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Board Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the Clarence History Museum.

A RANSOM NOTE

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From The President

We are all going through trying times right now and although we would have liked to remain open, for everyone's health and safety, we continue to stay closed. Just as soon as we get cleared by the Town of Clarence, we will reopen. Please continue to visit our website – clarencelibrary.org – and our Facebook page. We are updating regularly with different pieces of history of our town.

Our next program is still scheduled for May 12, 2020. However, a lot will depend if the Town of Clarence Buildings are back open by then. Once again, please watch our website and Facebook page for updates.

We want to thank the Clarence Bee Photographer – Jim Smerecak – for taking photos at our March 2020 program. Jim is always welcome to photograph any of our programs and events, and we appreciate him very much!

Note:

We are all very happy that we can sponsor our historical programs to the public. If anyone who attends a program has any comments, please see President Doug Larkin after the program, rather than making comments during the program. This creates an unnecessary distraction for other guests. We always value feedback.

Thank you

What is a Cemetery?

Cemetery or graveyard is a place where remains of dead people are buried or interred. The word 'cemetery' implies that the land is specifically designed for that purpose. The Town of Clarence has a number of cemeteries including: Clarence Fillmore, Harris Hill, Clarence Center, St. Mary's in Swormville, Hunt's Corner Baptist, Goode, Cox, Beeman, Shope and Danser.

Long ago graves might have been located on the family farm and marked with rough stones, rocks or wood...things to keep the 'dead from rising'. Gradually churchyard burials were marked with a large square-shaped stone of slate or sandstone with inscriptions carved on them. Many bodies were laid to rest with feet facing east following the symbolism of facing the rising sun on Resurrection Day.

The Victorian Era (1837-1901) greatly emphasized customs and practices associated with death and cemeteries became more park-like and the gravestones became more detailed with more information engraved upon them.

Funeral customs became more detailed and funeral homes filled the need for large gatherings in inclement weather. The funeral business also expanded for florists, grave stones, hearses and processions, printers of obituaries and memory cards and breakfasts.

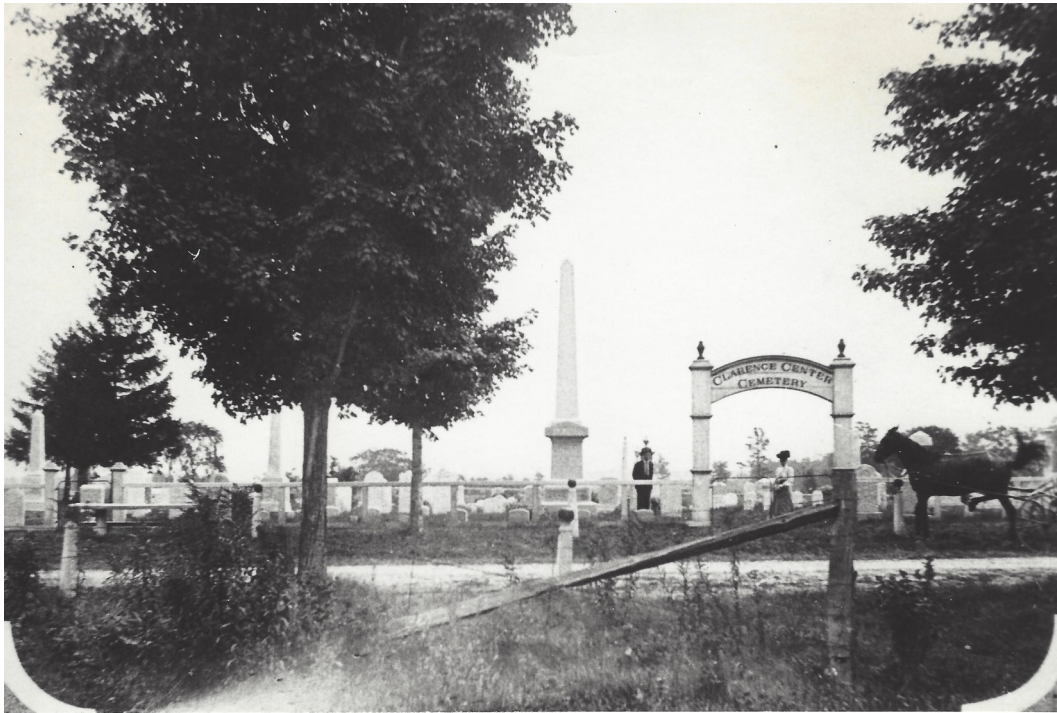
Photos of

Clarence Center Cemetery

Clarence Fillmore Cemetery

Good Cemetery

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Clarence Center Cemetery 1897

Program

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – 7pm

***STEEL MAKING PROCESS &
HISTORY OF STEEL MAKING IN WNY***

Presented by Don Williams

Town Park Clubhouse
10405 Main Street
Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Free and Open to the Public
Refreshments Served
Family Friendly

Pat's Files

BLACKBOARD

By
Winslow Homer
(1836—1910)

Painted in 1877
Collection in the
National Gallery of Art

Watercolor



1872 Rules for Teachers

- Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
- Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
- Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
- Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
- After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
- Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
- Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
- Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
- The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.
- You may ride in a buggy with a man, if the man is your father or your brother.

**The Life of a Teacher
in
1872**

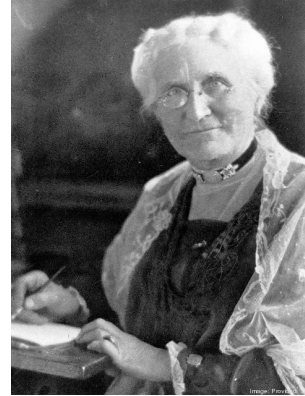


Clarence Fillmore Cemetery



Good Cemetery 1923

Elaine's Favorites



Maria Love

Maria (pronounced Mariah) Maltby Love was born on the family farm in Clarence, New York. Her father was an attorney, abolitionist and a political statesman. Her mother was noted for her acts of charity and kindness. As a result of her upbringing she began a lifetime of social reform, especially as concerning women and children.

As a child Maria often accompanied her father, Surrogate Judge of Erie County, on his rounds and it stuck with her how many children were placed in the hands of the courts.

Her mother and father also spent many nights helping runaway slaves to get to Canada and freedom. The cruelty of seeing a slave auction at the age of 12 never left her, and shaped her lifelong work as a social justice worker. As a young woman she traveled to France and visited the Crèche system in Paris. As a result she returned to Buffalo and introduced this concept of child care, with educational instruction as well, however it was not received well. This was an era in Buffalo when children were cared for by older siblings or left alone. For the next 20 years she threw herself into the work of the "Ladies General Aid Society" a branch of the U.S. Sanitary Commission and focused on improving conditions for the Civil War soldiers.

In the 1870's Buffalo was "The way to the west" and had much wealth, however there was also unskilled, illiterate and non-English speaking families who were Buffalo's "poor". In 1877 "The Charity Organization Society" was formed to address Buffalo's social conditions. Maria Love's program of a crèche program was appealing so in 1881 the Fitch Crèche opened its doors at 159 Swan Street. All children under 7 years of all races and creeds were welcome. It was recognized as the first day-care center in the United States, however it went far beyond a day nursery. It was designed to be a day home for working women, primarily widows and deserted wives who were the sole support of their families. It had a capacity of 40-50 children. For 5 cents a day 3 meals were provided along with clothing, bathing and play time. It provided training for the staff and social support for the over-worked exhausted mothers. Maria and her staff also visited Crèche families to offer assistance if needed.

The Fitch Crèche closed in 1933 due to the "Great Depression" and the building was demolished in 1998. Maria visited daily until she was 90. Maria Love was a feminist who worked for the rights of women. She had a reputation as a social worker and humanitarian who was committed to whatever civic or philanthropic endeavors she undertook.

On the occasion of her 90th birthday the city of Buffalo issued a tribute in her honor for the civic services she provided in making Buffalo a better place.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete and return the application to:
The Historical Society of the Town of Clarence, Inc.
10465 Main Street
PO Box 86
Clarence, NY 14031
www.clarencehistory.org
museum@clarencehistory.org

Membership Options

- \$15.00 Individual \$25.00 Couple \$30.00 Family
 \$150.00 Individual Life Member \$50.00 Business

Note: Under Internal Revenue guidelines, the estimated value of benefits received in exchange for your membership payment is not substantial. Therefore, the full amount of your payment is a deductible contribution.

Please make Check Payable: Historical Society of the Town of Clarence

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

BEST CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

Would you like to receive notifications by email? Yes _____ No _____

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Staff Museum When Open/Assist with Tours
 Work on Exhibits and Artifacts/Catalog
 Office Help

PLEASE LIST ANY HOBBIES AND INTERESTS THAT MAY BENEFIT TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Office Remarks: date rec'd _____ payment _____ check# _____

Membership Year: _____ Posted Date _____ by _____



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“To Preserve and share the History and Heritage of the Town of Clarence, respecting our past and striving into the future.”

