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## PRESERVATION STUDY GROUP FORMING

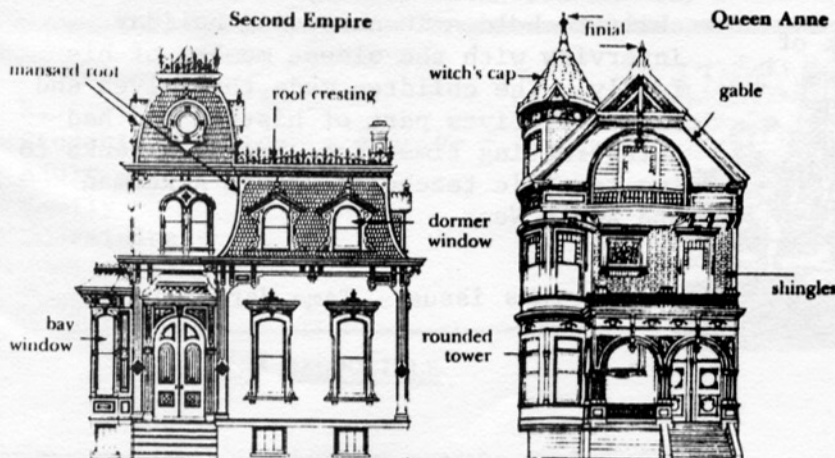
Are you aware of the range of choices available to a community in the pursuit of historic preservation for their locale? Dobbs Ferry resident Betty Gallagher has been studying the breadth of community preservation actions, from listing on the National Register of Historic Places, to local ordinance protection. She is finding evidence of comparative communities' approaches to the same subject throughout lower Westchester County, and is pursuing research, in cooperation with the historical society, which she hopes will lead towards the development of recommendations for a course of local preservation action in Dobbs Ferry.

Anyone in the community who would be interested in studying this aspect of history research along with Betty can now join a study group which she will lead, in cooperation with the historical society. For further information about meeting times please call Betty Gallagher (693-9543) or the historical society (693-7766).

## ARCHITECTURAL ACTIVITIES

We are beginning to learn a lot about architecture and the look of things here in Dobbs Ferry - from river to rooftops! Our eyes have been focused all fall and winter on the identifying details of Victorian architecture along Clinton Avenue, whose residences (1860-95) display the variety of styles in use during the Victorian era, culminating in J.J. McComb's fabulous mansion, Estherwood, on the grounds of the Masters School.

Those of you who joined the historical society for a Victorian Variety walking tour last October 17th, heard Bob McGlynn (filling in for Karen Morey Kennedy) describe the range of styles: Stick, Chateausque, Gothic, Italianate, Queen Anne and French Second Empire - all visible within a three block walk along Clinton Avenue and along Broadway. That crisp day's tour was made possible with the cooperation of the Dobbs Ferry Women's Club, the Masters School and South Presbyterian Church, in addition to the residents of Clinton Avenue, the Dobbs Ferry Police Department, and numerous individual sponsors and patrons.



Those of you who missed that guided tour in the fall can take the walk yourselves along with the help of an illustrated, numbered Victorian Variety walking tour guide, available at the historical society for \$1. With architectural history notes by Karen Kennedy and line drawings of detail by Bob McGlynn, this self-guided tour brochure is the first in a series of three publications funded by the Westchester Arts Fund of the Council for the Arts in Westchester and with the support of the New York State Council on the Arts Architecture, Planning and Design Program.



### MEMBERSHIP TIME \*\* JOIN- RENEW

1983 began with all the good feelings generated by the GALA and with many plans afoot for continued programs of architectural and community history interest on the part of the historical society. This year we are experiencing a spurt of growth in our society memberships.

With a 1982 membership of over 260 families and individuals, we are striving to increase our enthusiastic community base to a membership of 300. You can help us by renewing for the 1983 year, or by simply joining us if you haven't been a member before.

Members in the Historical Society know they can share in our public programs at reduced rates, and receive discounts on history-related items such as maps, books, leaded glass from the Dobbs Ferry High School, Jon Nielsen prints and other items offered for sale at Christmas graduation time, and throughout the year.

#### DO YOU WORK FOR A "MATCHING GIFT" COMPANY?

**Many companies match gifts from both employee and spouse. Your contribution can be doubled if your firm has a matching gift program. If you can, please send us your company's matching gift form.**

Business members of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society can receive a week of Storefront History Theatre slide shows in their Main, Cedar or Ashford Avenue store windows, in return for a \$25 business membership in the society. Call us to arrange for the specific time of year when you would like to have this unique program play at your place of business.

### PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

Walking tours, public discussions on local historic preservation practices, Storefront History Theatre, oral history workshops for children and teachers, microfilming of the Dobbs Ferry Register newspaper, Election-Day open house, 2nd graders history bus tour, "Stucco and Stones: The Look of Italy in Dobbs Ferry"- all of these are public programs originated, developed and produced by the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society.

This year we hope to add House Research Clinics and audio-visual programs on historic architecture; and with evidence of interest, programs on restoration techniques and on the visual and physical joys of a walk along the Aqueduct.

What programs would you like us to offer?

Many of you have expressed a desire to participate in an expanded oral history taping program, and many have made wonderful suggestions about people to interview and subjects to explore. All of this takes more than a part-time staff can accomplish in a 3-day week: VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME, ALONG WITH YOUR USEFUL SUGGESTIONS and we can add to our collection of over 100 taped interviews with fascinating residents of our river village.

### ORAL HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM

This fall the historical society gave a pair of workshops to 4th graders and their teachers from two schools in White Plains. Although we had never worked with such a young group of interviewers before, the experience was a complete joy. Tema Harnik, Martha Bial and Frances Neill introduced the subject to 20 nine-year-olds at the Post Road School, in time for each child to hold a Thanksgiving holiday interview with the oldest member of his family. The children made themselves and their relatives part of history and had a fascinating time, too. Special thanks to two terrific teachers: Bonnie Ackerman and Adele Wenz.

editor this issue: Tema Harnik

## NEWS ON MICROFILM



Careful hands are needed to sort through the pages of time as we continue our work in preparing fragile pages of the Dobbs Ferry Register for microfilming. As many of you know, bound volumes of the Greenburgh and Dobbs Ferry Register newspapers have been lent to the historical society by the Craham family and other individuals for the purpose of this preservation microfilming process.

If you can offer a regular schedule of part-time hours to work on this project, call Director Tema Harnik at the Society.

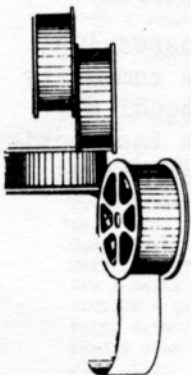
Generous hands are needed as well, to help the society match the third grant of \$1000 awarded towards the costs of this project. Each \$1000 grant we receive from the New York State Library Shared-Cost Newspaper Microfilming Project must be matched by \$2000 in contributions.

Why not make your tax-deductible contribution to this important project this spring!

We are delighted to have the volunteer help of two professional members of the Dobbs Ferry community in our preparation of the historic newspapers for microfilming: Elema Wolfe and Eila Kokkinen have graciously devoted many hours to this project. Additionally, Emily Goldfarb, a senior student at the Masters School, has offered a series of afterschool hours to us for the purpose of typing microfilming instruction "targets".

THANKS to the following families and individuals who have made contributions to the society's microfilming project since September:

Candida Brekstone  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Forde  
William V. Friedlaender  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Haff  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hazen  
Eleanor Joan Jarvis  
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Olver  
Mr. & Mrs. Demarest Romaine



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS



If you're a cub scout in Pack 24 Dobbs Ferry, you had a fine winter evening at Springhurst School's gym when Cathy Polgreen and Tema Harnik came with projector and slides in hand to share an hour of history and reminiscences with your pack. Scout leader Rich Gabie was enthusiastic in assembling the boys, assorted siblings and their parents to hear about Dobbs Ferry as it developed from an Indian settlement to a turn-of-the-century village complete with horse-drawn wagons and ice-racers on the Hudson River. We hope to be invited back again to share more stories and pictures with the Pioneer Pack.

## COMMUNITY- CONSCIOUS



The Historical Society is always grateful to friends and members who offer assistance in time of need. We sincerely appreciate the financial advice offered by Dobbs Ferry resident Mr. Tom DeLeo, of Acteon Corporation.

Our thank you list extends also to Tom Neill, who has acted as photographer on numerous occasions, and to Ruth and Anna King for many volunteer hours spent identifying family photos from the Ravekes Collection, for our archives.



## COMPUTER QUANTIFICATION

Yes- Applemania strikes the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society. We are preparing our membership and mailing list records for translation to computer disc. President Tahnee Neill, trustee Virginia Barton and Director Tema Harnik are testing the waters of computer terminology on AppleII with help from programming consultant Monte Harnik.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
RESOLUTE HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY  
on its 100th ANNIVERSARY  
OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY

In 1894, a village commemorative booklet praised the fire department, saying:

"Dobbs Ferry has a very efficient fire department, consisting of Resolute Hook & Ladder Company and Livingston Hose Company. So thoroughly has this department been organized and drilled that the loss to the citizens of the Village from fire for the last five years has been insignificant. Peter J. Carpenter and John W. Lawrence have been largely instrumental in this splendid work and to them and others much credit is due."



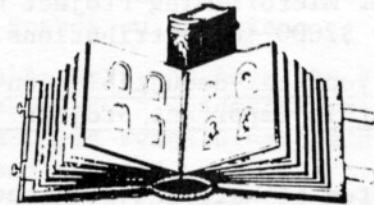
Peter J. Carpenter was Chief of the Fire Department in the late 19th century.

PACK  
UP  
YOUR  
TRUNK!



Dobbs Ferry is about to embark on a packing venture. We are owners of a new (old) steamer trunk, complete with floral fabric lining, laundry bag, drawers, containers, hangers and compartments, all rose and blue and all waiting for a variety of historic costumes and accessories to adorn it so that it may visit the classrooms of the Dobbs Ferry schools next year, along with historical photographs, primer and poetry books, and taped recollections of life here during another time.

What we hope to enclose in the trunk- rather than fragile, one-of-a-kind heirlooms- are reproductions of 19th and early 20th century apparel, hats, suspenders, shoes and the like, which school children can handle. If you sew, or would like to volunteer your creative talents to the historical society or if you have photos of vintage apparel, please contact the society through President Frances Neill at 693-9462.



"WISH YOU WERE HERE!"

Postcard collectors - if you've held on to photographic views or illustrations on postcards of views of the Hudson River, or of Dobbs Ferry specifically, we'd love to share a look at them (especially if they show community or group celebrations, parades or events of a public nature on Main Street). The Historical Society is interested in copying such photos and cards for you, and producing them on slide film as well, for use in future public Storefront History presentations. Contact Director, Tema Harnik at the historical society, 153 Main Street (693-7766).

Diaries or letters in your possession, which tell of the mood of the community on the occasion of some seasonal or political event, would make a fascinating interpretive addition to these visual histories of village life.



# 1983 Membership



A \* next to your name indicates that your membership is paid for 1983.  
All remaining names are due to renew membership for this calendar year.

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## LINCOLN ROTHSCHILD (1902-1983)

Lincoln Rothschild, artist, author and teacher, died of a heart attack at age 80, at home on the evening of Tuesday, March 29th.

Mr. Rothschild taught art history, beginning as a graduate student at Columbia University, and later taught at Adelphi University and at the Riverdale Country Day School.

During the Depression he was a supervisor of the New York Index of American Design under the W.P.A. He was Executive Director of Artists' Equity from 1953-56, and author of four books on the history of art, and two monographs on artists, as well as other works.

A sculptor in wood, with works owned by the Whitney Museum and private collectors, Lincoln Rothschild was also very proud of his experience as a wood pattern-maker in the ship-yards during World War II.

In Dobbs Ferry, he was a founding trustee of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, which he also served as Treasurer (1981-82). Lincoln Rothschild was Treasurer of the Boy Scouts in Dobbs Ferry, and worked enthusiastically on recreating a wooden model of the "periauger" ferry for the Village's centennial celebration in 1973. He exhibited and demonstrated wood carving at the Dobbs Ferry High School's annual art exhibitions.

Born in New York City in 1902, he holds A.B. and M.A. degrees from Columbia University, and studied at the Art Students League, notably with Keneth Hayes Miller (about whom he wrote a biography).

From 1965-1978 Lincoln Rothschild wrote, published and mailed out 2000 copies quarterly of a four-page newsletter, "The Pragmatist", upholding realism in art.

The Historical Society is grateful for the generous contributions received in Lincoln Rothschild's memory.



## SNOWY GALA -- FIRESIDE WARMTH

Almost 200 members and friends of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society

warmed themselves before the glow of historic Estherwood mansion's fireplaces as the annual GALA and beffet dinner took place 24 hours after it was initially scheduled.

On Sunday evening, January 16th, the National Register landmark's interior helped play host to all of those who came to tour the mansion, learn about the history of the building and of Dobbs Ferry in the 1890's; and to eat, drink and be entertained by the wonderful program of songs performed by Margaret Geard and Aggie Griesar, accompanied by Marc Sophos on the piano.

Those GALA-goers who took the house tour were treated to a wonderful program by Martha Bial and Gayle Evans Brookfield. Gayle offered slides and regaled us with a history of American architecture since the Civil War- highlighting those stylistic influences which were obviously felt by builder J.J.McComb in the era of the Great Estates along the Hudson. Martha set this architectural history against the backdrop of local history-the village in the 1890's, as illuminated by the pages of the Greenburgh Register and Dobbs Ferry Register newspapers, which were the source of much of Martha's research.

Our warmest thanks to Tahnee Neill, who organized the entire affair, along with her committee: Laurie Frees and Cathy Polgreen.

To all of those who cooked and baked; who phoned friends and neighbors with news of the 24 hour postponement; who brought firewood and who volunteered their help and so much good cheer - THANKS!



## SEARCHING FOR ROOTS AND OTHER RESEARCH REQUESTS

Kathleen A. Runey is looking for information on family related to John Peterman (owner of the Hudson River Hotel, Dobbs Ferry; d.Oct.19, 1875) and Biegen (owner of the Brewery) Ms. Runey's grandmother, Anna Uchtman Karl, was born in the hotel. Anyone with helpful information can write to Ms. Runey c/o Frank Runey, Sr., 10038 Lewis Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795.

George Winter (253-7543) is researching the Civil War in Westchester County. If you have information, especially regarding the 6th New York Heavy Artillery Unit (J. Howard Kitching was a regiment commander), please contact Mr. Winter.

Lori Ginzberg of 241 Lawrence Street, New Haven Connecticut 06511, is also pursuing documentation surrounding the Civil War. Her PhD. dissertation will deal with the Soldier's Aid Society and women's work on the home front during that period.

Any newsletter reader who has knowledge which might benefit these researchers should correspond with the above, directly, or contact historical society director, Tema Harnik at 693-7766, and we will relay your findings.

## COLLECTIONS CONSULTANTS

With the support of the Museum Aid Program of the New York State Council on the Arts 1982-83 grant to the historical society, we have had extreme good fortune in hiring two consultants to aid us and advise us in the development and care of our growing collections.

Archivist Kathleen Brennan of Tarrytown has surveyed our document and map and photographic holdings and has prepared a full report on the organization and preservation of our archives and collections which will enable the historical society to properly group and house these items. Kathleen's consultation recommendations will provide greater access to the materials we use in order to develop and produce public history programs about Dobbs Ferry.

Mr. Milo Stewart of the New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, New York has also acted as consultant to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society this spring, regarding matters of audio-visual and exhibition techniques related to our Storefront History Theatre slide presentations. His expert knowledge of this field, as well as his warm manner, are greatly appreciated here. We hope to put some new and attractive ideas to work in the organization of our sizeable slide holdings, as well as in our unique brand of "exhibiting" local history to passers-by on Dobbs Ferry's main streets.

## SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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Contributing -	50 _____
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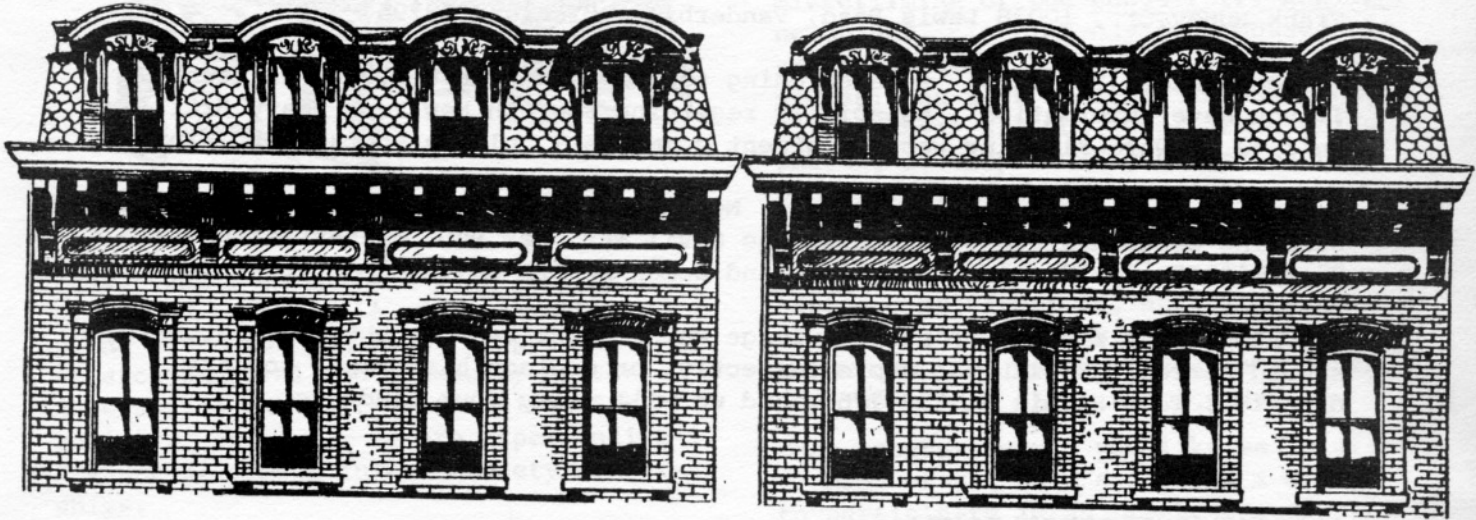
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