

You are invited to Explore the Best of Dutchess County, New York

Please Join Us for the

Dutchess County Historical Society

Village of Wappingers – New Hamburg
Silver Ribbon House Tour 2011



Saturday, June 4, 2011
10am to 4:00 pm

Tickets \$40 in Advance; \$50 Day-of, Tour Center at Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Saterlee Place and East Main Street, Village of Wappingers, Parking Available, For more information or to purchase tickets , Tel 471-1630, Email dchistorical@verizon.net

Ticket Information:

- Take advantage of pre-sale tickets, which will ensure admission should tickets sell out. Order tickets directly from the Dutchess County Historical Society by phone, mail, or email **through Thursday, May26. All sales are final; no refunds or exchanges.** The tour will take place rain or shine.
Tel. 845-471-1630, Email. dchistorical@verizon.net.
- **No tickets will be mailed; all tickets are held at the Tour Center on the day of the tour.** The Tour Center will be the Zion Episcopal Church on Route 9D.

The Tour Center
Zion Episcopal Church
12 Saterlee Place
Wappingers Place, NY

Occupying the commanding site atop of the hill of East Main Street is the Zion Episcopal Church. Built from 1834-1836, the church was the first church built in the village of Wappingers Falls. The impressive building is constructed of local fieldstone, donated by Benjamin Clapp's quarry located along Fulton Street. Over the last 175 years, the Zion Episcopal Church has been the center of the community. Its early congregation included some of the village's founders and most influential residents including the Mesier, Clapp, Howland, Grinnell, Reese, and Bowdoin families who donated some of the large stained glass windows. Today the picturesque church is still active and remains one of the village's cornerstones.



**The Mesier Homestead
Mesier Park
Village of Wappingers, NY**

The oldest building still standing in the village of Wappingers Falls is the Mesier Homestead. Situated on a five acre plot of land now known as Mesier Park, the house was once part of a large estate that comprised much of the land that is now the Village of Wappingers Falls.



Originally built by the Brewer Brothers in 1741, the small wooden house was later sold to Peter Mesier. In 1747 Mesier, with his large family, expanded the house by erecting the large addition seen now from East Main Street. The original wooden house, that still stands today, is located behind the addition, and was used as Mesier's kitchen. The western end of the home was used as Peter Mesier's general store.

After it was used for years as village offices and the local police station, a group of passionate residents organized the Wappingers Historical Society on the second floor of the building. Today, the society occupies the entire house, which has been beautifully restored and functions as a museum of local history.



**The Grinnell Library
2642 East Main Street
Wappingers Falls, NY**

Architect Henry Congdon of New York proposed a Swiss Chalet styled building to house the library, a small apartment, and two store fronts. On October 21,



1887 the new library building was opened. The Grinnell Library occupied the east wing of the second floor with access to the street from a spiral staircase in the stone turret to the right of the building. For many years, the first floor was occupied by the Wappingers Chronicle Newspaper and the Simmons Jewelry Store. In 1924 the library was made available to the public as a free library. The ornate and impressive library building has been a landmark for the village of Wappingers Falls for almost 125 years.

**9 Andrews Place
Village of Wappingers**

This is a grand Victorian-period house with a wrap-around porch.



**Bethel Baptist Church
The Old Church and
The New Church**

As he was with the Zion Episcopal Church, Benjamin Clapp was instrumental in the creation of the First Baptist Church in the village

At the corner of South Avenue and Prospect Street a colonial-style brick chapel was built for the congregation. Although seen as a small church, one is surprised by the tall ceilings and grand cathedral glass windows that line the walls.

Due to a diminishing congregation, the church was forced to close in the late 1890s, and then again in 1920. After decades of decay, Reverend Jamieson re-opened its doors in 1940. In 1967 the Bethel Baptist Church took over operations and restored the building. The predominantly black congregation from the village and nearby Beacon NY grew steadily. In 2009, a new, larger church was built across Prospect Street to accommodate the expanded congregation and to provide space for recreation.



**2571 South Avenue
Village of Wappingers, NY**

The elegant house on South Avenue was built by builder and first homeowner, Andrew Jackson, a local brick and stone mason and trustee of the bank in the Village of Wappingers Falls. We have a fairly clear idea of the date; the house deed says 1855. Jackson married a young woman by the name of Ann Luckey from



a local family that would later found Luckey Platt department store.

**2569 South Avenue
Village of Wappingers, NY**

**This is a Second “Empire, French-inspired home with
Mansard roof and was built in the late 1860’s.**



Obercreek

Wappingers Falls, NY

(c.1850) was originally constructed in the Italianate style popular during this period, and although the residence was later redesigned, it still retains features characteristic of its original style





The Little House

Address

This is a charming country home that overlooks the Hudson River. The home was originally built in the 1740's but a fire in 1998 resulted in the entire building being razed. However, The people in the area knew the history of the site and it was rebuilt accordingly to the original plan.





**The Sports Museum
Address**

**Originally part of the Willis estate the area was renamed Carnwarth farms.
Then the house and grounds were purchased by the Order of the Brothers of Hermits.
Today it is the home of the Dutchess County Sports Museum.**

**15 Main Street
New Hamburg, NY**
Built in 1850, this three-story brick building was operated as the Central Hotel. Today the residence is fully restored with an amazing fine décor.



