

About us



Fig. 1: The Manning School No.11 (left), and the two story barn (middle, background). This view is roughly to the southwest from near the south shoulder of Route 31A.

The Clarendon Historical Society's main purpose is to maintain a museum open to the public relating to the history of the State of New York and particularly the Town of Clarendon, County of Orleans, and immediate surrounding area. We encourage and disseminate a greater knowledge of the history of this area.

The Society was formed in 1985 as a result of Clarendon's 175 year celebration. Later, Manning School No.11 was donated to the society and it was moved to land given to the Society by Genesee LeRoy Stone Company. The building was opened as a museum in 1991. In 1997, a 30 x 40 foot two story barn was erected for more display space. This was extended in 2003 with a 30 x 40 foot one story addition which includes a meeting room, kitchen and bathrooms.

Today, the barn contains displays primarily related to our agricultural heritage. The school house is furnished with original schoolhouse items as well as display cases with items of general historical interest. The Society holds programs on the third Wednesday of the months April through October at 7:00 PM. These programs cover a wide range of issues related to local history and are free and open to the public.

The museum, located at 16426 Fourth Section Road (Route 31A) and Church Street; Clarendon, NY, is open from 5:00 to 7:00 PM prior to the programs, at other announced times and by request. Requests can be made by calling 585-638-6371 extension 104.

New members are always welcome and membership plans start at \$5.00 per year.