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Yesterday's News

VOLUME V NO. 1 DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Jan. 1984

Preservation Cinema

The Historical Society is proud to present a film in support of historic preservation:

"A FAIR LAND TO BUILD IN"
FRIDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 10, 1984 8pm



Written and narrated by Brendan Gill and directed by Rusty Russell of Dobbs Ferry, the film was made as a project of the New York State Preservation League. This beautiful cinematic survey and commentary on historic architecture will be shown in the octagonal LIBRARY of chateausque ESTHERWOOD MANSION, Clinton Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, in cooperation with the Masters School.

TICKETS: \$1 members; \$3 non-members
(Snow date: Sat., February 11, 1984)
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Historical Society 1984 GALA

Plan now to warm up and dismiss your late winter "blues" by making reservations to join your friends and ours at the Historical Society's 1984 G A L A at historic INGLESIDE MANSION (St. Christopher's School), Broadway, Dobbs Ferry.

SATURDAY MARCH 31
4:30 - 7:30 PM

This year's G A L A will feature:

- Wine Tasting/ Cash Bar/ Hors d'oeuvres
- Hudson Valley Wines/ NYS Cheeses
- Music on the piano by Paul Parker
- House Tour of INGLESIDE MANSION, an 1854 Gothic Revival estate, designed by Alexander Jackson Davis, architect of Lyndhurst.



March 31

RAFFLE \$ 1 Win a basket of cheer!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!! Reservations will be taken by phone (693-7766) and with receipt of your tax-deductible check, made payable to: Dobbs Ferry Historical Society by mail.

Please use the handy reservation and membership form on the last page of this newsletter. We appreciate your continued support- join us for a celebration of the winter thaw, overlooking the Hudson River at INGLESIDE.

(Snow date for the G A L A: Sunday, APRIL 1.)

House Research Workshop

Want to find out how to research your house? Where to start? Whom to ask? Historical Society members and other Dobbs Ferry residents are welcome to join Karen Morey Kennedy in a workshop in the Community Room of the Library (153 Main Street)

THURSDAY EVENING
MARCH 8, 1984 at 8PM

A real, informal, learning opportunity, the CLINIC is offered in cooperation with the Preservation Study Group and with support from the Architecture, Planning and Design Program of NYSCA.
REGISTRATION: by phone (693-7766).

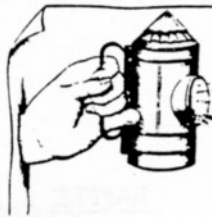
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The STUDY GROUP FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION in DOBBS FERRY has met twice during the fall of 1983, most recently to explore the topic: "Preparing Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places."

The STUDY GROUP welcomes new participants who want to pursue this subject. At present in Dobbs Ferry, only Estherwood, on the campus of the Masters School, is listed on the National Register, but documentation for many other buildings is being prepared. NEXT MEETING: FEB. 1st, 7:45pm

The STUDY GROUP organized as a result of the many activities sponsored by the Historical Society, encouraging people to become aware of the presence in the village of many fine buildings and valuable areas, representing different historical periods, which play a large part in making Dobbs Ferry such a pleasant place to live. The Walking Tours-- Stucco & Stones: The Look of Italy in Dobbs Ferry, and Victorian Variety on Clinton Avenue, have awakened many people to the value that different areas have to village residents, as a whole. This has led to the question, "Do these buildings and areas have any special protection?"- and - "If not, what are the possibilities?"

For specific information about the STUDY GROUP FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, please contact Chairperson Betty Gallagher, 693-9543.



Do you remember any resident of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry or Ardsley who lost his life in the Viet Nam or Korean War? If so, the Mount Hope Cemetary Assoc. would like to know their names. It plans to add to its war memorial in the cemetary a monument honoring the residents of the Tri-Village area who died in those wars. Names should be sent to the association at : Box 248, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10706- or by calling 478-1188.

Archives Research

1983-84 HISTORICAL SOC. COLLECTIONS RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL ATTENTION UNDER NYSCA CATALOGUING GRANT*****

This year the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society is benefitting from a modest N.Y. State Arts Council grant of \$2000 as partial support for a cataloger who works part-time at Dobbs Ferry, and is continuing a similar part-time undertaking at the Hastings Historical Society.

KATHLEEN BRENNAN, an archivist from Peekskill who worked previously at the Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives at N.Y.U., and at the Rockefeller Archive Center in North Tarrytown - and as consultant to several Westchester and Rockland County historical agencies - has organized the holdings of the Hastings Historical Soc. and spent last spring as a consultant to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, developing a plan and report on the historical collections and photographs of our Society.

Thanks to the grant from the Museum Aid Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, Kathleen has overseen the recommendation and ordering of archival storage supplies, and has trained and oversees a volunteer work group presently cataloguing and physically organizing the School District Archives, along with Ravekes, DeNike and Storms Families collections on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Historical Society Office. This collections work is greatly aided by the devoted assistance of volunteers Christine Roraback, Ann Graham, Anna & Ruth King, Sr. Mary Agnes Parrell, Elena Wolfe, Ina Lester and Kathleen Greenfield.

Enabling easier access to the raw materials of Dobbs Ferry History, house researchers, scholars and the general public shall all benefit from this re-organization and cataloguing project.

NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES RESEARCH TRIP MAR. 21

LOWER HUDSON CONFERENCE is planning an all-day bus trip for researchers and historians to tour and use the State Archives in Albany. A trip fee of \$10/\$15 is set, based on your LHC membership. Some of us from Dobbs Ferry will be going, so if you're interested in joining the group, call Dobbs Ferry Historical Soc. Director, Tema Harnik (693-7766) or LHC Director, Ann Kiewel (592-6726) right away for further information.

Public Programs

STOREFRONT HISTORY THEATRE
AWARDED TWO GRANTS FOR 1983-1984

The Westchester Arts Fund of the Council on the Arts in Westchester and the Architecture, Planning and Design Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, have each made grants to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society to develop and produce new STOREFRONT HISTORY episodes, which will play to passers-by on village streets during 1984.

A \$2400 grant from CAW and \$2000 from NYS/Architecture will combine to support the creation and administration of 4 new storefront theatre slide-histories: Gatehouses and Outbuildings (architectural survivors of Dobbs Ferry estates); Street Furniture; Estherwood A study of the interior architecture; and Genehurst: Victorian Lifestyle on the estate of A.C. Fields.

Watch for Cathy Polgreen's slides as they will appear in captioned, five-minute, rear-screen projected shows. MERCHANTS AND STOREFRONT OFFICES ON MAIN, CEDAR AND ASHFORD AVENUE ARE ONCE AGAIN INVITED TO JOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS BUSINESS MEMBERS, and as such receive a week of storefront history theatre playing in their windows.

Thanks to so many friends and residents who have lent valuable photographs and maps to the historical society for photocopying: John McCormick III, Frank Fanelli, Julia Dawson, Jim Brown, Florence Parker, Richard Hazen, Lester Lichter, Elisabeth Rothschild and more.



STUCCO and STONES:

While preparing new slide-histories, we've also been busy from Sept-Dec. showing STUCCO & STONES: THE LOOK OF ITALY along with other community history slide retrospectives. Director Tema Harnik presented the slide-lecture, originally prepared by Karen Kennedy, at the Regional CHERRY HILL FORUM in Albany, where our presentation joined 10 others selected to be given at the Conference on Ethnic Heritage of the Hudson Valley. Upon return from Albany, STUCCO & STONES was offered the following day at Westchester Community College's ITALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL.

Public Support

GRANTS ROUND-UP FOR 83-84

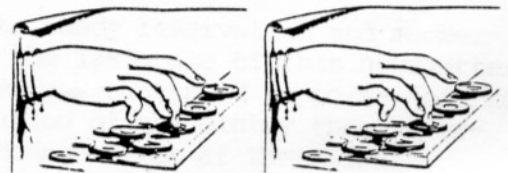
This year the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society received the following public support:

In the summer of 1983 the Corporate Community Jobs Project (CCJP) again granted us a two month internship stipend which employed college students Lydia Kavanagh and David Kinsella in the preparation of historic newspapers for preservation micro-filming- as well as assisting with daily historical administration and program activities.

The New York State Council on the Arts' Museum Aid Program has again supported the "Institutional Development" of the Society through a reduced grant of \$3500 towards the salary of the Director. And for the first time, a Museum Aid grant for \$2000 enabled us to hire archivist Kathy Brennan (see ARCHIVES RESEARCH, p.2).

Missing: Ten bound volumes of the REGISTER are missing: 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1894, 1899, 1941. The Historical Society wishes to borrow them to film.

Microfilming of historic newspapers for the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, by the New York Public Library Photoduplication Services Section, has been made possible with grant support and contributions received from the New York State Library Shared-Cost Newspaper Microfilming Project, from the Inner Circle, and from Dobbs Ferry Village Newspaper Re-cycling funds -- in addition to the individual contributions of funds and of historic bound volumes of newspapers, by members, friends and neighbors. The major collection of bound volumes of the GREENBURGH REGISTER and DOBBS FERRY REGISTERS have been graciously lent to the Society by the family of the late George D. Graham, publisher of the 92-year-old newspaper for its final 32 years.



DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1984 MEMBERSHIP

New Renewal

Residents over 80.....Honorary _____
 Over 65 and students..\$3 _____
 Adults.....\$5 _____
 Family.....\$8 _____
 Sustaining.....\$15 _____
 Contributing.....\$25 _____
 Business.....\$25 _____
 Supporting.....\$50-100 _____
 Corporate/Institution.\$100-500 _____



DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1984 G A L A RESERVATIONS



_____ @ \$12 members
 _____ @ \$14 non-members
 _____ @ \$35 SPONSOR (includes 2 tickets)
 _____ @ \$45 PATRON (includes 2 tickets)
 _____ @ \$ 1 Raffle tickets

Total G A L A RESERVATIONS _____
 Total amount enclosed \$ _____

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

I work for a "matching contributions employer" _____.

I also wish to contribute to the Newspaper Microfilming Fund.\$ _____.

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

I will help fill the hors d'oeuvres tray by bringing _____.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TOWN _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE NUMBER () _____ eves: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable and mail to
 DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 153 MAIN STREET
 DOBBS FERRY, NEW YORK 10522

*****RESERVATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH PROGRAMS*



Feb. 10 FILM: # _____ Tickets @\$ _____ (\$1members/ \$3non-members)
 \$ _____ PUT ME DOWN AS A PRESERVATION PROGRAMS SPONSOR (\$10 or more).
 \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR FILM: "A Fair Land To Build In"

March 8 HOUSE RESEARCH WORKSHOP:

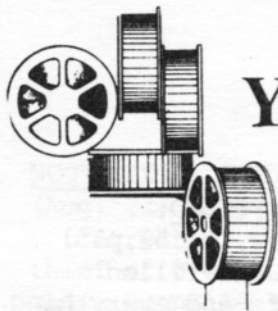
_____ REGISTRATIONS @ \$ _____ (\$3 members/ \$5 non-members)
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YESTERDAY'S NEWS : 1884

History On Microfilm

News from the GREENBURGH REGISTER, volume IV, 1884. "Published every Friday at the Gaisford Building, opposite School House, Dobbs Ferry, New York." "advocating the interests of Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Irvington, Ardsley and the Town of Greenburgh." H. Bradley, Editor.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT: Mar. 14, 1884
(Vol. IV, No. 37, p.3)

"It might be well for the Dobbs Ferry People to be on the look out for thieves being that they have made their appearance in Irvington."

CRAZY CRAZES:ART EMBROIDERY THE RAGE
May 9, 1884 (Vol.IV, no.45, p.2)

"What an odd freak, or fancy, if you will, that femininity is now possessed with. ...the deliberate outraging of all the rules of art, and combinations and contrasts of color, is enough to drive an artist to frenzy.... Art embroidery isthe rage....

"Now the storekeepers have seen through the little artifices of the country ladies who write for samples of silks...and send no more unless the sender encloses a certificate from her physician to the effect that she is not crazy and one from her clergyman to say that she is of good moral character, and is not addicted to crazy patch-work."

SUNDAY BASEBALL: June 13, 1884
(Vol.IV, No. 50)

"Sunday baseball playing is on the increase in this village. Every Sunday one can see boys passing with ball clubs in their hand pounding them on the flags as they go and come from playing. The authorities of other places have lately been making it very uncomfortable for Sunday ball playing. Can not our village authorities do the same?"

FIRST OF ITS KIND: July 25, 1884
(Vol.V, No.56)

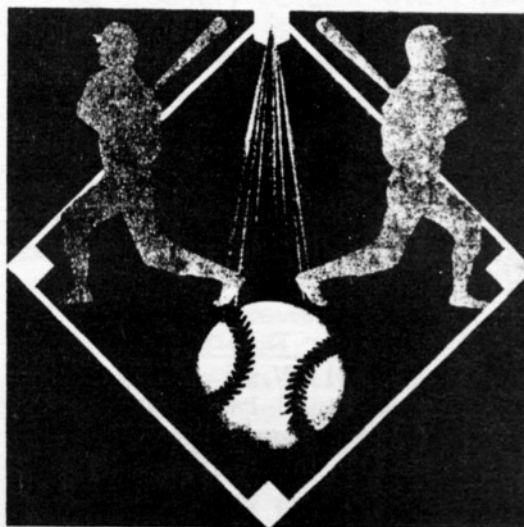
"A tricycle passed through this place on Saturday last, the first of its kind ever seen in Dobbs Ferry."

WIT & WISDOM: Aug.8, 1884
(Vol.V, No.58)

"When a man says he is worth a million dollars, and no one believes him, he is set down as insane. If [t]he man manages to make other people believe him though, he is called a financier."

May 9, 1884(Vol. IV, No.45,p.2)

"Jay Gould's income is nine dollars a minute."



THIS LOOKS VERY ENCOURAGING:
April 25, 1884 (Vol.IV, No.43,p.3)

"It is stated that there is more work going on in and around Dobbs Ferry at the present time than any place of its size on the Hudson. This looks very encouraging."

C.G. Storms: Feb.29, 1884
(Vol.IV, No.35,p.3)

"C.G. Storms' cottage on Ashford Avenue is nearly completed."

Mrs. Breckles:

"Mrs. W.T. Breckles, of this place, has opened a milk depot, on Main St. next to D. Blackmore's dry goods store."

C.G. Storms: Mar.14, 1884

"C.G. Storms' cottage on Ashford Avenue is about completed."

Henry Villard: May 16, 1884
(Vol.IV, No.46,p.3)

"Mr. Henry Villard and family will move to Berlin Germany. Mr. Villard has sold his summer residence at this place, and expects to make Berlin his residing place for the next two years."

Wall Street Crash: May 23, 1884
(Vol.IV, No.47, p1)

"There seems to have been no Westchester Banks involved or interested in the crash on Wall Street."

Hotels Filling with Summer Boarders:
June 13, 1884 (Vol.IV, No.50,p.3)

"C. Hauptman has filled up his hotel on Main Street, very nicely...."
"The Hildebrandt Hotel on Ashford Avenue, is rapidly filling with summer boarders."

Greenburgh Register Enlarges :
June 20, 1884 (Vol.IV, No.51)

"The Register will be enlarged to an 8-page paper next week. Look out for it!"

Wrangle Tree Cottage: June 20, 1884
(Vol.IV, NO.51, p.3)

"Mr. McComb has named his last new house, situated on Clinton [A]venue, Wrangle Tree Cottage, in remembrance of the quarrel he had with our village fathers about the moving of a tree."

DOBBS FERRY IS WELL FILLED:

June 27, 1884 (Vol.IV, No.52,p.5)

"Dobbs Ferry is well-filled with summer residents and everything is in a prosperous condition."

"James English has changed his bar, in his Hotel on Ashford Avenue, from the north to the west side."

Piano Stool Factory: Aug.1, 1884
(Vol.V, No.57)

"Mr. George Ramsey's piano stool factory has been closed for a short time, on account of dull times."

Aug15, 1884: "The workingmen in Ramseyer's Piano Stool Factory are taking their annual vacation."

"Cyrus W. Field is about to take a trip to Oregon. When he reaches there, he will have visited every state in the Union."

Mr. Cook is a Florist: Aug. 15, 1884

"Mr. Charles Gisner has sold the Roberts' property, near White Plains, to Thomas N. Cook for \$3000. Mr. Gisner bought it in 1878 for \$1500. Mr. Cook is a florist, and intends establishing a business there."



NOTORIOUS CHICKEN THIEF ARRESTED:

(Aug. 22, 1884 (Vol.V, No.60, p.5)

"Arrest of Elliott, the chicken thief at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, was a surprise to the people. As policeman Boyle was going down the Hastings road, he saw a man trying to secrete himself in the entrance to the Strange place[*]. The man had a bag on his back and on the approach of the officer he dropped it behind one of the gate posts and attempted to escape. Officer Boyle at once ordered him to halt. Being in fear of a pistol shot he at once did so. The officer arrested him and discovered that he was Elliott, the notorious chicken thief. This man has gained considerable notoriety having been only a short time ago arrested for robbing the hen roosts of Delancy Williams and through the connivance of a Justice of the Peace was allowed to escape conviction. Officer Boyle discovered that the bag that had been left behind the post contained a number of chickens which the prisoner said he had just stolen from Mr.Dibble. He was brought before Judge Storms, yesterd[ay], plead guilty and was sentenced to the Albany Penitentiary for six months."

[*] The estate of E.B.Strange, on the southern tip of Broadway in Dobbs Ferry, is Ingleside, presently on the grounds of St. Christopher's School.

TOO HEALTHY: Feb. 8, 1884

[Vol. IV, No. 32, p.2]

"The only undertaker at Dobbs Ferry has at last given up in despair. He has been waiting ten years past for his neighbors [t]o yield to the inevitable, but they postponed it so long that he cannot stand it any longer. He goes to New Haven, where he is confident it is not so unreasonably healthy. A neighborhood from which people have to emigrate in order that they may die is no place for an undertaker to make money. [quoted from the Statesman, 1884]."

A HEALTH JOURNAL: Aug.8, 1884

(Vol.V, No.58)

"A Health Journal says, "Always have fruit on the breakfast table this time of year." It would be well for boarding-house keepers to understand in this connection that oatmeal mush is not a species of 'fruit'."

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

Aug.14, 1884 [Vol.V, No.59,p.5]

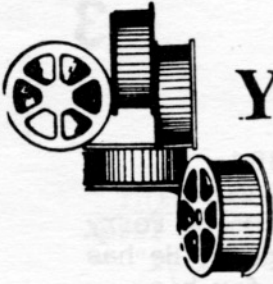
"To the inhabitants of the Village of Dobbs Ferry. In view of the prevalence of cholera in Europe and of the possibility of its being carried across the sea to our shores, it is important that precautionary measures be adopted at once.

"We urgently request every householder in the Village to observe all the sanitary rules prescribed by the legally constituted authorities and to call to the attention of the local board every violation of such rules.

"it is important that our streets be kept clean and that the inhabitants abstain from throwing garbage and polluted water in the streets and gutters, and that they prevent the accumulation of garbage on their premises.

"Attention is called to the recommendations of the Board of Health of the City of New York as published in our daily papers, more particularly to the necessity of protecting the supply of drinking water from contamination by drainage or otherwise.

"Great supervision is required at this time of all food supplies and of the places where they are prepared, stored or disposed of."



YESTERDAY'S NEWS : 1884

History On Microfilm

OUR THANKS GO
TO THE FOLLOWING
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The GREENBURGH REGISTER, later the DOBBS FERRY REGISTER, served the river towns as a weekly community newspaper, published continuously in Dobbs Ferry from 1879-1970.

The Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, in an effort to preserve these pages of Hudson River daily life and history, has undertaken a program of microfilming 65 volumes of this newspaper, many of them graciously lent to the society by the family of late REGISTER publisher Hugh Graham of Dobbs Ferry. Other Dobbs Ferry families have also kindly lent us individual volumes for this purpose.

Although microfilm reels have now been filmed at the New York Public Library for the years 1884-1919, much work remains to be painstakingly completed. In addition, some 10 individual volumes are missing from a complete "run" of the REGISTER. Won't you please help us to locate these newspapers for the years: 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1894, 1899 and 1941? The Historical Society would like to borrow them for microfilming preservation.

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