

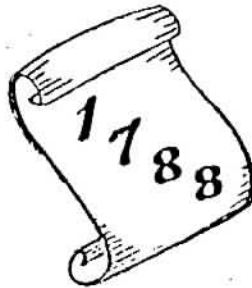
FRIDAY MAY 7

NEXT MEETING:

*** REMINDER ***

Clinton Historical Society
Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

The Clinton



Historian

TOWN OF CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ROOM TO LEARN =
24' x 18' x 9'

What can we say when things come together?

Furniture - Roger Hof has brought us file cabinets, desks, tables, etc. donated by Texaco, Inc. Roger responded to our needs, processed a request, stayed on top of it until he received a favorable response, and THEN personally delivered the furniture. What else is there to say but THANKS, Roger.

The Feds - finally we have received our long overdue confirmation of our tax-exempt status from the IRS. Donations are tax deductible as of July 1991. Sure things take a long time but even the Feds respond to persistent calling.

Post Cards & Flea Markets - Those post cards which Marilyn Buchenholz has gathered from the Preston family are not all relevant to our goals. So what does Marilyn do? She starts to sell them - proceeds to the Society. Between that & the flea market which Louise put together at the last minute, the Society is a \$100. more well off.

Storage shelves - when things grow one begins to need storage shelves. Now completed these shelves give more space and make things easier to find.

Painting - before the weather gets to us we are going to paint the Grange in May. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. And we may hear in our June meeting about the framing construction of the upper portion of the building.

The Mart - a publication about goings-on in Clinton & Stanford was printed during the 1960s & 1970s. Mark Tallardy has given us another bunch. Soon we may have the whole run. Do you have any?

These were the dimensions prescribed for the new Pleasant Plains School at a special meeting held Jun. 4, 1852. The voters decided that \$350. would be raised by tax for the erection of the new building. Said building would be on the north side of the Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church edifice. Subsequently, the old schoolhouse on the south side of the church was moved up the present Hollow Road to the first turn in the road which today bears an historical plaque. Movers of that building were Henry Van Vliet and his son George. H. Richard and Helena Van Vliet were George's children.

Abigail Harris of Salisbury, CT was one of the last teachers in the first school before she married in 1848 to my grandfather, Michael Cookingham. Sara Baker taught in the new school in 1914-16 before she married Harlow Cookingham. They were to become my parents. It was the law back then that teachers had to give up their jobs when they married! Red Hook attorney William Walsh and Florence Frost, a former Hyde Park teacher, were both in mother's classroom. Uncle Rowland Cookingham taught there too. Helena Van Vliet was his student. I was a student there from 1930-37. Often I rode my pony Florence to school and "parked" her in the church shed till noon when I rode home for a hot lunch and then back to class.

The second school, then known as Pleasant Plains School #3, closed its doors June 1944 after Hyde Park Central School District was formed. The building and property were turned over to the church for \$1.

My research continues as photos are shared and questionnaires are turned back to me from former students. We've gotten together a list of former teachers, classmates, activities, and recess games, the physical aspects of the building which cling in our memories, and newspaper clippings.

ANNUAL MEETING

Held at Barker Hall, West Clinton
Fire Dept. on Friday April 16, 1993.

Elections

Bill Mc Dermott	Pres.
Craig Marshall	Vice Pres.
Florence Smith	Treas.
Donna Calkins	Sec'y

Trustees:

Macy Sherow	1994
Thomas O'Shea	1995
Alan Meuser	1996
Mark Tallardy	1997

** Achievement Awards **

George Greenwood - computer
installed family data base
Eleanor Rogers - organized files
of historic value received
from the Town; initiated a
social history of one room
school(Oak Grove)

** Preservation Award **

MEMBERS, UPTON LAKE GRANGE

This group has maintained the former
Creek Meeting House for sixty-six
years after purchasing it in 1927
from the Quakers. In addition to
using it as their meeting hall,
they have permitted its use for
appropriate meetings by other
groups. Two events which warm the
hearts of many are 1) memories of the
square dances sponsored by Grange
members and 2) the use of the hall
as a staging area for Community Day.

** Landmark Award **

PLEASANT PLAINS ONE ROOM SCHOOL.

Viola Schoch presented the application,
but behind this application is a whole
lot more which we are only now
beginning to appreciate. She has
interviewed many of the school's
students and has prepared an
attractive history of the school
during the 20th century.

PAINTING PARTY !

Grange Hall Interior

SAT. MAY 15 at 8 AM

- Lunch provided -

Sign-up 266-3819

C.H.S. CRAFT SHOW COMMUNITY DAY

in Clinton Corners

Sponsored by the Society any Clinton
resident or friend is invited to participate
in a craft show on September 4. There
is no charge for the space.

If you wish to participate or know of
a crafts person who could contribute
to the show please contact

Bill DiFrenza 266 4496.

FOLLOW THE CLUES

It all seems so simple when he
tells it but it is the product of
careful attention and hours of
searching and pouring over sources
of information.

Yes, it's another map produced by
Bill Benson. This time we can be
confident he has settled the issue
of the path of the first road to
traverse Clinton. That road first
travelled in 1718 was designated in
1748 as an official road to be
maintained by the county. It began
in Dover and traveled past the
present tropper barracks on Route
44 and then up Clinton Corners Rd.

And it is at that junction that has
sparked a debate for a number of
years. Many residents thought the
road went to Schultzville by way of
Hollow Rd. while others believed
it traveled up Schultzville Rd.
It turns out, based on careful
detective work by Bill that both
routes are correct but the road
was altered in 1748 from a course
along Hollow Rd. to the Schultzville
course. Also another portion of the
road on its way to Rhinebeck was
changed.

Once again Bill has depicted this
finding in an attractive map with
explanations provided at each stage
of the road's course. His careful
reading of early records shows how
it all makes sense. It always makes
so much sense when Bill shows us
how.

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FRIDAY MAY 7

7:30 PM

TOWN LIBRARY

SCHULTZVILLE

-FEATURING-

ROBERT ANDRUS

"LIFE OF ELEANOR
ROOSEVELT + SLIDES
OF VAL-KILL"

NEXT MEETING: MAY 7
"ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
& VAL-KILL"

Speaker: Robert Andrus
Topic: Life of Eleanor Roosevelt
Also slides of Val-Kill.

Robert Andrus, former research manager at Texaco, Inc., developed a six-part course on the Roosevelts while working as a volunteer at the FDR museum. This is one part of the six he gives to groups at Elderhostels.

MORE SUPPORT FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Mark Tallardy, recognizing the value of our Family History project, has graciously purchased for the Society ALL Dutchess County censuses taken by New York State in the years 1865, 1876, 1892, and 1915. The 10 microfilm reels are an invaluable resource. They strengthen information already available at the Society. More inclusive than the federal census, some of these provide specific information about agricultural and manufacturing activities in each town. Mark, a capable researcher, often travels to Albany and New York City when he is hot on the trail of a new lead. THANKS Mark

ANNOUNCEMENT

ATTIC CLEANERS INC., lead by CEO Hanford Hanaburgh and assisted by his able staff specialize in cleaning attics. On March 20th he and one of his staff, John Lacey, gave a demonstration of their skill and thoroughness when they cleaned the attic in the Upton Lake Grange. This was their second visit. They were aided by Society members Craig Marshall and Bill Mc D., both of whom marveled at the swiftness of the process. While we found them to be a bit finicky, the end result was well worth the time.

We appreciate that this work was provided to the Society as a good-will gesture (perhaps to strengthen their business.) Both Society members feel confident in recommending this cleaning duo. We would remind you that they serve only buildings over 200 years old and their service is available only to Quaker meeting buildings constructed in stone. If your attic fits those specifications please feel free to call the Society for the referral.