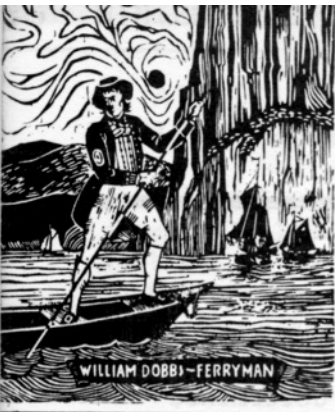


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PHOTOS WANTED: STONEMASONS, GARDENERS, WINE MAKERS AT WORK

Photographs are needed by the Society to show:

OLD BUILDINGS in their original wooden form (many buildings in Dobbs Ferry, particularly those on Main Street, were originally wooden structures which were later covered with stucco)

PEOPLE DOING CONSTRUCTION WORK: carpentry, stuccoing, cementing, etc.

STONEMASONS working on walls, buildings, or any stone structures

GARDENERS DOING LANDSCAPING

PEOPLE HARVESTING GRAPES OR MAKING WINE

EARLY CITIZENS AND THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN ITALY FROM WHICH MANY OF THEM CAME

Cathleen Polgreen, photographer, and Karen Kennedy, architectural historian, currently working on the *STUCCO AND STONES* project for the Society, will be spending time studying the buildings and landscape of Palisade, Cedar and lower Main Streets and the Ogden Avenue area. They may contact you for information or for permission to take photographs.

If you can lend photographs or contribute information for this project, please contact the History Room at the Library (693-7766). All material will be copied and returned, unless you wish the Historical Society to keep it in the archives.

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65 YEARS OF DOBBS FERRY REGISTER TO BE MICROFILMED FOR PUBLIC USE

A project to microfilm 65 complete years of the *Dobbs Ferry Register* weekly newspaper has been undertaken by the Historical Society. The microfilm will be made available to the public at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library.

The newspaper collection is a "priceless historical source," says Prof. William E. Leuchtenburg, Columbia University history professor. "It is almost certainly the most important single source for the history of this part of the Hudson valley for the past century."

The microfilming will cost \$3,855.

The Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library have committed up to \$500 to the project. The Historical Society has applied to the

MISSING: 10 YEARS OF REGISTER
Ten bound volumes of the *Register* are missing: 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1894, 1899, 1941 (called *Greenburgh Register* until 1895). The Society wishes to borrow them to film.

New York State Library's Shared-Cost Newspaper Microfilming Project for \$1000.

The Historical Committee has requested \$200 for the microfilming from the Village Board in its 1981-82 budget. The remaining costs must still be raised.

The family of the late George D. Graham, publisher of the 92-year-old newspaper for its final 32 years, has offered 58 years of the paper for microfilming--the only known existing set--through Anne and George D. Graham Jr. and the publisher's widow, Mrs. Leonora Graham.

Other owners, including Margarita Gallo Muller, have offered 7 more years.

The *Register* was an 8-page weekly published in Dobbs Ferry continuously from 1879 through 1970. The 65 available years are between 1884 and 1952.

LETTERS

GALA: FROM MASTERS' HEADMASTER

Please extend to all the Society thanks from Win and me for a delightful evening with all of you at the Gala.

We had great fun with good friends---new and old.

Let's talk about doing the same kind of thing next year in Estherwood.

*Jack Wright, Headmaster
The Masters School
Dobbs Ferry*

GALA: FROM A NEW RESIDENT

Your evening at Ingleside was just superb! As a new resident of Dobbs Ferry, I appreciated not only the opportunity to learn a bit of its history, but also everyone's friendliness.

I do hope you will be sponsoring walking tours and such as the weather improves.

*Diana K. Dragan
Cedar Street, Dobbs Ferry*

EXHIBIT: FROM MERCY'S PRESIDENT

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the article from *Il Progresso* and *The Ferryman*.

I am delighted with the work the Historical Society is doing. Mercy College will of course be happy to work with you on future exhibits.

*Dr. Donald Grunewald, President
Mercy College
Dobbs Ferry*

SLIDES: FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Many, many thanks for your assistance with the slides for our presentation to the Middle States Visiting Committee. The group of people were duly impressed with the presentation almost as much as we are proud of our community.

Again, thanks for your help. Hopefully this will be the start of a pictorial file that our school will develop on our facilities and activities.

*James A. Ruck, Principal
High School and Middle School
Dobbs Ferry*

ORAL HISTORY TALK

Fantastic! Your talk was amusing, informative and inspiring.

Both my mother and I are determined to act. I'm going to use a family tree to get her to talk about what she can recall about various ancestors. I know she is the last of her generation to remember.

Thank you---and I do hope we can get you back next year!

*Sallie Sypher
Putnam Valley Historical Society
Adams Corners, N.Y.*

ORAL HISTORY LOAN

Many thanks for helping me by lending all of these books on indexing oral histories. A great help.

I liked your issue of *The Ferryman*.

*Margaret Broadbent
Broadway, Dobbs Ferry*

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TO AID ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL SOCIETY PROVIDES SLIDES, NEWSLETTERS

Slides from the Society's collection showing Italian hill towns in Province Avellino as they looked before the earthquake, were presented at a meeting of the Westchester Women's Division of the American Committee on Italian Migration.

They accompanied slides of the earthquake devastation shown by Rev. Joseph A. Cogo, executive national secretary of the ACIM.

Cathleen Polgreen, photography coordinator, and Karen Kennedy, architectural historian for the "Stucco and Stones" project, attended the meeting and presented the slides. Society trustee Filomena Ricciardi, who attended, is a member of the Women's Division.

Nearly 100 people attended the February 17th program at the parish house of St. Ann's Church in Yonkers.

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A proclamation designating December 20 and 21 as Italian Earthquake Victim Days in Dobbs Ferry was presented to the Sons and Daughters of Italy by Mayor Rolon Reed. Frances and Thomas Neill of the Society took color and black-and-white photographs of the presentation for the lodges and the Village.

The proclamation was received by Angela Yozzo, Venerable of Va Pensiero Lodge #1994; Sally Dalio, lodge member and Grand Trustee of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; Albert Coletti, past Venerable; Joseph Belarge, trustee and past Venerable, and Ralph Taglio, all of Vittorio Veneto Lodge #1172, Order Sons of Italy in America.

Lodge members solicited contributions throughout the village and distributed a special Italian earthquake newsletter appeal prepared by the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society.

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A supply of the earthquake appeal newsletters also was sent to the office of County Executive Alfred DelBello and to the office of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations (FIAO) in Scarsdale for dissemination.

The newsletters also were posted and handed out in public places throughout the village. Rev. Peter Toscani, pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii Church, reported that the Society's newsletters were distributed to parishioners at each Mass the second Sunday after the earthquake.

HIGH SCHOOL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: SOCIETY MAKES RECOMMENDATION

After meeting with the architects chosen by the Board of Education, the Historical Society has recommended that the Board request estimates for re-inserting in their original positions the occasional irregular-shaped panes in the two large bays in the central tower over the main door.

All other aspects of these tower windows, including etched brown and black panes with transportation scenes, will be re-set in new leading in their original positions. For these windows only, a quarter-inch unbreakable polycarbonate (e.g., Lexan) outer "storm" window will be installed.

Allan Anderson and Steven Talbot, architects, showed slides of the etched and stained glass windows of the High School when they met with Historical Society members Feb. 24 at the Library meeting room. They represent the Rye firm of Allan Anderson and Associates, chosen by the Board of Education to make proposals for the replacement or reinforcement of the present windows for energy and safety reasons.

Comment on possible preservation methods was offered by Dr. Shirley N. Blum of Dobbs Ferry, professor of art history and member of the College Art Committee for the Preservation of Art at SUNY-Purchase.

Professor Blum has reported to the Society some results of her research:

- the windows probably belong to a group of windows that were sponsored by the WPA
- such windows are currently being recorded for a Census of Stained Glass Windows in America from 1840 to 1940
- a recommendation that all the windows in the central tower, including the etched brown-and-black panes in the front and the colored picture medallions in the stairwell, be preserved in a similar fashion to keep a reasonably ordered facade
- current preservation methods for stained glass windows recommended by Dr. Jane Hayward, the stained glass expert at the Cloisters and by Dr. James Sturn, history professor at the College of Staten Island and a specialist in American stained glass

The Society is grateful to Professor Blum for her professional assistance.

MR. DOBBS COMES TO TOWN

One of the Society's handsome blue historical art T-shirts, showing *William Dobbs, Ferryman*, is being worn proudly in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The wearer? William T. Dobbs.

The modern Dobbs is the son of Ted and Marion Dobbs of Middle Village, Queens. While visiting his family last November, William suggested a trip to the Society's archives, since he is interested in researching his roots. He was delighted to find the T-shirt bearing his name.

While it is not known whether or not the William Dobbs of Las Vegas is descended from the William of Dobbs Ferry, the family has done extensive genealogical research in North Carolina (where Sir Arthur Dobbs was colonial governor from 1753-1765) and in Salt Lake City, Utah, where the Mormon genealogists claim that all Dobbs in this country are descended from two Dobbs brothers.

After culling the Society's records, the Dobbs family promised to send any new material they turn up in their research.

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Dear Ms. Kavanagh,

My family and I thoroughly enjoyed our recent visit to your library.

Your helpfulness and enthusiasm made the Dobbs Ferry information and the Dobbs family historical information all the more enjoyable.

Needless to say, I was rather surprised and pleased when you showed me your "William Dobbs - Ferryman" T-shirts and naturally I had to get some.

Once again, thank you very much.

William Dobbs
North Las Vegas, Nevada

...AND ANOTHER MR. DOBBS, TOO

Another Mr. Dobbs came to town in January when John Dobbs of East Malesey, Surrey, England, visited the Society's History Room with his daughter, Felicity Dobbs Morgan of Scarsdale, in search of genealogical information.

According to John Dobbs, families with the name "Dobbs" or "Hobbs" were known as "wood dwellers" in the area from which his family comes.

He planned to interview his 92-year-old aunt when he returned to England and will send the Society his findings.

SOCIETY'S GALA: THROG ENJOYS DINING, WINING, TOUR AND MUSIC

More than 140 people attended the Historical Society's Gala at Ingleside on January 17.

Tours of Ingleside, the historic 1854 Gothic Revival mansion at St. Christopher's School, were conducted by Martha Bial. Musical entertainment was offered by soprano Margaret Geard of Dobbs Ferry with piano accompanist Kati Johanny of Ardsley and by guitarist-tenor Ed Krzos of Bronxville, a music teacher in the Dobbs Ferry public schools.

The evening included a buffet supper of many hot dishes, salads, breads and desserts prepared and donated by members, as well as wine with cheese and crackers.

President Frances Neill orchestrated the details of the Gala with the help

Message from the President

I wish to thank the people who contributed food, time, and enthusiasm to help make the Gala the success it was. The evening will be long remembered.

I also wish to thank St. Christopher's -Jennie Clarkson Child Care Services for the warm hospitality shown to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society.

Frances Neill

of many volunteers.

Bouquets were presented to Joanne Kavanagh, local history program coordinator, and Virginia Barton, trustee and newsletter editor, for their outstanding efforts on the Society's behalf.

The guests included members of the historical societies of Hastings, Elmsford, Peekskill, and other communities.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. EDWIN J. MARTIN SR. died 1980

MR. SALVATORE MARZIALE 1903-1980

MRS. CATHERINE SIESS WARMAN 1882-1980

MRS. MARGARET BOYLE WATSON 1883-1980

All narrated oral history interviews

The Underground Railroad in Westchester County

Just where the freedom movement got the name "Underground Railroad" is uncertain.

"The system was called 'Underground' because it was secret and 'Railroad' because it was traveled," according to abolitionist Levi Coffin. "So 'Underground Railroad'---which is neither underground nor a railroad---came to mean the escape route of the slaves."

The Underground Railroad had "stations" and conductors." The stations were usually the homes of the people aiding the fugitives. Conductors were the ones who guided the slaves to safety.

"Stations on the route could not be more than a few miles apart because the conductors usually had to take the slaves to the next station and return to their own homes under cover of darkness," wrote Lee McCanne.

"Sometimes slaves had to walk, guided by the North Star and sticks slanted north on the ground. Other times, they were hidden in loads of hay or disguised to send them one stop farther on the long road to Canada and freedom."

WESTCHESTER'S TWO UNDERGROUND ROUTES

Two routes of the Underground Railroad supposedly crossed what is now Westchester County.

The route most used was straight up the eastern shore of the Hudson River, either by train or by foot. Some runaway slaves were taken to the 42nd Street railroad station, provided with tickets, and put on a through train to Syracuse. Many fugitives went north via the Hudson River straight up to Montreal.

The less-traveled Westchester route used the Pleasantville home of Moses Pierce as the second stop from New York City. It was the stop prior to the station in Bedford at the Jay homestead.

Moses Pierce was said to have been a conductor involved with Harriet Tubman, one of the most famous of all conductors and herself a runaway slave. It is thought that she traveled extensively through this area with the help of Pierce.

Pierce, born in 1816, was a leader of the Quaker group in Pleasantville and a secretary of the first temperance group formed in the area.



HARRIET TUBMAN, famous "conductor" born a slave, said to have guided in Westchester area with aid of Moses Pierce of Pleasantville

Elsewhere in Westchester County there were strong abolitionist feelings in Scarsdale, where Quaker families were quite active in the Underground Railroad movement. One such family was that of John Carpenter, a Quaker leader. The Barry Avenue Zion church in Scarsdale has been recorded as a station of the Underground Railroad.

In northern Westchester, the Peekskill-Park Avenue Zion Church is thought to have been a station of the Underground Railroad.

The Quaker congregation at Chappaqua voted to compensate Negroes formerly held as slaves by Quakers for the services rendered while in bondage.

John Harmon, director of the present-day Afro-American Cultural Foundation in White Plains, reports on two sisters--- Millie and Maude Peterson of White Plains ---who trace their roots to slavery in Louisiana. The sisters, approximately 90 or more years old, say their grandfather was brought to White Plains through the efforts of the Underground Railroad. They say his conductor was Harriet Tubman.

IN NEARBY ROCKLAND

In what is now Rockland County, along the western shore of the Hudson, many residents were in favor of black slavery. The area was off the general route of the Underground Railroad, but the west bank of the Hudson river did provide an escape route for some fugitives.

Nyack was one center. It was the first station north of Jersey City and the first one south of Newburgh. Edward Hesdra was in charge of the Nyack station.

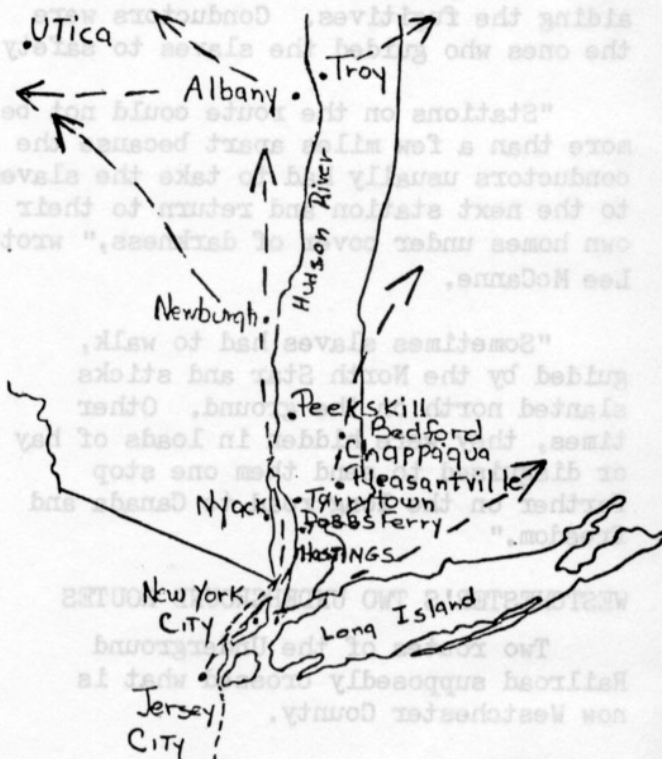
"The entire underground escape system was so planned that only a handful of leaders knows its complete workings. The Jersey City agent knew Hesdra's place and Hesdra knew the Newburgh agent. Rarely did a local agent know by name another agent more than one station to the south of his own.

"After nightfall, an escaping slave would start from Jersey City with instructions how to travel and a complete description of Hesdra's house. He was rested, fed and, if necessary, reclothed, and started again at nightfall and was hidden again in Newburgh by daybreak." [History of the Counties of Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland and Putnam, 1946, p. 697].

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE OF NYC

The Vigilance Committee helped fugitives establish themselves, kept a watchful eye out for slave hunters, and provided transportation and legal aid.

After a brief stay in New York City, most of these fugitives were sent by foot to Albany and Rochester or by water to Boston or Providence. By foot the most direct route to Albany would have taken them through the "river villages" of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington and Tarrytown, though no records of such activity could be found in these villages.



MAP shows Underground Railroad stations and routes in Westchester and lower New York State

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SALUTE TO MEMBERS



SALUTE TO THE 104 MEMBERS OF THE DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN 1980

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| Ken and Virginia BARTON | Richard and Betty HAZEN | Rolon and Jane REED |
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FOUR FORMER MAYORS HONORED

Mayor Rolon Reed paid tribute to his four living predecessors at a meeting of the Village Board of Trustees. The former mayors and their terms of service are:

- John H. Ritch (April 1961-March 1965)
- John F. Nanna (April 1965-March 1973 and April 1977-March 1979)
- William Zemnick (April 1973-March 1975)
- Philip Melillo (April 1975-March 1977)

Mr. Reed, whose service as mayor began in April 1979, composed and read some verses in their honor. Mayor Reed (a Democrat) referred to his four predecessors (three Republicans and a Democrat) in this way:

*Nanna, Melillo, Zemnick and Ritch---
Four good men with a similar itch,
An itch to serve, an itch to lead,
An itch to meet the people's need.*

*For public officials who never tire,
With brains and guts and grace under fire--
From the "boy" who sits in your old chair,
Who yesterday noticed his first gray hair,
Welcome and thank you, Mr. Mayor.*

As a token of the Village's appreciation for their services, Mayor Reed, in a non-political ceremony, presented framed certificates to Mayors Ritch, Nanna and Melillo. Mayor Zemnick, who lives in Ossining now, could not make the Dec. 16th meeting because of the icy road conditions that night.

Of his accomplishments, Mayor Ritch was proudest of having begun the volunteer ambulance corps in Dobbs Ferry at a time when it was most difficult to find volunteers for any kind of public service.

He said his biggest disappointment was being unable to convert the old Juhring Estate into new housing and watching it being turned into what he called "useless" open space.

Mayor Nanna, on the other hand, was proudest of his roles, both as Mayor and as a village trustee, in setting aside areas in the village for open space, including the Juhring Estate, the waterfront park and Memorial Park, and in establishing what he called the first environmental control committee in Westchester County.

He said his most difficult times as mayor came as various Dobbs Ferry citizen groups demonstrated against the bombing of Cambodia and against the abortion clinic.

MEMBERS TO VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGES

The Board of Trustees has called a special business meeting of Society members at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Public Library meeting room to vote on proposed by-law changes.

Purpose of the by-law changes would be to shift the date of the Society's annual meeting and election of trustees to follow its new July-to-July fiscal year, which was approved at its last annual meeting. If the Society holds its annual meeting in September, the officers and trustees can offer the members a year-long program based upon known results of grant applications and on projected income and expenses.

At the March 24 meeting the members will be asked to:

1) approve shifting the annual meeting from the month of February to the month of September,

2) request those current trustees whose 3-year terms of office end in 1981 to continue to serve until the annual meeting in September 1981, and those whose 3-year term of office ends in 1982 to serve until September 1982, and those whose 3-year term ends in 1983 to serve until September 1983,

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Mayor Melillo was proudest of his role as an "activist mayor" and of the decisions made during his administration that resulted in millions of dollars of new assessable property being added to the Village tax rolls. He cited Walden Woods, the construction of condominiums on the Washington Headquarters site, and the conversion of the #100 Cedar Street apartments into the co-ops now known as the Village Green.

As his most difficult evening, he cited the hearing on the proposed conversion of 100 Cedar Street when he faced what he called a "general misunderstanding" that senior citizens would lose their homes.

All three mayors stressed the crucial importance of volunteer citizen participation in the official and civic life of the Village.

[A tape of their comments for the Living History program of the Historical Society is now part of the Society's Archives.]

--HW

GENEALOGY QUERIES: SEEK INFORMATION ON LAWRENCE, McCLELLAND, OTHERS

With this issue THE FERRYMAN initiates a Genealogy Queries and Answers column for inquiries about persons from Dobbs Ferry or the Hudson Valley area. Send typewritten or printed inquiries including place and dates to: Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, 153 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522. Answers will be forwarded to the questioner.

Q-1. Seek information about my great great grandfather, James BARTON, who may have come from Dobbs Ferry prior to living in Kingsbridge, Eastchester, and New Rochelle. Born May 12, 1776. Died Dec. 5, 1852. Had a daughter Elisabeth Ann, born May 29, 1800, by his first wife, Sarah. Elisabeth married John C. LAWRENCE on June 12, 1810, and lived in Tarrytown-Sing Sing area. From wills on file at White Plains I believe he is the descendant of Joseph and Isaac Lawrence of Greenburgh who are buried in the cemetery on Ashford Avenue. Need firm facts on James Barton and John Lawrence prior to their arrivals in Kingsbridge in the 1830s. John Lawrence was a founding trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church Bethel in Yonkers, first established in Kingsbridge in 1835.

Edward L. Frank
Amawalk, N.Y.

Q-2. Seek the obituary of Judge Charles Paul McCLELLAND, who died June 6, 1944, in Dobbs Ferry, and of his wife, Meta Jane BACOCK McClelland, who died April 16, 1939. Both buried at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown.

Also seeking a newspaper account of their Golden Wedding anniversary: married Sept. 18, 1879, and lived all their married life in Dobbs Ferry.

Also seeking information on Judge McClelland's brother, Alexander McCLELLAND, believed to have lived in Dobbs Ferry or Irvington as a gardener or a florist. Alexander was from Scotland around 1870 and was probably a Presbyterian.

Alexander is supposed to have a son Rodney. Can you suggest any area cemeteries to check for Alex or Rodney?

Mrs. Barbara Stevens
Madison, Wisconsin

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

- MARCH 12 Thursday Girl Scout Troop #3318- "On Being a Child in Dobbs Ferry a Generation Ago"-oral history
- MARCH 24 Tuesday Special business meeting - members to vote on proposed by-law changes. 7:45 p.m. in Library meeting room
- MARCH 24 Tuesday Cub Scout Pack #24 - historical slide/tape program
- APRIL 9 Thursday Masters School history class at History Room for local history introduction by staff
- APRIL 14 Tuesday Talk on Dobbs Ferry architecture by Karen Kennedy for Masters School U.S. history class study of local landmarks. At Masters
- APRIL 28 Tuesday Sacred Heart Home-School - historical slide/tape program
- MAY 3 Sunday Exhibit by D.F. Historical Society at Historical Festival, Westchester Community College



HISTORICAL T-SHIRTS

Woodcut by Jon Nielsen, deep blue on medium blue short-sleeved T-shirt.

50% cotton, 50% polyester. Machine wash, dry.

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HOSTAGE BANNER CEREMONY

One recent happy event which was included in the Society's Living History Program was the removal of the banner which hung across Main Street for over a year, calling on Iran to release the 52 American hostages.

On January 24th, a few days after the hostages were let go, and while they were resting in Wiesbaden, Germany, the banner was taken down in a formal ceremony that was cheered by Dobbs Ferry residents.

The banner was removed by Robert Casino of the DPW, and received by Lisa Moretti and Ann Golio, both 1980 graduates of Dobbs Ferry High School, who were responsible for making it.

As the banner was lowered, the Children's Village steel drum band delighted the crowd by playing patriotic selections including *America the Beautiful* and *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

Mayor Rolon Reed accepted the banner and thanked the organizations and individuals who had contributed to it: the Greenburgh Exchange Club, Diamond Lodge #555 F.&A.M., American Legion Post #1048, the Embassy Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the late Frank Yozzo, Sheila Zive, the Village Democratic Committee and the Village Republican Committee.

Mayor Reed then presented the banner to the Historical Society for preservation as part of the Village's living history.

Frances Neill, president, accepted the banner on behalf of the Society. Several members taped and photographed the ceremony.

The hostage banner, with alternating red and blue words on a white background, reads as follows: One side: (facing north) *ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, FREE HOSTAGES*, On reverse: *IRAN FREE OUR PEOPLE NOW*.

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ARCHAEOLOGY ON THE HUDSON

An archaeology course for adults, including both illustrated lectures and digging at a nearby site, will be offered by the Tri-Village Continuing Education Program at Dobbs Ferry High School, starting April 29. (Registration, 591-8500)

Suzanne C. Danielson, who has taught this course to Dobbs Ferry summer school students the past few years, will conduct the program. She presented an archaeology program with 8 Dobbs Ferry young people at the Historical Society's annual meeting last March.

Four Wednesday evening sessions will be followed by a Saturday visit to Philipsburg Manor's archaeological exhibit and three Saturday digs at the 17th Century Requa tenant farmhouse in Tarrytown.

BY-LAW CHANGES (cont. from page 8)

3) request the current officers, whose 1-year term of office ends in 1981, to continue to serve as officers until the annual meeting in September 1981,

4) approve the nominating of new trustees and officers at the annual meeting in September as provided in the by-laws,

5) consider a suggestion that the selection of Society officers each year be by election by the board from its members, rather than by nomination and election from the full membership. (This matter will not be voted at the special meeting, but if the response is favorable may be proposed at the annual meeting in Sept.)

ORAL HISTORY SERVICES CONTINUE

• **NEWSPAPER COLUMN:** the first two in a series of oral history newspaper columns from the Dobbs Ferry collection of taped interviews have appeared in *The Enterprise*

• **ADVICE & DEMONSTRATION:** Joan Berston, oral history coordinator for the Hastings Historical Society, came to Dobbs Ferry for a consultation/demonstration in the History Room. Oral history and how-to-do-it books were lent to Hastings to help start their project

• **WORKBOOK LOAN:** oral history workbooks out on loan to the Multi-Cultural Coalition of the WCHS since January

• **ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM:** "On Being a Child in Dobbs Ferry a Generation Ago" to be presented to Girl Scout Troop #318 on March 12