

History Markers — Town of Clarkson — Philip Boss

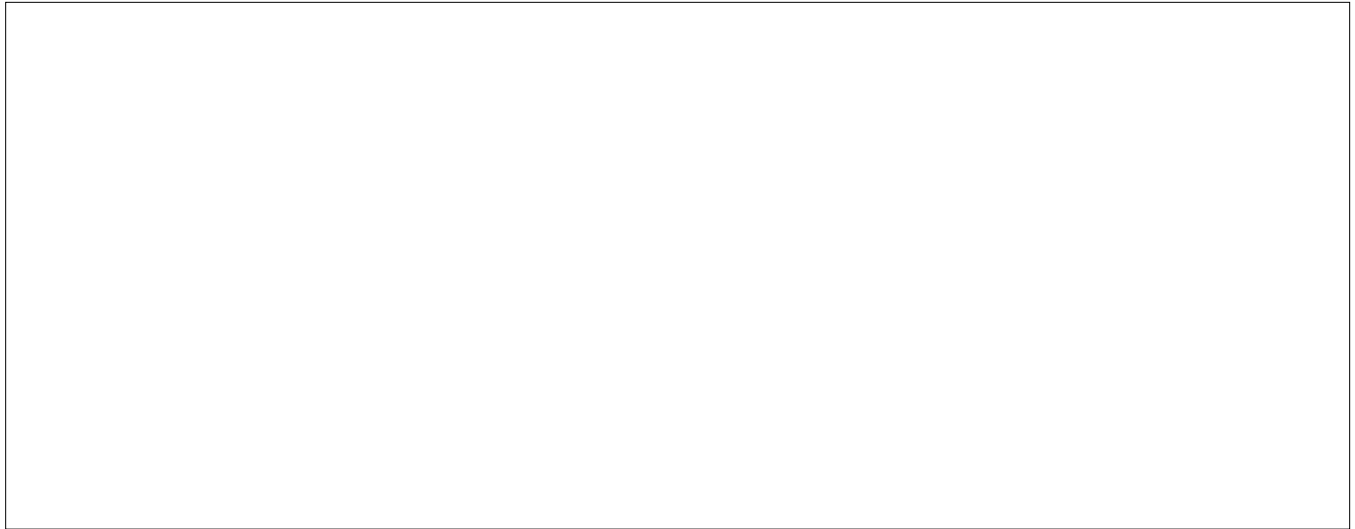


Fig. 1. This center of this [panoramic] view is toward _____.

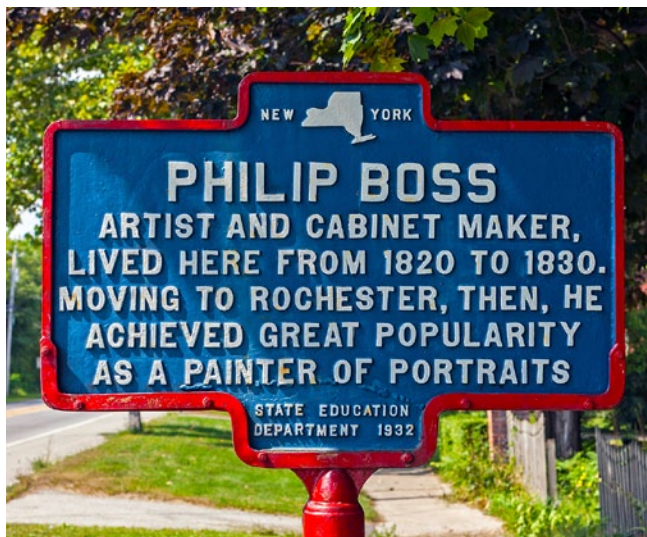


Fig. 2. This view is toward the west. Photo: © 2015 R.W. Black

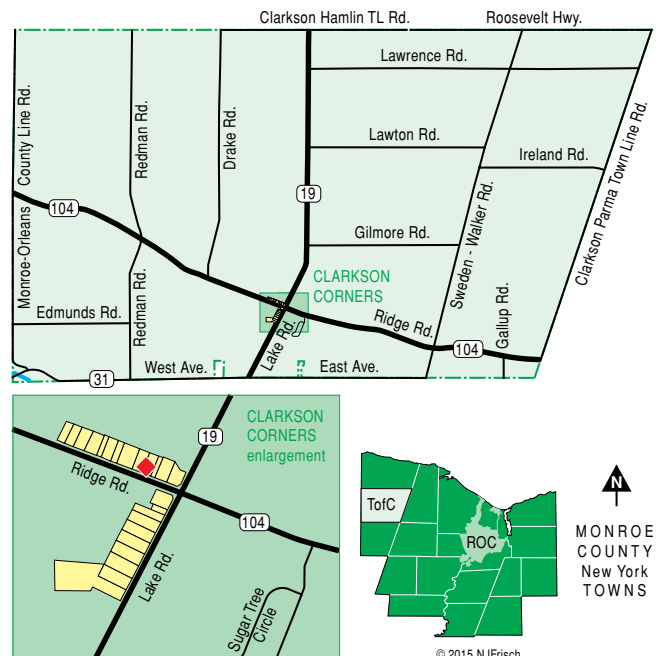


Fig. 3. The approximate location of the Boss marker is shown in red.

Quick look:

Philip Boss

8412¹ Ridge Road (Route 104), north side,
viewer facing west.

Originally placed: 1932

By: New York State Education Department

¹ Street number from 1967 Monroe County Historical Markers booklet.
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Fig. 4. This figure shows the intersection of Lake Road (Route 19) and Ridge Road (Route 104) at three different times in early Clarkson history and are shown for sake of comparison and potential relevance.

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1887 Beers map

Title:
Map of Monroe County, New York.

Contributor Names:

J.B. Beers & Co.

Source:

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3803m.la000520>

1858 Gillette map

Title:
Gillette's map of Monroe Co., New
York : from actual surveys /

Contributor Names:

Browne, P. J.
Gillette, John E.
Stone, C. K.
Smith, Robert Pearsall, 1827-1898.

Source:

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1854 Browne map

Title:
Map of Monroe County, New York /

Contributor Names:

Browne, P. J.
Gillet, A. G.
Smith, Robert Pearsall, 1827-1898.

Source:

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Some Old Houses Of Monroe County --- Town Of Clarkson

Village of Clarkson

Old Phillip Boss house --- Present Owner Mrs. Almeda Shaffer

This has been generally known as the old Isaac Allen house although Isaac Allen was not the owner until 1867, at which date Allen bought it off Washington L. Rockwell. It is believed the first owner of the house was Philip Boss. He was a pioneer of Clarkson, a cabinet maker by profession, and an amateur artist, who lived in the village between the years of 1817 and 1830. We know little about him until his cabinet shop burned down in the latter year, its contents being destroyed. He must have decided that luck was against him as a maker of furniture, for he moved to Rochester and began a career as a portrait painter. His charges were moderate and that may have had something to do with the large number of orders he received. Although he must have been able to "catch the likeness" or he could not have been so popular. There is one example of his work in Brockport. It really has artistic merit.

Washington L. Rockwell was born in Ohio in 1818. His father, Levi, a native of Massachusetts, went west and bought a large tract of land. W. I. Rockwell was educated in the common schools and was what is known as a self-made and self-educated man. He served as supervisor of Clarkson three terms and in 1876-77 was elected to the State Legislature. He also served as Justice of the Peace for 20 years and had a long and honorable public life.

Rockwell Married Agnes Talcott in 1846 and that may have been the year he bought this house. Mrs. Rockwell was considered one of the most beautiful women of the State. Her sister lived with them and she conducted a little business of making and selling ladies bonnets in the basement of the house. When the Rockwell's moved into the Selden house next door, Miss Talcott moved her millinery shop there and in both houses there are treasured old bonnet supports or "hat trees" which were used in the business.

In 1867 Washington Rockwell sold this property to Isaac Allen, another prominent early settler. In 1885 it was sold to James K. Vosbury and then to others. Charles Yelland was the last purchaser.

A daughter of Charles Yelland remembers that when a small child, she made occasional trips to the garret and there she found numbers of "painted pictures" stowed away under the rafters gathering dust, they were representations of people, landscapes and dear knows what all. Now, alas they are all gone and no one knows who could have destroyed them or carried them away. As the house was occupied for some time by tenants, they were probably responsible. Undoubtedly the pictures were the work of Philip Boss.

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Monroe Chapter D. A. R. 1937

Brockport, N. Y.

Name of Chapter: Monroe Chapter, Brockport, N. Y.

Location of Markers: Historic Ridge Road, Clarkson, N. Y. and Garland, N. Y.

Description: Three markers contributed by the State Department of Education, through the agency of Monroe Chapter.

Date Placed: Oct. 1934.

Commemorating: Old Houston Tavern, built in 1824.

Henry R. Seldon House, built in 1819. Henry R. Seldon was Lieutenant Governor and noted jurist, and his son, the inventor of the Seldon patent of earliest automobiles.

Old **Philip Boss House**: Built in 1817. Phillip Boss was a pioneer of Clarkson, N. Y. a cabinet maker by Profession and a noted portrait painter.

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Fig. 3. Drawn in Adobe Illustrator™, derived from:

<http://www.clarksonny.org/pdf/zoning-map/clarkson-zoning-map.pdf>

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