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The Next Meeting

will be January 3, 1999, at the first floor meeting room at the Government Center, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, at 7:30 PM. Gary VanCour, Social Studies Department Chairman in the Beekmantown Central School District, and Jon Chapman, 9th and 10th grade Global History and Geography teacher in the Beekmantown Central School District will present a program on *DBQ* – document based social studies.

There is renewed importance of primary source documents in K-12 Social Studies curriculum in New York State. Document based questions will be part of all new social studies assessments which students must pass. In these *DBQ*'s, students are expected to analyze a series of 6-8 primary source documents, answer questions on each document, and write an essay based on the theme of the given documents, plus incorporate outside information. They have formulated a teaching module to fit with the present New York State curriculum for the teaching of global history.

Election of Officers

During the December meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton County Historical Association, the following officers were elected: President, Cecily Feldman, Vice President, Mary Brown, Treasurer, Noel Stewart, Secretary, William Laundry. Officers are elected for a term of one year. We welcome a new board member, Brian Snell.

Annual Fund Drive

We are grateful to our membership for the generous response to the annual campaign. Additional funds will allow us to continue to carry out our mission in the year 2000.

Volunteers

We would like to recognize Joan Duquette for her untiring work as a docent. Without volunteers such as Joan Duquette, our job would be much harder. Joan has been a docent in the museum for many years. She cheerfully greets visitors, explaining the exhibits, providing them with a perspective from which to view Clinton County history. We are very glad for such dedicated citizens who give of their time to help us greet the public and who represent the proud spirit of Clinton County residents.

NYSCA Collections Grant

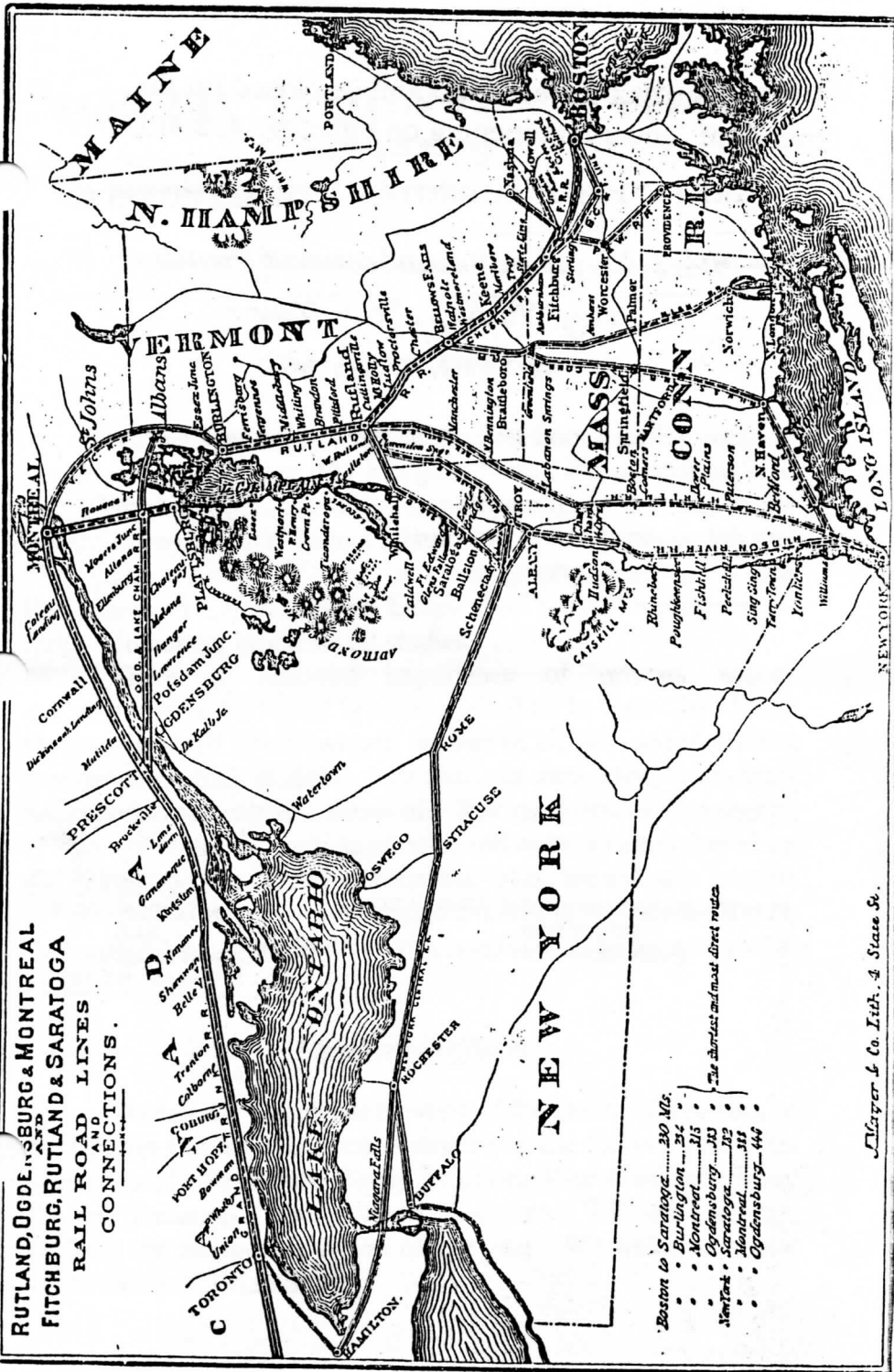
The Brewer Photographic collection project is completed. This project to develop negatives and prints was funded with a New York State Council on The Arts grant. We are very grateful for this aid. Professional photographer, Sue Lezon, was engaged to complete this project and we appreciate her excellent work. This collection is a gift from George Brewer. We have a need for volunteers to help organize and index the photographic collection. If you have a few hours to spare for this interesting work, please call the museum. (561-0340)

“Murray’s Adventures In the Adirondacks, Tourist’s Edition”

Plattsburg(h) is a village of some nine thousand inhabitants. It is in Clinton County, New York, and situated upon the shore of Cumberland Bay, on both sides of the Saranac River, at its mouth. Its principal hotel is Fouquet's. There you can get all information about the wilderness, and perfect your plans for entering it.

An excerpt from this travel guide to the Adirondacks (c.1879) sheds light on the area in the North Country and Plattsburgh.

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Please note that the museum will be closed for the month of January, reopening on February 4, 2000.

*We wish all our members and friends a
Very Happy New Year!*

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