON, a long time resident on Brown's Pond Rd. made this donation. It is believed to have originated in the Sheriger family or one of that family's in-laws. In any case it is likely to have been brought to Clinton by one of the town's earliest German settlers.

This kind of artifact touches our earliest history and makes a fine addition to our archive. But more importantly, it is an item which will easily fit any number of exhibits we will present in the future.

German settlers who arrived in Columbia County in an area which was part of Dutchess County at the time moved to Rhinebeck soon after their arrival. From there they moved into the northwestern region of Clinton where they intermarried with the smaller Dutch group who were resident in the Pleasant Plains area.

### \* C.H.S. WISH LIST \*

Many of Clinton's residents went to church in surrounding towns. Valuable information about these individuals are in the printed records of these churches. The info in these records provide valuable material for exhibits which the Society will present. Below is a list of these published references. If you have one of these that you would like to donate to our Center, or would like to buy one to donate, please contact Bill. (Do you know of other church records?)

Rhinebeck Reformed Church	\$42.
St. Peters Lutheran	45.
Zion Lutheran	44.
St. Paul's at Wurtemberg	24.

(tax-deductible receipt provided)

Also we are looking for a cable to connect an external disk drive to an Apple 2c.

T H A N K S ! !

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*-FEATURING-*

\*WINE

\*HORS D'OEUVRES

\*DINNER

\*ELECTIONS

\*AWARDS

-RSVP by APR. 4-

## ANNUAL DUES

April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994

Family \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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