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# BRICK NOTES

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## *Letter from the President:*

Dear CHS Members,

We have made it through another winter. Not too much snow! Our Ghost Walks, Holiday Luncheons and Dinners, and Christmas in Clinton were all successful and well attended. It's spring and we are preparing for our Memorial Day Plant and Bake Sale, Connecticut Open House Day, Shakespeare in the Garden, and CT Opera just to name a few. The Museum Room has been open every Thursday from 5 to 7 PM for over a year now. Anne Baker has done a wonderful job managing the exhibits, giving the room some much needed sprucing up and assigning docents for the next year. Again, this August, the Museum Room will be open for each of the CT Opera's performances. Our partnership with the Henry Carter Hull Library has been well received with the *Voices of Clinton* series. This past winter the series presented, past President of CHS, Bob Bischoff, with the *Story of the Lamp*, and Dibirma Burnham speaking about the Pallenberg Bears.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, CHS, with the help of the HCH Library, provided tours of the Little Red School House, complete with trolley rides and an exhibit in the library. This was well attended and everyone asked for more. We heard you and are working on another program later this year. Some upcoming projects include a new fence in the front of Old Brick and repairs to the soffit on the house as well. Other projects under consideration are a new roof on the Buell Tool Museum and air conditioning for the MacMillan House (Old Brick). We will need to budget for them this coming year.

For the past three years, CHS has been offering guidance and financial support to the newly-formed Adam Stanton House, Inc., a stand-alone non-profit organization. CHS pledged to donate \$5,000 for three years to help ASH during this transition time. Recently CHS presented ASH board members, Bob Bruch and Dale Moore, with the final \$5,000 check. The Stanton House is now fully independent of CHS, although CHS will continue to hold two seats on the ASH board.



As always we encourage you to volunteer in any way you can. Help in the garden, be a docent in the Museum Room or the Old Brick, assist with the plant sale, make cookies for events, donate items to our library. Just send us an email. We look forward to hearing from you. Your volunteering and financial support are vital in helping CHS continue it's work to preserve Clinton's history.

Thank you for your interest in preserving Clinton's history.

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**Due to the current Coronavirus guidelines, all Clinton Historical Society events are on hold. The May 1st Annual Meeting has been postponed. The George Flynn Library and the Museum Room are closed until further notice. Please watch for our emails with update and dates changes.**

**THANK YOU MARY!!**

*All of us here at CHS wish to thank Mary Bovich for her tireless efforts over the course of 10+ years in all aspects of our very popular Christmas luncheons. Mary and her team of volunteers have given so many of us wonderful memories of delightful afternoons of good food and great friendship, while helping CHS with this important fundraiser. Thank you,*

*Mary, for all you've done. We look forward to seeing you this coming year seated at one of the beautifully decorated tables, enjoying an afternoon, and experiencing for yourself all the delights of a CHS Christmas lunch. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!*

### It's Gardening Time!



The CHS Garden Committee is seeking volunteers to help out on Tuesday mornings, 9 AM to 12 noon weekly. Volunteers can learn about gardening from two exceptionally experienced gardeners and at the same time make an important contribution to preserving one of Clinton's most beautiful places to sit and relax. The gardens are full of perennials, shrubs, herbs, and trees. Many thanks to Dianne Gustafson and John Quinn heading this committee and for all of their hard work keeping these gardens looking lovely throughout the seasons! As you open your own gardens this Spring, don't forget to set aside a few plants to donate to our Memorial Day plant sale!

**Museum Room News:**

Our yearlong exhibit about the Clinton Grammar School/Abraham Pierson School was a great success. CHS is excited to announce that the upcoming exhibit for 2020/2021 will highlight Clinton's Masons, Jephtha Lodge No. 95, A.F.&A.M. Organized in 1864, Clinton's Connecticut Freemasons continues to this day. The group met in numerous locations in town until 1938 when they moved permanently to the third floor of the Andrews Memorial. Members have included men from some well-known family names in town: Wright, Griffin, Post, Hull, Pelton, Pratt, Wellman, Swain, Bushnell, Burnham and others. The Museum Room is open every Thursday from 5 PM - & PM. Stop by and enjoy all our permanent exhibits as well. We look forward to welcoming you. The Museum Room is located on the main floor of Andrews Memorial Town Hall.

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## They Paid the Ultimate Price - Clinton's Finest from World War II

As we approach Memorial Day we want to remember these four brave men:



**Edward J. Burnes** was born to Louise and Hugh Burnes on June 9, 1918. The family lived on Nod Road. Edward completed three years at Morgan and enlisted on July 9, 1941. He was a private, serving with the 3rd Infantry, 7th Division Regiment. His regiment landed in southern France as part of Operation Dragoon and fought the Battle of Aachen. "Burnes experienced a serious casualty which ultimately resulted in loss of life on October 21, 1944". He was buried in the Epinal American Cemetery in France. He was 26 years old.

**Richard Harrison Jones** was born on December 18, 1919, the son of Charles and Cora Post Jones. The family lived at 22 Liberty Street. Richard attended Morgan for three years, registering for the draft on July 1, 1941. He enlisted in the Navy and earned the rank of Seaman Second Class. Richard served on the destroyer USS Jacob Jones. On February 28, 1942, the destroyer was hit by two German torpedoes from submarine U-578 and sank in the waters off Cape May, N.J. Approximately 130 sailors and officers perished. Richard was listed as "killed, body not recovered". Richard's name is on the World War II East Coast Memorial located in Battery Park, New York City. He was 22 years old.



**Peter B. Malchiodi** was born on July 7, 1912, the son of Peter and Louise Malchiodi. The family lived at 109 Grove Street. Peter served with the 99th Bomber Group, Heavy, 416th Bomber Squadron with the rank of Technical Sergeant and Engineer on B-17s. On October 1, 1943, the B-17F bomber "Sugarfoot" was on a bombing mission to Germany when the plane came under enemy attack over Austria, drifting into Swiss air space. The aircraft took hits from German fighters and then by Swiss anti-aircraft guns. It was one of two B-17s to crash in Switzerland that day. Peter was one of the first to be buried at the Temporary Military Cemetery in Switzerland and was reinterred in the Epinal American Cemetery in France.



**Harry Guy Morgan** was born in Clinton on January 24, 1919, the son of Harry and Edna Morgan. Harry's father was a well-known dentist in Clinton who also owned the Clinton Ice Company. The family lived at 89 High Street. Harry registered for the draft on October 16, 1940 and enlisted on August 29, 1942. He served with the 28th Air Depot Group and, by 1944, was stationed in India. Harry died on February 29, 1944, after an illness with tropical fever and pneumonia. He is buried in the Indian River Cemetery. He was 26 years old.



### **CHS has a New Email Address!!**

Please be sure to change  
your contact information for the  
Clinton Historical Society.

There are two emails  
where you can reach us:

**[newsletter@clintoncthistory.org](mailto:newsletter@clintoncthistory.org)**

and

**[info@clintoncthistory.org](mailto:info@clintoncthistory.org)**

### **CHS Calendar of Events Spring/ Summer 2020**

**Annual Meeting/Pot Luck Supper  
Postponed - Date to be Announced**

**Memorial Day Plant & Bake Sale**  
May 25, 2020

**Connecticut Open House Day**  
June 13, 2020 Noon - 4:00 PM

**Shakespeare in the Garden**  
August 8 & 9, 2020

**Garden Party**  
September 2020

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